

# Your Best Shot

Fort Myers Camera Club  
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8210 College Parkway. Ft. Myers, FL 33919**

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## So Much To Do. So Little Time



There are a lots of faces in the back row that are hidden. Next time we will have to see that we have more rows, or shoot from a higher angle. I think we should do this annually, and I thank all of you for participating in this first attempt. I also would appreciate your sharing of any photos of our members taken on field trips or at meetings. Please bring a camera to our year end banquet and let's use them in our newsletter.

The year seems to be flying by. I can't believe that we are already looking at plans for the Regional meeting, and thinking about images to enter for the "Slide of the Year". At the Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> competition, I sat in awe looking at the images submitted. They really were worth of entering on a national basis. They were stunning. They were different. They reflected the changes we've seen in the club. Each new member brings new expressions and creativity. Congratulations to those selected as winners; although I must agree with the statement made by Tom Kruegen that "there are no losers".

### Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> Competition

A special thanks to our judge for the month. Rick Kolson is a very experienced and acclaimed photographer with both the APSA and PPSA. He recently was recognized for his Photo of the Month, "Girl in Fur". We know that it takes time and effort to judge, and critique our work, and appreciate his doing this for us.

**February 26- Field Trip - Green Cay and Wakodahatchee**

**March 2 - PROGRAM - Frank and Sue Moore - Our Magnificent Pacific Northwest**

**March 9 - Competition - PORTRAITS - Portrait of a single person.**

**March 12 - Field Trip - Venice Rookery and Selby Gardens**

**March 16 - IMAGE OF THE YEAR**

**March 23 - BANQUET**

**March 28 and 29- Johnson Photo Imaging Seminar - Adam Jones**

**April 3 and 4 - Southwest Florida Camera Clubs Seminar - Art Morris**

**April 9 - Field Trip - Bok Towers and Gardens**

## Letters to the Editor

Hi Marie,

I appreciate your keeping me on the receiving list for the newsletter even though I am not active.

Whoever did the How to Take Better Pictures did a fantastic job of summing up what it takes to make a really good image. I would respectfully add another rule. A picture with everything else in place would be spectacular without really good lighting. The same shot taken at high noon and at 5:00 will be dramatically different.

Just a thought.

Jean Ruether

I couldn't agree with Jean more. Thanks for sharing your thoughts.

Hi Marie, I enjoyed my first meeting last week and learned from the competition. Although I don't feel I am "competitive" material yet, I hope to be someday.

What I would like to see is those people who have like/similar cameras be able to share some tips they found with their camera. I was a former NIKON SLR camera user and recently (one year ago) converted to the Nikon D80 and would love to learn more about the actual tricks the camera has.

Just an fyi...thanks for the newsletter.

Linda Paxton

Hopefully, the new group site will allow for more sharing in that fashion. One of the major joys of being a camera club member is finding friends who speak your language, like to go to places to shoot, and share their finds. A really special thanks to Linwood Ferguson for having the initiative to do this for all of us.

A question was raised regarding the appropriateness of legality of re-entering a photograph in competition. I asked Lize Keery who is very knowledgeable in these matters. If you enter an image in a monthly FMCC competition and it places, you cannot re-enter it in another monthly FMCC competition even if you fix or modify the image. You may, however, enter it in the "Image of the Year" competition as well as the SFWFLCC competition.

### **More and More.... Better and Better!**

The February competition had the largest amount of images to date! Thanks to our members for their participation. Not only have the numbers increased but the quality of the images has excelled. Look on our web site [www.ftmyercc.com](http://www.ftmyercc.com) to view the winners. As Tom Kreulen, our president, stated "there are no losers".

## Member Spotlight

These contacts are also on the web site but it might be handy to have them in this format, too.

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### Our Vice President



Our current Vice President, Judith Demkow, has really been a busy person this year. I don't know that we'd have survived or grown as we have without her. Not only has she served as vice president, but she has also acted as program chairperson, publicity chairperson, membership chairperson, nominating committee chairperson and greeter. She has brought many new members into our group, welcomed them, and encouraged them to return. We all say "thank you" to this dynamic lady, and when you see her, tell her how much you appreciate all she does for our club.



Bonnie and Bob Chamberlain are the dynamic duo of the camera club. Bob has served as president several times. He has been a member of our board of directors this past year as Immediate Past President. Bob keeps us on track. His wisdom is invaluable. And he's a great photographer. Bonnie serves as our refreshment chairman. She has done a wonderful job of keeping our social time interesting and delicious. The entire club owes these two wonderful people an appreciation for their hard work and dedication over these many years.