

**Redlands
Camera
Club**

Established 1896

PHOTOGRAM

PSA
Photographic
Society of
America

Redlands Camera Club is a group of amateur, serious-amateur, and professional photographers who are interested in sharing experiences and advancing their skills. Anyone with similar interests is encouraged to attend a meeting; no cost or obligation.

We meet at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of every month at

Redlands United Church of Christ, 168 Bellevue Avenue, Redlands, CA (see back page for map).

April, 2012

SPRING DIGITAL COMPETITION

Many great images
were entered in
our recent digital
competition.

Congratulations
to all who
won ribbons.



Best of Show
Days End At Peggy's Cove
Steve Felber

Two images scored 86.
Due to rounding of the
actual scores, Steve's
image came out on top.
But it was a close call
with Jerry Reece's
"It Was A Hard Life"



COMING ATTRACTIONS

April 2
**AMERICAN PRIDE
& PASSION**
Eric Curry

April 16
**TAKE
PHOTOGRAPHY
TO NEXT LEVEL**
Ralph Nordstrom

May 7
**MEMBERS'
NIGHT**
Bring up to 4 images

May 21
**MATTING &
FRAMING**
Eric Berliner

PHOTOGRAM

Distributed on the 1st of each month.
Deadline for all submissions is the
Last Thursday of each month.

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PREZ SEZ

Jerry Reece

I am looking forward to an exciting year of programs, competitions and special events. We kick off April with our spring Intermediate Photography Class, Kimberly Crest Photo Exhibit, Flower Show Exhibit, two great programs and a return visit from KEH as well as an exciting field trip.

The heart of our club is the collective strengths of our members. I invite each of you to **volunteer to serve on a committee** and let us get to know you better. Your talents, as well as your ideas, are solicited whether you are an old timer or a new member – an experienced photographer or a beginner. Please use the new **Suggestions Box** to indicate your area of interest.

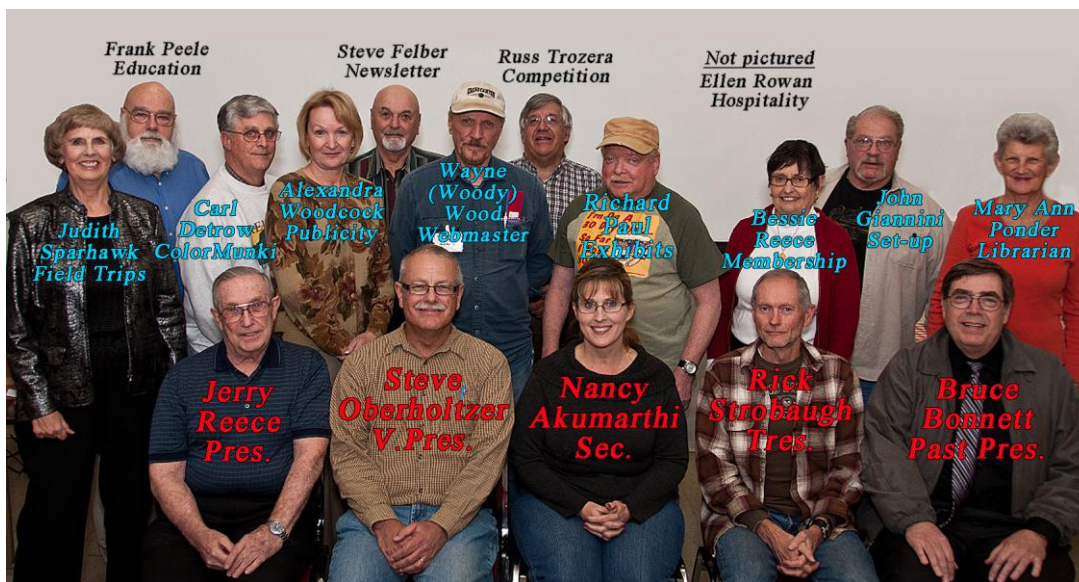
If you know of a great program for our regular meeting or an interesting place for a field trip, we would also like to hear from you via the suggestion box.

The suggestion box is also a good place to give a compliment or to express a concern. For this purpose your name is optional.

