

# Point of View



## Newsletter of the McLean Photography Club



### President's Message:

*Bill Prosser*

I wish you a happy new year filled with great photographic opportunities and images. I also wish to thank Lucille and Ray Renola for hosting the fantastic holiday party.

I saw a slideshow of this month's presenter, Rhoda Steiner. It was one of the best showings of beautiful images I have ever seen.

Manuel Hernandez is recovering from serious back surgery. Our best wishes go out to him for a speedy return to our club activities.

I recently heard the following advice from two photographers who I highly admire: **"Compose for the background."** Get rid of distracting and competing background elements. If they don't add they subtract from the composition. One goes so far as to find appealing landscape backgrounds and then find good subjects to place in the foreground.



### January Program: Underwater Photography and the Caribbean.

Rhoda Steiner will show images she has taken during her diving excursions in the Caribbean. Travel, boating, and scuba diving have provided both opportunity and inspiration for her passion, photography. Rhoda belongs to the North Bethesda Camera Club.

Rhoda received NBCC's Wet Belly Award for her underwater work. She won Coral Reef Alliance's 2001 calendar contest, which made her image their December pinup. By sharing her images with us, she hopes that the beauty and majesty of what lies below will inspire you to help save our precious resources for our children and their children.

### January Challenge: Reflections and Repetitive Design Elements

Please bring images to the "meet and greet" segment of the meeting at 7 pm, January 14th that exhibit either or both of the Challenge these subjects.

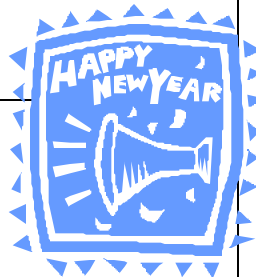
**March Challenge:** Images showing emotion.



### January Workshop: Critique

The January Workshop, January 28, will allow members to obtain constructive feedback on their images, both slides and prints. The purpose of critiques is to allow you to try out your work on other members and obtain their suggestions about technical details, composition, and other aspects of the image. The workshop will provide a supportive, educational environment to improve one's photography. Novices may bring up to eight images; advanced members may bring up to four images. Everyone may bring a few extra images in case time allows additional opportunity for critiques. Print pictures should be at least 5" x 7" and mounted. The workshop will be held in the McLean Community Center Maffett Room starting at 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions, Bill Prosser: (703) 821-2670, or [prosserwm@aol.com](mailto:prosserwm@aol.com).



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**January**

### MPC's Quick-Look-Calendar

**Program:** Underwater Photography,  
**Jan. 14 (Wed.)** 7:30 pm. (7:00 p.m. meet & greet) at McLean Community Center.

**Critique Workshop: Jan. 28 (Wed.) 7:30 pm** . Bring images to obtain comments on technique and composition.

## Upcoming Activities

### For the Northern Virginia Alliance of Camera Clubs (NOVACC)

The "Alliance" is an informal organization started in the spring of 1997 by Joseph Miller with the assistance of Dave Carter and Ed Funk. Its purpose is to promote communication and cooperation among camera clubs. Each Virginia member club agrees to publish in its newsletter a calendar of open-events for the current month held at other Virginia member clubs. Check out the NOVACC site at [http://www.nvps.org/edfunk\\_edits/novacc.htm](http://www.nvps.org/edfunk_edits/novacc.htm).

***(As a member of the McLean Photography Club, you may attend any of the activities listed below.)***

#### **Loudoun Photography Club (LPC)** (<http://www.loudounphoto.com>)

For club info, contact: Laura Starego, President, at (703) 724-0725; e-mail: [loudounphoto@aol.com](mailto:loudounphoto@aol.com).

\* **Program:** Jan. 6 - "Night Photography" by Gary Silverstein and Dave Carter. (Tue), 7:00 pm at the Ashburn library. Contact Laura Starego at (703) 724-0725 or [loudounphoto@aol.com](mailto:loudounphoto@aol.com).

\* **Competition:** Jan. 20—Subject: "People." Judge: Linda Conti-White. Contact Becky Karas at (703) 726-9131 or [five-cats@yahoo.com](mailto:five-cats@yahoo.com).

\* **Field Trips:** None scheduled. Contact Kristina Castagnola at (703) 737-7960 or [kristina@krisinacastagnola.com](mailto:kristina@krisinacastagnola.com).

#### **Manassas-Warrenton Camera Club (MWCC)** (<http://www.mwcc-photo.org>)

For club info, contact Dee Akers, President, at (540) 347-0006; e-mail: [akers@mitre.org](mailto:akers@mitre.org).

\* **Program:** Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> - "How, Why, and Where" - A review of Award-Winning photographs submitted by club members.

(Thurs.) 7:30 pm at Manassas City Hall, 9027 Center St., Old Town Manassas, VA. Contact Joe Harper at (540) 854-4319 or [jaharper@firstva.com](mailto:jaharper@firstva.com).

