



Out of Focus

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Members are strongly encouraged to contribute photography related announcements, feature articles, contests and events information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18th	Garden Photography Workshop at Cox - John Murphy
Aug Meeting	Popcorn & Video Night
Aug 26th	Photo Shoot at Franklin Conservatory
Sept 1-30	Exhibit at South Park United Methodist Church
Sept Meeting	Epson Representative
Sept 9th	Intergenerational Workshop at Cox
Sept 21st	Picnic and Carry-in Dinner at Carriage Hill Farm
Oct Meeting	Dayton Daily News Photographer Skip Peterson - Editing Your Own Photos
Oct 7th	Zoo Shoot - Indianapolis
Oct 15th	Outdoor Photography Workshop at Cox
Nov Meeting	Sing 17 Challenge
Dec Meeting	Christmas Auction

Pyramid Hill Sculpture Shootout

About fifteen Focus members joined in the fun on June 4, they met at Bob Evans by the Dayton Mall for breakfast, then car-pooled to Pyramid Park Sculpture Park near Hamilton. The huge park has beautiful scenery, with its rolling hills and wooded areas, as well as colorful modern sculptures scattered throughout the park. The park is holding a photo contest which several club members plan to enter.

People's Choice Winners

Tony Kilby – Pappa Bear

Margarette Hyden – Koi

John Murphy – Window Seat

David Wood – Not an Oil

Vickie Barnhill – Feathered Friend 2

Sally Oberbeck – Columns at St. Peter's Basilica – Rome 1

Franklin Park Conservatory Shootout

Margarette Hyden has planned an outing for August 26 at Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus. The cost is \$6.50. We will meet for breakfast at the Cracker Barrel in Springfield at 8:00. More details later.

Critique Sessions

We conduct a half-hour critique session before each monthly meeting, starting promptly at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to participate, feel free to bring a photo for the group to critique. The goal of these sessions is to (help) sharpen our photographic eye to "see" what makes a better image (what works – what doesn't work with a particular photo). It's also proven to be a great exercise in building individual member's confidence after having been "tapped" to be a judge for the evening's competition.

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Category Winners - 2005-2006

Small Print Open

1. Marilyn Calondis
 2. Crystal Allen
 3. Terry Watson
 4. Anita Virag
 5. Birgit Foster
 6. Kayte Kirby
- HM – Vickie Barnhill

Color Open

1. David Wood
 2. Dave Berry
 3. Jerry Priddy
 4. Sally Oberbeck
 5. Mary West
 6. Louise Haws
- HM – Marilyn Calondis

Black & White Open

1. Chuck Shade
 2. Tom Entingh
 3. Sally Oberbeck
 4. Terry Watson
 5. Vickie Barnhill
 6. Nancy Roach
- HM – Louise Haws

Small Print Theme

1. Denice Martz
 2. Kayte Kirby
 3. Mary West
 4. Melody Logue
 5. Pat McCarthy
 6. Bertha Oliver
- HM – Ted Arndts

Color Theme

1. Margarette Hyden
 2. John Murphy
 3. David Wood
 4. Mary West
 5. Vickie Barnhill
 6. Sally Oberbeck
- HM – Kayte Kirby

Black & White Theme

1. Vickie Barnhill
 2. Tom Entingh
 3. Pat McCarthy
 4. Art Fabian
 5. John Murphy
 6. Mary West
- HM – Jeff Showalter

Slide Open

1. Julie Guenther
 2. Bob Hamburg
 3. Dave Berry
 4. Bill Box
 5. Don Scott
 6. Ray Titcomb
- HM – Kenny Harville

Extended Open

1. Nancy Roach
 2. Crystal Allen
 3. Margarette Hyden
 4. Louise Haws
 5. Vickie Barnhill
 6. David Wood
- HM – Sally Oberbeck

Slide Theme

1. Ray Titcomb
 2. Julie Guenther
 3. Brian Swartz
 4. David Wood
 5. Pat Shade
 6. Bill Box
- HM – Pat McCarthy

Extended Theme

1. Nancy Roach
 2. Margarette Hyden
 3. Louise Haws
 4. Vickie Barnhill
 5. John Murphy
 6. Sharon Farnham
- HM – Art Fabian

TOP 10 OVERALL SCORES 2005-2006

ENTRANT'S NAME	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE
Nancy Roach	112	1
Vickie Barnhill	105	2
Margarette Hyden	102	3
David Wood	90	4
Pat McCarthy	88	5
Julie Guenther	87	6
Mary West	87	6
Crystal Allen	80	8
Louise Haws	76	9
Marilyn Calondis	75	10
Total	902	

Upcoming Themes

July – Ripples & Waves
Aug. – Our Town
Sept. – Around Cox
Oct. – Up Close
Nov. – High Key/Low Key
Dec. – Frosty
Jan. – Signs
Feb. – Carved in Stone
Mar. – Water
Apr. – Animals
May – Shoot a Member

Competition Guidelines

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club. Dues must be paid one week prior to competition. Each member may submit 4 entries, with no more than 2 in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution, Article X.

