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LUBA RICKET CREATIVITY COMPETITION May 10

To honor long-time member Luba Ricket's dedication to SPS and her continuing inspiration to all of us, the Board has scheduled a special competition: The Luba Ricket Creativity Award. Members are encouraged to push the boundaries of photographic expression. Your entry is limited only by your creative imagination. Members are encouraged to submit unusual techniques and subjects, triptychs, diptychs, books, videos, 2D and 3D works, etc.

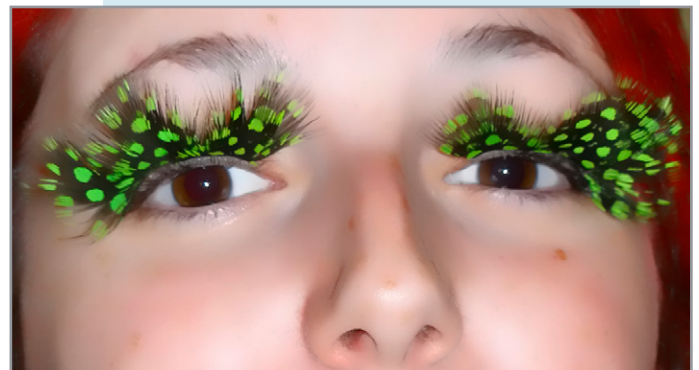
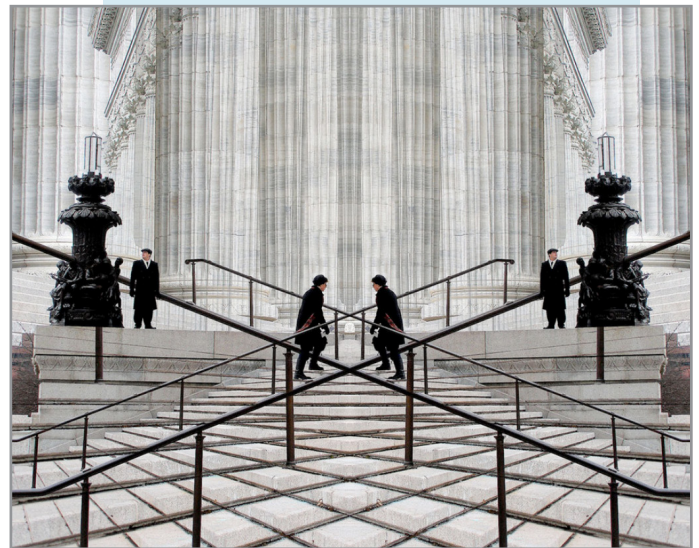
Entries may have been created at any time and two items may be submitted. Digital entries should be uploaded on our website at:

<https://spsphoto.org/news/the-luba-ricket-creativity-award/>
Deadline is 1 am, May 8

Non-digital entries can be brought on competition night.



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The Luba Ricket Creativity Award (Cont'd.)



Let's all channel
Luba's creativity!

To be inspired by
more of Luba's
images, check out
our website:
www.spsphoto.org.



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END OF YEAR COMPETITIONS

May 3 and May 10

Our final two regular meetings of the season are our Print and Projected Image of the Year Competitions. It's your chance to re-enter your favorite images for one more chance to "take home the gold." Here are the rules:

PRINT - May 3:

- Separate Monochrome and Color Print competitions will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd.
- Only prints that have been entered into a monthly Print Night Competition during this season (including Assigned Topic) may be entered into the Print of the Year Competition.
- Prints need not have placed to be entered.
- Entries must bear the original entry card on the back of the mount.
- Entries must be the exact same image as entered previously - No retouched, reprinted or reproduced image will be accepted.
- All other presentation and entry rules are the same as for the monthly competitions.
- Each maker may submit ONE entry in each Print of the Year categories: Monochrome and Color.

