



# Out of Focus

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 1 Meeting - Art Fabian on use of lenses

March 4 - Trip to PPO

March 25 - "The Power of Photography" workshop at Cox - Nancy Roach and Brook Brandewie

April 4 meeting - Mike Williams, ODNR Photographer

April 20-22 Shoot the Hills  
Photo Competition  
Hocking Hills State Park

April 21-28 Smoky Mountains trip with Julie Guenther

May 2 Meeting - People's Choice Competition, Election of Officers

June 7 Annual Awards Banquet at Amber Rose

# TONIGHT!



Tonight Art Fabian will demonstrate and explain the uses of various lenses and filters. You'll have a chance to look through lenses of various focal lengths so you can see the difference in how things look. Tonight's theme is Water.

## Coming Up Next Month

Mike Williams, a photographer for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, will be our speaker in April. You won't want to miss his wonderful photos taken in state parks throughout Ohio.

## Professional Photographers of Ohio Trade Show & Exhibit

Join other club members at the Dayton Convention Center on Saturday morning to see the awesome photo exhibit at the PPO convention. We'll meet there at 10:30 and enjoy the exhibit and the trade show. We'll meet at the door of the Convention Center at noon to go to the Spaghetti Warehouse for dinner. Here's your chance to see some great photography and have fun with other club members.

## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Our annual banquet will be held on Thursday, June 7 at the Amber Rose in Dayton. More information will be coming as to the cost and the menu, but this is always a lot of fun. We honor members for their achievements during the year, have a slide show of "moments" in the life of Focus Photo, and have lots of door prizes and items to be raffled off. You don't want to miss this!

## President's Corner

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by

Nancy Roach

"Time really flies when you're having fun", they say. My two years as President have really blown by and I know I'm having fun.

As is written in the constitution, all of the terms of office of the Executive Board end at the annual Awards Banquet in June. Many of our current officers have agreed to serve an additional year, although a few have decided to leave the board at the end of this club year.

All positions are open but the positions with no one running are: Treasurer (must be a member in good standing for 1 year), Historian, and Hospitality (one person is running, can use two people). Officers' duties are in the Constitution – please refer to that section.

The following positions have members running: President (will serve for two years), Executive VP; Competition VP; Secretary; Program; Hospitality, PR/Newsletter; and WebMaster. The appointed Liaison between FPC and Cox Arboretum will remain in this position.

If you see anything in the list above that you think you enjoy, nominate yourself tonight or by the April meeting, or have someone nominate you. Voting will take place during the May meeting.

There will be many chances throughout the club year to volunteer for a committee that interests you that provides services and activities to the club or to Cox Arboretum members. Think about what club activities you might get personally involved with in an effort to enhance your photographic experiences and welcome more people into your life.

What we get out of any pursuit is totally dependent on what we put into it. Taking an active position in your camera club will repay you with many benefits by having an active voice in the club's future direction. And, you are more likely to remain a member, reaping the rewards of new friends, new experiences with those friends, and new learning from them.

INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR FOCUS PHOTO CLUB is especially rewarding.

## KETTERING, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE, UK

Kettering Photo Society in our sister town, Kettering, Northamptonshire, UK, found our club's website and thought that we have the same interests in photography. They have 30 members and wondered if Focus Photo Club would be interested in a friendly, but competitive photographic competition between the two clubs. They suggested this be on an annual basis with a practice competition first.

Our board members are enthusiastic about doing this since we had a similar competition for several years with Cwmbran Camera Club in Cwmbran, Wales. That was a positive experience for both clubs. Both clubs are working out the details via e-mail and you should soon be hearing more about this new experience for us.

If you want to know more about their club, please visit their website. [www.ketteringphotosociety.org.uk](http://www.ketteringphotosociety.org.uk).

## Aesthetics of Garden Photography

Yvonne would like someone from the club to do a workshop on this. She would like attention given to composition and elements like line, shape, texture, depth-of-field, color, films and types of lenses. She wants a presentation of plant close-ups, combinations, landscapes, garden ornaments, portraits of people in a garden, and examples of common photography mistakes. She'd like to have this workshop in April. Anyone interested?

### Executive Board 2005-2006

Executive Board 2005-2006			
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**GUIDELINES**

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club . (Dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night.. Each member may submit 4 entries, no more than 2 in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution, Article X.

**Julie Guenther’s Annual Smoky Mountain Photo Shoot**



At Julie’s spring photo outing in the Smokies, we go out and shoot no matter what the weather, as you can see in this photo. The outing starts on Saturday, April 21 and ends the following Saturday. You can go for the whole week or for a few days.

If you want to attend, please contact Julie at [guenther@donet.com](mailto:guenther@donet.com) or call her at (937)433-8710 and let her know when you will arrive. She will

get you a list of items you might need. A group of rooms have been reserved for us at the Valley View Lodge in Townsend, TN. When you make your reservation, tell them you’re with the Guenther Photo Group in order to get the special rate, which is \$49.95+tax on Sunday through Thursday and \$69.95 on Friday and Saturday. The number is 1-800-292-4844. Rooms have two double beds, a small refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot.

Sunday through Friday are the best days to photograph without too many tourists present. We will be there during “Wildflower Week,” so there will be a lot of people in the Smokies on the weekends. Activities are scheduled the night before, in order to take the weather forecast into consideration. This is a great opportunity to get in some quality shooting and to get better acquainted with our members and members of the Tripod Camera Club, who will also be there.

