



**Virginia Beach
Photography Club**
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<http://vbpc.org>

**welcome to
our newest
members**

Eric Fadden
Raymond Niblick
Claudine Patton
Darrell Patton
Nancy Randall
William Stamper
Bobby Thomson

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



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Photography Club
is a member club of the
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From the Prez,

It's starting to get interesting. Yes. I've been president of this club for less than two months and already I have seen several instances of "Really Good Things," leading me to believe that this is going to be a great year. What "Really Good Things" am I talking about? The times when club members get together to go out shooting, come to the church for an education night, or make plans for incredible field trips to various places. I've seen it several times already this year, and from the looks of things, there is going to be a lot more. You may remember from the President's Corner from last month that I thought that our camaraderie was one of our strongest features. And when I hear about things like this, it certainly proves my point. All you have to do is hang out in the VBPC forum for a day or two and you will read about plans for a get-together of some sort, so if you have not been getting out with other club members aside from the monthly membership meeting, then this is all you need to do.

I would like to point out a couple of events that are coming up soon. I'm not going to give all the details here (some of them are covered in more detail in this issue, others you will have to go online to get the details). But some of the events that sound particularly exciting



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

**The February 2009 Monthly Competition Category was
"Sunrises/Sunset"
March's Monthly Competition
is "OPEN."**

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are a field trip to our Nation's Capitol in March, a beginner's "hand's-on" meeting, a possible trip to one of Virginia's underground caverns, a night shoot at a local cemetery, the Nikon 101 shoot, and many others. If none of these sound interesting, then take a minute to post in the forums what it is that you are interested in shooting, and I'd be willing to bet there is someone else that would be willing to join you. And that, to me, is what this club is about.

I would also like to point out each of our focus groups that are all going strong, and just seem to get stronger and stronger each month. The Wedding and Portrait group, the Strobist group, and the

PhotoShop groups are all experiencing membership growth and increasing the scope and scale of their activities. I do hope that you will find at least one of them interesting and will consider coming to it on a regular basis.

Finally, it goes without saying that if you have an idea for a get-together, then please pass along your ideas to a board member, or just post it in our forum. We really do want to hear your ideas.

Take care, and happy shooting!
Skip Morrow, President, VBPC

competition winners - february meeting category - "sunrises/sunsets"

COLOR

- 1st "Blazinnn" Michael Ornoff
- 2nd "Morning Snowgeese" Michael Graham
- 3rd "Caribbean Sunset" Deavid Grochmal
- HM "Reflected Sunrise" Pam Jenkins

BLACK AND WHITE

- 1st "Cedar Island Sunrise" Herman Ratcliffe
- 2nd - "James River Sunset" Pam Jenkins
- 3rd "High Contrast Sunset" Michael Junge
- HM "Tetilla Sunset" Robin Stampe

DIGITAL ALTERNATIVE

- 1st "The Ship at Sunset" Michael Junge
- 2nd "Sandman Sunrise" Paul Hamilton
- 3rd "Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge" Robin Stamper
- HM "Neptune at Sunrise" Michael Graham

SLIDES - NO ENTRIES

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

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

MARCH 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 Deadline for Suffolk Museum Juried Exhibit	2	3 Photoshop focus group & Monthly meeting 7:00 PM	4 Images of Faith, "Exhibit Opening" 7-8:00 PM VBUMC	5	6	7
8	9	10 Wedding & Portrait Focus Group 6:30 PM	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Educational Meeting 6:30 PM	18	19	20	21
22 Cherry Blossoms & DC Road Trip	23	24 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	25	26	27 Cherry Blossoms & DC Road Trip	28 Cherry Blossoms & DC Road Trip
29 Shamrock Marathon Photo Opportunity	30	31				

march

March 4th - "Exhibit Opening" Images of Faith - Virginia Beach United Methodist Church at the Oceanfront from 7-9:00 PM - light refreshments - parking around the church, church lots and city lots off 19th Street. enter through the double glass doors of the Welcome Center.

March 22nd - Shamrock Marathon If you're into sports photography, you won't want to miss these flying feet (and wheel chairs, too)! Join VBPC members at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront for this endless photo opportunity. Please visit the forum for up-to-the-day info on this event.
http://www.shamrockmarathon.com/Primary_Navigation/Race_Info/theraces.htm

March 27th-29th - Cherry Blossoms & DC at Night, 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 if you'd like to come along.

IMAGES OF FAITH Photography Exhibit

Virginia Beach United Methodist Church • 212 Nineteenth Street at the Oceanfront

“Exhibit Opening” • March 4th • 7:00–8:00 PM • Light Refreshments

All club members are invited to the “Exhibit Opening.” Come, mingle with members of the church congregation and the local community of Virginia Beach. Copies of the brochure which guides the exhibit will be available at the March 3rd monthly meeting for those who can not attend.

What exactly is an “image of faith?” This exhibit which began, Wednesday, February 23rd in the South Wing Hallway of the Virginia Beach United Methodist Church, showcases the diversity and the many facets of the theme.

The symbol of the cross is presented by four different photographers each one portraying it in a different setting. The architecture of church buildings is captured in several photographs - from the simple country church to the large cathedral. Themes such as grief, generations and matrimony are represented. Several photographs capture the spirituality of nature. Images of Mary and other religious figures are also part of this exhibit.

