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Member

“You know what I never see in shows like this?” by: J.Hooper

Inside this issue:

I guess everyone who runs the art show circuit has their favorite story. It's almost like the fisherman's tales of the one that got away, but instead, it's the one that wouldn't go away. As visitors walk by, a few might actually stop in and peruse your work... maybe even make a comment or ask a question. Many are just itching for the opportunity to tell you about *"this one time, when I was at my cabin, I saw this huge flock of wild turkeys, and I..."*.

I'm still really new at this art show thing, and there is a lot that I've yet to see. But each show brings new stories, new people, and new insights. I recently did the show at the Great Lakes Mall and I never knew that "Hi there, how are you" was actually a secret code meaning "you better run away as fast as you can or you might be forced to make idle conversation with a complete stranger". If ever there was an audience of art-loving, big-spending, easy-going folks, well, lets just say they don't make a habit of hanging out at the mall.

I had an older gentleman stroll into my booth at this particular show, proudly wearing his Vietnam Veteran ball cap, stained button-down shirt and navy blue slacks. I throw him my usual "Hi there, how are you?" line, fully expecting the usual "Fine... I'm just browsing" response. But that's not what I got this time. Instead he looks me dead in the eye and says "Ahh... not too bad.... today. I wasn't so good ten years ago! I'm 80, you know...". I knew I was in trouble at this point, but not wanting to appear rude, I continue the conversation. "Why is that?" I casually ask. At this point the floodgates open, and I am introduced to the full meaning of the phrase TMI or Too Much Information. I learn that this gentleman survived non-Hodgkin's lymphoma when he was 80 by undergoing 26 treatments of chemotherapy, and although the prostate cancer almost took him, the doctors let him keep his prostate, opting for radiation instead of surgery. All the while, I see people, potential sales even, walking into and out of my booth. I see these people make eye

contact with me, as if to ask me about my prices. Perhaps they were considering my plight as the listening ear, but I'll never know because I didn't get to talk to them. Thirty minutes later, the man has told me all he can about the human anatomy, and how cancer cells operate. I see him take a glance at work I have hanging on the walls, as he prepares to leave. Thinking he's going to make a comment about my interesting work, and be on his way, I smile sweetly and await his words. And that's when I hear:

"You know what I don't see in shows like this? Naval Aircraft Carriers"!



Photo: http://news.mod.uk/news/press/news_headline_story.asp?

I had made the connection with his Vietnam cap, but it took me by surprise nonetheless. I didn't really have anything to say in response. I

suppose I could have pointed out the uniqueness of the subject matter requested, or perhaps the notion that the US military generally frowns on civilians photographing their equipment. But none of that came to mind quickly enough. All I could do was agree, and shake my head slowly (as not to become any more disoriented than I'd already become).

The next day, I packed all of my photographic prowess into the back seat of my car, and sat in the parking lot sharing stories of the *one that wouldn't go away*. I didn't sell anything at the show, and now I am left to contemplate just why I love doing them? I don't know if there is any future for me in the circuit, but I certainly enjoy the stories! Wouldn't it be great if there were a place where we could go to just talk to people about great photography, share our work, and have a good time without paying \$75 to sit in a 10' square booth? Oh, wait, there is a place like that... I call it WRPS.

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March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 Beach- wood Library	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 7:30 Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 7:30 Bd. Mtg.	16 RMSP Deadline	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:30 Meeting	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Schedule of Events

- 1st:** 7:00 Interclub competition "Patterns". WRPS visits Chagrin Valley Camera Club at the Beachwood Library.
- 8th:** Petals in the Breeze-Wildflower photography by Bruce Mack.
- 15th:** Board meeting at the home of Marilyn Beasley.
- 16th:** Deadline to pre-register and get club discount at RMSP weekend.
- 22nd:** GET CLOSE Competition (see page 4 for definition).

LOOKING AHEAD — We will have an interclub competition with **Erie Shores** on **April 13**. Topic will be **"Seasons"**. This competition will be open to prints, slides **AND** digital! Entries will be due April 12 and will be judged that night using "PSA style" judging during our regular meeting. Entry blanks to handed out when available.

