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## A WRPS Report Card

“No more classes, no more books, no more teacher’s dirty looks!!” When we were kids growing up and going to school, June meant just one thing... the end of yet another year of school. In those days, school was a 12-year contract that may as well have been a life sentence in the state pen. Summer recess was like a sweet little slice of heaven, even though we knew that the books would be waiting for us in the fall. But when we graduated, whether from high school or college, we made the startling discovery that the lessons of life never stopped coming. And sometimes, though we hate to admit it, it was nice to have a teacher to hold our hands as we tackled the challenges.

As WRPS heads into the summer recess, we have an opportunity to reflect on what we’ve accomplished this year, and also to think ahead to the future of this club. This has certainly been a busy year for our club, lest anyone think we are sitting on our laurels.

This has been an incredible year of growth for our club. We’ve seen nearly 20 new members join us this year. While nobody can explain exactly why, there have been many factors that have contributed to our growth. A variety of marketing efforts have made our club more visible in the public eye. In February, Bill Lewis and I maintained a WRPS booth at

the Great Lakes Mall Show in Mentor, with good company as Michelle Drackett occupied the booth beside us. Between the 3 of us, we swept almost half of the ribbons presented at the show! Our website has continued to be a valuable tool to help members and perspective visitors to learn more about the club. In addition to pages about our membership and calendar of events, the website also features a biography about a different WRPS member each month, a variety of technical tips, links to other internet resources, upcoming photographic opportunities, and a lot more. Look for the website to be much more visible in the year to come. A new look for our newsletter, “Exposures”, has been well received, and has been a great way to keep up communications within our members. The newsletter is also being posted on the website, giving visitors a better idea of who we are, and what we’re all about.

Our influx of new members prompted the initiation of a new mentoring program. Partnering new members with veteran members has made our club much easier to become involved in. New members now have a friend to contact with any questions, to reassure them that they have made the right decision in joining WRPS. To all of our mentors, you’re doing a great service to this

club, and you are very appreciated.

Bill Lewis was appointed as the club Outings Chair this year and has offered many opportunities to get out with our cameras. Bill has done an outstanding job with planning these trips. Bill is ALSO writing a monthly column for “Exposures” called “One Tank Photo Trips”. In his articles, you will find directions to exciting photographic locations and seasonal tips for each location. Bill has worked to arrange trips, big and small for our club. He’s managed to get WRPS members behind the scenes at the Medina Ice Festival, and has been the driving force behind the club trip to the Adirondacks with John Radigan this fall. An Outings Chair is a valuable asset to a club such as WRPS, because opportunities to get out and shoot with other experienced photographers are among the greatest benefits of membership. If you haven’t had a chance to go out with Bill, I’d strongly encourage you to consider his next trip. Bill’s helpful advice and encouraging words in the field would be helpful to any of our members.

In January of this year, after many years of faithful service, Zoe Enyedy stepped away from the board, resigning her duties as club secretary. Zoe has been graced with the good fortune of

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# June 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 NO Board Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 Meeting	23 Outing!	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Schedule of Events

- **8th** "Composition" by guest speaker Pat Anderson.
- **22nd** PSA membership presentation by PSA Regional director **Bob Sheap**. If time permits, slide presentation from Yosemite National Park.
- **23rd OUTING at Fairport Beach**. Bring brown-bag supper & beverage. Meet at 6:00pm at picnic pavilion and start taking pictures after we eat.
- **PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR A PREVIEW OF SEPTEMBER EVENTS!**

There will be NO MEETINGS or official OUTINGS in July or August. Coming up in September we have:

**Sept. 11** Annual WRPS cookout at Michelle Drackett's parents house in Mentor. Details to follow in August.

**Sept. 14** PHOTOJOURNALISM presentation by a photographer from the Plain Dealer.

**Sept. 28** WRPS Nature competition. Please see rules for EXACT Nature definition.

## New Members

Please help welcome our four newest WRPS members. **Michael Thomas** of Beachwood joined WRPS in May. **Tom Sharp** has RE-joined WRPS after being away for 2 years. Tom is from Kirtland. We also had one family join us from Novelty. They are **Karen & John Miller**.

