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Baltimore Camera Club

The Oldest Continually-Operating Photographic Society in the USA (Incorporated in 1884)





Cuban Style © Joan Saba (Third Place, Unlimited Digital Competition, January 2017)

Editor's Corner

Thanks to Suku Balachandran, Richard Eskin, Kaye Flamm, Chris Hartlove, Linda Lund, Ben Marcin, Karen Messick, Roger Miller, Gordon Risk, Jim Voeglein, and Peter Wong for their contributions to this issue.



My Editor's notes today consists of a Where's Waldo-type challenge for you to find the words, photo or person listed below. Why, you ask? Why not? "Photography doesn't have to have a point. That's why it's Photography." (Saying adapted from a statement on Candy from the movie Charlie and the Chocolate Factory that I recently watched with my son.) Have fun! For those who can't resist a competition, feel free to be the first to post your answers on the BCC Facebook Page (and if you haven't yet signed up for access to the club's page, then this

would be a good opportunity to start).

Cheers! Diane

Can you find in this issue...?

- 1. A Star Wars Lightsaber
- 2. The location of the October 2017 PSA Conference?
- 3. A program presenter who was a past BCC President?
- 4. The earliest known date BCC has been a member of the Photographic Society of America?
- 5. The club member with the second-highest points total for Unlimited Monochrome Print Images (just behind the revered photographic genius, Wayne Ballard)?
- 6. A cabbage?
- 7. An ice photo?

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The Baltimore Camera Club meets every Thursday night at Mount Washington United Methodist Church (5800 Cottonworth Ave., Baltimore, MD, 21209). Visitors are welcome (meeting starts at 8 p.m., but social gathering begins at 7:30 p.m.). For more club information, email richard.eskin@gmail.com (Club President), and /or visit our website at www.baltimorecameraclub.org.

Collector's Corner: Graflex: The Early Years By Gordon Risk



Gordon Risk © 2012 Diane Bovenkamp

The Graflex origin goes back to 1887 when William F. Folmer and William E. Schwing partnered to form Folmer & Schwing Manufacturing Co. of New York. George Eastman purchased the company in 1905, moving it to Rochester, NY. The company went through many name changes over the years, once a division of Singer Corporation, finally being dissolved in 1973.

From 1912-1973, Graflex produced large format and medium format press cameras in film for-

mats from 2 ¼" x 3 ¼" to 4" x 5". They also produced rangefinder SLR (Single Lens Reflex) and TLR (Twin Lens Reflex) cameras in a variety of formats ranging from 35 mm to 5" x 7".

The Graflex camera shown in picture #1 is a Graflex Series D, produced between 1928-47, it is a 3 ½" x 4 ½" format. It has an interchangeable lens board, a focal plane shutter, and revolving back. Picture #2 is a Graflex Series B, produced between 1923-42, a 2 ½" x 3 ½" with a fixed lens and threaded mount, a focal plane shutter and revolving back.

Picture #3 is an Auto Graflex, produced between 1906 and 1922/1923, a 3 ½" x 4 ½" with an interchangeable lens board, a focal plane shutter, and non-revolving back.

Picture #4 is my version of a lightsaber prop used in the 1977 movie "Star Wars." It is a modified Graflex flashgun which was designed to hold flash bulbs for vintage "Speed Graphic" press cameras.

Thanks to Steve Oney for use of his cameras in pictures #1 and #2.



Picture 1 - Series D Graflex



Picture 2 - Series B Graflex



Picture 3 - Auto Graflex



Picture 4 - Gordon's Graflex flashgun "Star Wars Lightsaber"

Program Presentation by Karen Messick: iPhoneography (August 11, 2016) By Roger Miller



Karen Messick gave a very informative and visually exciting presentation on the use of cell phones in your photography. She pointed out things that I never thought about doing on my cell phone. So, you don't use your Apple iPhone camera? What? Well, I have a tendency to be a little conservative about some things. I just figured out how to use my iPhone camera and now you want me to change it? Well a lot (most) of us are getting used to carrying and using our cell phone all the time. Turn it off for a couple of hours and see how you feel. We are

not like our kids who grew up with them in their cribs. Karen has become the expert at using cell phones.

