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AGENDA

AGM / GALA Evening
7th December
(Please note: It is NOT the 2nd Wed. of the month)

No AV Meeting in December

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2005

Helderberg Photographic Society 2005

What comes to my mind?

 First of all, I am grateful to all the many members who contribute to our club activities in their own special way!!! Your support has enriched our club's life.

The 50 years of Helderberg Photographic Society are marked by two more milestones:

 Digital photography and digital presentations are settled as part of our monthly meetings now.

Following a very lively digital/analogue debate over several weeks, a third category for digital competition and evaluation entries is well established.

Thanks to our members who worked together to make the funds available for our own Canon Projector and Shuttle, we now can enjoy the digital entries on the big screen.

2. Helderberg PS has won the Interclub Floating Trophy for the 25th time since 1978 - only two points ahead of Hermanus PS!

Looking back at our club activities listed below, a lot of preparation has gone into each talk, outing, presentation and workshop. In this area I want to thank especially all committee members for their planning, input and support, often done quietly behind the scenes. Your help with things such as club meetings, organising outings, editing our newsletter, making tea and collecting the keys is the foundation for effective club activities.

Talks **Outings** 'Cataloguing System' Koegelbaai 'Sperrgebiet in Namibia' Arniston ... and AV: 'Peru Andes' Sunset/Full Moon, Cape Town ...and AV: 'India' Jonkershoek Rien Vader: Presentation of his Lifetime of Paarl Post: printing process Photography 'Images that move me' Cedar Mountains, Wuppertal Paternoster, West Coast 'Faraway Places' 'Still Life with Glass' Rally 'Being a Photographer on an Ocean Liner'

| Competitions | 'What makes me click?' | Workshops |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 'Environmental | Johan du Preez: | Adobe Photoshop for |
| Portrait' | | beginners |
| 'Details' | Hilde Cilliers | Wings Platinum for beginners |
| 'Leaves' | Estelle Hofmeyr | |
| 'Liquid' | Steve Crane | |
| 'Still Life with Glass' | | |
| 'Emotions' | | |

AV meetings

Talk: Wicus; 'Colours'

'Live Music Photography'

Talk: Thomas: 'How to present an AV'

Set Music: +- 3 min. Jazz

Set Subject: +- 3 min: 'My Passion'

This year saw many attempting their first AV, whether manually or with the Wings Programme. The development of strong individual creativity that stretches the medium's boundaries and inspires others has been a pleasure to experience. 2005 has been a challenging year and a great learning experience. Thank you for your support! I wish my successor an equally interesting time, with your help and input.

I hope you have a happy festive season, and enjoy your photography.

Irmel

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

December seems to have suddenly arrived! And with that the last Newsletter of this year, and a bumper one at that!

I sincerely wish to thank all those who contributed to it in one way or the other – without you my job would be much more difficult! Hopefully the contributions will keep on coming next year – until then I wish you a lovely **Festive Season** and **Happy Holidays!** Nettie

NOTICEBOARD

Congratulations to Bryan Jarmain who was a Second Place Winner in Betterphoto's October competition, category Nature and Landscape, with his digim 'Water Fingers' – take a look at

...http://www.betterphoto.com/contest/winners/0510.asp. Well done, Bryan!

Our thanks are due to Riana Geschke and Johan du Preez for calibrating the projector.

Please contact Irmel to obtain 25% Discount cards afforded us by Photo Connection outlets.

Congratualtions to Lans von Horsten and Chris Joubert who both had photographs highlighted in the December Getaway Gallery.

A Committee Meeting was held at the beginning of November: here is some feedback –

- a) The Committee is willing to stay on; Club members will have the opportunity at the AGM to select additional/new members to the Committee. Portolios will be finalized after the AGM.
- b) Fees for 2006 will be R220 per person, with a discount of R20 being offered if you pay before 31st March, 2006.