\* **Competition:** Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> - Subject is "Reflections." (Thurs.) 7:30 pm at Manassas City Hall, 9027 Center Street, Old Town, Manassas, VA. Contact Andy Jezioro at (703) 361-8542 or e-mail at [ajeziro@comcast.net](mailto:ajeziro@comcast.net).

\* **Workshop:** None scheduled. Contact Maureen Roberts at (540) 439-0566 or e-mail at [mars595cs.com](mailto:mars595cs.com).

#### **McLean Photography Club (MPC)** (<http://www.mcleanphoto.org>)

For club info, contact Bill Prosser, President, at (703) 821-2670; e-mail: [prosserwm@aol.com](mailto:prosserwm@aol.com).

\* **Program:** Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> - "Underwater Photography" by Rhoda Steiner (Wed.) 7:00 pm-meet & greet at McLean Community Center. See page 1. for details.

\* **Workshop:** Jan. 28—Critique of Members Images. (Wed.) 7:30 pm McLean Community Center

#### **Northern Virginia Photographic Society (NVPS)** (<http://www.nvps.org>)

For club info, contact Ann Setton at (703) 658-7122 or [setton@cox.net](mailto:setton@cox.net). Meetings are at 7:30 pm at Dunn Loring Fire Station, 2148 Gallows Rd., Dunn Loring, Va.

\* **Program:** Jan 6<sup>th</sup> - "A Little Extra Light" by Richard Nowitz. (Tues.) 7:30 pm Dunn Loring Fire Station

\* **Workshop:** Jan 13<sup>th</sup> - "Matting Prints" by Carl Zelman. (Tues.) 7:30 pm Note: Location is the Fairfax County Gov. Center. Contact

Fred Chitty at (703) 463-8530 or [chittyfc@bp.com](mailto:chittyfc@bp.com).

\* **Competition:** Jan 20<sup>th</sup> : Judge TBA. (Tues.) 7:30 pm Dunn Loring Fire Station.

\* **Forum:** Jan 27<sup>th</sup> \* - "Tips and Techniques" by Josh Taylor **(Tues.) 7:30 pm Dunn Loring Fire Station**

#### **Reston Photographic Society (RPS)** (<http://www.leagueofrestonartists.org>)

For club info, contact Bill Moriarty at (703) 620-3020 or [eyecon@erols.com](mailto:eyecon@erols.com).

\* **Program:** Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> - Group critique of member work. (Sun.?) 7:30 pm at Reston Community Center at Lake Anne.

#### **Vienna Photographic Society (VPS)** (<http://www.safeport.com/vps/>)

For club info, contact: Bill Graybeal, President, at (703) 281-9619; e-mail: [bgrabl@erols.com](mailto:bgrabl@erols.com).

\* **Program:** : Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> - "Techniques and the Art of Night Photography by Dave carter and Gary Silverstein. (Wed.) Meetings 7:30 pm at Thoreau Middle School Auditorium, 2505 Cedar Lane., Vienna, VA. Contact Carla Steckley at (703) 476-6016 or [CPSteckley@aol.com](mailto:CPSteckley@aol.com).

\* **Field Trip:** Jan 24<sup>th</sup> - Travel to National Geographic society to View "Pilgrimage: Photographs by Steve McCurry." For information, contact Paige Ireland at (703) 549-3171 or [paigeire-eland@comcast.net](mailto:paigeire-eland@comcast.net).

\* **Competition:** Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>.- Judge is Josh Taylor (Wed), at 7:30 p.m. at Thoreau Middle School Auditorium, 2505 Cedar Lane, Vienna, VA. Contact Bill Graybeal at (703) 281-9619 or [bgrabl@erols.com](mailto:bgrabl@erols.com).

**Cable TV - Channel 10:** Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Luella Murri  
Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> - Karen Keating  
Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> - Chuck Mauro  
Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> - Steve and Beverly Vogel

Contact Luella Murri at 703-256-5290 or [luellamurri@aol.com](mailto:luellamurri@aol.com)

### Exhibit

**Closely Observed—Photographs of the Natural World** by Andrea Baldeck  
January 19-March 27

**U.S. Botanic Gardens (245 First St., SW, DC)**

Close-up and intimate black and white photographs of flowers, leaves and vegetables, dramatically revealing many subtleties that could be overlooked in color images. Running concurrently is a group of sculptures of the natural world created by members of the Washington Sculptors Group.

### Workshop

**Photographing Orchids** by Josh Taylor

Five Saturday sessions: Feb. 14 to Mar. 13; 8:00 to 11:00 am.

**U.S. Botanic Gardens (245 First St., SW, DC)**

Learn to photograph flowers, with particular emphasis on orchids. Tuition: \$150.00.  
Call: 202 226-4082. Code: WO21404.

### **BLUEBELL CONTEST in FEBRUARY**

If you photographed bluebells at Bull Run this past spring and plan to enter the bluebell contest, please E-mail Tony Hathaway ([TonyHath@aol.com](mailto:TonyHath@aol.com)). He has detailed information for you.

