



**Virginia Beach  
Photography Club  
P.O. Box 68894  
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<http://vbpc.org>**

**welcome to  
our newest  
members**

Marc Wentworth  
Susan Ross  
Chris Taylor  
Erin Rhue

New members are encouraged to introduce themselves in the forums on the club website and at monthly meetings.



The Virginia Beach Photography Club is a member club of the Photographic Society of America

# The Cable Release

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Monthly Newsletter of the Virginia Beach Photography Club**

## *From the Prez,*

Well, this is my first letter to the club in the monthly newsletter and I suppose everyone will be looking here to see if they can pick out any tidbits or other intel (for you military types) that might give insight as to what type of president or leader I will be, and what the year will hold for us. That seems fair, so I'll do my best to do just that...

When I think of a club such as ours, whether it is an auto club, a photography club, or a semi-pro Parcheesi club, I think these types of clubs offer two important things--a common interest and a means to socially interact. Clearly, our club is about photography and anything else dealing with photography which also includes such things as printing, framing, computers and digital post processing (and chemical post processing), and probably any number of other tangential ideas. I think for the most part that is pretty clear throughout the club. If it looks, smells, or tastes like photography, then I'd say we are interested in it and it would be fair game for discussion at a meeting sometime. We offer focus groups to provide you with additional knowledge in several popular areas

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**Our Next Club meeting is Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM.  
Community United Methodist Church,  
1072 Old Kempsville Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23464**

**The January 2009 Monthly Competition Category was "Open".  
December 2008 & January 2009 winners are shown on page 5**

**February's Monthly Competition  
is "Sunrises/Sunsets."**

*Prez' column , continued from page one*

of photography. Virtually every who joins our club says they join so they can learn more about photography. If you aren't learning what you expected to learn here, then please let us know. If you are an expert in your field, then please share your knowledge by offering to teach a lesson or give a presentation on your area of expertise. Which brings me to the second thing clubs such as ours have to offer: the social aspect.

To me, the social aspect is the single most important thing our club has to offer our members. If it wasn't for that, we could all learn about photography from books or the internet and that would be the end of it. No, what really makes our club special is the fact that we have outgoing and friendly members that enjoy meeting one another (usually in a photography-related setting, but not always). And this is where I would like to focus my efforts this coming year. Even though I feel we are pretty good on the social front, I do think there is room for improvement. Ask yourself, how many times in the last year or month did you meet another club

member outside of our monthly membership meeting. Bonus points if it was to actually shoot pictures. If you haven't, then why not? Are you taking advantage of any of our focus groups to find other members with similar interests. Are you an active member in our discussion forum on the club's website? Two hours a month isn't much time to really get to meet someone and arrange a time to go shooting. But our discussion forums are the perfect place to do just that. My point is, the social aspect is the glue that holds our club together. Let's do our best to make it stronger. I promise I will.

I am really looking forward to this coming year. I want to thank you all for electing me as the club's president this year, and I promise to do my best to represent us within the community, and to represent each of you with any ideas or concerns that you may have.

Skip Morrow  
VBPC President

**the 2009 competition categories are...**

January	Open
February	Sunrises/Sunsets
March	Open
April	Silhouettes
May	Open
June	Curves

July	Open
August	Pets (Domestic animals with personality)
September	Open
October	Things that fly
November	Open
December	Doorways

# JANUARY 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

Details for ALL events can be found on the club website, <http://vbpc.org>.  
Dates and times subject to change.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 <i>Photoshop focus group &amp; Monthly meeting 7:00 PM</i>	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Wedding &amp; Portrait Focus Group 6:30 PM</i>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 <i>Educational Meeting 6:30 PM</i>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <i>Board Meeting 6:30 PM</i>	28	29	30	31

## photoshop focus group

The Photoshop Focus Group meets on the same day as the membership meeting, in the church library at 6:00 PM. So, if you want to hone your PhotoShop skills, just come to the membership meeting a little early and stop by. You can even bring your laptop or digital images if you would like to see Joe or Skip work their magic on them. At the January meeting we went over some of the things that everyone does in post processing images: sharpening, noise reduction, cropping, straightening, saving for printing and saving for web.

## coming in march

Cherry Blossoms & DC at Night, March 28th & 29th in Washington D.C. Join member photographers in D.C. for a spectacle of blooms and night photography in Washington D.C. Associated costs include subway fares, meals, and a shared hotel room.

Email Halie Hovenga at [halie@haliehovenga.com](mailto:halie@haliehovenga.com) if you'd like to come along.

# FEBRUARY 2009 EVENTS CALENDAR

Details for ALL events can be found on the club website, <http://vbpc.org>.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 <i>Photoshop focus group &amp; Monthly meeting 7:00 PM</i>	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <i>Wedding &amp; Portrait Focus Group 6:30 PM</i>	11 <i>VBUMC Exhibit Photos due today.</i>	12	13	14
15	16	17 <i>Educational Meeting 6:30 PM</i>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Board Meeting 6:30 PM</i>	25	26	27	28

## IMAGES OF FAITH Photography Exhibit at Virginia Beach United Methodist Church at the Oceanfront

This exhibit is open to all VBPC members.

