



# FOCUS

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## END OF YEAR WINNERS JUDGED BY WARREN STANDLEY

Warren Standley, our judge for the 2012 end of year awards, pointed out that being able to pick only one image from each category was an extremely difficult task. Warren is very good at analyzing an image and being able to clearly describe why he feels it is good. His judging is always positive, and his critiques are often accompanied by suggestions on how the photos might be improved.

The entire tone of this competition was unique compared to that of the monthly contests, as the entries have, in most cases, already been awarded a first place. They are the photographer's best efforts of the year, and they were all very excellent images. Thanks to Warren for being willing to put himself on the spot, and thanks to the contestants for giving us a feast for the eye.



Warren cogitating. Photo by Dave Lyster

### END OF YEAR AWARDS JUDGE: WARREN STANDLEY

**ROTHMAN PHOTOGRAPHERS OF THE YEAR:**  
**GERRY BISHOP and JIM MARSHALL**

**B PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR: DAVID KATZ**

**SHYAN AWARD: LYDIA HANDSFIELD**

**BEST PRINT: JIM SULLIVAN**

**BEST PROJECTED IMAGE: GERRY BISHOP**

**BEST CREATIVE IMAGE: JIM SULLIVAN**

**SHYAN AWARD: LYDIA HANDSFIELD**

### CCC DUES

Dues must be paid by the March meeting **at the latest**, in order for you to remain on our list and participate in club activities. However, sooner is better in order for us to get all lists, etc. in order. Please bring to the meeting on Thursday, or mail to:

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Regular - \$45  
Couple - \$70  
Students through high school - \$10

### **GREAT FOOD, GREAT COMPANY, AND GREAT PHOTOGRAPHS**

The CCC Holiday Party was a success, as usual. There was enough food to feed an army, and Gordon's table decorations were the best! We had a great judge, the competition went smoothly, and members had a chance to socialize, drink wine (some of us...) and generally enjoy the holiday atmosphere.



Shyan Award recipient, Lydia Handsfield, in front of her three first place winning prints. To the right is Lydia's husband, Geoff, a water polo player, and the subject in action in the center photo. Photo by Dave Lyster.



Here is CCC's youngest member, Vivien Largiader, along with her mother, Meredith, enjoying the Christmas Party. Vivien frequently attends CCC meetings. Photo by Dave Lyster.

### **MEETING INFORMATION**

**CAMERA CLUB MEETINGS:** 2<sup>ND</sup> Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. Dinner before meeting at 5:00 pm. Assigned, Open, and Creative Digital and Print entries as announced. Each month, all entries in the *Creative* category will be projected and all entries in the *Open* category will be displayed as prints. Assigned entries will alternate as noted below.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2013

**ASSIGNMENT: CELEBRATIONS (PROJECTED)**

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2013

**ASSIGNMENT: LESS IS MORE (PRINT)**

*You will receive two points for each entry in the Assigned topic, and one point for entries in the Open and Creative categories. **You may submit only ONE (1) entry per category.***

**CELEBRATIONS:** How do you and your camera capture "Celebrations"? Parties, graduations, births, victories, grand openings, award ceremonies, special holidays--they happen all the time. Use your best photography skills, work with the lighting, shoot from different

angles, let the image speak for itself and tell the story. Celebrate the shot!

**LESS IS MORE:** This is a theme about minimalism--the art of sparseness and purity. Winning photos will reveal the beauty of a subject stripped down to its most basic form and context. Your goal will be to capture the essence of something, to express the best aspects of a subject with minimum content and maximum simplicity--a single leaf floating on a pond, a small child in a large and empty room, a footprint in the sand.

### **VICTORIA DYE TO JUDGE IN JANUARY**



Victoria Dye, web photo

Our judge at the January 10 meeting will be Victoria Dye. Victoria is an award-winning photographer located in the Charlottesville area. Starting with film and the traditional 'wet' darkroom, she switched to the digital darkroom in 1999 and since 2003 has gone primarily digital, from capture to print.

Victoria has served several times as judge and presenter at CCC meetings, and was a member of the jury that selected images to be included in a CCC exhibit. She also conducted a course on Lightroom for the club.

Victoria teaches several courses in photography and photo processing at PVCC from which many club members have benefited. She began teaching digital classes in 2003 to help people understand, use and enjoy the vast creative potential that is available through digital media. From buying and using a digital camera to setting up and using a digital darkroom, Victoria can help you. Her classes cover a broad range of topics such as choosing the right camera, using digital editing and software, and setting up your own digital darkroom.

### **ERWIN BOHMFALK TO SPEAK AT NEXT MEETING**

The program in January will be presented by Dr. Erwin Bohmfalk. Erwin is a resident of Waynesboro and started the Purple Foot restaurant there more than thirty years ago. When you visit the Purple Foot, you will see that the walls are covered with photos of his latest adventures; they have included Antarctica, Africa, Mongolia, Russia above the Arctic Circle, and many more exciting places. Dr. Bohmfalk is Chairman of the Board for the Wildlife Center of Virginia. He leads two-week photo safaris to Botswana and South Africa that are sponsored by the Center. In his presentation, he will be sharing his experiences as a passionate wildlife enthusiast, world traveler and photographer.

### **PRESIDENT'S MUSING**

There are a number of new and improved things at the C'ville Camera Club. The new web forum has a lot to offer with many exciting possibilities. To learn how to make it work for you come to the workshop on Wednesday January 30. See more information in the FOCUS or on the web page.