## A Blurry, Two-Faced Person ?

**Problem:** *What can cause blurry, double images of someone in a photo, even when I used a flash? When I used a flash I thought that would freeze any movement?*

**Answer:** The flash did freeze the image of the person, but often the shutter stays open after the flash flashes and later movement is picked up. You'll see this with people dancing, for example. After the flash went off, light in the room continued to expose the scene, and, if during this fraction of a second the people moved, then you get double or blurry images of them. Not only may the people be blurred, but everything else might be too. This would indicate that the camera might have moved too.

(This was taken from NVPS Newsletter, *Fotofax*, Jan. 2004)

**Snow Policy:** MPC follows Fairfax Count Public School policy. If schools are closed for the day or the evening in question, we will not meet. If you are in doubt, call the McLean Community Center (703) 790-0123.

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## Problem: How to Backup Large Computer Files of Pictures and other Materials?

### A Backup Strategy by Gary Oddi

Most of us have tons of digital images on our computer that, if we lost them, we would be pretty unhappy. I have been trying to find a good strategy to backup my digital images, digitized videos and, in fact, my entire PC. I have tried several programs but have not been totally happy with them. I don't want an unknown software that has their own proprietary code that locks me into their special program. What if they go under and can't offer any tech support when you need it most? I'd prefer a backup program that would allow me to do a restore from DOS (what if you can't get your Windows to function?). I know of one program that should do this but it is not yet available. There are some available but I have not tried them out.

In the mean time, what I have found that works well is the well-established WinZip program. There are several other programs out there that use the Zip algorithms but I have found that you have to use their program to get past the 4 GB limitation when you want to restore your Zipped file. And you have to get familiar with another program.

The good news is that I have discovered that WinZip has come out with their Beta9 version that eliminates the 4 GB barrier. You can create a Zip file with previous versions of WinZip of over 4 GBs but when you go to restore it, it will NOT read the Zip file. I just did a backup with the new Beta9 version and it was fast and it will read and restore my 14 GB zipped backup file. More good news is if you already have a registered copy of WinZip, you can download and install this upgrade at no charge and you don't have to learn a new program.

Until something better comes out, you might want to do your backups using this new version of WinZip so at least you can sleep easier at night. Just be sure you burn a copy of WinZipBeta9 on a CD just in case.

The WinZip Site is: <http://www.winzip.com/>



**Before:**  
Blocked shadows

### Photoshop/Photo Elements Tip: PROBLEM: How can I dodge shadows or burn highlights in digital images to improve them?

**SOLUTION:** The dodge/burn tool is not a good way to solve this problem. It can change colors and cause pixelization. A better way is to: Go to Menu Bar <Click>Layer>New>Layer. A dialog box, New Layer, will appear. Change Mode: Normal (This is called a "Blending Mode.") to Mode: Softlight. A box, Fill with Soft-Light neutral color (50 % gray), will appear. <Click>Check the box and then <Click>OK. A new layer will appear filled with 50 % gray. <Click>Paintbrush from Toolbox and paint with white/light grays to dodge shadows or black/dark grays to burn highlights. Bill Prosser



**After:**  
Dodged shadows

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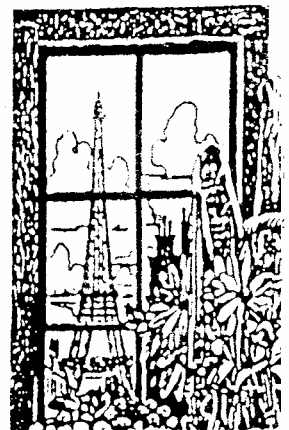
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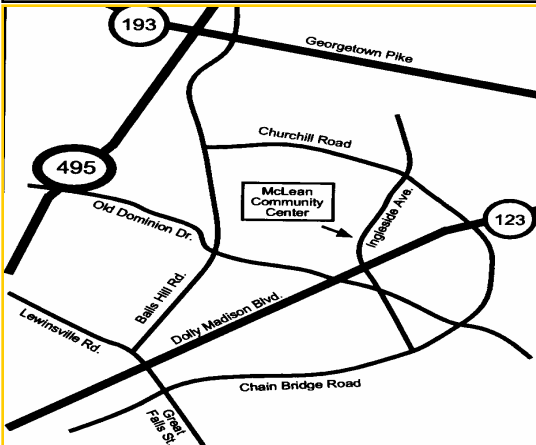
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MPC meetings are held on the second Wed. of each month from Sept. through June, at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Meet & greet from 7:00–7:30 pm. Programs start at 7:30 pm.

**Directions:** The McLean Community Center can be reached from the major intersection of Old Dominion Dr. and Dolly Madison Blvd. (Rt. 123). Go east one block to Ingleside Ave. & turn left.

**Visitors are always welcome!**



See our web site at:  
<http://www.mcleanphoto.org>

**McLean Photography Club's Executive Board**

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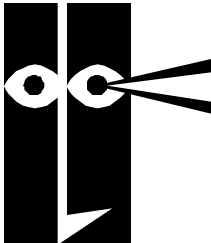
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(the sooner the better)**



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