

President's Corner

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Hello and welcome to the March edition of The Focus newsletter. It is again the change of seasons and as photographers this is the time we should be capturing the magical time between winter and spring. Flowers will be blooming, baby animals born, and a host of new growth to capture. This is also a good time to grow as photographers and learn a new skill or two. Many of you are afraid and put the camera down if there is no sun or lighting is bad. This however is a great time to sharpen your skills and learn how to shoot when conditions are less than optimal. This is why we will be having a low light scavenger hunt in the

near future. Speaking of scavenger hunts this past weekend we held one in Williamsport and had a great turnout. It was fun to see all the different ways normal items seen on the street were captured by everyone. One of the other comments that was popular was "I saw things because I was looking for the items on the list. When you are out photographing you need to be looking for those items that we often overlook.

I am sure many of you have read by now that I am in charge of a photo charter which will be held in Cumberland, MD. It seems most of the club members that are going are going on April 9th if

you plan on attending and want to ride with friends that is the day.

In the near future we will be taking orders for APS polo shirts, hoodies and t-shirts. I will be assigning a few board members to get prices and will get back to you.

The APS club is here for you all to learn the great art/hobby of photography so please bring your questions to me and we will try and get you some help. Blow the dust off the camera and let's get shooting.

~Joe

WELCOME!

NEW MEMBERS

For month of February:

Peter Gudz



Notes from the Editor's Desk



Smoky Water in the Smokies
Phil Cleven

1st Place Winner's Circle Photo Contest

Welcome to your Antietam Photographic Society (APS) Newsletter for the month of March!

In this issue you will find a host of information about our club.

Spring is around the corner and with that comes a multitude of outdoor photo opportunities; so trade your winter jacket for a lighter one and get out there!

I am excited to share with you that I will be adding a small section of various educational topics related to photography in the

newsletter. For the first few months we will delve into the art of photo critique. This is a useful skill that will help other photographers as well as yourself.

If you have any suggestions for the newsletter, let me know.

Enjoy!!

~Juli

Industry News/Trends

As you may or may not know, March is National Craft Month. I encourage you to get creative with your photography this month and incorporate your images into crafts.

There are a multitude of ideas on the web but here are a few of my favorites

to help you get started. Transfer a photo onto wood or canvas for a personal touch. Make photo magnets, tins, or a set of coasters as gifts for family and friends to enjoy.

You may also want to incorporate some photo

crafts into your business as welcome or thank you gifts; which can be a way to stand out in a crowd to your clients.

You may discover a whole different side to your creativeness!

Member Accomplishments

"Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still."

Dorothea Lange

Check out The Cumberland Valley Artists Exhibition and Cumberland Valley Photographic Salon where you will find Chuck Armstrong's "Distressed Curtains" which won the Photography by Dale Award last month. The

exhibit will be on display until April 10th.

Toni Rabold's photography was displayed at the Lillian Besore Memorial Library through The Greencastle Area Arts Council through February 18th. Hopefully

you had a chance to stop by last month.

Congratulations to these two photographers!

If you would like your accomplishments published in the newsletter, email me!!

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*Don't forget to show your
Membership Card at LA
Cameras in Chambersburg, PA
to get a 20% discount on digital
photo prints and custom
framing!!*

February's Meeting Topic

Our keynote speaker was Denise from L.A. Cameras in Chambersburg. Her topic was Mirrorless Cameras.

Mirrorless cameras are becoming more popular in the photography market. Sony, Canon, Nikon, and Fuji all have brands of mirrorless cameras. Sony has the most innovation in regards to mirrorless cameras.

These cameras are designed for the same use as DSLR's and for the same people from beginners to professionals.

Prices range from \$500 to \$3200. They are small and compact. They have an electronic viewfinder, to be able to see changes live. The shutters are also quiet. The battery life is not the best with one

charge being able to produce 300-400 photos compared to DSLR's 1000 images.

The Features and Image Quality are almost equal with both types of camera systems.

You can use old lenses with an adapter on mirrorless cameras. If you do switch from a DSLR to a mirrorless camera you will have to use an adapter to use your existing lenses.

Adapters can range from \$20-\$650 the cheaper they are the more work you need to do, the more expensive they are the less work you need to do.

Mirrorless design makes it easier to add high speed (continuous) shooting. An example is Canon's top pro DSLR has 12 FPS (frames per second)

whereas Samsung NX1 has 15 FPS.

For a good comparison on DSLR's and Mirrorless cameras see this article that a member shared on our Facebook page.

<http://www.techradar.com/news/photography-video-capture/cameras/best-compact-system-camera-2013-the-best-models-reviewed-960832>

"Sony has the most innovation in regards to mirrorless cameras."

FunFacts

The moon's surface is a cold graveyard for 12 Hasselblad cameras. They were taken to the moon during 1st landing of man on moon. However, in order to carry back lunar rock samples, those cameras were left there to compensate for the additional weight.

Community Happenings

◆ Harrisburg Camera Club's 6th Annual Light & Creativity workshop.

