



THE APERTURE

NEWSLETTER OF THE CAPE COD VIEWFINDERS CAMERA CLUB



July 2006 - Have a great summer, see you in September!

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THE PRESIDENTS CORNER

Dear members,

This has been a very productive year for our club. We added digital competitions to our regular programs. The cost of adding digital competitions with its related purchases has practically depleted our treasury. However, the advantage to the club was big since the digital competitions drew in members.

Our most successful show was at the Chatham Creative Arts Center and it is in place for next year. The membership owes Dave Jordan a big thank you for his efforts on our behalf. Our end-of-year banquet was another success thanks to Barbara Pike. On the negative side, two of our program directors resigned or were replaced. Peter Selig has graciously agreed to take responsibility for all competitions next year. We have a couple of openings on the board of directors. Presently some members are filling two positions. The club is for the benefit of all members. Additional help is needed and often new members bring new ideas and approaches.

The upcoming year's meetings will once again be held at the Brooks Library thanks to the efforts of Dave Jordan. This facility has saved our treasury a lot of money. In addition, not having to be out a set time is a great benefit.

I want to thank the board of directors for their close support in our various endeavors. This made my job a lot easier. Also, the membership has stepped up with their support as well.

Some of the changes next year will be that all competitions will be held during the second meeting of the month. At the end-of-year banquet there will be a presentation of awards and members show. We are planning six educational/instructional programs which will help us all.

Terry Gavin is looking into setting up our own web site with links to other NECCC and PSA sites and clubs. This will benefit all of us and hopefully attract new members.

In conclusion, we have an exciting year coming up and with the cooperation of the membership we will improve even more.

Joe Tambascio

CCVF BOARD MEMBERS 2006-2007

The following are the board members of the Cape Cod Viewfinders Camera Club for the year 2006-2007

President	- Joe Tambascio
1st VP & Programs	- open
Treasurer	- Jim Mills
Secretary	- Jim Mills
Publicity	- Charles Crozier
Competition	- Peter Selig
Judges	- Diane Robertson
Special Events	- open
Hospitality	- open
NECCC	- Peter Selig
PSA	- Janet DiMattia
Aperture	- Barbara Pike / Terry Gavin
Past President	- Jim Mills
President Emeritus	- David Jordan

NOW IS THE TIME

The following positions have not yet been filled for the 2006-2007 year:

First Vice President in charge of Programs
Special Events Chairman
Hospitality Chairman

This is an opportunity for members to take a more active role in their club. We encourage all members, including those new to CCVF, to consider making an important contribution!

Barbara Pike

BIRD PHOTOGRAPHY PROGRAM

On May 3, 2006, the final program of the year took place. Shawn Carey, who is President of Migration Productions which produces multi-media presentations, and specializes in bird photography and bird photography workshops, provided us with tips on how to improve our efforts in capturing bird images. The showcase of his photography was divided into several segments: Arizona (the Grand Canyon and Sedona), interviews with birders, who described how they became interested in that kind of photography, wildlife found in Massachusetts, and shorebird photography.

Shawn offered several suggestions to encourage birds to come in closer. For example, lowering the tripod as close to the ground as possible will make the birds feel less threatened. He advised researching the various species of birds one might encounter to understand their behavior and habits. Knowing the right location is equally important. He cited Beech Forest in Provincetown, Daniel Webster Sanctuary in Marshfield and the Art Visual Center in Canton as good birding sites. Shawn stressed the importance of patience, and he also suggested always carrying a spare battery. Among the cameras he prefers are Nikon and Canon.

If you found his presentation helpful and would like to hear more from an expert. Shawn will be offering a workshop in Digital Bird Photography from July 27-30 at the Audubon Sanctuary in Wellfleet.

Barbara Pike

MESSAGE FROM OUR PSA REPRESENTATIVE

CONGRATULATIONS to members of Cape Cod Viewfinders for another successful year as participants in PSA Nature and Open slide competitions. Thanks to all who entered these competitions. At a time when digital is rapidly gaining popularity, it is great that film photography continues to be an interest of many members of the club. We will continue to compete in Nature and Open slide divisions in 06-07.

SOMETHING TO DO - This summer, during the "dog-days" when you are sitting in your air-conditioned home, look through the collection of slides you have taken in the past. PSA does not have the "taken in the past five years" rule. Older favorite competition quality slides, as long as they have not been submitted to PSA before, may be considered even though they are not being entered in our current club slide competitions. Put them aside ready to enter PSA (and NECCC) next year when the call for slides goes out. We may need to draw on these images as fewer and fewer slides are being entered in our club competitions.