During discussions, Arthur Ransome made a good point that the cell phone is having a major affect on how we see and perceive things. Changing our vision in how and what we photograph. Cell phones have allowed us all do selfies of everybody, and make more intimate images of our life. For example: Why do people photograph their food? Because they can! Cell phones have allowed us to create art on our phones, and instantly send it out to all of our friends. In the discussion, I pointed out that cell phones have made photography the egalitarian medium (the "people's medium," so

to speak). Photography is no longer the medium of the privileged professional photographers with their expensive cameras and equipment. The web has been the "gasoline" added to the cell phone "fire."

Karen pointed out that if you want to get good images on your cell phone, some normal photography procedures work very well with your cell phones. Keep your lens clean. Do not scratch your lens. Squeeze your cell phone camera trigger don't punch it. The same principals of design hold true with cell phones. Having more control of your cell phone camera allows you to capture better images. Karen recommends the *Camera*+ application for your cell phone. I switched and it is much better.

The talk was very good. Karen is not only passionate about the subjects she teaches, but works hard at her photography.

We will all miss you when you are in Hawaii. Thank you, Karen, for some great information!

Editor's note: For more information about Karen and her photography, please visit her website at http://karenlmessickphotography/

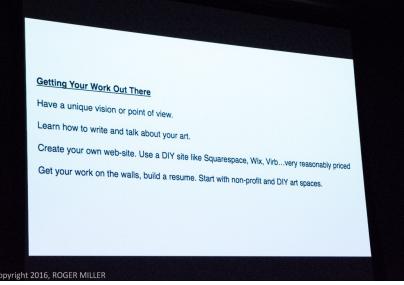


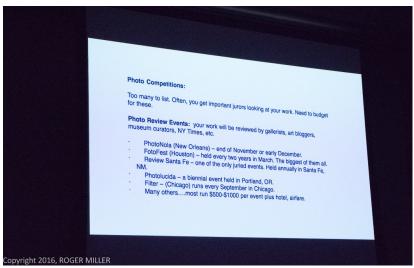
Program Presentation by Ben Marcin (August 2016) By Roger Miller



Editor's Note: Thanks go to Ben Marcin for sharing his vision with the club. Much of Ben's work includes ordinary images of any urban environment which he transforms into interesting graphics. Roger has provided notes on Ben's presentation in the form of photos of two of his slides with some of his thoughts on "Getting Your Work Out There," "Photo Competitions" and "Photo Review Events."

For more information about Ben and his photography, please visit the following websites http://benmarcinphotos.com/ and http://www.phaidon.com/agenda/photography/articles/2013/november/05/benmarcin-photographs-the-last-house-standing/





Program Presentation by Chris Hartlove (September 29, 2016) By Roger Miller



of the rules we have developed over the years valid? Does everything have to be perfectly and evenly lit? Food for thought.

Chris, thank you for presenting some very outstanding and challenging images.

Chris did a very interesting presentation of his work to the BCC on September 29th. For me, it was a seminal program. Chris, for all of his years of doing photography, has not lost his almost "child like" view of doing "professional" assignments.

Editor's Note: For more information about Chris and his photography, please visit his website at http://www.chrishartlove.com/

He is the only photographer that I have ever known that went on assignment with a "Diana," a small amateur camera. Most professionals show up with their newest, biggest camera to say...I am the "BEST." Not Chris. As an aside, there is actually a very good book called "Diana and the Nikon" by Janet Malcom, which is a series of essays about various views on "professional" versus "amateur" images. Some very profound ideas can be found in the book.

So is Chris the Impressionist of photography? Or is he just trying to be different? Are some



Program Presentation by Peter Wong (October 27, 2016) Article by Linda Lund and Photos by Roger Miller



On October 27th, Peter Wong was our guest speaker at the weekly Camera Club meeting. I got to know Peter and his wife, Becca, during a Vietnam photography workshop that he hosted in April of 2016.

Our trip began in the Old Quarter of Ha Noi where we spent three days photographing and visiting the sites. Our adventures included early morning photo shoots at Sword Lake, riding in a cyclotron (bicycle taxi), and visiting the "Ha Noi Hilton" where prisoners had been detained since French colonial times (including most recently U.S. servicemen during the war).