When: April 9th from 8:00am to 5:00pm

Where: Central Penn College in Enola, PA

Cost is \$70.00

A breakfast bar and hot lunch is included in cost of

registration. See link for more info.

www.lightandcreativity.org

◆ St. Patrick's Day Run Fest

When: March 12th from 8:00am to 7:00pm

Where: 21 S. Potomac St Hagerstown, md

◆ 45th Annual Maple Syrup Festival

When: March 19th & 20th

Time: Pancake breakfast starts at 9:30am, demonstrations begin at 10:00am event ends at 2:30pm

Where: Cunningham Falls State Parkt. Patrick's Day Run Fest

◆ Maple Sugar Festival

When: March 5th from 10:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Claud E. Kitchens Outdoor School at Fairview in Clear Spring, MD

Will have live bluegrass band, breakfast and maple sugaring demonstrations. Also having a "Tree Tapper" 5K Run/Walk



**Canton Kayak Club
Mike Drukenbrod**

2nd Place Winner's Circle Photo Contest

Photography
is the best cure
for a bad
memory!

Photo Critique

Photo critiques are a wonderful opportunity to learn and grow in your skills whether you are the one giving the critique or if the critique is about one of your images.

Each month at the club meeting we will be doing a photo critique of up to five photos.

All you need to do is click this link http://antietamphotographicsociety.org/APS_Photo_Critique/index.php and

you will be directed to the webpage and given instructions on how to upload your photos.

You will be notified when your photo is up for critique to ensure you will be present at the meeting.

Let Ken know if you want to remain anonymous during the critique.

We are happy to be able to offer this service to you-

- So let's get ready to learn!!

The Art of Photo Critique

Photo critique is something that every photographer has or will encounter. You may have had your image critiqued, been the one doing the critiquing, or maybe you just listened to others. Either way it is an important aspect to every photographer's work and should be welcomed in order to grow. Cause let's face it, nobody's perfect!

I will be talking to you over the next few months about a few of the basics of giving an image critique, but this month's topic is receiving the critique.

What I hope you will gain from this series is a better understanding for giving a critique and a better tolerance for receiving one.

Having your work critiqued can be intimidating; but don't let this stop you from hearing what others have to say. Most of the time what is said is done so in a polite manner and in no way an attempt to demean you. That being said, I know it's hard to have your work picked apart in front of peers but that is exactly the way you learn and improve your photography. A critique is not to put you down or to point out all your mistakes, it is meant to help you expand your talent.

One great thing that photo critique does is starts conversations. These conversations help others understand what you as the photographer were trying to capture and why you chose the exposure, lighting, etc. As we all know a photograph can mean something to one person and something else to another. That is why it is important to have these dialogues, it is a benefit to the photographer and the person giving the critique.

You've heard that beauty is in the eye of the beholder I believe the same is true with photography.

I would be misleading you if I didn't tell you that there will be times when

someone's critique may come across as harsh or too negative. My advice to you is to ignore the way these people are talking and focus on what they are saying. Remember every person has come from different backgrounds and may not even realize how they sound. Just remember you are putting yourself out there to learn and grow your skills as a photographer

I encourage you to listen and soak in what others say about your images. This will benefit you in the long run.

Until next time...

Inclement Weather

It's that time of year when snow and ice can happen in the blink of an eye.

We have members who travel great distances to attend the meetings and events. It was decided that a snow policy should be put into place to keep us safe when winter weather hits.

If it looks like bad weather is upon us then keep checking your email for a cancellation notice as this is the best and fastest way to contact everyone.

***Remember to play it safe this winter!**

Meal Reservations

At each meeting a good meal at a reasonable cost is provided to members.

REMINDER: Starting with March's meal, the price of meals go up \$1.00. Cost of the meal will be: **\$12.00 at the door and \$13.00 through PayPal.**

A **reservation** is needed in order to eat and are **due by March 6th.**

To reserve a meal go to the APS website and click the **Make A Dinner Reservation** button. This will take you to a form to fill out.

If you would like to pay cash at the meeting and still reserve your dinner then uncheck the "Order" box and submit the form.

This will notify Sharon that you will be eating and intend to pay at the meeting.

If you would like to pay using PayPal then leave the "Order" box checked when you submit the form and it will direct you to the PayPal checkout.

That's all there is to it!

We appreciate your understanding in this matter and your continuing support of our club!

On The Menu:
Lasagna
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Iced Tea and Coffee

****Remember that we need at least 25 people to eat each meeting in order for us to have the large room at no additional cost****

Photo Contest Details

There are two categories of photo contests. One is the Member's contest and the other is the Winner's Circle contest.

Everyone starts out entering in the Member's contest, if you win 1st place in the Member's contest you are bumped to the Winner's Circle contest and will submit your photo there next time.

You keep submitting in the Winner's Circle contest for 12 months at which time you are dropped off and go back to the Member's contest. This is to keep an even playing field.

Submission for photo contests start the day after the meeting and runs to the 1st of the month.