PHOTO AFFAIR is April 2. If interested in volunteering, contact Ed Hodina or Jim Hooper.

New Members

February was a big month for new members to join WRPS. Please help me welcome our six newest members.

Mike Demeter from Mentor, **Michael Pittenger** from Painesville, **Carla Colo** from Euclid, **Janel Souslin** from Twinsburg, **William Butler** from Kirtland and **Kim Davison** from Cleveland.

We will be having the next

new member orientation on March 22. These orientations take place at the last meeting every month, 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.



One Tank Trip

by Bill Lewis

Hi everybody, hope you had a chance to burn some film or record some images on your media card this weekend.

Getting a Jump on Spring Flowers:

Flowers at the greenhouse and gardens offer a nice opportunity to work on your macro techniques, learn more about that new Christmas camera, or just to enjoy nature's beauty. I like the Rockefeller greenhouse on East Blvd. Tripods are welcome and the pedestrian traffic is minimal. Orchids in every color, shape and presentation, cactus in the Succulent Section provide interesting geometric captures, and lots of varieties in color and texture are waiting for you.



Columbus, Ohio:

The Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus Ohio is presenting a Free Flight Butter-

fly exhibit starting March 5, 2005. I have never been to this place but the website sounds great. You can feed Lorikeets in the Pacific Island exhibit and capture great images of Butterflies when they land on succulent plants to feed. Go to their website for more information.

If you are planning a trip to Columbus, make sure to stop in at the Zoo. Their Zoo is a terrific place to shoot. Deer Creek and Ceasar's Creek State Parks are just south of the city.

Elk Watching in Pennsylvania:

The little town of Benezette, Pennsylvania is home to the largest herd of Elk east of the Mississippi river) walking down the streets of Benezette. There are some Elk watching areas like Winslow Hill Road and some of the campgrounds along the road. . It is not uncommon to see 6-point royals (that is a 12 pointer for us Buckeyes).

Benezette is approx. 3 hours from Mentor off of I-80, east by the Dubois exit. There is more information at the Pennsylvania parks website. There are many state parks along the way.

Have a Great Spring. Hope to see you in April at Kingwood (see page 6). There is much to do and see in the Mansfield area. You should check out their city website for more information, www.ci.mansfield.oh.us.

Refreshments

Thank you to those that brought refreshments in

February:

Feb. 8: Ben Ricci
Anna Greenfield

Feb. 22: Chris Bradlee
Stewart Helberg

March refreshments will be provided by:

Mar. 8: Eileen Findak
Zoe Enyedy

Mar. 22: Sherry Barbieri
Mary Horn



Portraiture Competition Winners

1/25/05

Black & White Prints

First Place

Clock Repair Man Michelle Drackett

Second Place

Frank Michelle Drackett
Mirjana Jim Hooper

Third Place

Don't You Want Me? Jim Greenfield
Members of the Wedding "Y" Me? Anna Greenfield
Jim Greenfield

Honorable Mention

Blondes Have More Fun Brian Norcross
I Hate Striking Out! Marilyn Beasley
Paddy Andy Daugherty

Slides

First Place

Veiled Threat Anna Greenfield

Second Place

Ready for Fun Zoe Enyedy
All in White Zoe Enyedy

Third Place

Father/Daughter Marilyn Dolence

Honorable Mention

Girls on a Log Bill Lewis
Trio Denise Molesch
Puerto Rico Girl Denise Molesch

Color Prints

First Place

Self Portrait of a Nature Photographer Lori Diemer
David "L" Jim Greenfield
Pine Tree Princess Brian Norcross
The Old Salt Zoe Enyedy
Woodland Nymph Frankie Leighton
Mara Miller Jim Hooper
Indian Man Ben Ricci

Second Place

Little Miss Riding Hood Brian Norcross
I Got the Ball Marilyn Beasley
Evinsky Family Michelle Drackett
Mike Andy Daugherty
Lynda Loo & Attie Too Anna Greenfield
Madison Emily McCartney
Hey, Come Back Here Jim Greenfield
Isn Kukla Jim Hooper
All That Jazz Anna Greenfield

