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## “MAKING FINE ART NATURE PHOTOGRAPHS”

*Monday, January 11, 2010*

*By Joe LeFevre*

“Now that I’m there, what’s next?” Fine art photography is a broad topic, which can be approached in a number of different ways. Here is Joe LeFevre’s working definition: A fine art photograph is one that is technically sound, but whose primary purpose is to elicit an emotional response from the viewer by making a strong artistic statement. In this presentation Joe will cover the basics of fine art photography as it applies to nature and landscape images. He will cover what he believes are the three key ingredients to making fine art photographs: artistic vision, technical proficiency, and fine light. All three must be present for an image to be successful.



Joe LeFevre is an award-winning landscape and nature photographer from Oswego New York. A popular convention speaker, Joe has taught and inspired hundreds of people throughout the United States with his remarkable imagery at venues which include the Photographic Society of America (PSA) International Conference of Photography at Portland, OR, the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) annual convention at UMass Amherst, and the Niagara Frontier Regional Camera Clubs (NFRCC) annual conventions

at Grand Island, NY. His work has appeared in *Outdoor Photographer* magazine, and in numerous regional publications including *Adirondack Life* and *New York State Conservationist* magazines. He is a staff instructor at the Adirondack Photography Institute ([www.adkpi.org](http://www.adkpi.org)), which offers photographic workshops and tours throughout the spectacular Adirondack region of upstate New York. Be sure to visit Joe’s website at: [lefevrephoto@yahoo.com](mailto:lefevrephoto@yahoo.com).

Joe’s presentation is being sponsored by Hunt’s Photo and Video, New England’s largest retailer of photographic, video, and digital imaging products. Door prizes are being provided by Hunt’s. Hunt’s will also be on hand for your photographic shopping pleasure. If you have any special requests, contact Gary Farber at 800-221-1830 ext 2332 or Shawn Davis at 413-585-9430. You can also email Gary at [DigitalGuyGary@wbhunt.com](mailto:DigitalGuyGary@wbhunt.com). We look forward to Joe’s enlightening program.



Autumn Fog From Great Bend

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**Hunt's**  
Photo, Video and  
definitely **DIGITAL**

Note that there are changes to our meeting schedule in January and February.

- January’s monthly **PROGRAM** will be held on January 11, 2010.
- January’s **WORKSHOP** will be held on January 25, 2010.
- February’s **JUDGING** will be held on February 8, 2010.
- February’s **WORKSHOP** will be held on February 15, 2010.

→ DON'T  
FORGET!



**CHARTER OAK  
PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY,  
INC.**

OFFICERS 2009-2010 SEASON

PRESIDENT: Meredith Harris, Farmington, CT  
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TREASURER: Norma Zackor, Bloomfield, CT  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Gretchen Hein,  
Bristol, CT

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SCHEDULE 2009-2010 SEASON

REGULAR MEETINGS (7:15 pm)

Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23, 2009  
Jan 11, Feb 22, March 22, April 26, May 17, 2010

BOARD MEETINGS (7:00 pm)

Sept. 14, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, 2009  
Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, May 3, 2010

WORKSHOPS (7:15 pm)

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, 2009  
Jan. 25, Feb. 15, Mar. 8, Apr. 12, 2010

SLIDE & PRINT & ELECTRONIC IMAGING

JUDGING (7:15 pm)

Oct. 19, Nov. 16, 2009  
Jan. 18, Feb. 8, Mar. 15, Apr. 19, May 10, 2010

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SLIDE CHAIRMAN: Olive Weingart

PRINT CHAIRMAN: Gretchen Hein

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Rick Freschner

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Avon, CT

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**WHAT DID YOU GET FOR THE  
HOLIDAYS !!!!!**

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## SWEET TEMPTATIONS



A reminder goes out to Pam Hastings, Debbie Staley, Stan Marchat, Elaine Widmer, Tom Trask, Audrey Weigold and Jan Chambers. We look forward to your “treats” at our January meeting.

Thanks are extended to Gretchen Hein, Bob Reedy, Al Taplin and Krys Johnson for providing the treats at our November meeting.