Would each member go out of his/her way to greet and make our newer members feel welcome. They can be identified by a colored tag at the bottom of their name badge.

I am also establishing a Welcome Committee to ensure that we make an official contact with each of our newer members. Please volunteer to be part of this committee. No skills other than a smile is really needed. Your duties would be during the regular meetings and club events.

MEET YOUR NEW BOARD OFFICERS & CHAIRS



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PROGRAMS

Steve Oberholtzer

APRIL 2ND

American Pride & Passion: Eric Curry

The purpose of my presentations is to help my fellow Americans “see” and understand the beauty that is all around us, hiding in plain sight. Through my photography, and by using the various objects as metaphors I help draw out the hidden character, integrity and passions embodied in my volunteer subjects. That the final pictures are a joy to see and discover all that lies under the surface is only half the story, the real treasure is buried inside of the photograph.

During the course of my presentation I share humanistic background stories from the shootings, the people and situations that go into making these photos. Join my self and others for an evenings presentation that is fun, interesting and inspirational. With over 450 slides and dozens of anecdotal stories woven into a 90 minute presentation, this is a wild ride of cutting edge photography, along with a true glimpse at the nobility of character embodied by the volunteers in these images.

APRIL 16TH

Taking Your Photography to the Next Level: Ralph Nordstrom

We are all interested in growing as photographers and advancing our photographic skills. But often we might not know quite where we are and how to get where we want to be. I’ve had people say to me, “I don’t know where to begin.” Welcome to the club.

In this presentation we will take a look at the full spectrum of photography from the casual novice to the consummate master. We’ll look at concrete skills you can focus on, both technical and aesthetic, to advance to the next level.

We’ll also take a look at what separates the masters from the rest of us and explore that natty question, “What is fine art photography?” So join us for a provocative and inspiring look at this wonderful passion that has us all in its grip.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Two special awards were presented at the Spring Banquet.



Woody Wood received a *Life Member Award* for his outstanding service in developing our web site and for bringing our competitions fully into the digital world. This is the fourth *Life Member Award* to be given.

Steve Felber received the *President’s Award for Exceptional Service* to show appreciation for taking a black & white paper-only newsletter to the advanced full color digital Photogram.



CLUB HISTORY

Recently, Frank Peele provided digital copies of all the club's newsletters he'd accumulated over the years. They go all the way back to 1999! Woody placed them in the newsletter's website link for your perusal and enjoyment. That's the good news. The bad news? We're missing some issues. If any of you happen to have either digital or printed copies of the missing ones, we'd like to borrow them to complete our catalog. The missing newsletters are:

2004: January, February, March, April

2003: May, June, July, September, October, November, December

2002: May, June, July, August, September

2001: February, April

2000: January, February, March, April

1999: January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September

If you have any of these, please contact the Photogram Editor, our President, or our Webmaster.

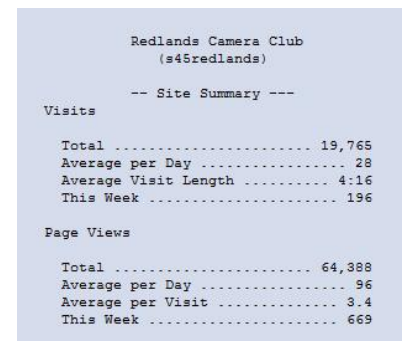
WEBMASTER

Wayne (Woody) Wood

Due to popular request, the website images of our competition award winners can now be viewed in two sizes. The thumbnail images showing the winners can now be enlarged to see them better. To do so, "drill down" on our website links to Competition Awards > Digital > 2012 > Spring > 1st Place (or 2nd, 3rd, or Honorable Mention). Enjoy the great works of art!

Be sure to check out the video at the top of the **Videos** link on the menu bar. Bruce and I shot this using two **GoPro** cameras. These amazing little cameras are so much fun to use, and the quality is great considering their size.

We have quite a few affiliate links on our website. Unfortunately, not many of our members are using the links. You must click on the link on the affiliates page if you want to shop at one of the listed merchants. There is a special code embedded in the link that tells the affiliate program where the referral came from. Please consider using these links if you are planning a photo or computer type of purchase. By going to these sellers' websites through our links, we will be paid a small percentage of each sale. It won't be much, but at the end of the year it could wind up being a sizeable amount.



