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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSA-YERBA BUENA FALL CHAPTER DAY

This event will take place on Sunday, November 2nd. And will be a series of How-Tos and Workshops. So mark your calendars and set this date aside for a Fun-filled and Informative day of photography. Watch for further details on the YB website at: www.psa-verbabuena.org

Yerba Buena Chapter Salon Competition

This is a NEW EVENT. Yerba Buena Chapter members will have the opportunity to compete in a **Pictorial** subject competition sponsored by the Chapter. You may enter one or up to four images for a total entry fee of \$10. The images must be received in digital format. Slides or negatives that have been converted to a digital image will be allowed. No obvious manipulations are allowed. All images must be titled. More info? E-mail Ellie Webster, FPSA

Images sent on a CD should be sized on one side at exactly 1024 pixels, the other side can go at any length. This is to allow vertical presentations to have the same impact as a horizontal entry. You can e-mail your images to Ellie but you will still have to mail her a check for the entry fee.

Closing date for receipt of entries is September 13. The judging will be done, by unaffiliated, experienced judges. Results of the competition will be announced at the Fall Chapter Day in November. Entries will be projected at that time.

The Grand Prize will be a cash prize of **\$500.00**

First runner-up will receive **\$200**

Second runner-up will receive **\$100**

An additional door prize, **for all attendees**, at the **Fall Chapter Day** event will be a one-year membership in PSA. The winner of this prize may choose to use it to join PSA, extend a membership, or give it to someone as a gift.

The only requirement to enter the competition is that the maker must be a current member of Yerba Buena Chapter, which means that current membership in PSA is a pre-requisite. There are many Chapter members who have not yet paid their dues (excluding exempt newly-joined members), please check your records now and submit past due Chapter dues today. If you are not sure of your dues status, e-mail Alyce.

More Good Stuff

PSA Conference – Portland, OR

By now you have received your Journal outlining the PSA annual conference. If you are planning to go it is suggested that you reserve your room at the **Portland Waterfront Hotel** as soon as possible as the special conference room rate is limited to just so many rooms. This can be done on the PSA website as well as the registration, Don't overlook attending the Saturday night finale - **The Honors Banquet**.

Headquarters Print Display

Ellie Webster is still collecting your matted prints for the Headquarters hanging,. Sizes range from 12x14 to 16x24. Ellie will receive them up to May 12 if you bring them to the N4C meeting on that date. For further info you can reach Ellie at: elliwebster2@sbcglobal.net

PSA Chapter Showcase

Yerba Buena Chapter will not be competing in the PSA Chapter Showcase in Portland this year.

Field Trip

Alan Caddey, the Palouse expert, will be leading two Workshops in the Palouse. These are four day trips. The schedule is May 25 through May 28, and July 5 through July 8. The workshop fee is \$ 445 and the room rate in Moscow , Idaho is \$ 53.99 per night for double queen beds. Breakfast included.

Alan will work with you in all formats, film or digital.

Some of our members have already signed up. If you are not familiar with the area or with Alan, It can be said that you will not be disappointed and will photograph extremely unusual landscapes. Many of us have been there several times and have the great photos to prove it. Another plus is that he is a good guy.

You can contact Alan at: (206) 242-5840 or alancaddey@aol.com to get all the details.

Chapters – Clubs - Councils

The Worker Bees

A more complex story than the birds and the bees is the work ethic of the honey bees who while protecting the queen produce prodigious amounts of nectar. It takes work and dedication by the entire colony to successfully continue to survive.

The same is true in camera clubs, chapters, and councils. We have a dedicated and hard working group of people who give a lot of themselves in order to perpetuate the organization, and who make the setting comfortable and enjoyable for the members.

Unfortunately, these hard working members, are getting to a point where they are physically unable to continue to do the job without help. As an example look at the previous column under PSA Chapter Showcase. The one person who had this responsibility dropped on them simply had too many other irons in the fire and could not get to doing the job prior to the deadline.

Yerba Buena Chapter needs your help. It just isn't practical to think that three or four people can do everything, and do it well, all the time.

Before you say ,”you're too busy”, or any other excuse, stop and consider all that has been done by people who are probably busier than you. They say that if you want something done, ask a busy person.

So contact the Chairman and ask how you can help keep the Chapter and its activities going. We can use a Secretary and an Events person as well as an assistant projectionist.

The same is true at the camera club level and council. We are seeing some clubs, etc. getting stronger while others are floundering.

If you really love photography and want to keep it in your life, volunteer at any level. It's up to you.

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PSA Youth Photography Showcase

For about four years now, Jim & Alyce Pagano, in conjunction with Yerba Buena Chapter, have sponsored two high schools in the PSA Youth Showcase competition. One of the schools, Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep, Which is the subject of this article, has consistently submitted photos which are of such good quality that they belie the fact that they were done by teenage students. This years entries were superb.

Much credit is to be given to Ms. Lisa Filpi, their photography instructor who has worked very closely with Jim & Alyce in this project. Ms. Filpi, besides participating in the PSA-Youth Photography Showcase, has formed an organization called, Connecting Cultures Through Art, in order to broaden her students' understanding of the world in which they live as well as the power of digital photography.

See her site at:

www.connectcultures.com

Each year a different school and culture will be selected as a partner. Vidya Peetam, located in Sholinghur, Tamil Nadu, India (near Chennai) will be the first sister school to collaborate with this program. Lisa and Sally will travel to Tamil Nadu in June 2008, They will spend a month there, They will present the **Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep School's** students portfolios of our own culture, teach the Vidya Peetam students about digital photography and in turn have those students document and present themselves, their culture and their community to the SHCP students and their community through the recreation of the SHCP lessons.

Upon their return to the U.S. Lisa and Sally will present the Vidya Peetam students' work to the SHCP digital photography classes as well as to the larger SHCP community. They also plan to share the work of both SHCP and Vidya Peetam students through an exhibition at a local gallery or museum so the project will reach out beyond the borders of both countries.

It should be noted that Lisa and Sally are traveling using their own funds and on their own time.

Those of you who are interested in the development of this courageous project and wish to keep informed of its progress, exhibitions, and/or wish to make a tax deductible donation to this worthwhile project should contact **Lisa Filpi** at: lafilpi@hotmail.com

Yerba Buena Chapter members who are interested in joining the PSA Youth Showcase Program should contact Jim or Alyce at the e-mails on the front cover of this newsletter.

This is a very rewarding and fulfilling PSA program and we highly recommend your participation.

Some wise man once said, " No one walks taller than the person who stoops to help a child"

What Does Your Chapter Provide to You?

- ❖ A local forum to express your views regarding PSA activities
- ❖ Quarterly Newsletter that keeps you informed of local and national events.
- ❖ Educational programs at a low cost in the Spring and Fall
- ❖ A new Chapter Competition with large cash prizes
- ❖ An extremely low dues structure
- ❖ A conduit between you and the Photographic Society of America
- ❖ A place to go to for assistance with any photographic problem
- ❖ An opportunity to participate in the PSA Youth Showcase
- ❖ And much, much, more than space allows

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