**MONTHLY THEMES**

March	Water
April	Animals
May	Shoot a Member
July	Hair
August	Food
September	Weather
October	Eyes
November	Reflections
December	Toys

**PHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND COMPETITIONS**

On the weekend of April 20-22, you have a choice of two weekend photo competitions. You can go to Hocking Hills State Park for their Shoot the Hills competition, or you can attend the photography weekend at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park in Kentucky. For Shoot the Hills info, see their website <http://shootthehills.com> . For more info on Cumberland Falls, call naturalist Bret Smitley at 1-800-325-0063 or email him at [BretA.Smitley@ky.gov](mailto:BretA.Smitley@ky.gov) .

**STIVERS HIGH SCHOOL’S PHOTO AUCTION**

On Friday night, March 16 from 7:00-10:00 Stivers High School will hold a silent auction of photos donated by students and professional photographers from all over the world. The auction will take place at 325 Homewood in Dayton.

**RON BEAM PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT “REFLECTIONS OF BRAZIL”**

Dayton Photographer Ron Beam has an exhibit in the Rutledge Gallery, located in the lobby of the tallest building in Dayton at the corners of Second and Main. It is open during business hours 11-6 on Monday through Friday. The exhibit ends on March 13.

**Competition Tip**  
Remember, if your favorite photo doesn’t place or gets an Honorable Mention, you are allowed to enter it again the next photo club year. Photos getting 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbons may not be re-entered, except in the People’s Choice Competition held each year in May. Our club year runs from July to June.

## February Top Ten

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|---------------------|----|
| 1. Deb Simon        | 18 |
| 2. Terry Watson     | 17 |
| 3. Terry Cavanaugh  | 15 |
| Sally Oberbeck      | 15 |
| 5. Jackie Buck      | 13 |
| Ken Kennard         | 13 |
| Bill Box            | 13 |
| 8. Margarette Hyden | 9  |
| Laura James         | 9  |
| 10. Julie Guenther  | 8  |
| Nancy Roach         | 8  |
| Pat McCarthy        | 8  |

## New Members

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

Sean Bacon

Glen Buell

Robert Comer

Becky Dunn

Cara Koesters

Jim Rike

We're glad to have you all aboard!

## Icon Achievers

### 100 Points

Terry Cavanaugh

### 75 Points

Vickie Barnhill

Julie Guenther

### 50 Points

Margarette Hyden

Bill Box

Laura James

Nancy Roach

Sally Oberbeck

Ken Kennard

Jack Hammond

### 25 Points

Lynn Milenkevitch

## FEBRUARY COMPETITION THEME: CARVED IN STONE

### SMALL PRINT OPEN

1. Here's Looking at You - Jackie Buck
2. Say Your Prayers - Deb Simon
2. Viera Wetlands at Sunrise - Terry Watson
- HM - Aullwood - Joyce Willis
- HM - French for Bicycle - Jackie Buck

### SMALL PRINT THEME

1. Angel Carved in Stone - Pat McCarthy
1. What Was in That Drink? - Jeff Showalter
3. Fun in the Sun - Kayte Kirby
3. Many Faces - Marilyn Calondis
- HM - Angels & Children - Joyce Willis
- HM - Music Man - Kayte Kirby

### COLOR OPEN

1. Orany Snow - Deb Simon
2. Great Blue at Sunset - Terry Watson
2. Fairies Glade - Jackie Buck
- HM - Looking for Breakfast - Jackie Buck
- HM - San Xavier Mission - Sally Oberbeck
- HM - Bryce Canyon - Margarette Hyden
- HM - Friends - Jack Hammond

### COLOR THEME

1. Antelope Canyon - Margarette Hyden
2. And There Was Light - Lynn Milenkevich
3. Etched in Our Memories - Laura James
3. Cold Stone Frogger - Kathy Moore
3. Battlefield of Rest - Ken Kennard
- HM - Stone Face - Jack Hammond
- HM - Five Till Twelve - Laura Sharp

### Black & White Open

1. Tommy in B&W - Terry Watson
1. Say Cheese - Deb Simon
3. Winter Pines - Sally Oberbeck
- HM - What a Hoot - Vickie Barnhill
- HM - Old Car - Ray Titcombe

1. Morning Light at Bryce Canyon - Sally Oberbeck
2. Architecture - Laura James
3. Stone Bridge - Ray Titcombe
- HM - Stone Face - Linda Rabius
- HM - Pretty Ironic - Linda Rabius

### SLIDE OPEN

1. Wheels - Terry Cavanaugh
2. Stream, Watora St. Park - Bill Box
3. Cable Mill Road - Julie Guenther
- HM - Fiddlehead Fern - Bill Box
- HM - Honda Racer - Terry Cavanaugh
- HM - Golden Path - Dave Berry

### SLIDE THEME

1. Canyon Colors- Terry Cavanaugh
1. Famous Faces - Bill Box
3. Windows - Terry Cavanaugh
3. Gypsy Baby - Julie Guenther
- HM - Faces Through a Tunnel - Bill Box

### EXTENDED OPEN

1. Madame Butterfly - Ken Kennard
2. Green-Eyed Lady - Deb Simon
2. Blast Off - Terry Watson
2. Posing Pretty - Nancy Roach
- HM - 9:15 London Time - Nancy Roach

### EXTENDED THEME

1. The Monastery of Petra - Sally Oberbeck
2. Monet Bridge - Bob Hamburg
3. Guarding his Comrades - Ken Kennard
3. Deke the Dork - Vickie Barnhill
- HM - Grieving - Ken Kennard