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-- Site Summary ---

Visits
Total ..... 19,765
Average per Day ..... 28
Average Visit Length ..... 4:16
This Week ..... 196

Page Views
Total ..... 64,388
Average per Day ..... 96
Average per Visit ..... 3.4
This Week ..... 669
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KEH CAMERA RETURNS

A chance to sell your surplus photographic equipment

Thanks to Richard Paul's initial efforts, we are again pleased to announce the return of KEH Camera. They are a leading source of used, as well as new, photographic equipment. Having been in business for over 30 years, they have a reputation for paying top market prices for used gear. Many of us have dealt with them in the past and have been pleased with their service. You can find out more about them at www.keh.com

They will be at our regular meeting on April 16th. Please note that their representatives will be here starting at 4:00 pm and running to 9:00 pm. This extended time will reduce the impact on our program for the evening. Please try to come as early as possible to meet with KEH.

FIELD TRIPS

Historic Route 66: *Judith Sparhawk 909-793-1876 jsparhawk746@yahoo.com*

The April field trip will be Saturday the 14th to the back roads of California, exploring a short stretch of old Route 66, photographing places along the way. Our primary stop will be the Bottle Tree Ranch, with other stops at Antique Station in Oro Grande and anywhere else we want. It is an opportunity to shoot “old stuff”, old places, and if we want, can stop for lunch at Emma Jean’s Holland Burger, the Iron Hog, a fairly new “biker” restaurant, or the Summit Inn in Oak Hills.

Bottle Tree Ranch is a couple of acres of bottle trees, etc. created by Elmer Long, a Route 66 attraction himself. When his father died, he left hundreds of glass bottles. Elmer decided to put them to good use. He collected more bottles and all sorts of items which incorporated into his art. There’s a mix of humor and nostalgia, and the just plain odd. We are welcome to shoot anything that suits our fancy. If Elmer is there, he’s fun to chat with. He is often puttering around. There is no charge, but some people leave a “tip”.

Antique Station in Oro Grande is a fairly large antique mall. Tripods only are OK outside. Monopods may be OK inside. It’s been a Route 66 attraction for years.

The Bottle Tree Ranch is about 58 miles from Redlands and the Antique Station is on the way. It will take a little over an hour to get there. 10 am is a good time to arrive there. Carpoolers should be at Coco’s in Redlands by 8:30 am, to leave by 8:45 am. Coco’s is just south of the I-10 at the Tennessee off ramp.

Directions: From Redlands via the I-210, go to the I-215 north, then the I-15 north to Victorville. Exit at D Street, following the signs for Oro Grande/Silver Lakes. This road becomes National Trails Highway, Route 66. We will come to Antique Station. The Bottle Tree Ranch is about 8 miles farther. Both are on the left side of the road.

Looking forward: As tentatively planned, May 20 will be a trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu, and June 23 will be to the Lavender Festival in Cherry Valley. Stay tuned for further details.

FLOWER SHOW

Judith Sparhawk

Congratulations to the 19 RCC members whose beautiful flower images were voted in for the Photo Flower Exhibit that will be held at the Redlands Horticultural Society’s 100th annual Flower Show and Garden Tour on April 21st and 22nd.

The entries will be displayed for all visitors to the Flower Show, and has been very popular the last 6 years in which we have participated. Stop by and see the show, and take a look at the flowers that have been entered for judging. The variety and quality of flowers and plants is amazing. Buy a ticket for the show and garden tour, and take a self-guided tour of several beautiful Redlands gardens. The flower show and ticket sales are at ESRI on New York Street in Redlands.

Using the “Rule” of Thirds

Do you frequently use the Rule of Thirds in your compositions? If you do, and would like to make cropping easier, set your Grids to reflect the “Crash Points”. Go to Preferences>Guide, Grid, & Slices; set Gridlines every 33.33 percent with 1 subdivision. Next, use the Show/Hide the Grid (View>Show>Grid), or use the shortcut, Ctrl-; (MAC: Command-;) to switch it on and off.

