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Message From The Editor We're Back Once More

It is a great pleasure to welcome everyone back everyone the summer break, and I hope that everyone had a wonderful time during the summer.

Our first Club meeting will take place on September 12th at the Olympus Center. I hope that this year the club members enjoy good health and that any illnesses are minor ones. Last year we weren't so lucky with several of our members experiencing some health issues, but I understand that these issues are well behind us. The club's first order of business for the year is our exhibit at the Farmingdale Library currently underway. If the work exhibited at last years exhibit is any indication of the current show, I'm sure it will be a great success.

I've had a chance to look at the calendar of events for the upcoming year and, quite frankly, it looks to be an exciting year with many interesting presentations provided by both our membership and others presented by some of the most talented photographers on Long Island.

Frank Iraggi

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Just a reminder that club membership for the 2001-02 season expires in September. If you haven't done so already, please send your renewal to Orrin Edwards as soon as possible, or bring to the September 13th meeting. Those who have not

renewed by September 30, will not be eligible for the October Competition.

C a l e n d a r

September

12th - What I Did Last Summer - presented by **the membership**. All members are invited to bring a few slides or prints illustrating their summer activities.

19th - Competition - Judged by **John Brokos**

26th - Reality With Digital Images -
- presented by **John Cornell**

October

3rd - Board Meeting

10th - Competition - Judged by **Leon Hertzog**

17th - Matting & Mounting Photographs
Presented by **Art Donnelly**

24th - Night Photography from the Brooklyn Heights Promenade - (Meet to form car pools in the Olympus Corp. Parking lot) Try to arrive early so that the car pools can leave promptly at 8:00pm.

November

7th - Competition - judged by **Mel Ettinger**

14th - Photographic Sampler (Lighting, flash, exposure & filters) - Presented by **Kenneth Baussett**.

Digital - Holy Maccarolli!!!!

By Frank Iraggi

You may remember that last year in our opening issue I wrote an article about the improvements in the field of digital photography in the way of cameras. Well, since that time, many developments have taken place. Last year the best resolution available (at a consumer level) was 3.34 megapixels at a cost of just under \$1,000, and remember the camera was a glorified point and shoot, with pro-quality SLR's going for up to \$5,500. Well, once again the game has changed. Now we are able to obtain a 3.34 megapixel camera for around \$500. We also can purchase a quality SLR for under \$2,000 (body only).

Again, these improvements have brought that much closer to a filmless environment. Last year I reported that many working pros have incorporated, to some degree, a digital camera in their arsenal of equipment. Well, some of these same pros have gone entirely digital.

It's very difficult to predict where this all will end, but I don't think the end is in sight. In our last issue before the summer I indicated that I would be purchasing a 6 megapixel SLR for under the \$2,000 threshold. Well, I did it, and WOW!!!!. It's hard to imagine going back to a completely film environment. Now, Im not saying that digital has taken over completely, but as each breath is taken, the digital world creeps a little bit closer and takes another nibble from the film world. Five years ago, who would have thought that this medium and technology is what I would be writing about so regularly. I am convinced that until digital can reproduce the extremely high quality that, we as photographers are used to (especially with slide films), there will be room for both technologies. But when digital catches up, watch out film!

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Meetings will be held at 8:00PM at the Olympus Corporate Headquarters at 2 Corporate Drive in Melville.

Field Trips are held every Sunday morning. Meet at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury at 8:00AM for breakfast.

Our page on the World-Wide Web is at:
<http://www.orrin.org/syoccl/>

Our Annual Dinner

by Aileen Harrison

What a wonderful time we had
That night at the Milleridge Inn
The food and drinks were delicious
But the best was yet to begin

The camaraderie among the group
Was a lovely sight to behold
All of us drinking, eating and laughing
Even the quiet ones were bold

Judy Ruderman and Jeanne Rauch selling raffles
Looked like bookies at the track
The club chipped in for dinner
Now they could get some back

Annette and Gene Fox played the part
Of very gracious hosts
The arrangements they made were splendid
So lets all give them a toast

It was especially nice meeting
All of the better halves
I'm sure the antics of the club
gave them some hearty laughs

As a follow up to Aileen's beautiful poem, I'm sure we all would like to thank Annette & Gens Fox for a wonderful job making the arrangements for the dinner last June. The previous year I was somewhat involved in the arrangements, and I was truly amazed at the abilities of the Fox's, in particular Annette, (sorry Gene). I didn't have a clue of what was necessary. Thank heaven that Annette was there to put it all together. We are all extremely lucky that Annette & Gene are willing to take on such an undertaking.

A Great Idea!

Our raffle at the Annual Awards Dinner was very successful! Jeanne Rauch and Judy Ruderman raised \$130, which defrays the club's expenses considerably! As you no doubt aware, the club has many expenses among which are the plaques themselves, speakers, judges, etc.

Therefore, we would like run another raffle next year. It would be helpful if you would keep an eye out, during your vacations and travels, for any items that might be donated to the raffle, and bring such items home. Also please look through your homes for any items that might be given to the club. Something you don't want to keep might be great for someone else. Please bring anything you wish to donate to meetings. Annette & Gene Fox will be happy to collect them throughout the year.

Directions To The Syosset camera Club's Exhibit at the Farmingdale Library

Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (rte. 135) to Hempstead Turnpike East.

Seven lights or just past the L.I.R.R. trestle.

Right turn onto Merritts Road

the Library is on the right about a block down.

Lets Exchange Some Ideas

In an effort to share ideas and skills, it has been suggested that anyone wishing to participate in such a program should arrive at our weekly meetings at around seven-thirty. This will allow any and all members to gain valuable information and share insights into our craft.

Last year it was quite apparent that Alan Agdern, our resident digital photography guru, was being besieged with questions concerning digital before every meeting. This time allocation will allow all of the membership to get some good ideas and also allow members to share any newly found skills. Sounds like a good idea!

Digital Photography Class

As you may be aware, Olympus Corporation is currently offering their "School of Digital Photography" class on November 9, 2002.

Through the efforts of Moshe Markewitz, our hardworking President, Olympus is willing to offer members of the Syosset Camera Club a 25% discount for the class. The original cost for the class was \$99. This is a great deal!

In order to register and take advantage of the discount for the class, members are asked to call (800) 645-6161, and leave a message with their name and daytime telephone number. It is also requested that we mention that we are members of the Syosset Camera Club. You will then receive a call back from Olympus to complete the registration. Olympus will require your address and a credit card number. It is a full eight hour class that includes technical information as well as photography tips. The class is currently filling up so in order to take advantage of this great offer, act quickly!

Joe Kahn's View

Here's yet another anti-conventional commentary. I recently photographed my grand daughter at her high school graduation. Following the ceremonies, the graduates gathered in the gymnasium to meet their parents (and grand parents!). I got off a digital shot of Sara, which all agree is a great image. However, in the background are several people milling about and greeting their progeny. Comments ran from one end of the critical spectrum to the other. I have never favored formal portraits (especially) of my family since that not the way I see them. I don't object to extraneous background so long as they don't actually interfere with the desired image. Sure, I can eliminate the background and dub another via my computer. But I choose not to, since then it is NOT the image I captured! I find the background is indicative of the occasion, and lends the needed atmosphere to the photograph. It certainly sets the scene.