

# CACTUS POINTS

## SAGUARO CAMERA CLUB



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Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month  
Dinner 5:pm COCO'S RESTAURANT  
1862 W. Baseline Rd. Mesa, Arizona  
Meeting 6:45pm

Mesa Fire Station: NW Corner 1<sup>st</sup> St. & Mesa Dr.  
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The newsletter of the Saguaro Camera Club (Digital Images) and  
the Arizona Photographic Society (Prints)

APS meets at the same place, third Thursday of the month at 6:30.



Photograph by George Keller © 2009  
Acceptance, Digital, Nature, ACCC  
Fall Round-up, 2009  
"Sharing"

## **SAGUARO CAMERA CLUB AND ARIZONA PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY**

I asked Nancy Sams to explain the connection between the two clubs and here is her answer:

**We look at the situation this way: APS is a sister club of Saguaro but there is no monetary connection at all. APS buys judging equipment and other items that Saguaro needs and APS uses the Saguaro projector. I use my laptop and John T keeps the Saguaro judging equipment and the laptop. I do have the older set of judging equipment and bring it to Internationals as a BU.**

**When we started APS it was with Saguaro's blessing and the agreement that Saguaro people would enter as Saguaro not as APS in ACCC. Most members of APS belong to Saguaro.**

**APS started as a way to teach digital and to get Saguaro into digital cameras and we did that in 2 years - everyone in the club was digital in that space of time.**

**APS is also a way to show prints since Saguaro is not into printing but when we don't have prints brought in, then I leave the box at home.**

**I would definitely say that these are two clubs and both belong to ACCC and to PSA individually.**



Websites:

ACCC <http://arizonacameraclubcouncil.org/>

PSA <http://www.psa-photo.org/>

Our ACCC reps:

Saguaro - Doris McCrossin

APS - Nancy Sams



## **DECEMBER AND JANUARY EVENTS**

December 3 APS

December 10 Saguaro - Creative Competition

December 17 Saguaro Holiday Party

January 14 Nature - One entry must be flower(s) or Cactus.

January 21 APS

January 28 David Stone, "People and Places" and "Effects of Lighting"

**Results of November, 2009, Saguaro Camera Club  
Assigned Subject - Photojournalism**

GENERAL

OPEN

Bill Dart	Rice Terraces - China	TOP/VC
John Tworek	Buffalo Botanical Garden	HM
James Kronlokken	Red Umbrella	HM
John Fry	Hawk Landing	HM
Shirley Ramaley	Tree at White Pocket	HM
Shirley Ramaley	Cheetah	HM
John Fry	Hawk in Flight	HM
Bill Dart	North Moulton Barn	HM

ASSIGNED

Dan Trainor	Header	TOP/VC
James Kronlokken	Bike Jump	TOP
Jim David	Skate Boarder	TOP
Larry McDonald	With Eyes Closed	HM
Trish Mammino	Indian Rodeo	HM
Shirley Ramaley	Three Against One	HM
Larry McDonald	Maximum Effort	HM
Trish Mammino	Get Down	HM
George Keller	Bucked Off	HM
John Fry	First Jump	HM
Carol David	Best Friends	HM

**Thought For The Day**

Bill Dart suggests we read the "Explore Arizona" in the "Arizona Living" section of the Arizona Republic newspaper. There are pictures and photo tips. One quote that Bill especially liked:

"Too many workshops have been working on Photoshop...or whatever the flavor of the week is," he (Dykinga) said. He's not against Photoshop - it has its purpose - but it won't help you take better pictures.

Jack Dykinga also says that pros don't buy new gear if they can help it - they keep going with their old cameras. And who are we to argue with Jack Dykinga?

**Results of November, 2009, Saguaro Camera Club  
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MASTERS

OPEN

Phyllis Picardi	Cattle Egret Profile	Top
Lynn Thompson	Virginia City Past	HM
Phyllis Picardi	I'm Two	HM
Dick Lund	Evening At Low Tide	HM/VC
Lou Romain	Cycle Spiral (mono)	HM
Jean Higgins	Blue Door in Taos	HM
Larry Durbin	Water Town Canal	HM

ASSIGNED

Larry Durbin	Big Wave	TOP
Nancy Sams	Coming Down Hard	HM
Carol Weaver	White Water Rafting	HM
Lynn Thompson	Ride The Big Wave	HM
Jean Romain	Hang On Tight	HM
Phyllis Picardi	Child At The Helm	HM
Nancy Sams	Perfect Vault	HM
Jean Higgins	Oops	HM

**Notes by Lou Romain**

Be sure to check our website for Lou's notes on judging. The PDF file is listed in the "Competitions" section. <http://www.saguarocameraclub.com/Competitions.html>  
This is an excellent source of information for all of us. Thank you, Lou!

