

Focus

The Newsletter of the Shores Camera Club

August 2005

President's Snapshot

Hi, just a note to let you know what is happening. This month we will have this abbreviated version of the [FOCUS](#) as this is one area that I have not been able to get my teeth into yet. I hope by next month we will be back on track and have a full blown version up and running again. If you are looking for a challenge, we are in dire need of an editor for this online newsletter. Contact me if you are interested.

If you have not yet filled out a [Member Survey](#), make sure you get one at the 11 August meeting. The information that we can glean from these surveys will be instrumental in our planning to help meet the needs and desires of the members.

Ken

11 August Program

Our scheduled guest speaker for this month is Ric Kessler, a nature photographer who resides here in the Daytona area. I think Ric's philosophy on nature photography is best summed up by the opening statement on his website [Explore Nature's Wonders](#). It states: "It is our intention to show wildlife in it's truest form so that others may enjoy the pleasure we receive while photographing our Earth's natural history. Often it is not only patience or perseverance but simply the thrill of trying to be one with nature that allows some wonderful images to be captured."

If you would like to sneak a peek at some of Ric's work, visit his website at www.rickessler.com

25 August Workshop

To be announced

August Safari

Our Safari this month will be to the Presidents Hall of Fame in Clermont. Those wishing to participate in this trip will meet in the Publix Parking Lot at the corner of Nova and Beville at 7:30 A.M. on Saturday, 20 August.

The Presidents Hall of Fame is a piece of Washington, DC, housed in Clermont. It contains White House displays that span 200 years and a 60-foot miniature replica of the White House. Peek into the rooms and grounds of 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue where one inch of model equals one foot of the actual White House as it looks today. It is all there, from the Jacqueline Kennedy Garden to the Lincoln Bedroom and the Oval Office.

The Guinness Book of World Records now features it as the world's largest doll house. The Hall of Fame Library and Gallery house 42 wax presidential figures, a collection of First Lady's gowns, a presidential gallery of memorabilia, Oval Office displays and many of the Jackie Kennedy auction items. The Hall of Fame opens at 9 A.M. and admission is \$9.95 for adults.

For specific driving instructions visit the Club Website at www.shorescameraclub.com or if you have other questions contact Joan Robinson at 761-9296.

July Competition Winners

July Assignment Subject – Bridges

ADVANCED ASSIGNED

1st – Joan Robinson

2nd – Tobin Buddenhagen

3rd – Suzanne Nelson

H/M – Tobin Buddenhagen

ADVANCED OPEN

1st – Tobin Buddenhagen

2nd – Joan Robinson

3rd – Tambria Beaty

H/M – Suzanne Nelson

BEGINNER ASSIGNED

1st – Rich Tully

2nd – Ann Dahm

3rd – Ann Dahm

H/M – Lorraine Swiatlowski

BEGINNER OPEN

1st – Ann Dahm

2nd – Lorraine Swiatlowski

3rd – Lorraine Swiatlowski

H/M – Ann Dahm

To view these great images go to our website at www.shorescameraclub.com and click on the Competition icon.

No Safari Competitions were held this Month

Print Competition Assigned Subjects

August – Birds

September – Close-ups

October – Mirror Images

November – Black & White

December – Patterns

Photo Tips by Lloyd

Digital B&W Images

There was a time in ancient photography history when b&w film with a bunch of lens filters in your camera bag, various contrast papers and later contrast filters used in a wet-darkroom to control the final print. Let's fast-forward to present day digital-darkroom technology.

I wrote earlier in "Tips" on how to create digital black-and-white images using Photoshop because our November assignment is guess what? --Black-and-White--

I thought for this month, I would write about another way (and easy) to convert a color image to b&w (grayscale) with excellent results. Here's how:

Open a color image

Go to Image > Mode > Lab Color

In the Channels palette, just click on the Lightness channel

Go to Image > Mode > Grayscale

That's it. However, you can go to Image > Brightness/Contrast and pump up the contrast and/or the brightness a bit to adjust your b&w image to what you want.

Lloyd Hampson

General Information

The Shores Camera Club meets on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. The first monthly meeting will consist of a program on one of the many facets of photography presented by an expert in that area as well as a member's print competition. The second monthly meeting will be a workshop on one of the many diverse subjects in the field of photography. The club meets at the Daytona Beach Shores Community Center at 3048 South Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach Shores, FL.

For further information, feel free to contact our club president, Ken Hanson, by e-mail at khanson@cfl.rr.com or via land line at 386 761-7820.