We are also asking each of you to fill out a survey on your thoughts about the camera club. This will help us build for the future. Your input is vitally important.

There will be some new workshops this spring. The camera club sponsors a workshop each month. In the past members have offered to mentor others in the club. This mentoring will expand as we introduce extra workshops especially focused on helping beginning photographers.

We are setting up a process to help the judges determine if a picture meets the criteria for the assigned or creative categories. Watch for more information in the next month or so.

Judges have had some really hard decisions to pick the winners in each category. The executive committee is considering other ways to do the judging. Stay tuned for more information about this.

Talking about judging--over the course of the year a number of members had scores that were only a point or two apart. When we look at the numbers we see that many of the people who are at the top of the scoring sheet have entered the largest number of photographs. I, for one, have discovered it takes work to enter photos each year. It also takes planning to do the assigned category on a regular basis. Not

always easy but that is the key. Hope you all have a good new year, Gordon

#### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2013

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are on Wednesdays at the Northside Library, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

**Wednesday, January 30**

**Topic: Photos on Social Media, and Introduction to CCC website FORUM.**

**Presented by Rob Fehnel**

**Wednesday, February 27**

**Topic: Your Favorite Tricks, Tools, and Techniques: Show and tell, open to all to present a trick or two.**

**McIntire Library**

**Tuesday, March 26**

**Topic: Members' "Show and Tell"—presenting images, explaining how they were created, and getting feedback from the audience.**

**Tuesday, April 23**

**Topic: Introduction to Nik Software presented by John Hulburt. Venue TBD**

#### WINNERS OF THE 2012 END OF YEAR AWARDS

**Gerry Bishop and Jim Marshall, Rothman Photographers of the Year.** In memory of Howard Rothman, one of the founding members of the CCC, this award is presented to the Class A photographer who has accumulated the highest number of points during the year. This year we had a tie between Gerry and Jim. Congratulations to both of them.

**David Katz, Class B Photographer of the Year.** This award is presented to the Class B photographer who has accumulated the highest number of points during the year.

**Lydia Handsfield, winner of the Shyan Award.** This award, in memory of Ted and Rita Shyan, founding members of the CCC, is for Class B photographers. The entered prints may be color or monochrome, and must have been taken in the current year; they should be the three images that the photographer considers his or her best work.

Lydia Handsfield won the Shyan award with the following three images of a Polo game.



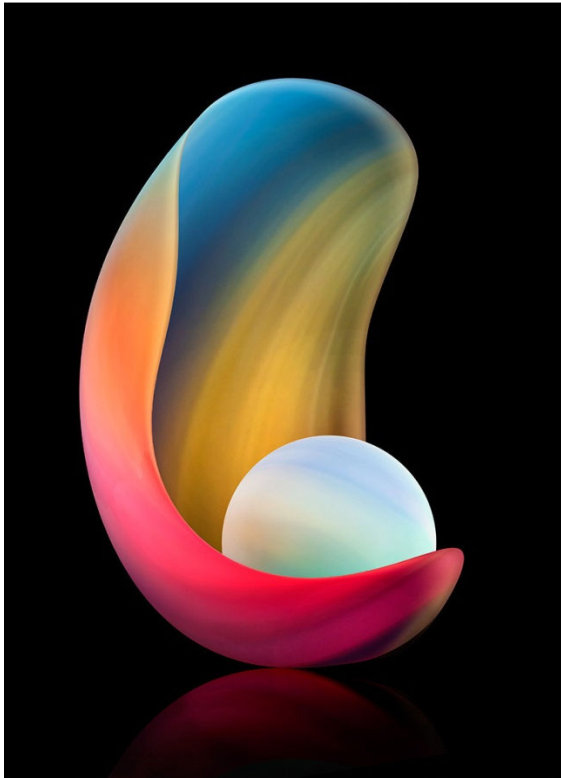
**Jim Sullivan, *Best Print from an Assigned or Open entry***, either color or monochrome, won with this photo titled “*Out on a Limb.*”



**Gerry Bishop, *Best Digital Projection from an Assigned Image***, won with the photo below called “*Glory Be.*”



**Jim Sullivan, *Best Creative Digital Projection image*.** His winning image is called, “*The Pearl*.”



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS**

**THE THIRD ANNUAL JOSEPH MILLER ABSTRACT EXHIBIT** entries will be accepted starting December 29, 2012, and the deadline for submission of entries will be February 27, 2013. As in the two previous Annual Abstract Exhibits, the Third Exhibit will be an outstanding example of photography as art and should not be missed by serious photographers.

Further information, including a definition of abstract as well as a calendar of important

dates can be found on the NVACC.org website at: [http://www.nvacc.org/Abstract\\_Exhibit.html](http://www.nvacc.org/Abstract_Exhibit.html)

**BILL AND LINDA LANE** have published the list of their 2013 workshops on their website, and write, “For those of you who have attended one of our workshops in the past, hope we’ll be seeing you again. Those who have not yet been with us, hope you give us a try. We’ll do our best not to disappoint.”  
[www.lanephotoworkshops.com](http://www.lanephotoworkshops.com)

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(The Charlottesville Camera Club is an organization that fosters photography as an art, a hobby, or a vocation, by instruction and by sharing of knowledge and experience. Membership is open to anyone interested in photography. The club is not associated with any other organization or venue.)