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Member

WRPS goes to New York

by Michelle Drackett

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Due to the recent WRPS club trip to the **New York Adirondack's**, we did not have a board meeting in September. As a result, we did not discuss a "cover story" for the October issue. Being the newsletter editor, that left it up to me to fill the space. So, I thought I would tell you that if you missed this trip, you **MUST** put the Adirondacks on your list of places to go! There was no shortage of things to see or do in the Adirondack's (ADK).

We stayed in the central ADK mountains in Inlet, New York. There are plenty of things to do within 15 miles of Inlet. We had magnificent sunrises and sunsets, some of them only a couple miles down the road. It took close to 8 hours of driving time and just over a tank of gas each way. A couple of stops along I-90 for a stretch or food break and the ADK was an easy drive to an

endlessly beautiful area of the country. Who needs a National Park? Here is a partial group shot taken after our easy walk to the overflowing Buttermilk Falls.

I hope you can take a trip there, too!



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One Tank Photo Trips

by Bill Lewis

The Fall season is here. Hopefully, we will see a brilliant pallet of fall colors along the roadside as we travel to work or play. Fall is my favorite season to go shoot color. Bright oranges, golden yellows, and rich red colors saturate our world.

One of the really neat places to capture this color is in **Ashtabula County** during the Covered Bridge Festival that will be held on Oct. 9 and 10th. The Festival is in Jefferson, Ohio at the County fairgrounds. There are bike rides to all of the bridges, guided tours and self-driven tours with maps.

Visiting a covered bridge is like take a step back in time, to

a simpler lifestyle with less hustle and bustle.

Each bridge will have a sponsor group that will be selling warm cider, fresh doughnuts and cinnamon sticks. Buttons, prints, and souvenirs are also available.

Ashtabula County has a large Amish settlement. It is not uncommon to see Horse pulled buggies traveling across these bridges. Imagine, you are looking in your view finder, the bridge is framed, the light is sweet, the trees are ablaze with color and wait.....clip, clop, clip, clop here comes an Amish family traveling home from a visit. They cross the bridge and you press the shut-

ter. Move over Norman Rockwell!

We also have a number of excellent wineries in the area where you can break some bread, drink some wine and enjoy the wonderful fall colors.

We also have a Greenways Trail that runs from Ashtabula City to Rock Creek, approx. 17 miles. This trail is suited for walking, roller blading, bike riding etc. The trail passes through some beautiful pastures and cornfields. You can pick up the trail off of Route 45. Turn south and go to Clay Street. You will see the signs. You can ride in either direction and see wonderful fall colors.

Hope to see you in Ashtabula County!

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Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3 2:00 Outing	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 7:30 Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 7:30 Board Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30 Meeting	27	28	29	30
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? **3rd:** Portraiture outing with **Eileen Finkdak** @ Hogback Ridge.

? **12th:** Lewis & Clarke Presentation by **Karen Beck** from Metroparks East Photo Club.

? **19th:** Board meeting at the home of Michelle Drackett.

? **26th:** Professional Wildlife Photography by **Laura Gooch**.

LOOKING WAY AHEAD — We will once again have an interclub competition with **Chagrin Valley Camera Club** in February. The topic will be **“Patterns”**. This competition will be open to prints and slides.

We will also have an interclub competition with **Erie Shores** in April. Topic will be **“Seasons”**. This competition will be open to prints, slides AND digital!

Details to follow on both competitions as they become available.

New Members

Please help welcome our three newest WRPS members. **Larry, Dori and Lauren Finch of Akron** have joined as a family.

We will be having the next **new member orientation** on October 26. 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.

Also, we would like to welcome BACK **Ron Surmack** who has been away from WRPS for a couple years.



Congratulations to WRPS members

The Lake Metroparks Amateur Photography contest captures the beauty of nature through the art of photography. The 18th annual contest was held from June 5—August 1, 2004 at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center.

WRPS members did very well this year. Member **Bill Lewis** received 2 honorable mentions in the General Nature category for his prints “Peacock Pride” and “Friendly Aggression”.

Pat Stoltz received 1st place in the Lake Metroparks category

for her print “Fabric in Motion”, and also received honorable mention in Human Nature for “Along the Alaska Highway”.

Monte Stoltz placed 2nd and 3rd in Black & White with his prints “Pussy Willow” and “A Fair Port Day”.

Marilyn Dolence took an honorable mention in Black & White with her print “White Tulips”.

As we do every year, WRPS awarded a special “invitational” award. This award goes to a NON-WRPS member and we give

that person a complimentary one year membership. This year’s award went to **Andy Daugherty** for his color photograph “Dragonfly” which had placed 3rd in the Lake Metroparks category. Andy also took 3rd place in General Nature for “Fence Lines” and honorable mention for “Lace”. Andy is very anxious to start competing amongst his (now) fellow WRPS members, so look out!