From Ha Noi we hopped a bus to head north for a five hour trip to a mountain village named Sa Pa. We spent two days on guided treks from Sa Pa to destinations that included Lao Cai, which is about 10 miles away from the border with China. On our hikes, we encountered water buffalo and beautiful landscapes with villages and terraced rice fields. We made our way back to Ha Noi and then departed for the ancient city Hoi An, which is known for its beautiful hanging lanterns. While in Hoi An, we visited a fishing village to watch local fishermen bring in the night's catch, and also took a trek out into the countryside to visit with local farmers and tradesmen.



After our three days in Hoi An, several group members departed for Ha Long Bay to photograph the beautiful rock formations that stand in the bay. The remainder of the group returned to Ha Noi and spent three days in Ha Noi photographing the old city and enjoying the wonderful food.

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Photographic Society of America 15 Year Membership Certificate By Diane Bovenkamp

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Baltimore Camera Club

for continuous membership of

15 Years

with great appreciation for long-standing support of the Society.



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Educating and Connecting People Through Photography

October 17, 2016

Dear Diane Bovenkamp,

The Photographic Society of America (PSA) would like to salute your club, Baltimore Camera Club, for reaching a PSA Membership Milestone. Enclosed is a commemorative certificate to recognize your club's longtime PSA membership and commitment.

The webpage that will honor the names of PSA Membership Milestone achievers will soon be installed and members will be notified when it can be viewed.

Congratulations on your PSA Membership Milestone. PSA appreciates your club's continued membership and looks forward to our joint explorations in the world of Photography.

Sincerely

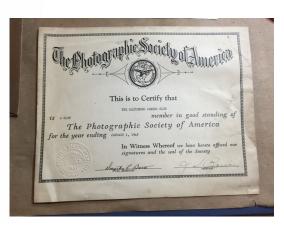
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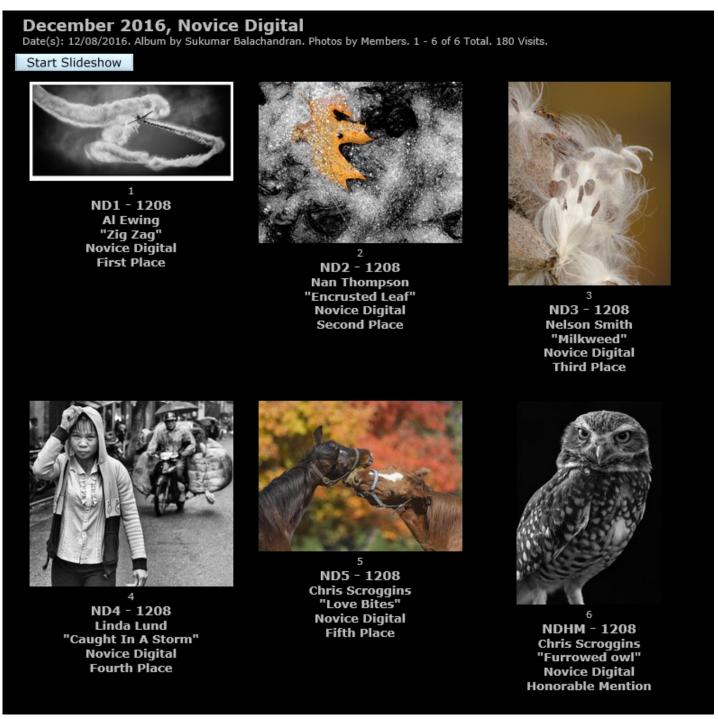
staff-membership-milestones-director@psa-photo.org.

Editor's Note: This recognition for 15 years of <u>continual</u> membership is fantastic! Kudos to all. Although, I must note that BCC has been a member of PSA for much longer than that (at least since 1945—see photo below), but it just wasn't continual.



December 2016 Print Competition No Competition Results: Not Scheduled

December 2016 Digital Competition (Theme: Open) Novice Digital



Novice Digital

December 2016 Digital Competition First Place Novice Digital



December 2016 Digital Competition Intermediate Digital



Intermediate Digital

December 2016 Digital Competition First Place Intermediate Digital



December 2016 Digital Competition Unlimited Digital

December 2016, Unlimited DigitalDate(s): 12/08/2016. Album by Sukumar Balachandran. Photos by Members. 1 - 6 of 6 Total. 236 Visits.