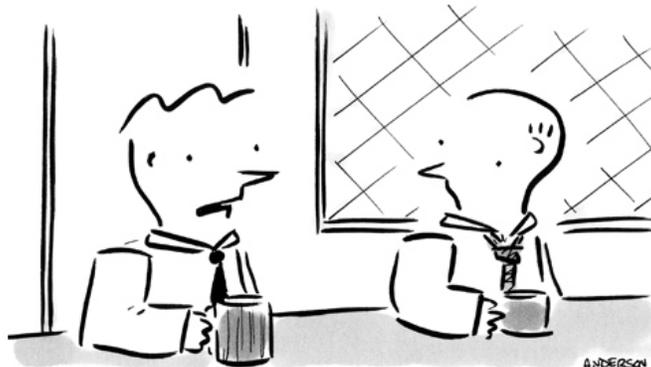
Members may vote up until 6:00pm the day of the meeting.

You need to register on the photo contest site to submit photos and vote in the contests. To get to the photo contest page go to the APS website and click contests tab at the top. You will need to log in to be able to submit to the current contest or to vote.

****Remember to upload a photo of yourself so we can put faces to names!****

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"I've got a photographic memory, but everything's out of focus."

Meeting Topics



Tolliver Falls
Katie Mosteller

1st Place Members Photo Contest

- January: Long Exposure Photography
- February: Mirrorless Cameras
- March: Business of Photography
- April: Interior
- May: Macro
- June: Becoming a Better Photographer

*topics are subject to change

Photo Contest Themes

| | Topic | Due by |
|-----------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| January | Water | February 1 st |
| February | Sunrise/Sunset | March 1 st |
| March | Interior | April 1 st |
| April | Store Fronts | May 1 st |
| May | Cows | June 1 st |
| June | Black & White | July 1 st |
| July | Silhouette | August 1 st |
| August | National/State Parks | September 1 st |
| September | Action | October 1 st |
| October | Photographer's Choice | November 1 st |
| November | Military | December 1 st |
| December | Happy Holidays | January 1 st |

*Don't forget
to vote in
both photo
contests!*

Upcoming Events/Trips

◆ Rosie the Riveter Shoot Placed has been placed on hold due to locomotive's tender being painted. Be on the lookout for future emails.

◆ Joe is working with Western Maryland Scenic Railroad for the 100th Birthday of Western Maryland's Mountain Thunder, Engine Number 734 train shoot. April 2nd and 9th (this day is when most APS club members are going) are the last two trips this locomotive will run for the next 5-8 years to be rebuilt. Cost is \$180 without lunch and \$200 with lunch. Train staff will be dressed in 1950's period clothing. The train will run from Cumberland to Frostburg and back. To reserve your spot, see Joe Goodrich.

◆ Join the club on April 9th for the "Race for the Birds!" sponsored by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society in Shepardstown, WV. Time to be there and where to meet will be announced at March's meeting and in April's newsletter. Let Jon Howard know if you are interested in going. You can visit the APS website for last year's gallery. This is a great opportunity to practice panning and action shots of runners.

◆ We are working on a bus trip to Eastern State Penitentiary in late April or Early May. Stay tuned for this fun trip.

◆ APS Club Picnic will be held June 11th at Renfrew Park in Waynesboro, PA starting at 3:00pm. More details to follow. be held June 11th at Renfrew Park in Waynesboro, PA starting at 3:00pm. More details to follow.



Sunflower Drops
MaryJo Bennett

2nd Place Member's Photo Contest

Recent Work Gallery

We have 69 members on our Facebook page, due to some cleaning up. Make sure you stop by and take a peek.

Ken has added a recent work gallery on the homepage of our website.

A lot of time and effort goes into creating your photos so why not let the world see what you can do!

So gather up those images and use this outlet to showcase your work. You can upload them by clicking this link

<http://antietamphotographicsociety.org/RecentWorkPage/index.php>.

New photos will be uploaded to the gallery on a bi-monthly basis to keep the website up to date.

Calendar of Events

March 10th
Member Meeting

April 9th
100th Birthday of Western
Maryland's Mountain
Thunder, Engine Number
734 Train Shoot

April 9th
"Race for the Birds!" Photo
Shoot

April 14th
Member Meeting

May 12th
Member Meeting

June 9th
Member Meeting

June 11th
Picnic at Renfrew Park in
Waynesboro

We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

antietamphotographicsociety.org

About Us...

Photography

We are a self-help photography group formed of people with all types of backgrounds from professional photographers to hobbyists and everyone in-between.

We spend some time at each meeting to eat and network with others.

Through our website, emails, and newsletter we keep our members informed of APS photo events, educational opportunities, and community events.

Heritage

Our club has been in existence for over seventy years, perhaps longer, we're not quite sure.

We are proud of the heritage we know about and look forward to the future.

Every so often a member proposes a name change and always gets defeated because of the respect we have for our past.

Education

Our monthly meetings are structured to education.

A broad spectrum of topics are covered to keep members interested. We have had many great speakers over the years and plan to continue.

We have hands-on events where members are asked to bring their camera to practice. We also have several photography events throughout the year for members to learn and grow.

Antietam Photographic Society

Photography • Heritage • Education

Meetings are 2nd Thursday of each month

Morris Frock American Legion Post 42, 405 Northern Ave, Hagerstown, MD 21742

6:00 pm: Network and Eat

7:00 pm: Meeting begins

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