MEMBERSHIP

Bessie Reece

Thanks to everyone who has already renewed their 2012-13 membership. If you have attended the last two meetings, you have had the opportunity to pick up your application form with your information already printed on it, please indicate any changes on this form and return it to me along with your check. The applications that were not picked up are being mailed. Our club continues to grow each month with new members. Please welcome these new members and show them what a friendly club we are.

Please welcome the following new members:

Sharyn Dana: Sharyn grew up in rural Ohio, and has lived in the Riverside area for the last 45 years. She enjoys photo excursions and competitions. Sharyn is presently president of the Hemet Valley Art Association and was a founding member of Photo Artist Network (PAN) in Riverside. She has done photos for the Riverside and Hemet Police Department. In addition to photography, Sharyn enjoys watercolor painting, genealogy, and computers.

Sue Thalasinis: Sue moved to Riverside in 2003 from Orange County. She shares her passion for photography with her daughter Crystal and has been interested in photography since she was a child. Sue is presently a member of PAN. Last year she won 2nd place in the Riverside Mayor's Senior Photo Contest and hopes to win first place this year. Sue enjoys photographing wildlife, landscapes, flowers and insects. She states that she is a "purest" and prefers not to do digital enhancing.

Stephanie Bruce: Stephanie is a life long resident of Redlands. She received her BS in Hotel/Restaurant Management at Cal Poly Pomona. Stephanie worked as a chef for several years, and is currently Director of Nutrition at Perris Union High School District. Her many hobbies include: cooking, traveling, wine, and hiking. Stephanie was very much into photography in her twenties but lost her equipment and did not pick up a camera for some twenty years. She returned to photography about two years ago and presently shoots with a Canon Rebel. Animals and close-ups are her favorite subjects due to the challenges they present. Stephanie began photography with a class she took at Norton Air Base Photo Lab, beginning with black and white film developing and printing. She hopes that by joining RCC she will learn to understand the digital world.

John Allevato: John is a retired Air Force pilot who became interested in photography while in college where he majored in journalism. He now owns a Nikon D-40 SLR and enjoys taking photo trips with friends. John is presently enrolled in Frank Peele's class.

Sharon Perales: Sharon joined Frank's class with her mother Deanna. She has worked for an optical company in Riverside for thirty plus years. Sharon enjoys taking all kinds of pictures, especially travel pictures. She states that she is at the basic "point and shoot" beginners' level and hopes to learn more about photography and eventually upgrade her equipment.

Deanna Hackthorne: Deanna is an administrative secretary for the Riverside County Department of Public Health. She joined RCC to take classes and increase her knowledge of photography. Deanna enjoys all types of photography. She presently shoots with a small Nikon digital camera and would like to upgrade. Deanna's hobby is traveling to new places.

Kathy Shomaker: Kathy is a Redlands native. She is presently a student in Frank's class. Katy presently owns a Canon Rebel with numerous lenses. She hopes to learn more about her camera and the art of photography as well as making new friends in the camera club. Her hobbies include cross country bicycling, and softball.

MEMBERSHIP (CONT.)

Bessie Reece

Dayna Perry: Dayna is a member of Frank's class. She received a Canon Rebel T3 for Christmas and is eager to learn to use it to its full potential. Dayna works for the American Heart Association in Riverside and has lived in Yucaipa all her life. Her hobbies include swimming, working out, cooking, reading and blogging

David Moore: David is a member of PAN and he is taking Frank's class. He recently bought his first digital camera. In the past David had his own darkroom in a closet. David was involved in sketching, oil painting, sculpturing, and working in stained glass. He has been a member of the Corona Art Association. He is accepting the challenge of digital photography and hopes to be able to use the computer to enhance his photography.

Rodric Robinson: Rodric recently retired as an accountant. Rodric has taken snapshots for years with a point and shoot and since retiring felt that he would like to pursue photography more seriously. He presently owns a Canon 7D with several lenses. He wants to grow into using the full potential of the Canon. Rodric's photography interests are very eclectic; grandchildren, flowers in macro, birds, architecture, landscapes, moon shots, and sunsets. He would like to improve his skills both technically and creatively. He looks forward to participating in club activities.

Paul Ward: Paul is a recently retired attorney who joined RCC to increase his knowledge of digital photography. He switched to digital after his Pentax film camera broke. Paul enjoys taking family snapshots, travel pictures and flowers.