We will be having the next **new member orientation** on **June 22**. These orientations take place immediately following the regular program of the evening. These mini meetings help explain things from the new member packets. Anyone that has recently joined, but not attended one of these, is encouraged to do so.



## New Member Profile

This month I would like everyone to get to know our new member **Emily McCartney**. Emily has 3 sons that were involved in high school sports. Between that and taking pictures for Service Academies, she feels her camera is an extension of her arm. She also photographs for Blossom Music Center and has “zillions” of photos of the gardens from there. She has been successful at selling note cards as a result of those activities, even moving into commission work as a result of the card business. Emily says she is always “camera ready” whenever possible.

Emily goes back and forth between

her Canon Rebel K2 with 28-200 lens and her digital Fuji S602Z cameras. When using the Rebel, Emily shoots primarily 400 speed print film.

Emily and her husband Arch have 3 sons (ages 37, 33 & 32), of which 2 are married and have given them 5 grandchildren so far. They previously shared their home with a line of 4 German Shepherds, but the house is now vacant of pets.

Emily is not gainfully employed at the moment, but is a Red Cross instructor and volunteer. She volunteers mainly at Blossom.

Emily has not done much photography in group settings, other than with

family. Husband Arch is also handy with the camera and does a fine job with it.

Emily’s favorite things to photograph are her grandchildren and their parents, flowers and general nature shots. She would like to do more with birds and animals.

As a new member of WRPS, Emily hopes to gain a greater appreciation and understanding of photography and picture taking in general. She feels she is technologically-challenged and needs a lot of help!

## Member Profile

**Melanie Chaney** has been a member of WRPS for about 7 years, while she has been a friend to her Pentax camera (always loaded with slide film) for about 15 years. Her favorite thing to photograph is nature, but she has precious little free time to go out and shoot.

The reason Melanie has very little time to photograph is because she keeps herself busy with more hobbies and interests than the normal person. She is in Church Leadership at Mentor Christian Church and is very involved in the YAMS (Young Adult Married & Singles) group at the church. She is also a member of the Chesterland Rotary and Friends of the Willoughby Eastlake Public Library. She has been a crew member on a hot air balloon

team since late last summer. When she has time, she also walks and does fitness training. I was even told once by her that she can JUGGLE—you know, like three

*“...she has improved her techniques and composition since becoming a member of WRPS”*

balls at once without dropping them!

When Melanie is not enjoying one of her hobbies, she is busy at work as an Independent Contracting Optometrist. Actually, Melanie just returned last week from a 2 week mission trip in Mexico. The team she was part of saw over 11,000 patients in less than 2 weeks. This trip was sponsored by the Lions

Club and Lens Crafters. These mission trips are where your old glasses go that are donated to the Lions Club, they are paired up with needy people in other countries to help them see better than they would without our help. So, donate those old specs when you can!

Melanie feels that she has improved her techniques and composition since becoming a member of WRPS several years ago. She accomplished this by taking full advantage of club critiques, going on group outings and getting to know others in the club. She said she has never regretted trying something new when doing it in a group of WRPS buddies.

Melanie’s one word of advise for new members is “just have fun”!

## Refreshments



**Thank you** to those that brought refreshments in **May:**

**May 11:** Heidi Wintersteen  
Doug White

**June** refreshments will be provided by:

**June 8:** Dee Hudson  
The Ramsey’s

**June 22:** D. & L. Wiles  
The Lewis’

# Interclub Competition Results

WRPS was pleased to host the interclub competition titled "Indoors" on April 27, 2004. Unfortunately for us, we lost to the Erie Shores Photo Club (ESPC). There is already talk of a rematch next year! Let's get ready!!