Competition Categories

Small Print Open & Theme
Color Open & Theme
Black & White Open & Theme
Slide Open & Theme
Extended Open & Theme

October's Program

In October, Skip Peterson, Lead Photographer of the *Dayton Daily News*, will present a program entitled "Editing Your Own Photos." He says many people shoot better pictures than they think they do, because they don't challenge themselves when they edit their work. This session will help you analyze and critique your own photos in a positive way.

Donations for Banquet Door Prizes and Raffle

The club wants to thank the following for their donations:

Businesses

Salem Ave. Bob Evans – 2 gift baskets
Midwest Photo Exchange, Columbus - \$50 gift certificate
Wal-Mart Huber Heights - \$25 gift card
Sketches in Beavercreek - \$10 gift certificate
Jerry & Barb Jividen - \$150 toward any of their workshops
Lola Coots – 1-hour massage
Quality Office Products, Dayton – 100 –Pk HP Photo Paper
Valerie, local Kodak Rep – 160 ct. paper and ribbon for Kodak printer, film, OTUC, and other packs of paper
Fairborn Camera - \$25 gift certificate
Brandewie Photography – Epson Printer
Cord Camera – 2 \$25 gift cards
Wal-Mart Huber Heights Photo Lab – cd album & pages, 75 mini photo albums, screen protectors, battery charger w/batteries, tabletop tripod, cleaning kit, 10 photo tote bags, cd pages for the photo show cd, plus all the pictures for the centerpieces and the 5x7's of club members and various pictures for decorations.

Friends of Members of Focus

Tony Kilby – Dragons tickets
Ellen Taylor – Rezo 69 Lowepro Digital Camera bag
Pat McCarthy – 2 Creative Memory Scrapbooks
Terry Watson - \$20 Cord Camera gift card
Friend of Focus – 25 pk. Gold cds and 25 pk. Jewel cases
Mary West – 4 wedding albums, photo storage box, photo family tree, 25 wedding preview albums, 15 Targus compact camera bags, 2 photo tote bags and 2 baskets.

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\$25 Cord Camera gift card, bubble bath, candles & potpourri to go with massage gift certificate and photo show cds. Thanks also go out to people who helped. Those who got donations include Tom Entingh, Nancy Roach, Marilyn Colandis, Crystal Allen, Vickie Barnhill and Mary West. Betty Entingh & Scott West sold raffle tickets, Tony Kilby helped pass out gifts to winners, Laura West tied all the cds and photo albums together for door prizes, and Mary West put together baskets and the display and ran the raffle.

Congratulations, Adam Alonzo

It was announced at the May Focus Photo Club meeting that member Adam Alonzo was the winner of the Cox Arboretum Winter Photo Contest. Congratulations, Adam!

Macro Shot

This month's Macro Shot features member, **Diane Jones**.

What do you like to shoot?

Flowers, nature, and just about everything.

Do you use film or digital and why? Digital. I got tired of waiting for film to be developed, not to mention having pictures I didn't need.

What kind of equipment do you use? I use a Fujifilm S5000. I used to have a Chinon.

How did you get started in photography and when? Many moons ago. Probably when I married 32 years ago.

Do you do your own processing/printing? Computer program and WalMart printing.

How long have you been in the club and how did you hear about us? I've been a member for a number of months now. I found out about Focus by looking on the Internet for photography.

Where do you work and what do you do for a living? I work at home, Keeping up the house, the husband and the children while caring for my 87-year-old mother-in-law.

What are your interests or hobbies? Horses, singing, church, sewing & crafts, building, yard and garden.

If you could photograph one person, thing or event, who or what would it be and why? Christ's return. It will be most glorious!

Written by Vickie Barnhill

New Themes

At the June Board Meeting, the Executive Board came up with new themes for January through May. They are as follows:

January – Signs

February – Carved in Stone

March – Water

April – Animals

May – Shoot a Member

Garden Workshop

A Garden Photography Workshop will be taught by one of our club members, John Murphy, for Cox Arboretum's Adult Education Department. It will be held at Cox on July 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. The workshop is open to the public. Each attendee is asked to bring a camera.

John will instruct during the first part of the program, and then everyone will go out on the grounds to shoot and put into practice what they learned. John and several club "helpers" will be there to assist them while they shoot.

What a perfect time and place to get some hints on photographing gardens. Register now with Cox Arboretum at 434-9005.

Zoo Shoot

Mary West reports that the Zoo Shoot, which she and Tom Entingh are co-chairing, will be at the Indianapolis Zoo on Saturday, October 7. Look in upcoming newsletters for more details.