## 2009-2010 MEMBER’S MINISHOWS

*by Jan Chambers*

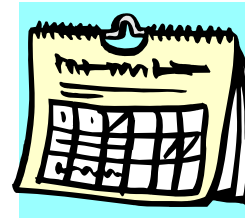
It’s not too early to think about preparing and presenting a “Mini Show.” All member shows will be viewed at the February meeting on February 22, 2010. Here is a chance to showcase your favorite subject. You can teach us your favorite technique, wow us with images of your last vacation, or give the audience a chuckle with some humorous photos. It is your choice in what to present and how you want to present it. We encourage members to participate and share their images.



Please adhere to the following guidelines. Each presenter should put together up to 50 images in a program. Each program should last no more than 10 minutes. If using a slide presentation, slides should be in a tray, ready for projection on the Club’s projector. If you tell us in advance, we can have a tape deck and speakers available should you wish to put your program to music. A digital presentation, such as ProShow, can also be accommodated to run on the club’s digital projector.

If you elect to display prints, the Club’s print box will be made available if you tell us in advance. Because of the size of the audience, make the prints BIG.

Your fellow photographers are waiting to see your images and artistry. I encourage you to present a “Mini Show” and join in the fun! Contact me to sign up for a Minishow.



## JANUARY - FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Monday, January 11, 2010. 7:15 pm.  
**Monthly Meeting.** Elmwood Community Church.  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT
- Monday, January 18, 2010. 7:15 pm  
Judging. Elmwood Community Church  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT
- Monday, January 25, 2010. 7:15 pm.  
**Workshop.** Elmwood Community Church  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT
- Monday, February 1, 2010. 7:00 pm.  
Board Meeting. Farmington Library  
Route 4, Farmington, CT
- Monday, February 8, 2010. 7:15 pm  
**Judging.** Elmwood Community Church  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT
- Monday, February 15, 2010. 7:15 pm.  
**Workshop.** Elmwood Community Church  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT
- Monday, February 22, 2010. 7:15 pm  
Monthly Meeting. Elmwood Community Church  
26 Newington Rd., West Hartford, CT

## Upcoming Events

February 22, 2010    Members “Minishows”  
Charter Oak Members

## COMPETITIONS AND JUDGINGS

**January:** January's Print, Slide and Electronic Imaging Judging will be held on: Monday, January 18, 2010.

Electronic Image Topic:  
"Shadows"



**February:** February's Print, Slide and Electronic Imaging Judging will be held on: Monday, February 8, 2010.

Electronic Image Topic:  
"Creative Camera Techniques"



Electronic Imaging: Submit entries to [submissions@charteroakphoto.com](mailto:submissions@charteroakphoto.com) by **January 11, 2010 for the Jan. Competition and February 1, 2010 for the Feb. Competition**

Questions or concerns can be sent to: [digital-imaging@charteroakphoto.com](mailto:digital-imaging@charteroakphoto.com)

Prints: Submit prints at the judging only.

Slides: Submit slides for February at the January monthly meeting.

## ON A SAD NOTE...

Charter Oak Member, William Korkosz, 77, of Glastonbury died on Tuesday, November 24, 2009. Bill was a retired engineer for Pratt and Whitney Corporation. Bill will be remembered for his willingness to assist newer members and for memorable nature competition prints and slides. Bill was a former vice president of the New England Camera Club Council, a member of the Springfield Photographic Society, Mass Camera Naturalists and Charter Oak. He also received an Associate in the Photographic Society of America Award. Please send any notes or cards to Bill's cousin:

Pete Korkosz  
46 Robinson Road  
Lexington, MA 02420

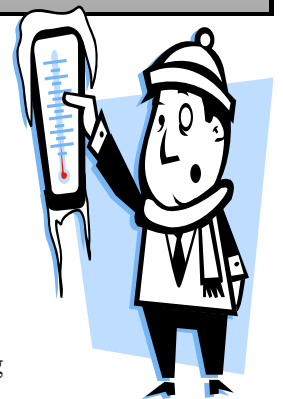
A definition of a professional photographer:  
A "pro" NEVER shows anybody the mistakes.

- Anonymous

## BAD WEATHER CANCELLATIONS

Should inclement weather arrive to cancel any of our meetings, you can look to the following sources for announcements of Charter Oak cancellations:

- \* The Charter Oak Blog
- \* WTIC AM 1080 radio. Announcements will begin after 9am and are broadcast immediately following newscasts on the hour and half-hour.
- \* WFSB TV-3
- \* 96.5 WTIC FM
- \* LITE 100.5 AM



You may also call Meredith Harris for cancellation information.