Start Slideshow



UD1 - 1208 **David Paul** "Echoes" Unlimited Digital First Place



UD2 - 1208 Alan Wilder "Nice Catch" **Unlimited Digital** Second Place



UD3 - 1208 Jim Eichelman "Viper's Eye" Unlimited Digital Third Place



UD4 - 1208 Vella Kendall "Doors" **Unlimited Digital** Fourth Place



UD5 - 1208 Joan Saba Havana Harbor at Dawn **Unlimited Digital** Fifth Place



UDHM - 1208 Sukumar Balachandran "Sunset at Bear Rocks" **Unlimited Digital Honorable Mention**

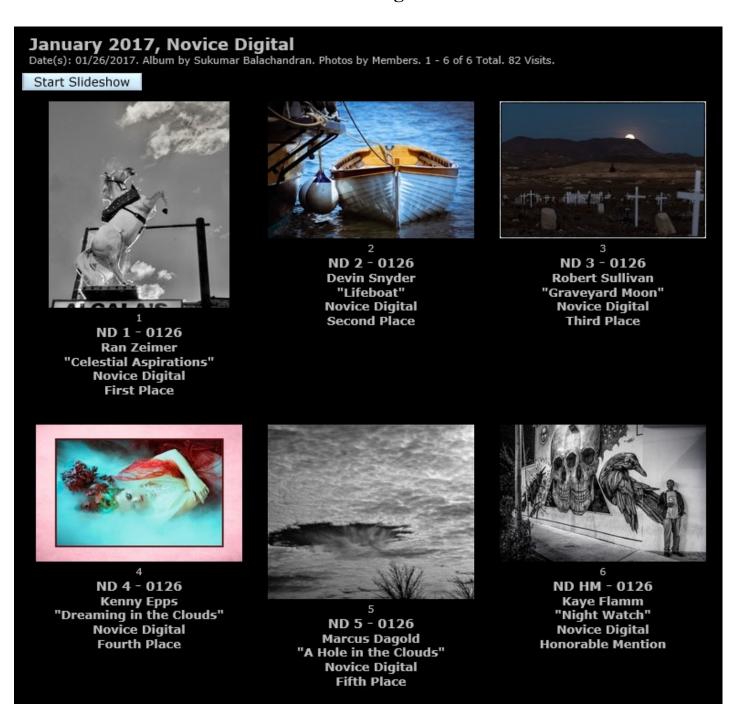
Unlimited Digital

December 2016 Digital Competition First Place Unlimited Digital



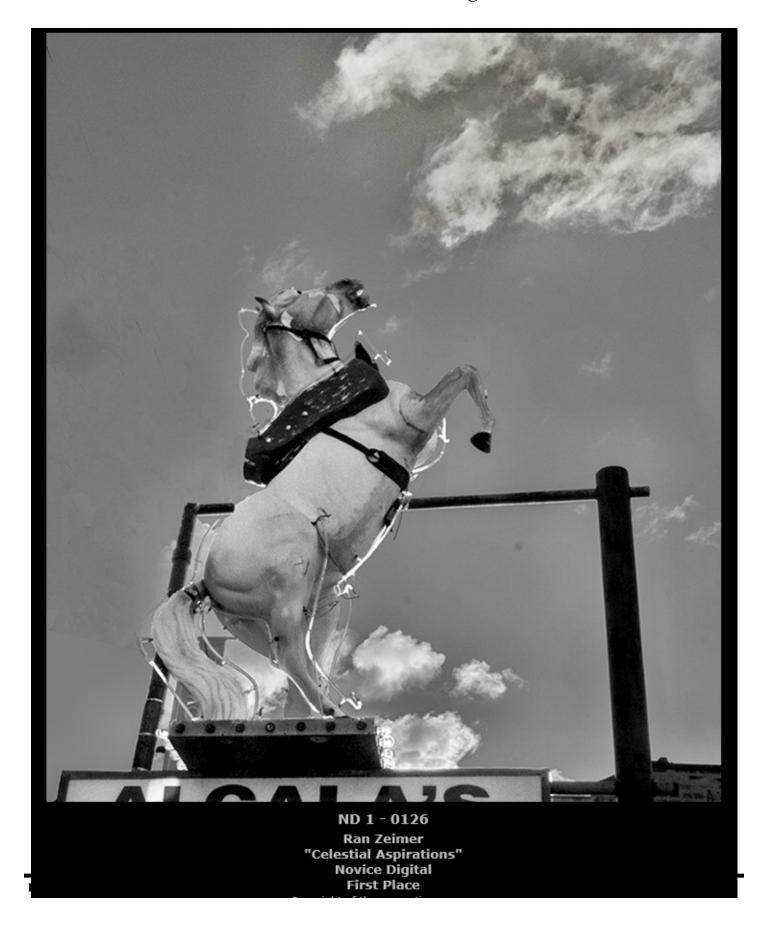
January 2017 Print Competition No Competition Results: Cancelled Due To Weather

