

Newsletter of the Erie Shores Photography Club



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Don't Miss This Month's Program!!

Photographing Birds
Presented by William "Bo" Bofinger



PROTHONOTARY WARBLER

Photos: William Bofinger



AMERICAN AVOCET

Those of us who are familiar with William Bofinger's exquisite bird & wild-life photography, are never surprised to see his images take top honors in our competitions. This was certainly the case at February's Nature competition, where his Prothonotary Warbler took 1st Place, and his American Avocet placed 3rd.

Now, on March 10th, we all have a chance to spend an entire evening viewing nothing but Bo's bird photography. At the very least, it will be an evening well enjoyed, and perhaps we will all come away with some valuable information on how to make our own attempts at capturing birds and wildlife better than ever before!

Hope you'll all take advantage of this wonderful opportunity .
See you there!

Mark



Your Calendar

Wed. March 10th
7pm—9pm

PROGRAM
Bird Photography

Wed. March 17th
7pm—9pm

COMPETITION
Animal Kingdom / Portrait

Sat. March 13th
12pm-4pm

FIELD TRIP
Malabar Farms
Maple Syrup Festival
(see p.2)

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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COMMENTS, NOTICES & REVIEWS

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

A special board meeting will be held prior to the regular meeting on Wed., March 10th, in order to discuss a couple of issues which have popped up recently. Namely.....

- ☆ **THE CLUB'S NEED FOR A 2nd COMPUTER** for use in running the competitions. Our older computer 'kicked the bucket' a while ago, and we have been able to continue functioning due to the generosity of Sue Johnson, who has been lending us her own personal computer. **Thank you, Sue.....we will change thatyou'll see!**
- ☆ **ESPC PAGE ON FACEBOOK**....Already established, but not approved by the membership. Pro's & Con's will be discussed by the board and **it will be opened up for discussion and a vote at the beginning of the member meeting** which follows.

If you can't attend, but would like to comment, please contact **JO-ANN SCHMAUCH** at schmauch@kellnet.com

April INTER-CLUB COMPETITION, April 27th >>> "In the Dark"

"In the Dark" is the theme for the annual competition with Western Reserve. Images may be taken ½hour *after* sunset or ½hour *before* sunrise. Sunrises and sunsets are **NOT** included within the theme. The competition is April 27th. It will soon be upon us, so get your

thinking caps on! **Sue Clark**, Inter-Club Comp Chmn. Clarkcle@aol.com



COMPETITION POINTERS

1. You may now enter 3 images in the competitions.

You may enter 1 or all 3 in either the THEME or the BASE.....or 2 in the Base and 1 in the Theme. Just don't forget to label them for the right place (base or theme)

2. **Resizing Tips**.....Please resize your files to 1024 in width for a horizontal image and to 768 in height for a vertical image. Please refer to the web site for naming your images http://espcphoto.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=81:competition-for-2009-2010&catid=38:general-news&Itemid=18

A Few Things for the Future

Malibar Farms Maple Syrup Festival on Mar.13th (12:00 to 4 pm) http://www.malabarfarm.org/activities_content.cfm?coverpageid=3&storynbr=3 Planning on eating at Malabar Farm Restaurant. So I will need to know how many are thinking of going so I can make reservations.

"Shoot the Hills" is coming up on the 3rd weekend in April. If you're thinking about doing this I would advise reserving your lodgings now...it goes very fast that weekend. <http://www.shootthehills.com/index.html> If you have any questions about it, contact me or Mike Rosa.

Roscoe Village. I am also starting to plan an over-night photo trip to Roscoe Village. Right now I am thinking the 8th and 9th of May <http://www.roscoevillage.com/>

Any time anyone has an idea for a shoot please let me know and i will put it out there.....**MARK**

Cliff Notes

Editorials



I watched a recent show on C-Span about White House photographers.

So many historic photos showed up, and I thought that some of them may be the only history that we have. Richard Nixon had the photographers take the Nixon family farewell pictures before he took off in the Helicopter after his resignation. And there was the one of JFK in his rocker, and in pain. (What might he have been thinking?) There were so many more.

Another thing I noticed, is that the chronological portraits of the Presidents revealed how much each President had aged during his term in office. Even president Obama is already showing some aging.

What struck me most was that most of these historic shots were in black and white. Color showed up here & there, but the great majority of well-remembered shots were B&W. The photographers became more casual as time went by. The guys in Truman's and Eisenhower's offices were very well dressed in suits and ties. Ties were dropped by President Clinton, and there were more color shots by the time he took office.

As the photographers described their work they categorized the pieces as "before digital" and "after digital."