PSA SUMMARY 05-06 -

OPEN DIVISION - CCVCC received a total of 284 points for the year placing us 4th in Group C. Of the four slides eligible for "Slide of the Year", Peter Selig entered HIGHLAND LIGHT in WINTER in this final competition. Two slides also received an HM - David Pike for BOWL of FLOWERS and Peter Selig for LA PUSH at SUNSET. According to competition rules we will be competing in Group B next year, pending notification.

NATURE DIVISION -Results of the third and final competition of the year were received. We received 59 points. Individual scores are as follows:

WASHINGTON COAST	Peter Selig	10	
BUTTERFLY	Diane Robertson	9	
RINGED NECK DUCK	Janet DiMattia	7	
OCEAN SUNSET	Peter Selig	12	HM
GAINING SPEED at LIFTOFF	Janet DiMattia	10	
GROUND SQUIRREL	Diane Robertson	11	

Our final status as a participant in Group B remains the same. Unfortunately we were not promoted to Group A. Two slides were judged at the final competition for "Nature Slide of the Year". They were EGRET with CATCH Vincent Scarnecchia and CYGNET Peter Selig.

ENJOY THE SUMMER! Janet DiMattia

YANKEE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY SPRING CONFERENCE

On April 1, 2006, the Yankee Photographic Society held their Spring conference at Danvers High School. A highlight of this event is the Greater Lynn International Color Slide Exhibition, which is open to photographers from all over the world. The NECCC Gold Medal was awarded to Peter Selig for his slide, "Highland Light in Winter", designated the best New England entrant. Several CCVFCC members had slides accepted and included in the afternoon presentation. They were: Nancy Cormier, Bob Cormier, Janet DiMattia, David Jordan, Jim Mills, Barbara Pike, David Pike, Diane Robertson, Matt Ryan, Vince Scarnecchia, and Joe Tambascio. Individual members were also able to submit slides and prints on the day of the conference in a variety of categories. Results were announced at the conclusion of the meeting. As usual, CCVF made a good showing. This was a separate contest from the Greater Lynn.

Gurli Lovinger	HM color print
Jeff Lovinger	HM color print, BW print, and popular vote for color print
Diane Robertson	HM digital nature
Peter Selig	HM digital nature, Nature Slide, and Medal for Open slides

At the request of Susan and Jake Mosser, who will be judging slides in Germany during that time, the fall conference will not be held this year. We will be looking forward to next year's Spring conference usually held on the first Saturday in April, 2007.

Barbara Pike

ANNUAL BANQUET

The culminating activity for this year was the Annual Banquet held on June 7, 2006 at the Yarmouth House Restaurant. The food was excellent and the comraderie even better. The smaller number of attendees enabled members to socialize on a more personal level. The evening ended with the Slide of the Year and Print of the Year competitions judged by Sue and Jake Mosser. Results can be found later in this publication.

Barbara Pike

NECCC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Just a reminder to members who are planning their summer schedule that the annual NECCC Conference held at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst will be on July 14-16. This is the "Cadillac" of photography conferences and draws participants from all over the country. It combines instructional and entertaining presentations along with model set-ups and a marketplace, where a variety of photography-related items can be purchased. Housing is provided in designated dormitories with a meal plan available at one of the college cafeterias. Additional information can be obtained from the NECCC website. Jim Mills recently sent CCVF members an e-mail with more details. If you have never attended, you are really missing out on a great learning/social activity.

Barbara Pike

**Merrimack Valley Camera Club
Presents the
GEORGE GLENNIE MEMORIAL NATURE SALON**

The 26th George Glennie Memorial Nature Salon was held on March 22nd in the Trinitarian Congregational Church, North Andover, MA. There were 12 clubs participating representing 5 New England States: CT, ME, MA, NH, and RI. The following are the club standings and award summary for the competition.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Award</u>
Boston West Photographic Society	265	1 st
Greater Lynn Photographic Association	251	2 nd
Gateway Camera Club	250	3 rd
Stony Brook Camera Club	243	HM
Merrimack Valley Camera Club	243	HM

Individual Awards: Plaques

<u>Categories</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Title</u>
Best of Show	Frank Forward	Boston West	"Leaping Mountain Lion"
Best Animal	Deb Guyer	Boston West	"Wolf with Fresh Kill"
Best Bird	Shiv Verma	Gateway	"Osprey with Catch"
Best Botony	David E. Jordan	Cape Cod Viewfinders	"Shaggy Mane Mushroom"
Best Insect	Deb Page	Photographic Society of RI	"Spider with Web"
Best Landscape	Ray Guillette	Stony Brook	"The Morning After"
Best Seascape	jim McGahan	Greater Lynn	"Spotted Cleaner Shrimp"

Judges' Choice Plaques and Chairwoman's Plaque

<u>Judges</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Title</u>
Dan Charbonnet	Gerry Tucker	Photographic Society of RI	"Garden Spider & Prey #1"
Mary Hall	Mike Goodman	Gateway	"Memorial Arch"
Jake Mosser	Frank Forward	Boston West	"Lynx #4"

Barbara Soghigian, Chairwoman

I want to thank the Yankee Photographic Society for donating the chairman's plaque.