Intergenerational Workshop

Nancy Roach will chair the Intergenerational Workshop to be held on Saturday, September 9. This workshop is also part of Cox Arboretum's scheduled workshops for the public. Children participating will be accompanied by adults and will be taught the basics of taking a good photo. Anyone who wants to help with the workshop should see Nancy.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Nancy Roach

"Relieve Stress With Photography"

Haven't we all experienced some stress in our lives? The Department of Labor states that the workplace is the single greatest source of stress. How to manage the stress of life and avoid "burnout" depends on personal effort and choice.

I used to enjoy sitting at the typewriter and giving myself 5-minute timings. Strange, huh? I guess I worked the stress right out through my fingers.

Various kinds of relaxation exercises can help reduce stress, such as reading a good book, going to a movie, or enjoying your favorite hobby. Ahhh, here we come to the point of this article – favorite hobby.

Photography can be your medicine for relaxation and esthetic joy. After a stressful day, browsing through photography books, taking pictures, or enjoying some of your own favorite images can help relax your mind. They can brighten your outlook on life. Have your favorite pictures around you at your workplace and at home. It is like taking a mini-vacation that gives "positive rest." This is a gift to yourself... a reward based on your hard work accomplished with your own skills.

Write yourself a prescription for relaxation... "Take 10 shot daily as needed."

New Members

Focus Photo Club is happy to welcome the following new members:

Carolyn Cook
Richard Hughes
Janice Kemmer
Barry Quarles
Jason Stare

SEPTEMBER EXHIBIT

Focus members have been invited to have a photography exhibit at the South Park United Methodist Church on Stonemill and Brown Streets near Frank Z Chevrolet. The church focuses on a different artist each month and we are pleased to be there for the month of September.

They offer two galleries with track lighting and a lighted cabinet with several shelves for smaller items like note cards, book marks, etc.

Bring your framed photos to the August meeting or to Nancy Roach by the last week of August. We will be hanging during that last week in order to be ready for the first Sunday of the month.

Details: There is space for 23, 16x20 frames. Size print: 8x10 or larger, wired on back of frame. Use preprinted labels (available at the August meeting). Open theme. Titled and priced for sale or NFS.

On the 2nd Sunday of the month, the church sponsors a coffee hour to meet the artists. All exhibitors are invited.

Committee: Jan Crosby, George Crosby, Nancy Roach. We could use several more volunteers to hang and take down during hours of 8:30 to 4:30.

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May Competition Results
Theme: "Child and Adult"

Small Print Open

1. Looking Up – Marilyn Calondis
 2. Owl – Crystal Allen
 3. Wish I Was There – Kayte Kirby
- HM – Niece in Flowers – Deb Simon
HM – Cumberland Falls – Crystal Allen

Color Open

1. Sweet Nectar – Jeff Showalter
 2. Two Tiny Water Lilies – Deb Simon
 3. Roman Cistern in Istanbul – Sally Oberbeck
- HM – Proud Woman – Jack Hammond
HM – Suspended – Jack Hammond
HM – Pullman Car – John Murphy
HM – Sailing – Dave Osika
HM – Ivy-Covered Steps – Marilyn Calondis

Black & White Open

1. Sailboat on the Nile – Sally Oberbeck
 2. Morning Calm – Bob Hamburg
 3. Clematis – Deb Simon
- HM – Tracy – David Osika
HM – Cooling Water – Mary West
HM – Duck # 1 – Vickie Barnhill

Slide Open

1. Tulip – Tim Highley
 2. Cascade – Bill Box
 3. Red Cups – Dave Berry
- HM – Guard Tower – Brian Swartz
HM – What You Missed – Dave Berry
HM – Cabin Window – Pat McCarthy
HM – Roses Two – Bob Hamburg

Extended Open

1. Blue Mosque at Sunset – Sally Oberbeck
 2. Crab Apple – Deb Simon
 3. Butterfly on Glass – Margarette Hyden
- HM – Pretty in Pink – Nancy Roach
HM – Randy II – Crystal Allen

Small Print Theme

1. Trent & Grandma – Shari Harms
 2. Minutes Old – Dick Ermlich
 3. First Bubbles – Dick Ermlich
- HM – Vaughn & his M'am – Melody Logue
HM – He's My Great-Grandpa – Melody Logue

Color Theme

1. Brookie & her Dad – Sally Oberbeck
 2. Hugs in the Garden – Mary West
 3. Little People – Dave Osika
- HM – Mommy & Baby – Vickie Barnhill
HM – "Thanks, Dad!" – Dick Ermlich

Black & White Theme

1. 4-Year-Old Love – Jennifer Schroll
 2. Brooklyn's Whisper – Naomi Fogel
 3. Father & Son – Vickie Barnhill
- HM – Fun with Papaw – Pat McCarthy
HM – Little Photographer – Pat McCarthy

Slide Theme

1. Geese – Brian Swartz
2. Cows – Brian Swartz

Extended Theme

1. Mother & First-Born – Nancy Roach
 2. A Mother's Gentle Hands – Nancy Roach
 3. Mother-to-be – Vickie Barnhill
- HM – I Love You, Daddy – Margarette Hyden