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PHOTOGRAPHY PURIST OR ARTIST?

By Joe Pellicone

When someone placed the word "Digital" in front of the word photography the definition and spectrum of the profession and the hobby changed dramatically forever.

When I was a kid, I was fortunate enough to be part of the photography and video clubs in High School, and College. I was even more fortunate to have parents that built me a dark room in our basement, bought me a black and white enlarger and all the equipment I needed to get started. They encouraged me to learn processing my film and printing my photos. I will always remember the sense of accomplishment I felt when I pulled my first successful

print from the chemical tray!
Wow, I was a teenager photographer!

For years I enjoyed my hobby, but then other things happening in my life took priority and my darkroom became a storage room. While I still continued to take photos, developing them was now the job of professional labs. Somehow it wasn't the same. Until now that is, with the digital age, digital cameras and programs like Photoshop I became in control again. The sense of accomplishment is back!

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Photo Submitted by Joe Pellicone

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Check out...

www.liphotoshop.org

Message from the President



Hello members,
 I sincerely want to thank Charlie Bowman and Glenn DeBona for putting together a terrific holiday party on the 11th of December. The food was great and the gifts were a pleasant surprise. I think that all the members who attended had a great time. At the same meeting, the photo show of Italy by Rudy Pollock was outstanding and goes to show us

what can be done with a little bit of imagination and a camera! These photos should inspire and encourage you to go out and take great pictures of your own. Keep snapping away.

To all the new members, we need you to get involved! There are several vacancies open including the Secretary Position. Please contact me if you are interested.

Four
 Quick Tips
 for
 Photoshop
 users



New IPG Web and Promotional Graphics

“QUICK TIPS FOR PHOTOSHOP”

QUICK TIP 1:

In photoshop duplicate your layer. Press [Ctrl-Alt ~] this selects your highlights. Press [Ctrl-Alt-J] to put them on a new layer. Change the blending mode of that layer to Overlay or screen. Adjust the opacity as necessary. See your picture POP!

QUICK TIP 2:

Double clicking on the HAND Icon in your tool bar will zoom your photo to fit the screen.

QUICK TIP 3:

When you're using most dialog boxes like the LEVELS or CURVES pressing ALT will change the CANCEL button to RESET. This allows you to restart what you were adjusting without having to cancel and exit the dialog box.

QUICK TIP 4:

If you ever need to copy a layer mask from one level to another just press ALT then drag the mask to where you want it.

Photography Purist continued...

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While I don't consider myself a film photography purist, mainly because I missed so many years in the dark room, I can certainly empathize with those who do. Something happened to photography as we knew it. But what exactly did happen? Well technology is the answer. Because of technology, you don't have to be as precise as you once were. Technology, computers, Photoshop and all its plug-ins can fix what you didn't get right in the camera. Technology even lets you cheat if you shoot film or slides, you can just scan them and go to work!

But if you really love photography, getting it right in the camera, should be what you strive for! That's what photography is all about, whether you process film or digital, printing your photograph "as it is right out of the camera" is what makes you a purist. If you edit it at all you've crossed the line, you're not a purist anymore!

Editing a picture to "make it better" changes the attributes of the original pho-

tograph. It makes no difference if you use two negatives or slides to create an "Artistic" double exposure or drop in a "better" background in photoshop, you're adding creative aspects to the original and therefore you have changed it from its "pure" state.

So the next time that you raise your favorite camera to your eye, place your finger on the little black button and are ready to press, you need to ask yourself have I done everything I can to make this photo come out just the way I want it?

So if I'm not a purist, then what am I? Well the American Heritage Dictionary defines Photography as an Art (see full definition below) and if Photography is an Art, I and my fellow non purists must be Artists!

What makes this all so very interesting is when you look at the definition of Artist, (see below) it describes all of us non purists perfectly! Person that creates something aesthetic using exceptional skill and maybe a

bit of trickery or deceit! Read it for yourself and see!

The bottom line is that none of us are perfect and as a result no matter how hard we try before or after the click, our resulting photos might not be as perfect as we want them to be. Bringing out the Artists in ourselves allows us to get a bit closer to that perfection.

From the American Heritage Dictionary online:

Artist

1. a person who produces works in any of the arts that are primarily subject to aesthetic criteria.
2. a person whose work exhibits exceptional skill.
3. a person who is expert at trickery or deceit.

Photography

1. The art or process of producing images of objects on photosensitive surfaces. The art, practice, or occupation of taking and printing photographs.