PROJECTED:- May 10:

- The Projected Image of the Year competition will be held on Wednesday, May 10th.
- Members who have participated in the Projected Image competition during the year will receive an e-mail (including ink) with instructions for selecting their images.
- Only images that have been entered in a regular monthly competition during the current season (including Assigned Topic) may be entered.
- There is only one category for Projected Image of the Year.
- All other presentation and entry rules are the same as for the monthly competitions.
- Each maker may submit TWO images for entry in the Projected Image of the Year competition.

Awards will be given to the first place winners, and Honorable Mentions at the judges' discretion. Members who have participated in the digital competition this season will receive an email with their images. Good luck!



Projected Image of the Year 2015-2016
"Solar Light, Honduras" / © Connie Frisbee Houde



General Print of the Year 2015-2016
"Painted Platter"
© Luba Ricket



Monochrome Print of the Year 2015-2016
(Untitled) / © Lois Ginsburg

ON-LINE COURSES ROUNDTABLE

May 3

Hosted by Jennifer Wilkerson

Thanks to the digital revolution there are a host of learning tools at the disposal of every photographer with a computer (even a tablet or smartphone). Some of your fellow club members (Jennifer Wilkerson, Connie Frisbee Houde, Fred Moody and Sean Sullivan) will share their experiences with a plethora of on-line courses. Some of the on-line courses to be discussed will include: Matt Kloskowski, Adobe's Julianne Kost, Udemy, Scott Kelby (kelbyone.com) and CreativeLive (creativelive.com).

As always, in our roundtable discussions, the audience is welcomed to add their experiences, questions and comments.

Following this roundtable will be the Print of the Year competition (see page 3).

And see some of Jennifer's images in a new exhibit!



Image by Selected Artist:
©Jennifer Wilkerson
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GUEST JUROR CHAD KLEITSCH

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WE ARE OF TIME

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APRIL 28 TO JUNE 30, 2017

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FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 5-9 PM

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JOIN US AT THE SPS 2017 AWARDS BANQUET

Wednesday, June 7th ~ 6:30 pm
at Treviso by Mallozzi

(Italian American Community Center)
257 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany

\$35.00 per person

Tickets available from
Pat McCormick

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Guests Welcomed!

Great Food • Year-End Awards • Auction



The SPS Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet is only a month away - and it is a great opportunity to celebrate the season with your fellow SPS members while enjoying a wonderful dinner.

Dinner Choices: Chicken Parmigiana, Baked White Fish or Eggplant Rollatini (vegetarian)
Please contact Pat McCormick, Rebekah Sokol, or any Board Member if you have anything to donate for our annual auction. Thank you!

PHOTO ESSAY COMPETITION WINNERS

Hosted by Dow Smith

PRINT

1st Place / “Ghostly Transformation” / Connie Frisbee Houde

2nd Place / “The Windows of Hancock Shaker Village” / Linda Tommasulo

3rd Place / “St. George Church” / Phil Olivo

BOOK

1st Place / “F.O.R.D. Found on Road Dead” / Phil Olivo

2nd Place / “Yellowstone in Winter” / Linda Tommasulo

3rd Place / “Fashion Windows” / Fred Moody

PROJECTED

1st Place / “I’ll be Watching You” / Robert Wright

2nd Place / “Ghostly Transformation” / Connie Frisbee Houde

3rd Place / “Nantucket Memories” / John Sayville

HM / “Albany Celebrates Spring in Washington Park” / Linda Tommasulo



JUDGES:

Lauri Baram is an accomplished and award-winning artist and graphic designer. “Color, pattern, typography, intricacy, music, travel and nature inspire me. I paint, draw, knit, create, and read voraciously.” For over 25 years Lauri’s firm, Panarama Design, has created marketing strategies and tools for a host of corporate, educational and non-for-profit clients.

Our own **Jennifer Wilkerson** studied graphic design at Syracuse University and has her own design firm. Aurora Design creates print design, advertising and brands for businesses and institutions throughout the Capital Region and beyond. Since 1993, she has specialized in creative communication design, distinctive and elegant sales promotion and corporate identity and brand design.