January 2017 Digital Competition (Theme: Open) Novice Digital

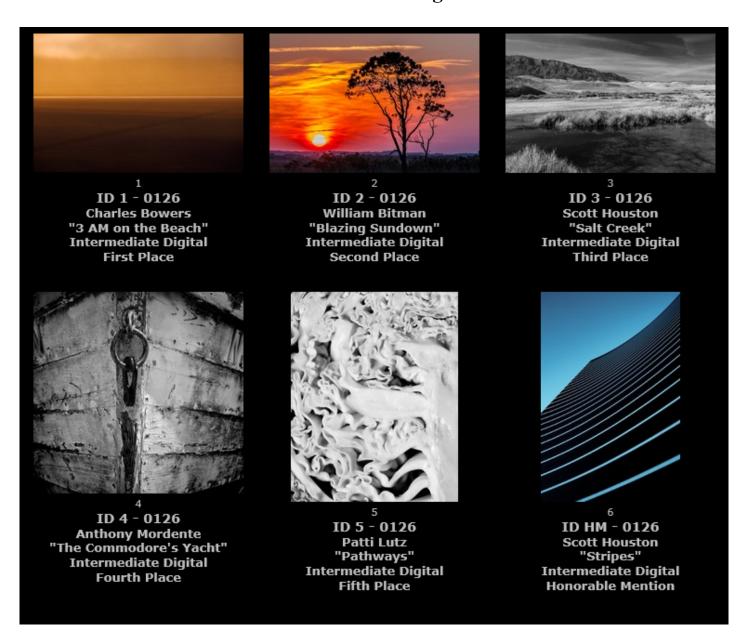


Novice Digital

January 2017 Digital Competition First Place Novice Digital



January 2017 Digital Competition Intermediate Digital



Intermediate Digital

January 2017 Digital Competition First Place Intermediate Digital

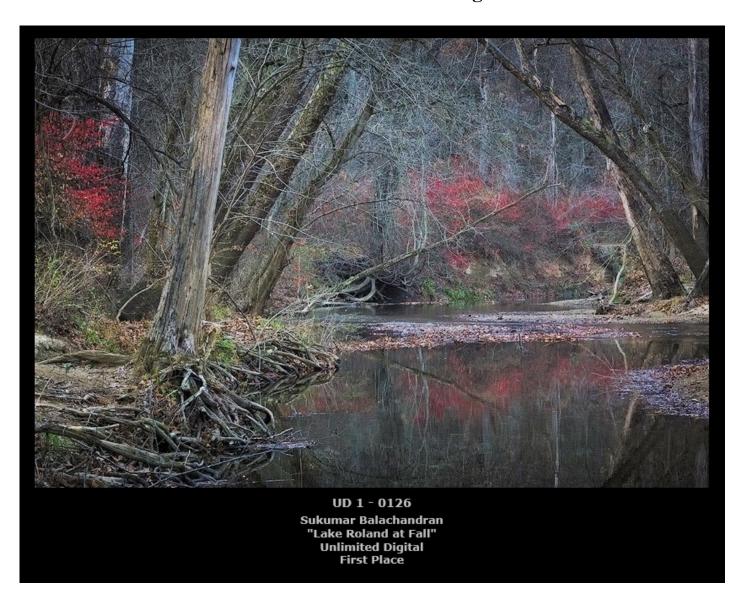


January 2017 Digital Competition Unlimited Digital

January 2017, Unlimited DigitalDate(s): 01/26/2017. Album by Sukumar Balachandran. Photos by Members. 1 - 6 of 6 Total. 108 Visits. Start Slideshow UD 1 - 0126 Sukumar Balachandran "Lake Roland at Fall" **Unlimited Digital** First Place UD 2 - 0126 UD 3 - 0126 Gary Faulkner "Campfire under the Milky way" Unlimited Digital Joan Saba "Cuban Style" **Unlimited Digital** Second Place Third Place UD 5 - 0126 Alan Wilder UD 4 - 0126 "Assateague Ponies" Steven Sattler **Unlimited Digital** UD HM - 0126 "Poppy" Unlimited Digital Fifth Place Vella Kendall "Trapped" Fourth Place **Unlimited Digital Honorable Mention**

Unlimited Digital

January 2017 Digital Competition First Place Unlimited Digital





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Point Totals and Classifications

Color Print		Monochrome Print		Projected Digital		Projected Digital	
Unlimited		Unlimited		Unlimited		Novice	
Bedke John	548	Ballard Wayne	1,343	Balachandran Sukumar	422		
McKeown Paul	515	Ransome Arthur	876	Ransome Arthur	335	Kincald Larry	42
Smith Dick	506	Davis John	575	Saba Joan	296	Tirkey Anjali	42
Risk Gordon	374	Risk Gordon	405			Thompson Nan	35
Saba Joan	363	Messick Karen	377	Franz Karl	222	Johns Roger	31
Muldoon-Ibrahim Kay	330	McKeown Paul	371	Wilder Alan	168	Lund Linda	27
Davis John	284	Faulkner Gary	322	Wolk Jeffrey	161	Bovenkamp Diane	22
Franz Karl	260	Muldoon-Ibrahim Kay	296	Conniff Annette	153	Smith Nelson	22
Katz Lewis	244	Franz Karl	278	Paul David	150	Capizzi Christopher	20
Robinson Charles	224	Rothey Rebecca	272	Miller Roger	148	Zelmer Ran	18
Miller Roger	221	Vetter Donald	260	Muldoon-lbrahim Kay	146	Wright Bonnie	16