Missing Link

Websites to check out!

www.liphotoshop.org

www.radiantvista.com

www.photoworkshop.com

www.photoshouser.com

www.designertoday.com

www.retouchpro.com

www.photoshopnews.com

www.photoshopsupport.com

www.nikonians.org/

www.canon.com

www.nikonusa.com

www.olympusamerica.com

www.stevesdigicams.com

Nikon D200 VideoTutor:

http://www.nikondigital.com/d200_digitutor/eng/d200/

DID YOU KNOW?

Microsoft has a web page dedicated to photography for Win XP users, check it out...

<http://www.microsoft.com/windowsxp/using/digitalphotography/prophoto/default.mspx>

Play the photography history quiz here:

<http://www.funtrivia.com/trivia-quiz/Hobbies/History-of-Photography-105254.html>



Submitted by Frank DiVittorio



Submitted by Joe Prantil

IPG Puzzle

DIRECTIONS:

Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in these boxes and unscramble them for the final message.



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HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Gifts you give yourself:

- Jobo Giga Vu Pro Evolution 120gb Professional Photo Storage and viewer www.jobo.com
- Logitech NuLOOQ navigator a left handed mouse of sorts. This puts all your frequently needed tools in the control of your left hand. See it at www.logitech.com
- Wacom Cintiq 21UX—it's a monitor that you can draw on. Its unbelievably cool www.wacom.com
- HP PAVILLION dv9000z Notebook with DUAL core processors and not one but TWO 160gb Hard Drives and lots of other toys. www.hp.com

DID YOU KNOW...

Many people go to the beach during the Summer to take photos. I had the opportunity to go to Fire Island Beach at the end of the Robert Moses Causeway the other day for a clearing of the head ride. I was surprised to see all the people there and more pleasantly surprised to find lots of things to photograph including the deer, water and landscapes. Check it out.



Mon Aug 21	Model Shoot - 7 p.m.
Mon Sep 04	Labor Day: No meeting
Sun Sep 10	FldTrp: NY Waterway Lower Manhattan; South Street Seaport
Mon Sep 11	Creatures Large & Small - Ivan Rothman
▶▶ Replace ALL meeting room display photos ◀◀	
Mon Sep 18	Critique Night
Sun Sep 17	FldTrp: Polo Match - Bethpage State Park 3 p.m.
Sat Sep 30	FldTrp: LaGuardia Airport Tarmac 10 a.m.
Mon Oct 02	Discussion Night (Yom Kippur)
Mon Oct 09	Columbus Day: No meeting
Fri Oct 13	PFLI Competition @Plainview-Old Bethpage Library
Sun Oct 15	FldTrp: Pepsico & Boardwalk @ Rye Playland
▶▶ All photos for IPG 2005/06 DVD due ◀◀	
Mon Oct 16	Critique Night
Sun Oct 22	PFLI Photorama 9-4 @ Planting Fields
Mon Nov 06	Creating Double Matting in PS - R.Fiedorowicz
Fri Nov 10	PFLI Competition @Plainview-Old Bethpage Library
Sun Nov 12	FldTrp: International Center of Photography
Mon Nov 13	Working in Painter - Joe McGahan
Mon Nov 20	Critique Night
Wed Nov 29	IPG Board Meeting
Mon Dec 04	Photoshop Workshop - Russ Popeil
Fri Dec 08	PFLI Competition @Plainview-Old Bethpage Library
Sun Dec 10	FldTrp: Top of RCA Bldg & Rockefeller Center
Mon Dec 11	Holiday Party - IPG's 2005/06 DVD Show
Mon Dec 18	Critique Night
Mon Jan 01	New Year's Day: No meeting
Mon Jan 08	Critique Night
Fri Jan 12	PFLI Competition @Plainview-Old Bethpage Library
Mon Jan 15	Martin Luther King Jr.: No meeting
Mon Jan 22	IPG Board Meeting
Mon Feb 05	Works In Progress Night
Fri Feb 09	PFLI Competition @Plainview-Old Bethpage Library

GORILLAPOD

Every once in a while a new product comes out that really makes your head turn! The people at Joby (www.Joby.com) have done just that with their flexible tripod! It is so unique yet simple that it makes you wonder “Why didn’t I think of that?”

What makes these so unusual is their flexible legs, you just can’t help but play with them twisting them into different shapes. Joby recognizes this and even has a link to flickr on their website showing loads of photos of their Gorillapods bent into all different shapes!