THE SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!

It’s that time again! If you have enjoyed our 2016-2017 season, we hope you will consider stepping up and serving your Club on the Board of Directors.

In order to continue with our informative and enjoyable programs, securing good judges, and holding exciting monthly competitions in Print and Projected, we need the assistance of our members.

There are a few positions are open for the 2017-2018 season. Please consider doing your part by becoming a Board Member.

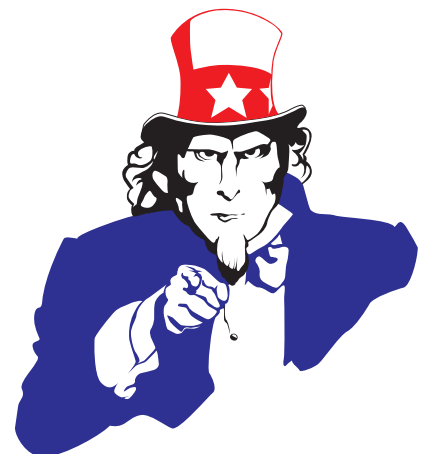
We generally meet monthly at 6:30 pm.

Extra meetings are scheduled in the summer when we plan the calendar for the season.

Duties of these officers can be found on our website:

www.spsphoto.org / About / By-Laws.

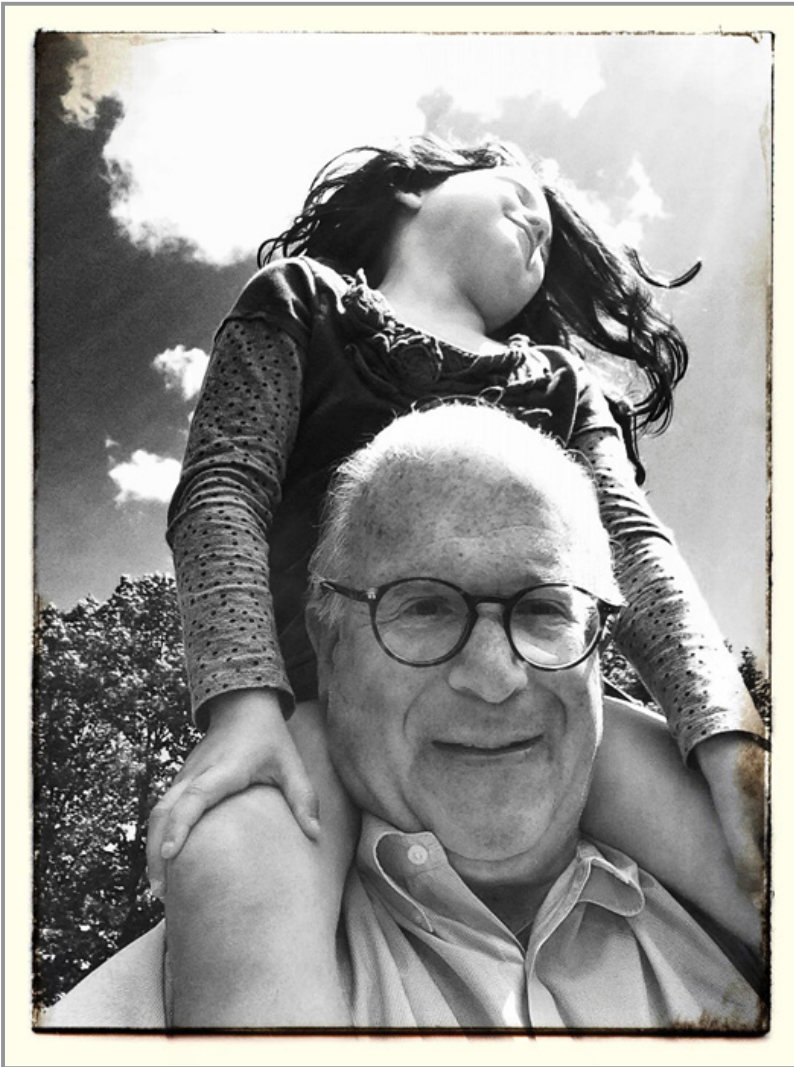
Interested? Ask any current Board Member.