Our guest judges were Ron Altman, Joe Polevoi & Charlie Cervenak. They critiqued nearly everything after the competition and we all learned from their comments.

Here's the statistics: There were 43 slides entered, 22 from ESPC and 21 from WRPS. Seventeen of the 43 slides won something. The final score for ESPC was 464, while WRPS was close behind with 440. The average score for ESPC was 21.09 and the average for WRPS was 20.95. ESPC carried home 9 wins, while WRPS kept 8.

## WRPS

## ESPC

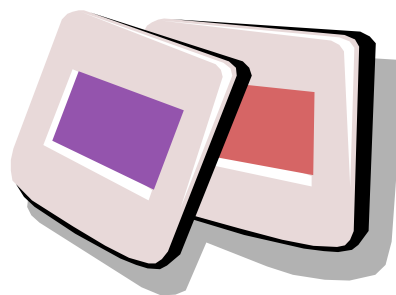
1st Place (0)	none	none	1st Place (1)	Sue Clark	Fruit Fantasy
2nd Place (1)	Bill Lewis	Cala Lily	2nd Place (2)	Richard Karn Sue Clark	Allen Museum- Oberlin Chromatic
3rd Place (5)	Marilyn Dolence Lori Diemer  Lori Diemer Anna Greenfield Bill Lewis	Bottles Room of Ghostly Dreams Once Grand Inside Out Blue & Yellow	3rd Place (0)	none	none
Hon. Men. (2)	Anna Greenfield M. Drackett	Ascension Currituck Lighthouse Interior	Hon. Men. (6)	Jim Chiara Mark Nowak Ginny Stepler J. Schmauch M. Homole P. Schwaegerle	Inside Looking Out Better Times Vase in Blue Broken Glass Bottle on Ledge Chihuly in Columbus

## Upcoming WRPS & PSA Competitions

### WRPS

**Sept. 28** Nature

You may enter 2 slides, 2 B&W prints and 2 color prints—NO DIGITAL!



See complete competition schedule for exact definitions and rules.

### PSA

Bring up to 2 slides for each competition. The top 6 will be selected to go to PSA.

**Sept. 14** Color Slide  
**Sept. 14** Travel Slide

**Sept. 28** Nature Slide  
(6 top slides to be selected from winning images from WRPS Nature competition same night).

# Year-End Awards

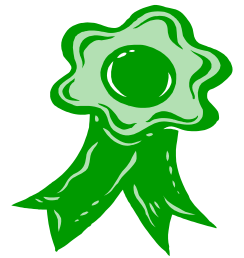
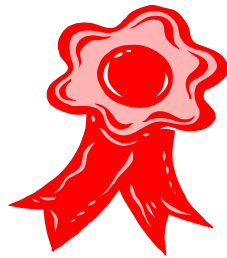
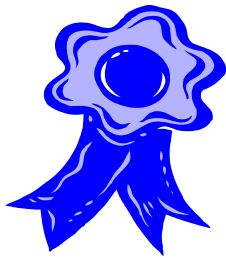


The CLUB CHOICE award is decided by votes at the annual awards banquet. All first place and Invitational awards from each individual competition are eligible for this award. All entries are displayed at the banquet where all attendees vote on their personal favorite. These scores are tabulated and the winners are awarded a gold CLUB CHOICE ribbon. These 4 winners will also be displayed on a club postcard that will be used for communications throughout the coming year.



## CLUB CHOICE AWARDS

B&W Print	Monte Stoltz	“Deep Creek”
Color Print	Bill Lewis	“Foggy Buck”
Digital	Denise Molesch	“Winter Winds”
Slide	Pat Stoltz	“Little Falls”



The Competition Chairperson tabulates each competitor's score from all the year's competitions to determine the annual awards. Below represents the point system used for calculation of the Year end Awards:

- 4 points - First Place
- 4 points - Invitational
- 3 points - Second Place
- 2 points - Third Place
- 1 point - Honorable Mention