- c) Concern has been raised by some members who think the meetings might be too long. The following points were discussed:
 - 1. Cutting down on competition/evaluation entries
 - 2. Shortening the tea break
 - 3. It was felt that members come to the meetings to see and be inspired by other members' work. It was decided not to cut down on the number of entries: neither will the tea break be shortened we love to socialize!
 - 4. However, it was felt that stricter control should be exercised as follows:
 - a. Competition no more than 8 entries per person (four prints, and four projected images be they digims or slides ie. 2 x prints Open; 2 x prints. Set Subject; 2 x digims or slides Open; 2 x digims or slides Set Subject if desired.
 - b. Evaluation no more than two prints; and either 2 slides or 2 digims.
 - c. No late entries: prints and slides must be in by 19.20 hrs on the Wednesday. Digims by 18.00 hrs on the Tuesday before the meeting. Steve Crane is in charge of the digital entries. Please make sure he has got your e-mail address if you areentering digitally.
- d) 'What Makes Me Click' lets us get to know new members; no longer than 7 minutes; volunteers required!
- e) 'How to' will be introduced. Requests have been made for informal talks on the technicalities of photography, to be run by a member who is an expert in a particular field, with questions welcomed from the floor.
- f) Interclub: any print, slide or digim obtaining over 22 marks at a competition evening is eligible for selection by a committee, for Interclub at the end of each year. When the time draws near it is sometimes difficult to draw this work from the members. If you wish, you may hand Paddy your print and/or slide on the night you have obtained selection. She will hold it in safe-keeping until November. This is only a suggestion and not a rule.

Tea Ladies/Gents – Birgit has changed her job and is no longer able to 'open' the tea-table. We always seem to get help somehow, but it would be great if someone could offer to be in charge of this very important part of our meeting – any volunteers?

A **photograph** is going to be taken at the AGM Meeting, of those members whose photographs were selected for Interclub, and which we want to send for inclusion in the District Mail. Please be there!

AGM / GALA EVENING: Wednesday 7th December 2005

The Annual General Meeting part of the evening will not take long.

As far as the fun part goes ... please bring to the meeting –

- 1) 2 x A4-size or bigger mounted prints taken in Darling during the AV-convention, so that we can enjoy seeing them before they go to Darling for the exhibition and handing out to the townsfolk
- 2) any two of your favourite prints for display should you wish to sell them, please put a price on them
- 3) AV-makers are welcome to bring (at the most) two AV-s for showing
- 4) Please bring a plate of eats, plus a bottle of whatever you fancy
- 5) Guests are very welcome

INTERCLUB 2005 – Friday 11th November, 2005.

Cape Town Photographic Society hosted this year's Interclub which was held at the MTN Science Centre, Canal Walk. Drinks and snacks got the ball rolling, and socializing took place while the selected prints could be viewed.

Andries van der Walt, CTPS President, welcomed all those present – members and guests from the 6 participating clubs – Cape Town, Hermanus, Fish Hoek, Tygerberg, Creative and Helderberg. We were introduced to the four judges: George Hallet (Photographer previously contracted to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission); Bernard Jordaan (former Chief of Photography at Media24); John Ford (retired regional manager of Agfa Photo) and Gavin Furlonger (photographers' agent and commercial director in the film and advertising industry).

Judging of the prints took place first ... B&W, Abstract and Human Interest (portrait) shots seemed to find most favour with the judges. Bryan Jarmain's print of a sunset at sea, with finger-like water channels in the fore-ground scored a 25 out of 30 for HPS. The other HPS selections came from Chris Herselmann, Antenie Carstens, Johan Beyers, Paddy Howes, Herman du Plessis and Irmel Dunaiski. HPS landed up **Second** (to Hermanus) in this section.

After tea an audio-visual preview was given of the digital images and slides, after which the scoring started on the individual entries. 12 Projected images were allowed – the HPS selection consisted of 8 digims and 4 slides. Riana Geschke scored the highest for our Club (24) in the digims, and Paddy Howes and Nettie Warncke both scored 21's in the slides. Other selections came from Johan du Preez, Irmel Dunaiski, Steve Crane, Johan Beyers, Mary Silberbauer, Lanz von Horsten and Elsa van Zyl. HPS landed up **Second** (to CTPS) in this section.