SMARTPHONE COMPETITION WINNERS

Hosted by Jennifer Wilkerson

Congratulations to the winners of our Smartphone competition. Dr. Jeff almost scored a hat trick!



1st Place: "Zeyde and Tali"

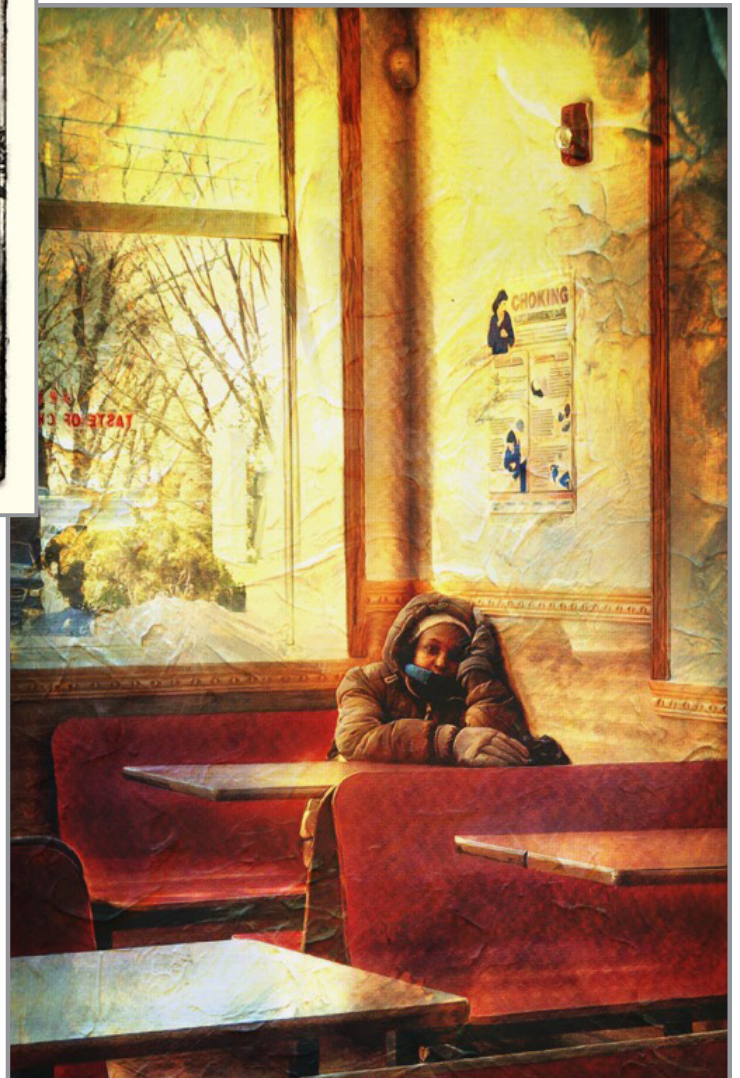
© Jeff Perkins

Smartphone Judge:

Vinnie Giordano graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a BFA in Photography. Shortly thereafter he earned an MFA from Visual Studies from Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY. While in graduate school he worked part time in a service bureau where he learned digital imaging.

Smartphone Judge:

Fran Giordano started taking pictures in high school. She earned a BS in Art education from SUNY New Paltz, and an MFA from Visual Studies from Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, NY.