Comments heard thus far have been extremely complimentary with regard to the excellence and variety of the photographs in the exhibit.

The exhibit brochure provides names and contact information for participating photographers should someone wish to purchase a photograph. Our VBPC Mission Statement is included in the hopes that we might expand our membership.

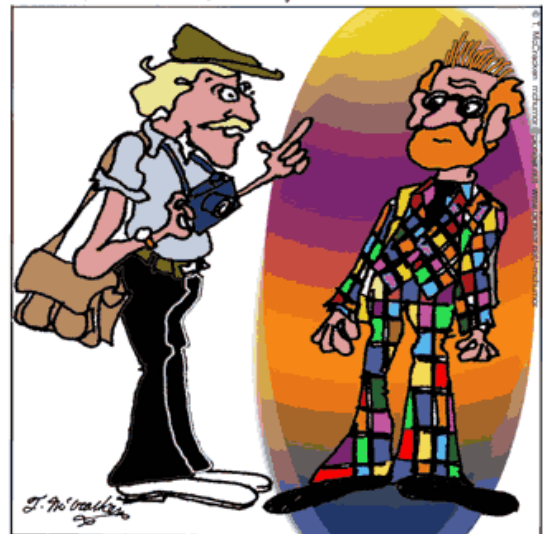
Thirty one photographs were accepted for this exhibit - submitted by nine members of the Virginia Beach Photography Club.

Lee Bond	Pam Jenkins
Susan Fleckenstein	Joe Sleeper
Joan Grippo	Flo Womacks
David Grochmal	Susan Clever
Cheryl Hunt	

THE COMPACT FLASH

Are you receiving Skip's bi-monthly issue of the “Compact Flash”? Hopefully you are because it is emailed out to all members. If you didn't get your email copy, 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.

MCHUMOR.com by T. McCracken



“Excuse me, sir. My strobe light is broken. Would you mind standing in for it while I take a few photos?”

ANNUAL AWARDS -WINNERS SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2009



**PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR**

ROBIN STAMPER



The Charles "Tommy" Finch Memorial Award

**Winner -
Halie Hovenga**

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.

The Charlie Davis Memorial Award

Winner

Robin Stamper "The Gate"

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.

2nd - Robin Stamper- "Oblivious"

3rd - Van White- "Sailors Dream"

HM - Mike Graham- "Merganzer"

The Eve Green Memorial Photographic Excellence Award

Winner - Robin Stamper

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

monthly competition winners for 2008

color category

-Open Mike Graham

-Assigned Calvin Taylor

black and white category

-Open Judy Wymore

- Assigned (Tie) Nancy Hatch and Joan Grippo

digital alternative category

-Open Robin Stamper

-Assigned Robin Stamper

recognition for the following for thir participation in the slide category:

Calvin Taylor

Pam Jenkins

Florence Womacks

Joan Grippo

Allan Rabe

Joe Bullinger

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The 2008 Annual Banquet held at Bubba's, Saturday, January 4, 2009.
Visit the website for more photos from this great club event.



Tom McElvy receives a gift for his faithful service as club president.



Mike Graham, winner, OPEN COLOR category



William MacIntosh, colorful speaker, distinguished photographer.



Skip Shepard, winner, ASSIGNED COLOR category



Judy Wymore, winner, OPEN B&W category



Say "Cheese!"



Nancy Hatch & Joan Grippo, tied for ASSIGNED B&W category



February Color 1st Place Winner for “Blazinnn” Michael Ornoff



February Digital Alternative 1st Place Winner for “The Ship at Sunset”

EDUCATION MEETING: Next meeting March 17th at 6:30 PM in the Church Classroom.

STROBIST FOCUS GROUP: March 26th, 6:30 -9:00pm. ECPI Building: 5555 Greenwich Rd, Room 410, VB 23462 . Take your strobist gear (off-camera flash), and join other VBPC members in learning creative lighting techniques. Check the Strobist folder in the forum on www.vbpc.org for more info on Strobist Focus Group activities.

PHOTOSHOP FOCUS GROUP: Next meeting March 3rd at 6:00 PM in the Church Library prior to the membership meeting. Subject: TBD

WEDDING & PORTRAIT FOCUS GROUP: Next meeting Tuesday Mar 10, 6:30PM at the church in Room 210.

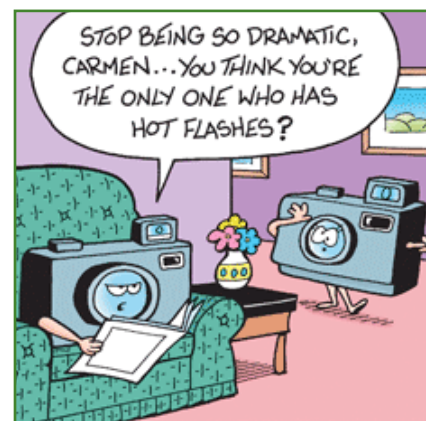
UPDATE YOUR EMAIL: Is your email address current? If you did not receive your edition of the “Compact Flash” by email and see it only on the home page of the Club website, chances are we don’t have an accurate email address for you. Please update your email address by sending an email to webmaster@vabeachphotoclub.org.

2009 membership dues past due!

Those who do not renew their membership will be placed in a suspended status which means no entering into the monthly competitions, restricted website access and participation in member only events and roadtrips .

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.

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.



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The 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 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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