



Photographs of Wendy Moleski taken by Steve Viau

# Syracuse Camera Club

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Newsletter/Minutes for March 2008

## Welcome Everyone to the Syracuse Camera Club

### March Workshop

As you can see from the top of the page our group was treated to a special workshop on lighting and Wendy graciously volunteered to be the model. James Dygert gave a wonderful workshop on Studio Lighting this month. There was a great turnout and I think that you will all agree by the resulting photos at the top of the page taken by

Steve Viau that it was very much a success. Thank you to James Dygert for an informative and fun workshop.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

To the following members for their recent achievements:

### Phil Bonn

Phil currently has an article with accompanying photos in the Spring Issue of Life in the Fingerlakes.

### Jim Budrakey

Jim's photographs are currently on exhibit at the Dewitt Barnes and Noble.

### Donna Reed, Bob Gates and Kate Zacharewski

Tonight (Saturday, March 22, 2008) is the opening reception for the Oswego Art Associations' Juried Art Show. The event starts at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited to see the wonderful art work that will be on display by our members and other artists in the community.

Refreshments will be served and awards will be presented at about 8 p.m. Located at the Civic Arts Center at Fort Ontario on the end of 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Oswego.

Kate Zacharewski:

Kate was named a finalist for Parade Magazine. Finalists are not notified until much later if their photos will be used on the website or in the Sunday Magazine.

And for winning third place (and a Nikon point and shoot camera) in the monthly photo contest for Circuit City's Camera Forum—the topic was Portraits.

FOR SALE:

Linda Cohen passed along this item for sale to the group:

She has a friend who received as a gift, a Nikon Digital SLR D40 with two lenses: 18–55mm (3.5–5.6) and 55–200mm (4.5–5.4)

She opened the box and inserted the card and never touched the package again. The retail cost was \$775.44 and she is asking \$652.32—card included. She can be reached at 423–2977 and her name is Dorothea Clark.

AUCTION:

Don't forget to contact Marie Ryan if you have any items that you wish to either sell or donate for the upcoming Auction.

## IMAGE PRESENTATION/SLIDE SHOW

The next presenters for this month's image presentations will be Dan Ruscitto and Liz Groat.

### IMAGE PRESENTATIONS:

There will be an upcoming vote on changes with regard to the Image Presentations. Please read the pages that I have posted in the files section of SyrCam.

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/syrcam/files/>

## MARCH COMPETITION RESULTS:

### Prints

#### Entry level winners out of 13 entries

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|---------------------|--------------|
| 1. Boots and Heat   | Donna Reed   |
| 2. Caddy            | Steve Viau   |
| 3. Polka Dots       | Jim Eber     |
| HM Yellowstone Lake | Jim Budrakey |

#### Advanced winners out of 22 entries

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. The Pond        | Leslie Lane    |
| 2. Nude Reclining  | Deborah Sterns |
| 3. Brad and Meghan | Mike O' Connor |

HM Tai Chi

Mindy Lee Terry

HM Western Wheel of Fortune

Wendy Molesky

Masters: winners out of 16 entries

1. Nautical Mile Iceberg

Rosalie Spitzer

2. Milkweed

Bob Gates

3. Sunflower

Dianna Whiting

HM Triumph

Liz Groat

HM Retired Relic

Mary Gridley

Slides (5 entries)

1. Winter

Mary Gridley

Digital

Entry level winners out of 19 entries

1. Lone Tree

Jim Budrakey

2. Rope

Shawn Kraus

3. Rose One

Donna Reed

HM Form

Shawn Kraus

HM More Eggs

Mary Barduhn

Advanced--Winners out of 20 entries

1. Down by the Old Stream

Bob Walker

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 2. Last Rays of Illumination | Mindy Lee Terry |
| 3. Sunday Afternoon          | Pam Paul        |
| HM Chittenango Falls         | Steve Blind     |
| HM Venice Masks              | Steve Pearlman  |

Masters

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|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Fog on High Falls Pond | Liz Groat       |
| 2. A Fan in the Clouds    | Maria Aridgides |
| 3. Looking for Lunch      | Mary Gridley    |
| HM My Skiing Place        | Maria Aridgides |
| HM Swings                 | Bob Gates       |

THANK YOU TO JOHN FARNACH FOR JUDGING

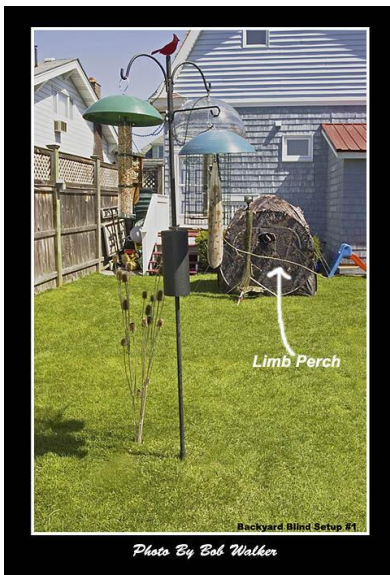
Bob Walker recently posted a how to guide to shooting photos of birds in your own backyard.

Contact Bob for questions:

The following are the photos he posted with the advice:



Set UP



Bird Feeders and perches



AND THE RESULTING BEAUTIFUL CAPTURE

## Bob Jones' Educational Contribution for this Month:

### TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF YOUR CAMERA' S MANUAL MODE

You will need a tripod, digital camera, memory card, notepad and paper:

1. Select a stationery subject with natural or continuous lighting.
2. Use the camera' s auto setting to take a photo.
3. Write down the settings that the camera uses.
4. Change to Manual Mode
5. Set the camera to the same settings.

Now you have a baseline—a shot that the camera SAYS is exposed correctly.

6. Next change either the speed or aperture up or down, but not both at the same time.
7. Take another shot.

Now note the difference— lighter, darker, more contrast, less contrast.

Keep experimenting like this until you start to understand how the different settings change the



results you' re getting. Finally, learn how to read your camera' s meter. Somewhere on your camera is a meter that will tell you what you should shoot at.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS THIS MONTH.

KATE ZACHAREWSKI

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