All photographic images must be Christian in nature: architecture; spirituality in nature; people exhibiting acts of kindness, compassion, or participating in sacraments such as baptism, marriage, confirmation, ordination; Christian elements or artifacts; any photograph portraying facets of the Christian faith will be considered for the exhibit.

A brochure will be available for onlookers to "guide" them through the exhibit. Each photograph will be assigned a scripture passage depending on its subject matter and title. Photographers may submit their own scripture verse to accompany each photograph. In the brochure each photographer's name will be listed with phone contact.

An "Opening Night" will be held in February, date TBA, with light refreshments provided. Open to all VBPC Club members, their families, and VBUMC church members and the community.

Please submit digital photos for review to [sclever@vbumc.org](mailto:sclever@vbumc.org) before the deadline of Sunday, January 31, 2009

Photographs must be submitted matted/framed to the church by February 11 for hanging.

Only 5 images from any one photographer will be accepted for display but you may submit as many as you choose for review before the deadline.

**Contact Susan Clever, [sclever@vbumc.org](mailto:sclever@vbumc.org) or 757-428-7727, ext 228, Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM**

## THE COMPACT FLASH

Did you see Skip's inaugural issue of the "Compact Flash"? Hopefully you did because it was emailed out to all members. If you didn't get a copy in your email, please let us know. The "Compact Flash" is intended to be published about twice per month and is meant to be small yet full of data about the club's happenings (see how I got the name?). You won't want miss it. The "Compact Flash" is also posted on the front page of the web site.

**competition winners -  
december 2008 meeting  
category -  
"street photography/  
street" graffiti**

### **COLOR**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jerald Seely "Tatiana"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Joan Grippo "Sunset on Lower Manhattan"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Fleckenstein "Your Name in Lights"
- HM Nancy Hatch "Drive my Car"

### **BLACK AND WHITE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Stamper "Oblivious"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jerald Seeley "Rhodes Merchant Street"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Grippo "Door with Graffiti"

### **DIGITAL ALTERNATIVE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Robin Stamper "Iron Canvas"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Hatch "Magical Mistry Tour"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Barry Minsberg "Club Neon"

### **SLIDES**

NO entries

**competition winners -  
january 2009 meeting  
category - "open"**

### **COLOR**

- TIE**
- 1<sup>st</sup> "Hidden Passage" Florence (Flo) Womacks
  - 1<sup>st</sup> "Goose and Gate" Michael Graham
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> "Mountain Top" Joan Grippo
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> "Advent Moon Over Norfolk" Michael Ornoff
  - HM "Green Heron" Robin Stamper

### **BLACK AND WHITE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> "The Wedding Gauntlet" David Reed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Princess Anne Home" Pam Jenkins
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "And Then It Fell" Mindy Bockrath

### **DIGITAL ALTERNATIVE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> "Mirror Lake"/Ocracoke Paul Hamilton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> "Bud" Simon Songde Zhu
- 3<sup>rd</sup> "Reddish Egret" Robin Stamper

### **SLIDES**

NO entries

**Competition rules are available on our  
website at <http://vbpc.org>**

## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009

### *It's that time again!*

You guessed it, the annual Awards Banquet. Reserve the evening of January 24, 2009, 6:00– 9:00 PM, and you're in for a treat this year. We're going to have singing and dancing...okay, no dancing. But we will have singing. Singers from the Barber Shop Chorus will be entertaining us during the dinner hour. We will have a verrrry special guest joining us for the evening; Bill McIntosh of McIntosh Portraits will be speaking and showing a presentation of his work. Did I mention where we will be having this soiree? Bubba's BBQ in the Farmer's Market off Dam Neck. Be prepared for some of the best bbq and brisquet you've ever tasted.

Our number 1 photos of the year will be on display to show off the accomplishments of our fellow photographers, we'll have awards, and door prizes. At the end of the banquet, if

**The judges of this year's ANNUAL AWARDS members of the Chesapeake Cosmopolitan Club: Donnie Carter, Tonya and Todd Cairns.**

### The Eve Green Memorial Photographic Excellence Award

Each year the VBPC member who earns the most points in our monthly photography contests is honored with the Eve Green Photographic Excellence Award.

### The Charles "Tommy" Finch Memorial Award

An annual President's choice award given to the Photography Club Member of the Year, for representing the characteristics and values that Tommy Finch believed in as a member of The Virginia Beach Photography Club. These values include acts of assistance, kindness, contributions, sacrifices, and dedication to preserve and uphold the image of the Virginia Beach Photography Club.



anyone has been swept away with the excitement, they can try their hand at karaoke (we promise not to laugh... too much.).