Judges were also asked to choose a personal favourite print and digim/slide: George Hallet liked Paddy's 'Special Effect' slide (multiple exposure of a tree in blossom), and one of the other judges liked Johan du Preez's 'Reflecting on You' (reflections of feet walking on the beach).

Overall though, our second places were just enough for us to slip into **FIRST PLACE!** This is the 25th time (out of 27) that Helderberg has won Interclub ... an outstanding achievement in anyone's book. But let us not rest on our laurels for too long! The competition was very, very close (Fish Hoek 6th 365 points; Creative 5th 378 points; Tygerberg 4th 406 points; Cape Town 3rd 438 points; Hermanus 2nd 449 points and HPS 1st 451 points ... go figure!). The standard is getting better and better with the advent of digital technology and we are going to have to strive even more for really excellent pictures in the future.

One of the most gratifying aspects of the 2005 HPS selections, is that half of our contributors have not experienced Interclub before. This means new blood has come into the Club which can only augur well for the future. Our members are to be congratulated for their camaraderie and support, and for the excellent standard they are maintaining. **Go Helderberg!**

We thank CTPS for organizing a very well-run Interclub at an outstanding venue, and look forward to taking part again next year.

Here are the individual scores as supplied by CTPS

Slides/Digital Images

| Enchanted Forest | Paul Hayse-Gregson | 24 | 1 |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----|----|
| Abstract 1 | Malcolm Jones | 24 | 1 |
| Evening Light detail | Riana Geschke | 24 | 1 |
| Malgas | François van der Merwe | 23 | 4 |
| Classic | Kevin du Toit | 23 | 4 |
| Mandevilla | Ronnie Hazell | 23 | 4 |
| And then there was night | Carol Leipold | 22 | 7 |
| N2 Landscape | Andre Mouton | 22 | 7 |
| The mime | Murahd Bacus | 22 | 7 |
| Forest Ghosts | Paul Hayse-Gregson | 22 | 7 |
| Mother and Child Napping | Johan Kloppers | 22 | 7 |
| Speed of light | François van der Merwe | 22 | 7 |
| Lightning | Bennie Vivier | 22 | 7 |
| Untitled | Malcolm Jones | 22 | 7 |
| City Lights | Nettie Warncke | 21 | 15 |
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| Special Effect | Paddy Howes | 21 | 15 |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|----|----------|
| Sand Forest | Andre Kotze | 21 | 15 |
| Reflecting on you | Johan du Preez | 21 | 15 |
| Tubular Hive | Steve Crane | 21 | 15 |
| Thawing | Clive Fulton | 21 | 15 |
| Alien patterns | Henry Jooste | 21 | 15 |
| Grass Seeds | Ronnie Hazell | 21 | 15 |
| Edge of Namib | Bryony Evans | 20 | 23 |
| Spoon symmetry | Hansie Oosthuizen | 20 | 23 |
| Stone on fire | Johan Beyers | 20 | 23 |
| Morning at Sea | Gudrun Oberpriller | 20 | 23 |
| Springtime | Johan Beyers | 20 | 23 |
| Riding the sands | Alan Marlowe | 20 | 23 |
| Dawn in Drakensberg | Stan Slater | 19 | 29 |
| Coming down | B Hofmeyr | 19 | 29 |
| Candle | Henry Smit | 19 | 29 |
| Many of us | Max Leipold | 19 | 29 |
| Chains | Rachel Robinson | 19 | 29 |
| Window to the World | Judelle Drake | 19 | 29 |
| Crash! | S du Toit | 18 | 35 |
| Flaky handle | King Tong | 18 | 35 |
| Guards | Elsa van Zyl | 18 | 35 |
| Wooden Walkway | Adriaan van der Venter | 18 | 35 |
| Pale | Neels Beyers | 18 | 35 |
| Raindrop after the storm | Alan Marlowe | 18 | 35 |
| Curves and Straights | Michael Flemming | 17 | 41 |
| Rust | Neels Beyers | 17 | 41 |
| Relaxation at Lake Navarone | Michelle Slater | 17 | 41 |
| Garaspark | Johan Kloppers | 17 | 41 |
| Cat in door | Bryony Evans | 17 | 41 |
| Prickly and soft | King Tong | 17 | 41 |
| Ripples of Sand | Rachel Robinson | 17 | 41 |
| Golden drop | Mary Silberbauer | 17 | 41 |
| Zulu Smoker | Lanz van Horsten | 16 | 49 |
| Tidal Lights | Nick Vink | 16 | 49 |
| Ground squirrel | Bennie Vivier | 16 | 49 |
| Crassula | Sybil Moris | 16 | 49 |
| Woven Water | Irmel Dunaiski | 16 | 49 |
| Best Friends | Sybil Moris | 16 | 49 |
| The Paternoster Mystery | Riana Geschke | 16 | 49 |
| Aim for the Shadow | Riaz Ismail | 16 | 49 |
| Dinner Invitation | Gudrun Oberpriller | 16 | 49 |
| Afternoon Glow | Judelle Drake | 15 | 58 |
| De-vine | Hanlie Spalding | 14 | 59 50 |
| City Hall | Clive Fulton | 14 | 59 50 |
| Hallucination | Michael Flemming | 14 | 59 |