Ballard Wayne	212	Miller Roger	213	Sattler Steven	145	Risk Kathleen	13
Rothey Rebecca	202	Meyer John	194	Katz Lewis	139	Icore Bernie	10
Meyer John	171	Wolk Jeffrey	154	Bosk Harry	134	Roberts Lynn	10
Flamm Kaye	171	Robinson Charles	152	Messick Karen	126	Meyers David	
Faulkner Gary	163	Blederman Paul	144	Eskin Rich	123	Snyder Devin	8
Blederman Paul	153	Dembo Steven	141	Elchelman James	112	Hansen Robert	7
Wolk Jeffrey	144	Drumm Maria	133			Fulton Renee	7
Dembo Steven	123	Saba Joan	129	Kendall Vella	110	McGovern Army	7
Voeglein James	122	Eskin Richard	121	Faulkner Gary	77	McGovern Tim	
HIII Kathleen	120	Flamm Kaye	112	Drumm Maria	66	Mordente Rachel	
Eskin Richard	120	Elchelman James	101	Dembo Steven	64	Sullivan Robert	
Bosk Harry	119			Bowers Charles	106	Raja Srinivasa	- 3
Drumm Maria	111					Lerie Vincent	3
Kendali Vella	103					Orrell Reb	2
		Novice		Intermediate		Majchrzak Stephen	- 2
Novice		Book Harry	96	Lutz Patti	85	Nelson Lee	- 2
Risk Kathleen	91	Balachandran Sukumar	96	Saba George	83	Chicco Joanne	1
Dillon Karen	90	Bowers Charles	92	Bitman Bill	82	Liming Christine	1
Bennett Errol	80	Dillon Karen	87	Mordente Tony	79	Capian Richard	1
Bowers Charles	80	Kendali Vella	85	Houston Scott	75	Rosenberg Barry	- 1
Balachandran Sukumar	74	Caplan Richard	71	Blederman Paul	68		
Boardman Michael	65	Katz Lewis	69	Dillon Karen	68		
Coller Charles	57	Voeglein James	57	Bennett Errol	58		
Ransome Arthur	48	Macedo Ann	55	HIII Kathleen	56		
Hairston Kelth	46	Bennett Errol	39	Voeglein James	56		
Saba George	39	Ibrahim Camella	38	Flamm Kaye	50		
Elchelman James	38	Baynes Hollyday	31	Ibrahim Camellia	49		
Houston Scott	35	Paul David	28	Navarre Michael	45		
Navarre Michael	29	Hairston Keith	28	Ringel Norm	38		
Macedo Ann	26	Lund Linda	28	Charnock Buzz	38		
Ibrahim Camella	26	Navarre Michael	26	Hairston Kelth	35		
Bitman Bill	24	Houston Scott	20	Meyer John	26		
Lutz Patti	21	Houston Scott	20		2.0		
Lund Linda	19	Capizzi Christopher	15				
Paul David	18	Majchrzak Stephen	14				
Payne Deb	18	Bitman Bill	14				
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Roberts Lynn