So everyone mark your calendars, make your reservations, pay the nominal banquet fee (\$3.00 for members and \$7.00 for guests), and we'll see you Saturday night, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

And to make things extra easy for you, we have set up a registration and PayPal page where you can use your credit card to pay online. You do not need to have a PayPal account to use it--just a credit card. If you want to pay with cash, you may pay in person at the Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Membership meeting.

Go to the registration page (must be logged into the website). See you at Bubba's!

*Note: As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 63 club people had registered to attend the banquet.*

### PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR AWARD

### The Charlie Davis Memorial Award

All first place photographs from January through December of the current year will be entered in an end-of-the-year cross category competition for Photo of the Year. The board will select judges for this contest, and four awards will be presented - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Honorable Mention places.

## paypal is now live! 2009 membership dues -due now!

We now have a PayPal account set up for you to make your membership payment. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use it--you just have to have a credit card. As a reminder, all membership renewals are due in January, even if you just joined during the year last year. In that case we pro-rate your fee and you just pay for the months needed to cover you for the entire 2009 year.

See <http://vabeachphotoclub.org/Registration> for more information or to make a membership payment. Contact Belinda if you have any questions about your membership dues. Bottom line is you either need to pay online by January 30<sup>th</sup> or in person at the January meeting to stay current on your membership.

## frames

VBPC's December meeting was a "Show and Tell" and one of the members brought in a custom-made frame. It was made by Tommy Wilson, a skilled cabinet maker who lives in Franklin, VA. The frame is beautifully crafted from alder wood and has a wire across the back. The unique thing about it is a slit across the top to allow photos to be top loaded for easy change out without having to take the frame apart. Frames can be made of stained or painted wood, custom-made or standard sizes for home use, competitions, exhibits etc. Best of all, they are American made in Virginia. From \$25.00 for an 11x16.

Contact Tommy Wilson at 757-651-9229 or [Wilsonwoodworks@aol.com](mailto:Wilsonwoodworks@aol.com).



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## odds & ends

**update your email:** Is your email address current? If you did not receive this edition of the Compact Flash by email and see it only on the home page of the Club website, chances are we don't have an accurate email address for you. Please update your email address by sending an email to [webmaster@vabeachphotoclub.org](mailto:webmaster@vabeachphotoclub.org).

## juried photo exhibit:

The Suffolk Museum is holding its 25th Annual Juried Photography Exhibit from March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 24<sup>th</sup>. Deadline for submission is March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, go to Suffolk Museum 25th Annual Juried Exhibit in the Forums. <http://vabeachphotoclub.org/phpbb3/viewtopic.php?f=27&t=975>

## club website questions:

Do you have questions about features on the Club website? If so, now is the time to ask your questions as Skip Morrow and Mike Zitek will be doing a demo on the website's features at the next membership meeting during the breaks and before and after the meeting.

Help them address issues and features that you want to learn about by submitting your questions in advance by posting them here: <http://vabeachphotoclub.org/phpbb3/viewtopic.php?f=23&t=986>

## strobist focus group:

This group is in jeopardy and may not be able to continue unless we get members that are willing to step up and teach some months. Brian is not able to do this any more due to other commitments. So we need also someone who can be overall in charge of the group. Finally, we need a location where we can meet. Unless all of this is resolved, this focus group unfortunately may have to end. See the discussion thread here. <http://vabeachphotoclub.org/phpbb3/viewtopic.php?f=30&t=948>



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## VIRGINIA BEACH PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

### 2009 Club Officers

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Tom McElvy

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#### *Committee Chairpersons*

#### *Competition*

Mindy Bockrath

#### *Membership*

Belinda Traber

#### *Newsletter*

Susan Clever  
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#### *Special Events*

Halie Hovenga

**T**he Virginia Beach Photography Club explores the connection between the eye, the camera and the spirit by fostering and encouraging growth of artistic vision and technical knowledge.

The Club provides an informal, friendly and supportive environment for photographers at all levels and with interest in all types of photographic imagery.

The Club offers a means for members to share ideas and knowledge with each other and promotes photography through its meetings, educational activities, exhibitions and public events.

The club activities offer a means to share ideas and knowledge through monthly meetings, guest speakers, member participation, monthly competition, critiquing of work and technique, field trips, and public photographic activities and projects that kindle growth and friendships through artistic vision of photographic imagery.

***All members are encouraged to submit  
articles or photographs for the newsletters.  
It's a great way to show off your work!***

Please send your submissions via e-mail to [cleverinc@cox.net](mailto:cleverinc@cox.net) or submit at a club meeting. Electronic submissions should be in plain text format, Word document or in the body of the e-mail. Photographs can be sent as jpg at 250k or less. Please include the title of the photograph as well. Please submit all items by the 15th of each month.

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