

## JANUARY MEETING

Tuesday, January 16, 2018, 7:00 pm *Table Top Photography* 

January's meeting will offer our members an opportunity for hands-on-table top photography with a variety of set-ups and subjects. Bring your camera and trip-pod (if you have one) and be prepared to have some fun. Hands-on meetings are a great way to learn new camera techniques, share knowledge and expertise with other photographers as well as learning more about your own gear or craft. Monthly meetings always take place on the third Tuesday of every month at Northampton Community College- Monroe Campus from 7 to 9 PM in Keystone Hall, Room 201. This month's curtain raiser will feature the photography of Dave Trainer. See you there!

# JANUARY SHOOT-OUT

Saturday, January 20, 2:00 pm Blue Ridge Estates Winery and Vineyards, Wine Cellar Tour



Discover the art of wine making with the lens of your camera on this month's Shoot Out at Blue Ridge Winery. The tour starts at 2 pm with continued opportunities for more photos afterwards with live music and an optional wine tasting session. The tour is free and photographs are welcome; especially if you share a few of them with Blue Ridge to use in their e-mailings. There is a minimal \$5 fee for the wine tasting where you will be served 5 different wines and given the glass as a souvenir. Can't make the 2 pm time slot? A second tour takes place at 4 pm. Dinner is also being served from 6 to 9 pm on the 20<sup>th</sup> and is catered by ACES Gourmet Catering. It's a delicious way to end your day! Interested in car pooling? Meet Ann at the old K-Mart parking lot in East Stroudsburg at 1 pm. Blue Ridge Winery is located at 239 Blue Ridge Rd., Saylorsburg, PA. 18353 (610-895-4205). For more information, see: https://www.blueridgeestatewinery.com.

And coming up in February- Crystal Ice Caverns "Under the Big Top"!

# **CONGRATULATIONS ARE DUE!**



Congratulations to Laurinda Faye Rubin (pictured above with other finalists and the judges) whose colorful photo "Love" was chosen as one of the 2018 Art Pop finalists. Laurinda's picture along with four other Monroe County artists will be featured on billboards throughout the county. Keep your eyes open for it as you drive along our highways and by-ways!

# **EXHIBITS AND SHOWS**

The New Jersey Federation of Camera Clubs will be holding the reception for its 2018 show, *It's All About the Image*, Thursday, January 18, 2018 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in the Lakefront Gallery, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton Twshp. NJ. Several of our PPC members were chosen to represent our club in this show by an independent panel of judges. Show your support and attend the reception or stop by the gallery during January and February to view the show! The gallery/hospital is located at 1 Hamilton Health Place, Hamilton Twshp., NJ with GPS coordinates of 40.216413, -74.673615.

Pictures were selected at our December meeting for the next Dunning Gallery Show. The photographers who will be representing PPC are Gene Tick, Dick Ludwig, Carole Ludwig, Eric Goins, Ray Roper, Maurice Harmon, Ann LeFevre, Terry Flatt, Sarina Cook, and Bob Cook. Well done photographers!

# THE AMERICAN IDENTITY

# "Art that expresses social, historical, and political issues of the American culture"

This exhibition presents the work of artists from the following Monroe County Arts organization

Pocono Painters Pocono Arts Council Pocono Photo Club Pocono Mountain Arts Council Pocono Watercolor Associates Pocono Mountains Art Group



January 19th through May 18, 2018

Reception - January 25th - 5:30 - 7:00 Snow date February 1st

Panel discussion - April 11th - 6:30 - 8:00pm Keystone Hall

#### Moderator

Thomas Shillea, MFA - Director of Art Programs - Northampton Community College

#### Panel members

Diane Fischer, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Art History-Muhlenberg and Cedar Crest Colleges Melissa Geiger, Ph.D. - Associate Professor of Art History, East Stroudsburg University Ricardo Viera, MFA - Professor of Art and Director/Curator of Lehigh University Art Galleries



Daneille Austen, one of our presenters and workshop leaders from 2017 is exhibiting nearby as well. Entitled "Echoing Cascades", Danielle's exhibit features some of her long exposure work and the exhibit has been featured in NJ Monthly Magazine. The exhibit runs from Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Romano Gallery in the Armstrong-Hipkins Center for the Arts, Blair Academy, Blairstown, NJ, 07825. Blairstown Academy is located on the corner of Academy Dr. and Millbrook Gate Rd. Parking can be found along the street and in the front of the building. For more info see: https://njmonthly.com/.../news-blair-academy-photography-exh.../

# **WEBSITE NEWS**

Did you know we have our own gallery on our website? Just click on the "Members Photos" tab on our home page and you'll see more of where these great shots came from. You can also upload your own. Who knows? Maybe one of your shots will end up in the newsletter- so post away!



Warren County Balloon Festival- Bob Hare



Pizza Delivery- Lois Silver



Pennsylvania's Grand Canyon- Patricia Stout

Our website also features two new blogs now. Check in and see what your president, Ray Roper, has to say about shooting modes, photo editing and his goals for our club on his blog. Ann LeFevre's blog is geared toward the contemplative artistic side of photography as she shares her thoughts and ideas about what goes on in the photographer's mind and heart when they view the world through a viewfinder. Perhaps you'd like to contribute something too. We welcome it! See Ray or Ann for details.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

Executive Committee Meeting 1/9/2017 Ray Roper, Stephanie Masgula, Dick Ludwig, Eric Goins, Sarina Cook

sarina is going to summarize the speakers the club had over all the years.

website feedback appreciated ideas for the blog link in emails and on facebook for website to take directly to blogs blogs to be made public

slide show on website change frequently using member photos only show how to upload photos find members who's photos are great; ask them to post on website or email to Ray

featured member photography on website- only people who post on website can qualify

bad resolution was discussed full screen undesirable results maximize button works great to show a photo download option was discussed but no one really liked idea as someone could potentially keep photo.

January meeting will be a workshop style meeting on table top photography:

Sarina has an idea she's working out

Eric water cannons

Ann will provide her light box and possibly a "refraction shot" set-up

Laurinda Faye Rubin is also bringing a table top set-up Stroud Foto may also bring a set-up

Ray is looking for 6 volunteers interested in discussing in 10 minutes why they love the type of photography they do. They are to contact Sarina via email if interested

Pa center for photography is having a contest! Ray is going to send out emails for this!

This month's Shoot Out will be held at Blue Ridge Estate Winery. It is a wine cellar tour.

A possible photo club calendar was discussed but nothing came of it. Thoughts were that it would not be a lucrative idea!

Submitted by Stephanie Masgula

# \*\*\* INCLIMATE WEATHER \*\*\*

Winter in the Poconos is always full of surprises. And while some of us live in a valley, others live on top of a mountain so driving can be a bit tricky. If there is a question about the weather on a meeting night or a Reception or Shoot Out date, always check the website, our Facebook page, or contact one of the Executive Committee members (listed in the Members Directory) to see if the event is still on, or if it's been cancelled. Your safety is important to us!