### B&W Prints

1st Place	Monte Stoltz	13 points
2nd Place	Anna Greenfield	10 points
	Jim Greenfield	10 points
3rd Place	Toby Oliver	8 points
Hon. Mention	Marilyn Dolence	7 points

### Color Slides

1st Place	Marilyn Dolence	16 points
2nd Place	Lori Diemer	14 points
3rd Place	Zoe Enyedy	13 points
Hon. Mention	Bill Lewis	11 points

### Color Prints

1st Place	Bill Lewis	20 points
2nd Place	Marilyn Dolence	17 points
3rd Place	Anna Greenfield	14 points
Hon. Mention	Ben Ricci	10 points
	Monte Stoltz	10 points
	Michelle Drackett	10 points

### Digital

1st Place	Michelle Drackett	16 points
2nd Place	Anna Greenfield	11 points
	Denise Molesch	11 points
3rd Place	Marty Kreger	9 points
Hon. Mention	Zoe Enyedy	5 points

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much travel over the year, and felt that she didn't have the time to commit to the club in the same capacity. Michelle Drackett stepped in to complete Zoe's term of service.

Lori Diemer has been volunteering with the Rocky Mountain School of Photography (RMSP) for a couple of years now. She was invited to assist with a photo festival in Pittsburgh, and was given 2 complementary tickets. The tickets were raffled off to club members, and in March, Bill Lewis and I had the opportunity to attend a very rewarding conference. We met several photographers from Northeastern Ohio and made some connections with excellent photographers in Pittsburgh.

Our partnership with Penitentiary Glen Nature Center has continued to grow this year as well. Our biggest single event of the year was undoubtedly the *Photo Affair Plus*, which we hosted

in March. Marty Kreger and Lori Diemer coordinated the event, which drew about 50 people. Marty and Lori structured the event more like a conference this year, with locally acclaimed speakers, including Lou Olaszewski, Lou Gonzalez, George Ann Trembour, Glen Petranek, Frank Prpic, Eileen Findak and Skip Trombetti. The club put a lot of effort into the event, and netted just under \$100. It looks as though we will be planning for *A Photo Affair 2005* in the coming months! Other projects with Penitentiary Glen Nature Center included our annual sponsorship of the Annual Amateur Photo Contest, and our provision of "photographic guides" for each of the park-sponsored photographic field trips.

While it's been a busy year, the School of Life has no graduation day, and we must always look ahead to the future of the club. Our calendar for 2004-2005 is filling up quickly! Following our summer break, our first meeting back will be September 14<sup>th</sup>. I want you all to mark it on your calendar

now! Our first meeting back will bring us a speaker from the Cleveland Plain Dealer to share his experiences along with tips and techniques for those interested in Photojournalism. This will be a precursor for our photojournalism competition later in the fall. We've also got some in-house programs lined up to help us all become better photographers. Additionally, Metroparks East Camera Club (of North Chagrin Reservation) will be making a couple of presentations for us in the coming year.

Where are we headed, really? Well, that depends largely on YOU, the members. You've seen some changes in the last year, and we'd like to hear your thoughts. Please share your thoughts and ideas with the board as that is the only way that we are going to continue to grow and support our members.

Thank you for another great year of WRPS and I hope to see you all in the fall, if not sooner!

### **Art in the Park Painesville, OH August 21, 2004 Sat. 11-5**

Presented by Art Essence Gallery  
and the City of Painesville

Stop by and pick up an application at Art Essence Gallery at 184 Main St. in Painesville.

Fees are \$10 for the jury process and \$50 for the (10' by 10') booth fee if accepted.

Set up time is between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and displays shall not be removed before 5:00 pm.

Applications are **due by June 18**, but the date may be extended. Please note: The sooner you submit (preferably) 5-7 slides of your work, the more likely you are to be juried into the show!

For more information call the gallery at 440-639-1993

### **TOM SZABO OPENS LOCAL EXHIBIT**

You are cordially invited to attend the grand opening of Tom's photography exhibition "Shrimp to Sharks".