2nd Place: "Waiting for her Order"

© Sean Sullivan

SMARTPHONE COMPETITION WINNERS (Continued)



3rd Place:
"Reflection"
© Marguerite Hill



4th Place:
"At the Dentist"
© Jeff Perkins

APRIL PRINT WINNERS
Judged by Sara Tack

GENERAL



1st Place: "St. Mark's Place" / © Robert Coppola



2nd Place:
"Quiet Moments"
© Linda Wroble

APRIL PRINT WINNERS (Continued)

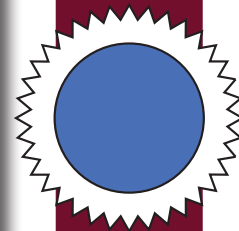
PRINT JUDGE:

Sara Tack graduated from RPI with an MFA in Electronic Arts and BFA in graphic design and photography from Purchase College. Currently creative director and co-founder of the healthcare marketing agency Smith + Jones, Sara's prior experience includes design work for such notables as IBM and General Electric. In her free time, Sara enjoys live theater, riding her bicycle long distances, "meddling" in her children's artistic ventures and spending time with her red-boned coonhound Stella.

3rd Place:
"Hallelujah"
© Fred Moody



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Honorable Mention



HM: "Gulls at Rest"
© Connie Frisbee Houde



HM: "Water-Ice Intersection"
© Jeff Plant

APRIL PRINT WINNERS (Continued)

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Assigned Topic:
Fences

“Show how they separate us,
protect us or keep us in.”

1st Place:
“Gateway Through Time”
© Dave Bennett



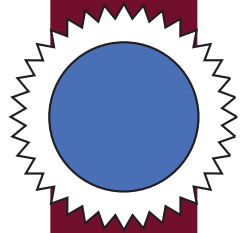
2nd Place:
“Old Fence”
© Linda Wroble

APRIL PRINT WINNERS (Continued)



3rd Place: "Fenced Against the Winter"
© Sean Sullivan

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HM: "Rust"
© Claudia Jakubowski

Honorable Mention



HM: "Fishnet Fence"
© Linda Tommasulo

APRIL PRINT WINNERS (Continued)

MONOCHROME

To view all winning images,
current and previous,
check out our website:
www.spsphoto.org.

Links to current winners
are on the Home Page.
To view prior winners, click:
Competitions
(then Print,
Projected Image, etc.)

1st Place:
"Construction II"
© Jennifer Wilkerson



2nd Place:
"Snow Buggy"
© Colleen Magai

APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS

Judged by Aray M. Till

PROJECTED JUDGE:

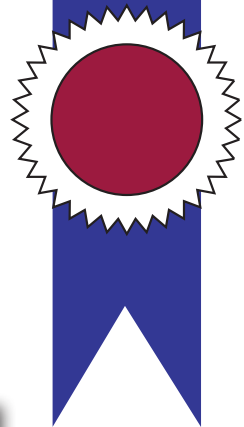
Aray M. Till is Marketing Director and Gallery Coordinator for the Lower Adirondack Regional Arts Council. Previous experience includes the Proctors and Capital Repertory Theatre's marketing/creative team, consulting for various not-for-profit organizations, and editor of the *Beekman 1802 Almanac*.



1st Place:
"Tulip"

© Claudia Jakubowski

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2nd Place:
"Last Light"