WRPS members “clean up” at Geneva Grape Jamboree

Pictorial: 1 st place Mabry Mill	Pat Stoltz	N.E.O.: (cont'd)	
2 nd place Buttermilk Falls Cleve M-park	Bill Lewis	2 nd place Ashtabula Lighthouse	Bill Lewis
3 rd place Storm over Absaroka Range	Monte	3 rd place Early Snow	Monte Stoltz
Nature: 1 st place Almost Heaven	Ron Denham	Flowers: 1 st place Calla Lily	Bill Lewis
2 nd place Turbulent Water	Bill Lewis	2 nd place Sensuous Petals	Bill Lewis
3 rd place Morning Rainbow	Monte S.	3 rd place Fenced Flowers	Linda Zehler
Creative: 1 st place Sunbeams	Pat Stoltz	Black & White Pictorial:	
2 nd place First Ice	Monte Stoltz	1 st place Elakala Falls	Bill Lewis
3 rd place Thermonuclear Thunderhead	Monte Stoltz	2 nd place A Fairport Day	Monte Stoltz
People: 1 st place Yum Good	Ann Denham	3 rd place On the Blue Ridge Parkway	Pat Stoltz
2 nd place In the Heat of the Battle	Bill Lewis	Black & White Nature:	
3 rd place Kitty Gives a Hug	Sheryl Daly	1 st place Peyto Lake Reflection	Pat Stoltz
Animal: 1 st place Puppy Love	Dee Riley	2 nd place Devil's Tower	Pat Stoltz
2 nd place Friendly Aggression	Bill Lewis	3 rd place Owls on a Log	Bill Lewis
3 rd place In the Dog House	Dee Riley		
N.E.O.: 1 st place Fall at Hogback Ridge	Pat Stoltz		
1 st place Harpersfield Sunset	Monte Stoltz	Best In Show: <u>“Puppy Love” by Dee Riley</u>	

Refreshments

Thank you to those that brought refreshments in September:

Sept 14: Emily McCartney
Heidi Wintersteen

Sept 28: Ron Wiley
Doug White

October refreshments will be provided by:

Oct. 12 : Dave Daveant
Wilmer Stowe

Oct. 26: Deb & Louise Wiles
Bill & Terry Lewis



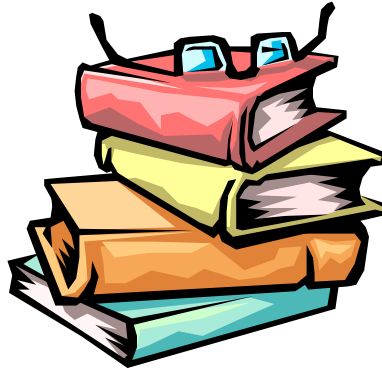
Library Corner

by Michelle Drackett

I am constantly getting asked questions about Adobe's Photoshop programs. I guess that is because I have put together some rather complicated collage posters that consist of up to 30 images. While I am no expert, by any stretch of the imagination, I have been "practicing" in Photoshop for about six years.

First, I would highly recommend taking a class at Lakeland Community College, or someplace similar. The program is so complicated that a one-day class will do nothing except whet your appetite. If you find yourself in that situation, I

would recommend you look for a book titled *Traditional Photographic Effects with Adobe Photoshop* by Michelle



Perkins and Paul Grant (ISBN 1-58428-056-5). It is a soft cover book consisting of 125 pages for only \$29.95 from Amherst Media.

The book has step by step instructions for 21 different techniques. Some of those techniques include: Sepia (and other) Toning, Sandwiched Images, Lens Flare, Soft Focus, Cross Processing, Painting with Light, just to name a few. The book shows before, during and after photos, as well as each step that you need to perform to get the desired effect that you would have typically created in the darkroom, prior to Photoshop entering into our lives.

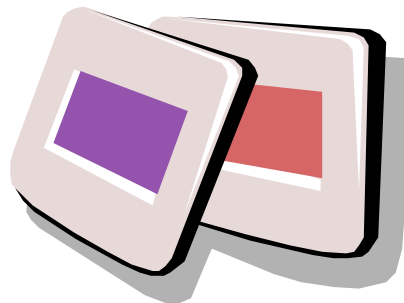
Even if you are a novice at Photoshop, you will find this book very easy to follow.

Upcoming WRPS & PSA Competitions

WRPS

Nov. 9 "Extra, Extra, Read All About It!"
Photojournalism*
Competition.

*Please note: NO DIGITAL for this competition.



See complete competition schedule for exact definitions and rules.

PSA

Nov. 9 PSA Color
Jan. 11 PSA Color
Jan. 25 PSA Travel
PSA Nature

Limit 2 slides per person



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Meeting location:
Penitentiary Glen Nature Center
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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!

Just for Fun!

An Amateur photographer was invited to dinner with friends and took along a few pictures to show the hostess. She looked at the photos and commented, "These are very good! You must have a good camera".

The guest did not make any comment, but as he was leaving to go home, he said "That was a really delicious meal! You must have some very good pots".

WRPS Member **Lori Diemer** invites you to view her newest images at

THE ART GALLERY

4099 Erie Street (in downtown Willoughby)

See her show from **September 17 through October 16.**

Hours of the gallery are:

Tues & Wed 11:00 am—6:00 pm

Thurs & Fri 11:00 am—8:30 pm

Saturday 11:00 am—6:30 pm

Sunday 1:00 pm—5:00 pm

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