2009-2010 Print Scoreboard					
Print Competition Standings - YTD through November					
Group	Name	Total # of Prints	Total Score	Blue	HM
<b>Color</b>	Norma Zackor	2	53	1	1
	Austin Carey	2	50	1	
	John Murphy	2	45		
	John O'Boyle	2	45		1
	Nick Giosa	2	45		1
	Harvey Schroeder	2	44		
	Richard Brimley	1	30		
	Don Weston	1	27		
	Anne Lissette	1	24		
	Sam Razumny	1	22		
<b>Creative</b>	Harvey Schroeder	2	45	1	
	John Murphy	2	45	1	
	Don Weston	1	29	1	
<b>Monochrome</b>	Austin Carey	2	50	1	1
	Norma Zackor	2	48	1	
	John Murphy	2	46		
	Tom Trask	2	45		1
	Harvey Schroeder	2	44		
	John O'Boyle	2	41		
	Don Weston	1	23		
	Sam Razumny	1	23		
Anne Lissette	1	20			

## WORKSHOP: "CRITIQUE / LEARNING SESSION"

*Monday January 25, 2010*

*MODERATOR: Olive Weingart, APSA, HonNEC*

Members have asked for more critiques so that they may learn what may be done to improve their images. In an attempt to meet club members' wishes, a critique workshop has been scheduled. Bring prints or slides with you; or have an electronic image sent to the competition mailbox. Due to time constraints, only one image per person will be "critiqued." So, come and learn how to improve your images.

Every participant will get a chance during the evening to critique and share in understanding why a particular image received its high or low score.

Please come one and all (new and "old" members alike). It should prove to be an evening of getting acquainted, learning, and just good fun. Let's make it an evening to remember by helping and sharing our favorite hobby with each other.

2009-2010 Slide Scoreboard				
Slide Competition Standings - YTD through November				
Name	Total Number of Images Using the Highest 2 Scoring Images	Total Points Using the Highest 2 Scoring Images	Blue Ribbons	Honorable Mention Red Ribbons
<b><u>Masters</u></b>				
Lee Wilcox	4	104	2	1
Nick Giosa	4	94		2
Krys Johnson	4	92		1
John O'Boyle	4	91		
Gretchen Hein	2	49		
<b><u>Salon</u></b>				
Paula Pingree	4	96	2	2
Marjorie Hart	4	93	1	1
Kathy Kelley	4	89		1
Pam Hastings	4	83		

## NECCC FALL 2009 INTERCLUB COMPETITION RESULTS

The Fall NECCC Electronic Interclub Competition was held on November 18, 2009, hosted by Boston West Photographic Society. Thirty-nine clubs participated in the Pictorial section (14 from Class A and 25 from Class B) and thirty-four clubs participated in the Nature section (12 from Class A and 22 from Class B). Charter Oak finished a respectable tie for 4th in the Class A Pictorial competition and tied for 5th in Nature. Val Nanovsky took home an Honorable Mention award for his *Engulfed in Silence* in the Pictorial judging.

The Fall Interclub Print Competition was held on November 4, 2009, hosted by the Greater Bridgeport Camera Club. 205 prints were submitted from a total of 28 clubs. In Black & White, Class A Charter Oak is in a tie for 11th place. For the Color print class, Charter Oak is in a tie for 3rd place. Charter Oak awards for color prints were: Austin Carey, 3rd place with 24 points, for *Sunrise at Schwabacher's*; Dick Brimley, HM with 23 points, for *Cowboying Up* and Norma Zackor, HM with 23 points, for *On Patrol*. Thanks to all who entered and Congratulations to all those who received awards! To read the entire NECCC reports and to view all winning images, visit the NECCC site at: [neccc.org](http://neccc.org). Click on Club services, then on Interclub competition.