Date: June 26, 2004  
Location: Michael Stefan Salon  
4082 Erie Street  
Willoughby, OH 44094  
Time: 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Reservations for the opening reception are recommended and may be made by contacting the Salon at:  
(440) 946-6644

The exhibit includes underwater images created while diving in Ohio, Florida Keys, Caribbean and the South Pacific.

The exhibit is supported by:  
Michael Stefan Salon  
Pat Catan's Frame Shop in Willowick  
SKP Photo lab in Willoughby  
Please give them your business.

## Special Thanks

from WRPS

The following businesses and individuals supported WRPS with door prizes for the awards banquet this year. WRPS is grateful for these donations and would like our members to please support these businesses. If you visit these businesses on a regular basis, please let the establishment know you are a WRPS member and THANK THEM for their continued support. If you have not visited these businesses, please do so the next time you need a service they provide. We NEED to support LOCAL businesses to make sure they are there for us when we NEED them the most!

Van's in Mentor                   **3 gifts, one each for the slide photographer, print photographer and digital photographer.**  
7327 Mentor Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 205-2004

Art n' Frame                   **\$50 gift certificate**  
7501 Mentor Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 975-0114

Frame Outlet                   **\$50 gift certificate**  
8806 Mentor Ave.  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-9183

Dodd in Mentor               **11x14 spiral bound portfolio album**  
7531 Mentor Ave.  
Mentopr, OH 44060  
(44) 951-0088

Lori Diemer                   **Spindle of CD-R's**  
Wedding photographer  
(440) 942-0604

WRPS                           **Flower pots** (arranged compliments of Frankie Leighton & Dee Hudson)

### The Judging Song

By Charlie Cervenak

I judge him.  
I judge her.  
Show your pictures Ma'am and Sir.  
Impact, Technique,  
Composition, too.  
I'm the one who judges you.

Think of light.  
Think contrast.  
Judge that image very fast.  
This part's good and that part is not.  
Give it all the points you've got.

I like this.  
I like that.  
All three judges differ at...  
But the end result is usually fine.  
Occasionally you should give a nine!



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Penitentiary Glen Nature Center  
8668 Kirtland Chardon Rd.  
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Since 1967, The Western Reserve Photographic Society, has been a source of creativity, camaraderie, and education for many photographers in Northeastern Ohio. We meet twice a month to compete, present ideas, critique, welcome guest speakers, and participate in a variety of photographic outings. We have an annual awards banquet each May where the membership comes together to socialize and recognize the previous year's competition winners. Visitors are ALWAYS WELCOME!

## For Your Information!

The friends of **Euclid Creek** is having a photography contest to increase awareness of the area's **watershed** in **Cuyahoga and Lake counties**. Prizes will be awarded from \$50 down. All photos submitted will become part of a permanent collection and will not be returned. Entry forms can be picked up at Cuyahoga County Public Library, South Euclid-Lyndhurst branch; Cleveland Public Library, Memorial-Nottingham branch; Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Harold T. Clark Library; and Dodd Camera @ 5120 Mayfield Rd., Lyndhurst.

A **memory card** can be killed in a heartbeat if you remove it while it's being accessed--from a memory card reader or the camera itself, even the units at the drug store! That's why you should always turn your camera **OFF** before you insert or remove a card, and be sure the data light is off on any memory card reader before you yank the card.

Ohio Lake Erie Commission is having a **photo contest "Life on Lake Erie"**. They are looking for images of Lake Erie Lighthouses, shoreline landscapes, plants & wildlife, traveling Ohio's shoreline, Seasons of Lake Erie and Fun on Ohio's North Coast. Open to amateur photographers and entries are due by **August 6**. For an entry blank see Michelle or write and ask for one at One Maritime Plaza, Fourth Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1866.

If anyone hears of an event locally this summer that would be good for photography, please e-mail Michelle at [mdrackett@juno.com](mailto:mdrackett@juno.com) so that she can get the word out!