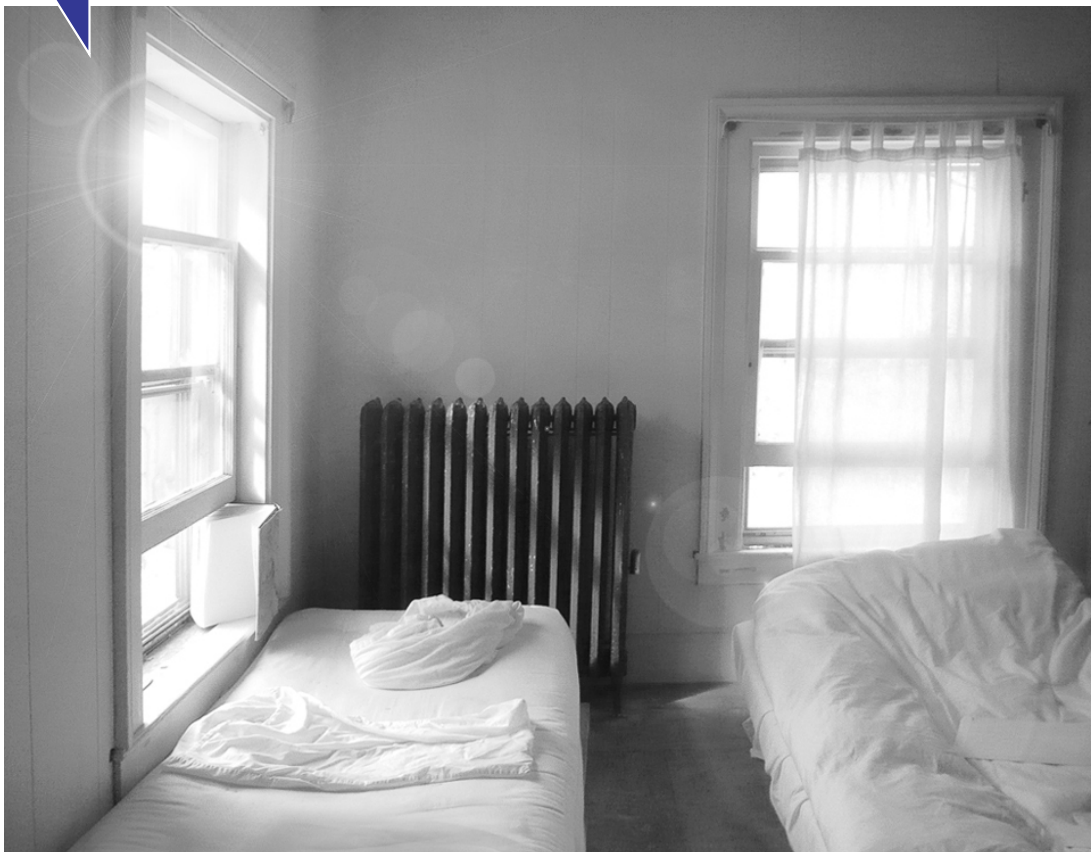
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APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS
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3rd Place: "The Gathering"
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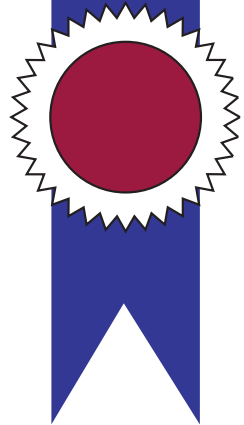
4th Place:
"The Mansion"
© Kim Koza

APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS
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5th Place:
"New Orleans Artist"
© Harvey Gurien

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HM: "Bronx Building"
© Colleen Magai

Honorable Mention



HM:
"Fences"
© Bob Coppola

APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS (Continued)

Honorable Mention
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HM:
"Windows and Flower Pots"
© Phil Olivo



HM:
"Rusty Car #2"
© Linda Tommasulo



HM:
"Under the Footbridge"
© John Berninger

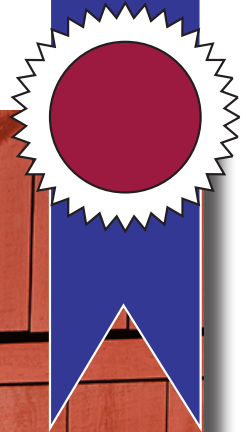
APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS (Continued)



1st Place:
"Snow Drops"
© Jennifer Wilkerson

Assigned Topic:
Spring
"Show us winter
losing it's grip."