**FOR SALE:** A virtually brand new ViewSonic Digital Projector PJ260D. I bought it for a project that didn't materialize, and thus it has less than 3 hours use. It is highly rated and sells for \$800 to over \$1000 without tax and shipping. (min \$900 with). Jean Higgins, [hygiene5@aol.com](mailto:hygiene5@aol.com), 480-671-5005. Price \$700



Photograph by  
John Tworek ©  
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TOPS at Saguaro,  
Oct, 2009

"Bloom Trio"

Photograph by Jean Romain  
© 2009

TOPS/VC at  
Saguaro, Oct, 2009

"Lady in Red"



## 2010 Meetings

January	See above
February 11	Competition, Stairs
February 25	Dick Lund "HDR"
March 11	Competition, Tracks
March 25	AZ Republic, Sports Photography
April 8	Competition, Architectural Details
April 22	Sandy Kwas, "Virtual Tour of Door County, Wisconsin."
May 13	Competition, Nautical
May 27	Program TBA
June 10	Program TBA
June 24	Year End Awards
July 8	Members Showcase
August 12	Men Vs Women Competition
September 9	Competition, Photo Travel (one must be cityscape or village)
September 23	Program TBA
October 14	Competition, Landscape
October 28	Program TBA
November 11	Competition, Photojournalism
November 18	Program TBA
December 9	Competition, Creative
December 23	Annual Holiday Party

**(In the future, please check the website for the meeting schedule.)**

### **2009 DIGA Medals of Excellence**

"Bronc Rider 2603", by Phyllis Picardi  
"Grieving Soldier", by Phyllis Picardi  
"Protein Snack", by Phyllis Picardi  
"Sandhill Crane and Moon", by Lynn Thompson  
"Rodeo Cowboy", by Lynn Thompson  
"Dusty Round-Up in Winter", by Nancy Sams

PSA Best of Show - Sandhill Crane & Moon, by Lynn Thompson

Congratulations to these photographers!

I asked Phyllis, "What is DIGA?"

Phyllis' answer: DIGITAL GEORGIA NORGA is NORTH GEORGIA And GASO IS GEORGIA SOUTHERN. All the GEORGIA ONES are circuits, with 6 judgings of each image (6 sets of judges), these are Internationals, with PSA approval, and a good way to get lots of coverage.

**Photographic Society of America  
72nd International Conference of Photography**



**Charleston, South Carolina  
October 3 - 9, 2010**



PSA 2010 International Conference will be held  
in South Carolina, October 3-9.

**Congratulations!**

APS PSA EID winners

Larry Durbin, PSA Gold - Mono - The Wave

Phyllis Picardi, Judge's Choice - Creative - Pinnacle Peak Steaks

**Used Equipment**

If you have used equipment you want to sell, send me a brief description and your asking price and I'll include it in the next newsletter.

**ACCC Round-Up News - Fall 2009 - Congratulations to our winners!**

Dick Lund - 3rd Place, Creative Digital, "Bubbles in Glass"

Jim Kronlokken - 3rd Place, Open Color Digital, "Time for a Smoke"

Phyllis Picardi - 1st Place, Open Color Print, "Grieving Soldier"

Digital - First Place Nature, "Stealing Food Midair"

First Place Open, "Dawn Fog at Bridge"  
and Best of Show

Lynn Thompson - Mono Nature Print - 1st Place, "Two Raccoons"  
and 3rd place, "Flying High"

There were also many HM's and Acceptances.  
Congrats to all!

### **HDR Nature Information from Lynn Thompson, 11-23-09**

Hi Shirley,

The Board passed a motion by the Nature Division to allow HDR at the Yellowstone Conference. We discussed the implications at a Saguaro meeting, but it may have been while you were traveling. The official announcement should be in the December PSA Journal. HDR has not been approved for Photo Travel or Photojournalism. The only reason HDR has only been approved for Nature is because they were the only division making a request.

I think it would be a good idea to put something in the Cactus Points.

Lynn

### **And more on HDR Nature from Dan Charbonnet, Nature PSA**

He explains one method to use HDR in Nature with one photo, but the key point is underlined. He is commenting on a member's photo in the critique group.

Multiple processing and saving of your raw image at different exposures and using an HDR technique could be another way to do this. With the revisions to the Nature definition approved at the 2009 Conference, this technique is now allowed when the contest so states. Note, it does not supersede current instructions published in various Exhibition Conditions of Entry since most you can enter now were approved before the revision. Clubs and councils have started using the new definition.

### **Upgrading to Windows 7 from Vista**

If you are on Vista and your computer did NOT come with a free upgrade to Win 7, and your computer is still under warranty or you have an extended warranty, changing from Vista to Win 7 might affect your warranty. Be sure to check with the manufacturer of your computer before upgrading, if a warranty is still in effect. The software part of your warranty might become invalid if you upgrade under these circumstances.

Have a wonderful holiday!