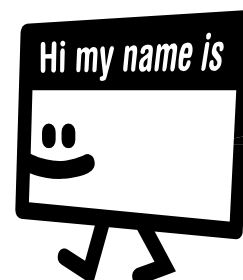
### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Arthur Brown  
Farmington, CT

Steve Daigle  
Wethersfield CT

Fredrick K. Orkin  
Woodbury, CT

Christine Quallen  
W. Hartford, CT



2009-2010 Digital Imaging Scoreboard				
Digital Imaging Competition Standings - YTD through November				
Name	Total Number of Images Using the Highest 2 Scoring Images	Total Points Using the Highest 2 Scoring Images	Blue Ribbons	Honorable Mention Red Ribbons
<b>Masters</b>				
Ed Rosenthal	4	113	3	1
Laura Bryg	4	111	2	1
Audrey Weigold	4	107	1	2
Don Weston	4	103	2	
Robert Cameron	4	101	2	
Bernie Hynes	2	54	1	
Cindy Gosselin	2	54		
<b>Salon</b>				
Jan Chambers	4	107	2	
Elaine Widmer	4	99	1	
John Murphy	4	97	1	
Danielle D'ermo	4	97	1	2
Jason Rosenthal	4	96	1	1
Joyce Niejako	4	95		
Pam Hastings	4	95	2	1
Leesa Heath	4	93	1	
Melissa Rosenthal	4	92		1
Michael Miller	4	92		1
Nick Giosa	4	92		
Richard Brimley	4	92		2
Dave Patterson	4	91		
Bob Finch	4	83		2
Nancy Hynes	2	58	1	1
Olive Weingart	2	50		
Steve Rosenthal	2	50		
Mohit Mehrotra	2	49		1
Rick Freschner	2	49	1	
Scarlet Riley	2	48		
Dave Edgecomb	2	47		
Greg Petropoulos	2	45		
Marci James	2	45		

## INDOOR PHOTO SHOOT At PhotoSynthesis February 21, 2010

Once again Charter Oak is sponsoring an indoor photo shoot for members similar to what we did last winter. Only, this one will be held at PhotoSynthesis at 136 1/2 Pine Street in Manchester, CT. We are holding it on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> since PhotoSynthesis is only open 1/2 a day on Sunday so we won't interfere with their business. Set ups will be ready for your photographic pleasure at 1:00 p.m. and run until 4:00 p.m.



Set ups will include portraits (including pets), blacklight, flower photography, and a bird will be available to photograph. In the studio area of PhotoSynthesis, Tom Tomlin will model for us. Tom modeled at NECCC this past summer in the Hi-Jinx area and has several outfits. Some images of Tom (courtesy of Lisa and Tom Cuchara) are attached. Dogs to photograph will be provided by our pet loving members and will also be in the studio area.

A sync cord will be provided for the portrait set ups, but if your camera requires a sync attachment that will be your responsibility to bring. Bring your tripod, and, as in the past, these images will be allowed in Charter Oak competition.

Chris Huestis, the owner of PhotoSynthesis, will provide coffee, tea, and water so if you wish to bring lunch, other beverages, or goodies to share feel free to do so.



Parking is somewhat of a problem, but on Sunday you can park along the building across from PhotoSynthesis.

Directions: From Hartford, take I-84 **East** to I-384. Take **Exit 2** off of I-384 (Keeney Street) and turn **Left** at stop sign on Wetherell Street. At the traffic light turn **Left** on Keeney Street go over the highway. At the next traffic light take a **Right** on Hartford Road. Continue on Hartford Road when you see Hartford Road Pizza on the right, Pine Street will be the next **Left** which is a total of 5/10ths of a mile on Hartford Road. Turn **Left** on Pine Street for 2/10ths of a mile (when you see Pleasant Street on your left, PhotoSynthesis is just past there on left). Look for PhotoSynthesis sign and you will take a **Left** into what looks like a long alley with a long building on the right and buildings on the left. PhotoSynthesis is toward the other end on the **Left**.

## CONNECTICUT INVITATIONAL

Judging for the Connecticut Association of Photographers 27th Annual Invitational Salon competition was held last on November 17, 2009 in Meriden, CT. Charter Oak did very well finishing 1st overall in the Print competition and 2nd overall in the Digital competition!

Individual Awards of Merit went to:

Austin Carey in  
Prints for  
*Sunrise at  
Schwabachers,*



Cindy  
Gosselin in  
Digital for  
*Egrets  
Nesting in  
Pepper  
Bushes,*

and Val  
Nanovsky in  
Digital for  
*Engulfed in  
Silence.*



Congratulations to all!