| Vuuroond Nine Eleven Hats Indoor Outhouse The Door | Henry Smit Max Leipold Ray Landry Hansie Oosthuizen Nick Vink | 14 13 13 13 13 | 63 63 63 |
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| Market | Ray Landry | 12 | |
| Drakensberg Pastels | Stan Slater | 12 | |
| Born to Ride | Wynand van Eeden | 12 | |
| Rose Water | James Williams | 12 | |
| Lake Navarone Tranquility | Michelle Slater | | 71 |
| Good and evil | Judith Brink | 10 | 72 |
| Prints | | | |
| Alone | Kevin du Toit | 25 | 1 |
| Water Fingers | Bryan Jairman | 25 | 1 |
| Baby Elephant | Sybil Morris | 24 | 3 |
| Mafia Doggie | Hansie Oosthuizen | 24 | 3 |
| Portrait of Jan Vermeiren | Philip de Vos | 24 | 3 |
| Arum Wings | Faith Botha | 23 | 6 |
| Bushmen were here Before us | Alan Marlowe | 23 | 6 |
| Day Break | Max Leipold | 23 | 6 |
| First Light | Irmel Dunaiski | 23 | 6 |
| Lonely Vigil | Pat Lange | 23 | 6 |
| Natures Print | Nic Vink | 23 | 6 |
| In between the vines | Selma Ohlssen | 22 | 12 |
| Weightless Anticipation | Theo Coetzee | 21 | 13 |
| Flight | Johan Beyers | 20 | 14 |
| Flowing Lines | Michael Flemming | 20 | 14 |
| Huascaran | Herman du Plessis | 20 | 14 |
| Lighting up the Wheatfield's | Alan Marlowe | 20 | 14 |
| Weather Beaten | Ingrid de Bruyn | 20 | 14 |
| Windy Waves | Faith Botha | 20 | 14 |
| Cloudy Afternoon | Ingrid de Bruyn | 19 | 20 |
| First Light | Paddy Howes | 19 | 20 |
| Pounce | Roy Marriot | 19 | 20 |
| Psuedo Cuban | Clive Fulton | 19 | 20 |
| Waiting | Ian Levy | 19 | 20 |
| Wheat fields | Herman du Plessis | 19 | 20 |
| Me and my pink shoes | Max Leipold | 18 | 26 |
| Nature's Dragon | Kevin du Toit | 18 | 26 |
| Old Bones | Paddy Howes | 18 | 26 |
| Pools of Light | Paddy Howes | 18 | 26 |
| Shores of Tranquillity | Andre Claassen | 18 | 26 |
| Steps & Shadows | Antenie Carstens | 18 | 26 |
| Still life onions | Philip de Vos | 18 | 26 |
| Sabina 1 | Ronnie Clift | 17 | 33 |
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| City Light | Nic Vink | 16 | 34 |
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| Hansel & Gretel House | Carol Leipold | 16 | 34 |
| Head Strong | Brian Tjasink | 16 | 34 |
| Liquid Glass | Johan Beyers | 16 | 34 |
| Morning Light | Rachel Robinson | 16 | 34 |
| Reflections | Andrew Marjoribanks | 16 | 34 |
| Secrets 2 | Ronnie Clift | 16 | 34 |
| Shattered Image | Andre Claassen | 16 | 34 |
| Stripped for Winter | Ian Levy | 16 | 34 |
| What the Artist saw | Ian Levy | 16 | 34 |
| Arch Ways | Rachel Robinson | 15 | 44 |
| Eye Spy | Elisabeth Cook | 15 | 44 |
| Fuli Brug | Neels Beyers | 15 | 44 |
| There's Life in the Sand | Alan Marlowe | 15 | 44 |
| Wash Day in the Bo Kaap | Rachel Robinson | 15 | 44 |
| Bird of Paradise | Faith Botha | 14 | 49 |
| The Birth of Venus | Kevin du Toit | 14 | 49 |
| The Thin Line | Chris Herschman | 14 | 49 |
| Whales at Dusk | Brian Tjasink | 14 | 49 |
| Fairy Foliage | Nigel Claxton | 13 | 53 |
| Metropolitan Leaf | Hansie Oosthuizen | 13 | 53 |
| One More Around the Coke Can | Keith Stone | 13 | 53 |
| Populierbos | Neels Beyers | 13 | 53 |
| Simply Red | Pieter Saayman | 13 | 53 |
| Angelicus | Christo Muller | 12 | 58 |
| Reflection with rain and sand | Nic Cillié | 12 | 58 |
| Skinned | Clive Fulton | 12 | 58 |
| The Kuhar's Window | Keith Stone | 12 | 58 |
| By-gone era | Kelly Foster | 11 | 62 |
| Carpenter Bee | Bryony Evans | 11 | 62 |
| Reach for the Stars | Brian Tjasink | 11 | 62 |
| Thai Hay! | Henry Jooste | 11 | 62 |
| Broken Motor Windscreen | Antenie Carstens | 10 | 66 |
| Velddrif Effects | Hankie Spalding | 10 | 66 |
| Harbour Hobo | Michelle Slater | 9 | 68 |
| Castle Windows | Pat Lange | 8 | 69 |
| Fruit Spotlight | Henry Jooste | 8 | 69 |
| Leftovers | Hanlie Spalding | 8 | 69 |
| Dust Buster | Henry Jooste | 7 | 72 |