Third Place

Tot and Tulips Zoe Enyedy
Cherub Frankie Leighton
When Can I Play? Marilyn Beasley
Want Some? Audrey Buchina
Beautiful Baby Ben Ricci
Water Fight Andy Daugherty

Honorable Mention

Little Angel Audrey Buchina

Invitational Award

Clock Repair Man (B&W Print) Michelle Drackett

Digital

First Place

Puerto Rican Couple Denise Molesch
The Devil Inside Jim Greenfield
Sax Appeal Anna Greenfield

Second Place

Haley Marty Kreger

Third Place

Puerto Rican Miss Man - Am I Pissed Denise Molesch
Which is Witch? Jim Greenfield
Windsor Newton Anna Greenfield
Andy Daugherty

Upcoming WRPS & PSA Competitions

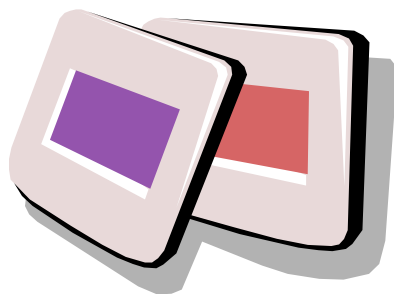
WRPS

March 22

Get Close

“Photograph in whole or in part of one subject”. Examples include: single bloom filling the frame or detail of an object. NOT a landscape!

Limit: 2 slides, 2 B&W prints, 2 Color prints and 2 Digital entries per person.



PSA

Mar. 22 ColorSlide

Limit 2 slides per person

KUDOS!

At the 2nd Annual Lake County Communicators Amateur Photography Show and Contest WRPS members brought home several ribbons. **Jim Hooper** brought home a 1st Place in the Animal Category. **Lori Diemer** brought home 1st Place in the Landscape Category. **Michelle Drackett** brought home 3rd Place in the B&W Category, 3rd Place in Landscape and 1st Place in the Digital Category. Michelle also received BEST OF SHOW for her digital entry titled "A Digital Headlands Christmas". The show was held at the Great Lakes Mall on February 5th and 6th. MD

Also at the photography show mentioned above, we had a wonderful response from our current **WRPS members**. Several people signed up to man the booth for a couple hours, some others set up and tore down the display, while still others just popped in to say hello and see how our display turned out. If my count was correct, I saw **31 WRPS faces** at the show that weekend. That is over 1/3 our membership! A **VERY SPECIAL** thank you to all those that worked and/or visited sometime during that weekend. MD



Marty Kreger, Marilyn Dolence & Denise Molesch "manning" the booth

At the February Lake County Metro Parks all staff meeting, **Jim Hooper** was awarded **Employee of the Quarter** (Oct-Dec) **AND...Employee of the Year!!!** Congratulations Jim!!! LD



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Lori Diemer

Fred Wallace Memorial
Award for Monkshood Trio

Twenty five **WRPS members** opened the largest gallery show ever held at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center on Friday, February 4. The show will be hanging until April 3, 2005. Don't forget to tell your friends to stop and see the show. There are 145 pieces of nature photography adorning the walls of Forest Hall. The park is open 7 days a week from 9:00 am-5:00 pm.

Lori Diemer was awarded the first annual Fred Wallace Memorial Award for her photograph of *Monkshood Trio* (seen at left). Fred was a former President of WRPS. Fred passed away 7 years ago, but his memory lives on in everyone that was a member at that time. Many of the club's current programs are thanks to Fred's hard work in making WRPS what it is today.



New member, Michael Pittenger, is welcomed by Marty Kreger at Nature's Palette gallery opening

Member **Melanie Chaney, O.D.** just returned from a 2-week mission trip to Mexico where she and the other doctors gave vision tests and dispensed glasses to 27,000 needy patients. If anyone is interested in donating their old eye glasses, please see Melanie for directions on how to do this. MD

Happening Around Town

FROM: bill lewis [wxll@hotmail.com]

Note: This might be a fun time to go shoot the ice formations along Mill Creek.