Ahhhh, there's the rub!.....Cliff

Franklin Park Conservatory Field Trip

Wednesday February 23, 2010



Mark Nowak invited all Erie Shores Photography Club members and a few friends to go to the Franklin Park Conservatory. We met at Dairy Queen parking lot at 9 am to ride or carpool down to Columbus. Mike Rosa and I showed up, and I must say we enjoyed the ride. We discussed many things, from upcoming Field Trips, different sites, differences in cameras, digital and other contests coming up. Mark had met Laura Reese from a former Photo 2007 Contest and they had kept in contact and he invited her to attend our trip... she drove down separately but we kept in contact with her and met her in the parking lot where we also met Mark 's friend John Kiss that he had met from a prior Photo shoot.

Janet Gwynn and Dave Jones were already in the conservatory shooting away. We met and enjoyed lunch from the Garden Cafe and really got to know each other. We enjoyed many hours of shooting the incredible orchids in this wonderful garden and met several other photographers that shared ideas on shooting and equipment. I believe all of us ended up becoming members of the American Horticultural Society. It allows us admission in all the participating gardens, arboreta, and conservatories all over United States, Canada, the Cayman Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Now wouldn't that be a field trip! We stayed late, till about 8pm, and enjoyed the illumination of all the wonderful glass art by Dale Chihuly. This was such an informative and enjoyable trip that I couldn't wait to shoot the Cleveland Botanical Garden on the following Sunday. I ended



up riding with Laura Reese part of the way home. We stopped and enjoyed a dinner at Applebee's and she is planning on coming to William "Bo" Bofinger's March 10th program on Photographing Birds. And she plans on possibly becoming a member of ESPC. I hope that more people join in on these wonderful field trips.

Darell Hill

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ERIE SHORES PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Competition FEBRUARY 2010

THEME: Song Title BASE: Pictorial

SONG TITLE (THEME)

TITLE	SCORE	PLACE	MAKER	
I turned twenty-one in prison	24	1	NOWAK	MARK
Up, Up and Away	23	2	BEVAN	STEPHANIE
WATCHING YOU WATCHING ME	23	2	ROSA	MIKE
The rose	22	3	KRAJNIK	ANDREA
lady In red	22	3	NOWAK	MARK
IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE CITY	21	-	CLARK	SUE
AUTUMN LEAVES	21	-	MULKINS	ROBERT
Raindrops on roses	21	-	CLARK	SUE
Speak to the earth	21	-	NOWAK	MARK
Tip toe through the tulips	21	-	STEPLER	VIRGINIA
APRIL SHOWERS	20	-	SCHMAUCH	JOANN
MY FUNNY VALENTINE	20	-	LISANTI	GINI
Here Comes The Sun	20	-	ROSA	MIKE
Bye, Bye Birdie	20	-	CLARK	SUE
Up, Up and Away	19	-	BOFINGER	WILLIAM
Tequila Sunrise	19	-	JOHNSON	SUSAN
Fields of Gold	19	-	JOHNSON	SUSAN
You've Got a Friend	19	-	BEVAN	STEPHANIE
HEARTBREAK HOTEL	19	-	MULKINS	ROBERT
CALIFORNIA HERE I COME	19	-	KALMAN	FRANK
BLUE SKIES	18	-	STEPLER	VIRGINIA
Bridge over Troubled Waters	18	-	STEPLER	VIRGINIA
SMILES	17	-	KALMAN	FRANK
SURRY WITH THE FRINGE ON TOP	17	-	KALMAN	FRANK
TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME	16	-	SCHMAUCH	JOANN

PHOTOS ARE JUDGED
ON
THESE FOUR ELEMENTS

- ☆ Impact
- ☆ Composition
- ☆ Technique
- ☆ Creativity

RESIZING DIGITAL IMAGES

The projection area is 768 pixels high. Therefore, any image that exceeds this height will be cropped at the top & bottom. **VERTICAL IMAGES** should be sized on their vertical side first, at 768 pixels high. Let your photo software adjust the width accordingly. Also keep this in mind when resizing **HORIZONTAL IMAGES**. They should also be no more than 768 pixels high, with a maximum width of 1024. If a maximum width on a horizontal image yields a height greater than 768, you will have to set the height first and again let the software adjust the width.