“The Joby Gorillapod firmly secures your camera to just about anything anywhere and everywhere! Unlike traditional tripods, the gorillapod doesn’t require an elevated surface for you to take the perfect shot.”

There are three Gorillapod models, the original Gorillapod for small point and shoot cameras, the



JOBY GORILLAPOD SLR

Gorillapod SLR, and the Gorillapod SLR Zoom. The difference between the two larger models is that the Zoom model allows you to use your own ball head. The original and SLR models come equipped with a two piece head. One part attaches to the tripod mount on the bottom of your camera and then it slips and locks (with a double lock) into the receiver portion at the top of the Gorillapod.

The Gorillapod is quite easy to use, just pick a place you want to mount it, twist the legs to hold it in place and then mount your camera. Of course like anything there are limitations, a Joby rep at

PhotoExpo+, said that the large Gorillapods are good to hold about 6lbs. That means you won’t be mounting one with a large lens.

While the legs are fairly secure, I recommend you use carefully select where and how you mount the legs in order to avoid damage to your equipment.

Word is that Joby will also have a Gorillapod unit to hold external flash heads. That should be handy for those who don’t want to carry around light stands!

The best part is that these products are small enough and light enough to toss into your camera bag and they are always handy. And now you can be in your pictures too!

Gorillapods are priced starting at \$21.95 MSRP, but if you shop online you can find them for around 15 bucks (for the original model).

If you don’t buy one, at least check out the animation on their website and the link to the flickr pictures it will put a smile on your face!

By Joe Pellicone

Classified Ads

Place an ad HERE, it remains in the TTL until it sells.

NEW - ISLAND PHOTO GROUP TEE SHIRTS! Available in Large, XL and 2XL. Only \$15each! Purchase from IPG contact:

Glen Debona ggdb@optonline.net

Hydrosorbent Dehumidifiers If you read the article in the last issue of TTL you know that moisture can kill your lenses. Protect them with a REUSABLE Silica Gel Dehumidifier pack. Only \$6.00

Purchase from IPG - contact Glen Debona ggdb@optonline.net

16 x 20 Professional Mat Board Black on one side and White on the other. Only \$1.50 ea

Purchase from IPG - contact Glen Debona ggdb@optonline.net

HEWLETT PACKARD 840C INKJET PRINTER. Hardly used, Needs Cartridges. You can have it for a \$10 Donation to IPG. tshrtkng@verizon.net

NIKON D-70 Digital Camera, Mint Condition, used only once!

Call Jo (516) 735-7144



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Crossword Puzzle

Solution

We Need Your Ideas for Field Trips

Tell us where you would like to go.

What do you like to photograph?

What days are good for you to go?

[EMAL US!](#)

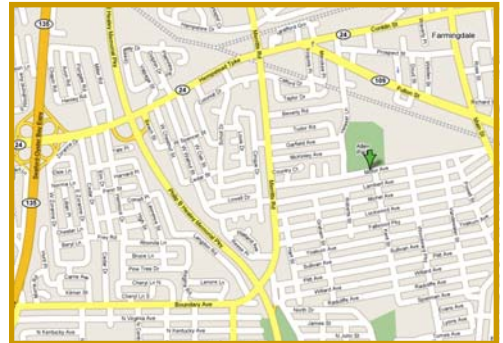
Answers to this months puzzle.

Camera	Click
Lens	Portrait
Photo	Landscape
Picture	Megapixel
Zoom	Flash
Lens	Tripod
ISO	Focus
White Balance	Timer
Shutter	Snapshot
aperture	Frame
Photoshop	Mat
Print	levels
Slide	curves
Snap	photoshop

Taking pictures makes me happy

If you're a Novice Photographer, a Professional or anywhere in between, our group would love to have you as a member. We're all about sharing ideas, knowledge, and promoting great photography. If you want to learn or are willing to offer your photo experience then this is the club for you! Some of us still shoot film while others are shooting digital. We're all about learning, sharing, and having a great time pushing the little black button! Come check us out as our guest, no obligation to join.

We meet the first 3 Mondays of Every Month (excluding holidays) In Ellsworth Allen Park, Motor Avenue, Farmingdale, NY



<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=motor+avenue,+farmingdale,+ny&ie=UTF8>

Click or Cut and paste the link above for the google map

Long Island Photoshop Group

Be sure to check out the Long Island Photoshop Users Group. We meet the second Wednesday of every month at the Bethpage Public Library 47 Powell Avenue, Bethpage, NY

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