<u>Plaque</u>	<u>Maker</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Title</u>
Winner	Ian Dicker	Boston West	"Puffin Pair"

We would like to express our appreciation to Dan Charbonnet, Mary Hall, and Jake Mosser, for serving as judges for this occasion. We also want to thank all the participating clubs for providing such a wide variety of interesting and well executed slides, and hope you will consider entering future Glennie competitions.

Sincerely,
Barbara Soghigian
Chairwoman, Glennie Nature Salon

<u>Club</u>	<u>Total points</u>	<u>Standing</u>
Boston West	265	1 st
Greater Lynn	251	2 nd
Gateway	250	3 rd
Stony Brook	243	4 th
Merrimack Valley	243	4 th
Charter Oak	240	5 th
Cape Cod Viewfinders	235	6th
Photographic Society of RI	234	7 th
Nashoba Valley	231	8 th
Quinebaug Valley	226	9 th
Capitol Area	222	10 th
Seacoast	215	11 th

NECCC SPRING COMPETITION

The Spring competition of the NECCC for pictorial slides was held on Wednesday March 1, 2006. For this competition the Cape Cod Viewfinders finished in 2nd place. For the total year, we finished in 3rd place (280 points) with 19 clubs competing in Class AA. The only 2 clubs ahead of us were Boston West (298 points) and Greater Lynn (285). New Haven Camera Club finished in 4th place with 277 points. This is our best showing ever.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Awards</u>	<u>Points</u>
Lorikeet	Stan Johnson	2nd (Tie)	25
White Admiral	Diane Robertson		24
Four Corners Vista	Peter Selig		23
Misty Mountains	Jim Mills		24
			96 (2nd place)

"Highland Light in Winter" by Peter Selig and "Lorikeet" by Stan Johnson are eligible for Slide of the Year.

NECCC SPRING NATURE SLIDE COMPETITION

On March 16, 2006, the Quinebaug Valley Camera Club judged the Spring Nature Slide contest. In this contest, we finished in 12th place out of 21 clubs. Competing in Class A, the top class, we finished in 8th place with a total of 271 points for the year.

Cape Cod Viewfinders individual results:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Tricolored Heron	Stan Johnson	19
Pregnant Elephant at Masi Mara	Diane Robertson	22
Cygnets	Peter Selig	19
Bull Elephant #1	Janet DiMattia	24
		84

NECCC SPRING COLOR AND B/W INDIVIDUAL CAPE COD VIEWFINDERS RESULTS

Color Prints

With 34 clubs competing all in one class, we finished in 13th place for the year. Individual results are as follows:

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Into the Abyss	Jim Mills	23
Carolina Wren with Spider	David Farquhar	21
Porch View	Jeff Lovinger	25
Thirsty Cardinal	Marge Uhl	19
		88

B/W Prints

Competing in Class A with 14 clubs, we finished in 10th place for the year. Individual results are as follows.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Alhambra Staircase	Jim Mills	17
Ice Lollipops	David Farquhar	17
Misty Morning	Jeff Lovinger	24
Impending Storm	Marge Uhl	17
		75

SNAPSHOTS

The Cape Cod Viewfinders would like to express appreciation to Bob Cormier for the wonderful job he has done in printing our newsletter at no cost to the club. The use of color, as well as the higher quality paper, have greatly enhanced the final product.

Our appreciation to the following Board Members who will not be resuming their current positions in the upcoming year: Larry Sweeney, Program Chair, and Larry Delgrego, Special Events Chair, and Competition Chair. Both men performed their duties admirably.

Congratulations to David Jordan for winning the Best Botany Slide of the Year at the George Glennie Memorial Nature Competition with "Shaggy Mane Mushroom", and to Peter Selig for winning a Gold Medal at the Greater Lynn International Color Slide Competition and for placing first in the NECCC Spring Competition for "Highland Light in Winter".

Barbara Pike

SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

At the Camera Club Banquet, Joe Tambascio announced the topics for the Summer Assignments. They will be **BEACHES** and **BRIDGES**. Any digital images, prints or slides that you take during the summer on these subjects can be entered at the first meeting in September to compete in these categories.

Have a great Summer....Jim Mills

CAPE COD VIEWFINDERS CAMERA CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

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City, State, Zip _____

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Please check one

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Please indicate your areas of interest

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___ Black & White Prints

___ Portraiture

___ Digital Imaging

___ Photojournalism

Other _____

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