NATURE (BASE)

TITLE	SCORE	PLACE	MAKER	
Prothonotary Warbler	26	1	BOFINGER	WILLIAM
Mighty Oaks	24	2	JOHNSON	SUSAN
American Avocet	23	3	BOFINGER	WILLIAM
Frog's life	22	-	KRAJNIK	ANDREA
How You Doing	22	-	BEHLKE	MIKE
One Happy Bee	21	-	KRAJNIK	ANDREA
Magellan Penguin	19	-	BEVAN	STEPHANIE
PROMETHEA MOTH	19	-	MULKINS	ROBERT
Patterns	17	-	ROSA	MIKE
Indian Hollow Reservation	17	-	BEHLKE	MIKE
swan serenade	16	-	GWYNN	JANET
SPIDER WEBBED THISTLE	21	-	HOMOLA	MARYANN
I got me a bug	21	-	BEVAN	CRAIG
Wind beneath my wings.jpg py	19	-	BEVAN	CRAIG
WINTER BLUE BIRD	19	-	HOMOLA	MARYANN
Sunning in Cozamel	19	-	BEVAN	CRAIG

*** ATTENTION ***

PRINT ENTRANTS

When submitting prints, you must register them by email, in the same manner as when entering digital images. In order to facilitate inclusion of your entry on the website gallery, please attach to your email, either a resized (as above) original digital image, or a scanned & resized digital copy of your print.

Direct questions to Mark Nowak at
ImageVisions@gmail.com

FEBRUARY'S COMPETITION WINNERS



'Up, Up, & Away!' Stephanie Bevan

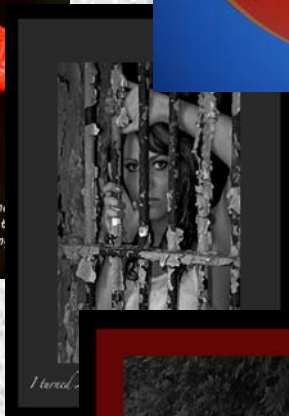


*Just remember in the winter far from
the bitter snows lies the seed
the sun's love in the spring
the rose*

'The Rose' Andrea Krajnik



'Mighty Oaks' Sue Johnson



'I Turned 21 In Prison' Mark



'Prothonotary Warbler' William Bofinger



'Watching You Watching Me' Mike Rosa



'Lady In Red' Mark Nowak



'American Avocet' William Bofinger

Shown are all the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place winners from ESPC's February competition.
For more info, please refer to the total listing of scores, on page 4.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
Quite an impressive group!!

Competition Themes 2009-2010

Please Direct Questions to Mark Nowak at ImageVisions@gmail.com

<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>BASE</u>
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009	North Coast	Pictorial
OCTOBER 21, 2009	Produce	Nature
NOVEMBER 18, 2009	Patriotic	Pictorial
JANUARY 20, 2010	Black & White (or other monochrome)	ABSTRACT
FEBRUARY 17, 2010	Song Title	Nature
MARCH 17, 2010	Animal Kingdom	PORTRAIT
APRIL 21, 2010	Big City.....Little Town	Pictorial
MAY 19, 2010	Image of the Year...Photographer of the Year...Spring Banquet...Awards	



ESPC Newsletter Editor

FULL OR PART-TIME.....NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY....WILL TRAIN !
To Take Over.....OR Cover For the Present Editor In Times of Need

LIFE'S COMPLICATIONS ARE BECOMING EVEN MORE COMPLICATED AND SOMETHING HAS TO GIVE. AS MUCH AS I ENJOY DOING THIS NEWSLETTER, I FIND THAT IT IS BECOMING HARDER & HARDER FOR ME TO GET IT OUT TO YOU IN A TIMELY MANNER, AND I HAVE HAD TO MAKE THE DIFFICULT DECISION TO STEP DOWN AND TURN THIS VERY ENJOYABLE TASK OVER TO SOMEONE ELSE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT ME . I'LL BE HAPPY TO GIVE YOU THE SPECIFICS. IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL JOURNEY FOR ME .

Call Me.....We'll Talk !!

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Programs 2009-2010

Please Direct Questions to Sue Clark at Clarkcle@aol.com

September 9	- DIGITAL MONTAGE	Chris Morrow
October 14	- NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY	Scott Morrison
November 11	- JUDGING WORKSHOP	Ginny Stepler
December 9	- HOLIDAY BANQUET &	Personal Presentations
January 13	- PHOTOSHOP LAYERS	Sandy Smith
February 10	- SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHY	Marvin Fong (Plain Dealer)
March 10	- PHOTOGRAPHING BIRDS	William "Bo" Bofinger
April 14	- TIDBITS	A potpourri of demonstrations on various techniques given by "those who know"
May 12	- PERSONAL FAVORITE IMAGE	(Show & Tell)

ESPC meetings are held at the **Avon Lake Public Library (440-933-8128)** 32649 Electric. Blvd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. (1/2 mile east from the intersection of Electric Blvd. and St. Rt. 83) . Meeting days are the **second and third Wednesday of every month**, September through May. **Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m.** On competition nights, we ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes early so we can begin promptly at 7pm.