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2nd Place: "Soaking up the Sun"
© Colleen Magai



APRIL PROJECTED WINNERS (Continued)

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3rd Place: "Ice Out"
© Bill Lanahan

Honorable Mention

HM: "Ice Melt"
© Kim Koza



HM:
"Cherry Blossoms"
© Linda Tommasulo



HM: "First Born"
© Dave Bennett



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DELIVERY OF WORK

Artwork must be delivered to The Arts Center of the Capital Region, 265 River Street in Troy, during the following times:

Sunday, April 30 12 PM – 3 PM

Monday, May 1 10 AM – 7 PM

Tuesday, May 2 10 AM – 7 PM

Wednesday, May 3 10 AM – 7 PM

EXHIBITION DATES:

FENCE SALON - May 18 - July 7

FENCE SELECT - July 22 - August 26

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The Arts Center of the Capital Region

Fence Show

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Salon: May 18 - July 7; Select: July 22 - August 26

(www.artscenteronline.org)

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B&W photos by Benjamin Halpern

129 Jay Street, Schenectady

Thru Memorial Day weekend (www.nyfolklore.org)

The Hyde Collection - “Lorna Bieber: Forces or Nature”

photo murals and montages / Thru May 14

161 Warren St., Glens Falls (www.hydecollection.org)

Photo21 We are of Time, curated by Chad Kleitsch

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455 B'dway, Troy / Thru June 30 (www.photographicexp.com)

Captured Moments: 170 Years of Photography

Albany Institute of History & Art

125 Washington Ave, Albany, NY / Thru May 21

(www.albanyinstitute.org)

Etudes au Naturel - Figure Studies by David

Aimone and Florin Ion Firimita

The Photo Center of Troy, 404 River St., Troy

Thru May 14 (www.photocentertroy.org)

“Hudson Valley Ruins” Photo Exhibit

New York State Museum

222 Madison Ave., Empire State Plaza

Thru December 31 (www.nysm.nysed.gov/exhibitions)

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Our Strength Is Our People: The Humanist Photographs of Lewis Hine - This exhibition consists of rare vintage prints, and covers the three overarching themes of Hine's three-decade career: the immigrant experience; child labor; and the American worker, culminating in his magnificent studies of the construction of the Empire State Building.

Fenimore Museum, 5798 State Highway 80, Cooperstown, NY 13326. Thru December 31. (www.fenimoreartmuseum.org)



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MAY 20-21, 2017

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Kelli DeWaal - New York
Gerri Jones - New York
Linda Szabo - Massachusetts
Suz & Michael Karchmer - Cape Cod, Mass.
and me, **Hazel Meredith**, APSA, MNEC - Connecticut

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Conference price includes:

Lunch both days, refreshments in the mornings, all seminars, photo ops, speaker notes, door prizes and other goodies! There will also be vendor tables for your shopping pleasure! Sat. night we will have an informal gathering so you can talk to the speakers and ask more questions!

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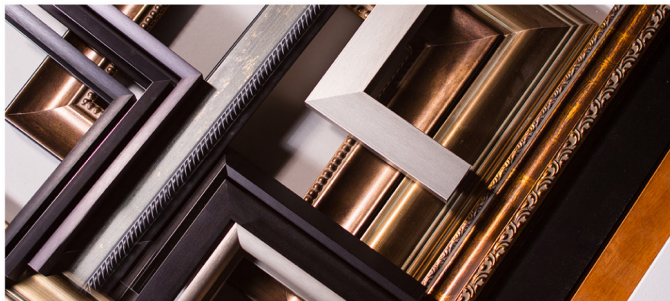
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1. Click "Login" in the upper right of section of our site - <https://www.framedestination.com>
2. Click "Create an Account" in the middle of the page.
3. Send an email to info@framedestination.com saying you are a registered user and need your account set for SPS membership.

To see how easy it is to order custom frames on our website you can check out the video "How to Order a Custom Picture Frame..." in our video gallery: [framedestination.com/video-gallery](https://www.framedestination.com/video-gallery)

~ BID OUR SEASON FAREWELL -

Wednesday, June 7 / 6 pm

**SPS ANNUAL AWARDS
PRESENTATION & BANQUET***

Treviso by Mallozzi's
257 Washington Avenue Ext.
Albany, NY

Dinner Entrées (\$35):

Chicken Parmigiana
Baked White Fish
Eggplant Rollatini
(vegetarian)