WHERE: MILL CREEK METROPARKS

Fellows Riverside Gardens
 Davis Education & Visitor Center
 Weller Gallery

WHEN: March 5 April 10

Hours: Tuesday Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WHAT: Nature Photography Exhibit

You are invited to view the talent of our local amateur photographers. Nine categories fill the gallery for your viewing pleasure.

Visit us at www.millcreekmetroparks.com

Mill Creek MetroParks
 7574 Columbiana-Canfield Rd.
 Canfield, OH 44406
 Ph: 330-702-3000

Spring Outing

submitted by Bill Lewis

Spring 2005 Field Trip to Kingwood Garden in Mansfield, Ohio on April 30, 2005

Meet in the Parking lot of Kingwood Garden at 10:00

Bring a picnic lunch and a dish to share

This will be a WRPS/Geneva Camera Club Outing. Kingwood has a website with lots of information about the gardens, the grounds and what flowers may be in bloom.

I will check the weather as the day approaches. There will be a rain date if the weather is inclement.

Please mark your calendars. Bill Lewis will be glad to work with anyone needing help with macro techniques. This should be a fun day.

Please RSVP to Bill Lewis at wxll@hotmail.com if you are planning to attend.

W . R . P . S . 2 0 0 5 A P P A R E L O R D E R F O R M

Shirts this year will be navy blue with a gold logo. Note that embroidery orders will be slightly more expensive.

Silk Screened Orders

	S. Sleeve T-Shirt \$8	L. Sleeve T-Shirt \$9	Sweatshirt \$11
Small			
Medium			
Large			
X-Large			
XX-Large (Add \$2)			

Embroidered Orders

	S. Sleeve T-Shirt - \$12	L. Sleeve T-Shirt - \$13	Sweatshirt \$16	Polo Shirt \$27
Small				
Medium				
Large				
X-Large				
XX-Large (Add \$2)				

Please calculate your own totals. Tax has already been included. Checks should be made payable to WRPS and be given to MICHELLE DRACKETT by March 8.

Name: _____ Total \$ _____



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Meeting location:

Penitentiary Glen Nature Center
8668 Kirtland Chardon Rd.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094



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Willoughby, OH 44096-0714

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!

F Y I !

By your fellow members

From PC WORLD'S DIGITAL FOCUS Dave's Johnson's favorites: Recover Lost Photos for Free *

If you've ever had that "Oh no!" moment--the one that happens about a half-second after you've formatted a memory card that still had pictures on it--you'll be very interested in a little utility from ArtPlus called Digital Photo Recovery. Digital Photo Recovery recovers pictures from memory cards even after you've deleted files or formatted the card. The tool can also extract images from memory cards, floppy disks, and CDs that have become damaged or corrupted. It's incredibly easy to use: Just insert the card into your computer's media card reader, run Digital Photo Recovery, and choose the drive or device from a list. Then pick a location on your computer to save the recovered photos, and come back about 5 minutes later. The program works with JPEG, TIFF, and even some RAW formats. I tested it informally with a variety of partially deleted and formatted cards, and it did a great job every time.

What makes Digital Photo Recovery different from other image recovery apps I've recommended in the past is that this one is free--so there's no excuse not to download it today, just in case you should ever need it. You can read more about Digital Photo Recovery at the ArtPlus site: <http://www.artplus.hr/adapps/eng/dpr.htm> or Download your own copy here: <http://www.artplus.hr/adapps/eng/downloads.htm> submitted by: Frankie Leighton

WEATHER FORECASTING

If the weather is bad the day of a meeting we may cancel the meeting. We will try to make a decision to cancel the meeting BEFORE 5:00 pm. If you have questions if a meeting is cancelled, please CHECK YOUR E-MAIL. An E-Mail will be sent only if the meeting is CANCELLED. If you do not have access to e-mail, please call Ed Hodina at (440) 975-0910.

If anyone else has a similar "story" or tip, please submit to Michelle Drackett by the 3rd Tuesday of the month.