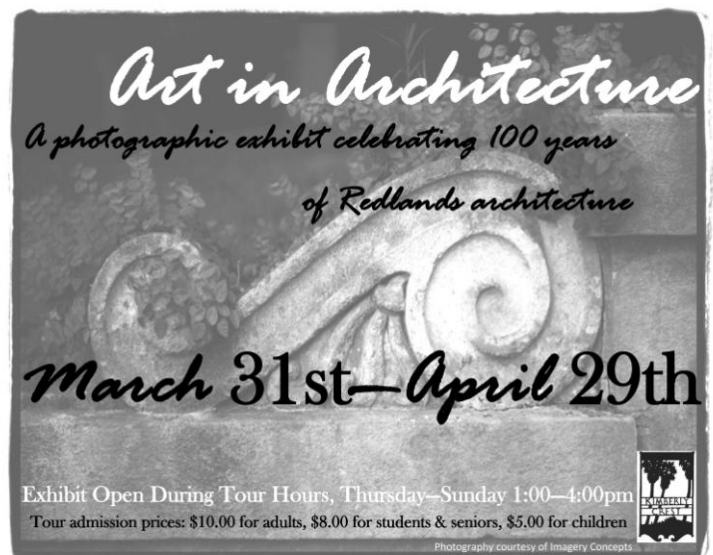
KIMBERLY CREST EXHIBIT

Art in Architecture

The Redlands Camera Club in collaboration with Kimberly Crest is presenting an exhibit of photography, Art in Architecture – A photographic exhibit celebrating 100 years of Redlands Architecture.

The exhibit is located at Kimberly Crest House and Gardens, 1325 Prospect Drive, Redlands, Calif. The exhibit will be open during tour hours, Thursdays through Sundays, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm starting March 31st and ending April 29th, 2012. Admission prices are: \$10.00 for adults, \$8.00 for students & seniors and \$5.00 for children.

The photographs are all by Redlands Camera Club members and are those selected by our members at the March 19th annual banquet meeting. Visiting Kimberly Crest will not only help support Kimberly Crest, but also give you an opportunity to see our club members' photography in a wonderful and appropriate setting. Bruce Woodcock, has contributed many hours of his time to put this all together for us. Thank you Bruce.



MEMBERS' GALLERY

2012 Spring Digital Competition: 1st Place Ribbons

Now What?
Apprentice - Animal
First Place - Bitsy Bernor



This Artists Way
Apprentice - Places
First Place - Erik Berliner



Homeless Man
Intermediate - People
First Place - Debra S Dorothy



Evening Delights
Intermediate - Land/Seascape
First Place - Nancy Akumarthi



Disney Angles
Advanced - Places
First Place - Bruce Woodcock



Golden Harvest
Apprentice - Close-Up
First Place - Lucy McGee



All Wrapped Up
Apprentice - Open/Misc
First Place - Billie Leckey



Up Up And Away
Intermediate - Photojournalism
First Place - Dick Molony



Touch Down
Advanced - Animal
First Place - Bruce Bonnett



Reflection Of A Reflection
Advanced - Open/Misc
First Place - Jerry Reece



Frozen Fruit
Apprentice - Close-Up
First Place - Billie Leckey



Pancake Rocks
Apprentice - Land/Seascape
First Place - Erik Berliner



Kimberly Crest
Intermediate - Places
First Place - Russell Trozera



Mountain Bloom
Advanced - Close-Up
First Place - Bruce Bonnett



Diamond Head And Friends
Advanced - Land/Seascape
First Place - Wayne (Woody) Wood



Plying The Pumpkin
Apprentice - People
First Place - Beverly Brett



Catch Me If You Can
Intermediate - Animal
First Place - Nancy Akumarthi



Watching The Watchtower
Intermediate - Places
First Place - John Simpson



Help Is On The Way
Apprentice - Photojournalism
First Place - Erik Berliner



Trapped In A Web
Intermediate - Close-Up
First Place - Jennie Duncan



Foggy Pond - Egrets
Intermediate - Open/Misc
First Place - Lyle Hammond



It Was A Hard Life
Advanced - Photojournalism
First Place - Jerry Reece