**Guests are welcomed!*

*Please see Pat McCormick (or any board member)
if you have items to donate for our raffle.*



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Hunt's May Specials*

New Products & Pre-orders. Phone me ASAP to pre-order any of these items:

Sony A9 body \$4,499.99 (due end of May); **Sony 100-400mm** f/4-f/5.6 \$2,499.99 (due end of July); **Nikon D7500** body \$1,249.95 (due June); **Sigma 100-400mm** f/5-6.3 DG OS HSM \$799 (due end of May)

Rumors & Pre-announcements:

Nikon D810 upgrade (D820?), rumored, not announced
Sigma 14mm f/1.8. Announced, no price yet.

Send me your name and phone number if you'd like to be notified with pricing and further information when these are announced!

If you have ever thought of getting into or adding to your **Vu Filter System**, now's the time! We are offering select holders, slide-in filters and screw-in filters at 40% off! Supplies are limited - no special orders or rain checks. *These are some of the finest quality filters around and I have never seen them priced this low!*

Canon has continued their printer rebate program. Now through May 31, 2017 or until supplies run out, we are offering the **Canon Pixma PRO 10** printer at \$379.99 before rebate (Canon sells it on their website for \$699.99). If you purchase the printer plus a package of 13x19x50 sheets of Canon Semi-Gloss or Luster paper, \$50, Canon will send you a \$250 mail in rebate! This is a pigment based printer and is always reviewed very well. Your final cost is \$129.99 plus the paper!

Hunt's and Canon are also offering an incredible special on the **Canon Image PROGRAF Pro-1000** 17" Printer. Purchase the printer for \$1,299.99, and receive 10 packs of Canon 17x22" paper FREE, a \$1,000 value! You can then send in your \$300 mail-in rebate. Your final cost is \$999.99 for the printer and \$1,000 worth of paper. Supplies definitely limited. Call me now to reserve yours!

Marumi DHG ND 10000 Solar Eclipse Filter, 77mm, \$99.99 (step down rings available to fit smaller sizes).

Tamron SP 70-200mm f/2.8 Di VC USD Zoom Lens, \$999! Closeout, Limited Quantity!; **Tamron 150-600mm** f/5-6.3 Di VC USD G2 lens \$1,299

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WORDS TO "SHOOT" BY...

"Photography for me
is not looking, it's feeling.

"If you can't feel
what you're looking at,
then you're never going to get
others to feel anything
when they look at your pictures."

~Don McCullin~

2016-2017 Print Assigned Topics

2016

October 5 **Transportation**
A creative shot of ANY human transportation.

November 2 **Collections**
Creatively show off a collection of ANYTHING.

December 7 **Metal**
Cold hard steel; shiny aluminum, tarnished bronze... any metal will do.

2017

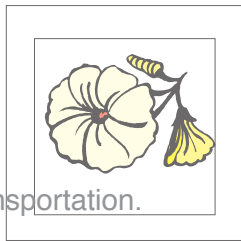
January 4 **Minimalist**
Less is more. Isolate your subject using the minimalist approach

February 1 **Fantasy**
Is this real life, or just fantasy? You decide.

March 1 **Tools**
Be Tim the Toolman of photography, and show us some unique tool shots.

April 5 **Fences**
Show how they separate us, protect us or keep us in.

May 3 **Print Image of the Year**



2016-2017 Projected Image Assigned Topics

*Deadline for the Projected Image competition is
Sunday at midnight prior to the competition.*

2016

October 19 **Macro**
Show us your best macro shot.

November 9 **Leading Lines**
Leading lines should be evident in your composition.

December 14 **Pet Portrait**
Finally a contest where you can use a portrait of a pet.

2017

January 11 **Warmth**
A photo that will warm us up in mid-winter.

February 8 **Wildlife**
From an exotic place, or your backyard.

March 8 **Past Prime**
Show some element of decay.

April 19 **Spring has Sprung**
Show winter losing its grip.

May 10 **Projected Image of the Year**



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