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erry Rosalind Baynes Hollyday awcett Richard VicDaniel Ervin Ibrahim Kamai

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Roberts Lynn

Kincald Larry

Coming Attractions

February and March 2017

2016-2017	Event	Info
Thursday, February 2	Print Competition 5	Theme: Open; Judge: Brian Miller, owner of Full Circle Gallery, http://fullcirclephoto.com/
Thursday, February 9	Program 13	 Don Rosenberger, Denise Silva of Road Runner Photography will be sharing their images from their January Trip to Iceland. Iceland is known as the landscape photographer's paradise, with vast landscapes that are alien in their starkness. Here is a brief description of what you can expect: Quaint villages, churches, and barns speckle the countryside. Icelandic horses greet you at the fence line and patiently wait for the images to be captured. South Eastern Iceland's most beautiful waterfalls cascade from hundreds of feet above you. Icebergs drifting about the glacier lagoon, shifting and crashing as they make their way to sea. Massive cliff walls plunging into the ocean. If it sounds amazing, it is because it is! If you are passionate about photography, enjoy travel, and prefer learning new techniques in the field and not in the classroom then we have the photo tours for you!
Thursday, February 16	Digital Competition 6	Judges: Kathleen Hamill, K. Hamill Fine Art & Design, Mark Lane, photography instructor, CCBC; Lauren Amberman, photographer.
Thursday, February 23	Program 14	Jay Gould is a mixed-media, contemporary artist whose work explores the intersection of art, science and storytelling. His presentation will discuss photography's historical connection with science and how it has influenced his own unique personal and collaborative projects. Jay is a member of the faculty of the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). You can see some of his work at jgould.net
Thursday March 2	Print Competition 6	Theme: Open; Judge: Chuck Weiss , former sun photo editor, photography instructor Towson University
Thursday March 9	Program 15	A Presentation by Tom Beck, Chief Curator, University of Maryland at Baltimore County, Albin O. Kuhn Library and Gallery. "Seymour in Color": Photojournalism was revolutionized by innovations in color photographic technology during the 1930s to 1950s. David Seymour (1911-1956), renowned photojournalist and one of the four principal founders of Magnum Photos, restarted his career following World War II with a color assignment which expanded not only Seymour's approach to photography, but also humanism in photography. Viewing slides as well as original photographs will be featured.
Thursday March 16	Digital Competition 7	Theme: Open ; Judge TBD; Anyone wishing to compete must create an on-line account and upload images to the <u>Baltimore Camera Club Visual Pursuits site</u> . Go to Baltimore Camera Club Visual Pursuits Website
Thursday March 23	Program 16	Roy Sewall ; Roy will do a program of portfolio reviews for BCC members. We need 6 or more members that are willing to put together a focused body of work consisting of 10-12 images for review and discussion. Use the same format that we use for digital competitions for your files and prepare a 25 to 50 word statement of what the theme is about. Please send the photos with the statement to Roger Miller at rcm.ipl44@gmail.com.
Thursday March 30	Print Competition 7	Theme: Open; Judge TBD

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Parting Shot



Sliding Through Life © Patti Lutz (Third Place, Intermediate Digital Competition, December 2016)



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PSA-Member Clubs and Councils Overview
PSA Mid-Atlantic Chapter (PSA-MAC)

<u>Future PSA Conference: PSA Annual Conference Overview</u> 2017 - Pittsburgh, PA; October 8 through 14, 2016