CLUB MEETING: Wednesday 10th November 2005.

A smaller crowd than usual attended the competition evening 'Still Life with Glass'. Nonetheless we were happy to meet three new members – Biddy and Johan Lubbe, and Mike Morris, and hope they will enjoy fun and creative times in the club.

Judges for the evening were Johan and Neels Beyers, Rita Meyer and Paul Hayse-Gregson.

Prints, slides and digims were presented for criticism, with digims taking the lead in quantity and quality, although Paul's black and white prints need to be mentioned for their outstanding degree of excellence.

After teatime we saw Johan's wonderful AV on his recent trip to Botswana, Elsa's sensitive and beautiful AV on 'Reflections', and Mary's AV on 'My Passion – Chocolate' which, in its light-hearted and delicious way, ended the evening on the right note.

HPS ANNUAL RALLY: Sunday 27th November, 2005. Nettie

Those who were able to make it:

Paddy (organizer), Bernard, Paulette, Gerda, Estelle, Steve, Colin, Nettie Plus navigators: Annette (Colin's wife), Jan (out from Holland to sort out Paarlweb's computers), Mela (Steve's wife), Glenda (Nettie's friend)

There was no time to 'settle-in' with the taking of shots – the first one of the 'toast rack' behind the lady statue at the Huguenot Monument had to be a multiple exposure (I hadn't done one in such a long time I had to get out my camera's 'book of instructions'...!). On to Haute Cabriere for 'Valley View', and then to the top of the Pass for 4 more pics ('Spikey Blue' – long blue flower; 'Down in the Valley', and a 'wide angle', plus another one of our chosing). Down the Pass to Jan Joubert se 'Gat' to photograph 'White Water' and 'Wet Rocks' and on to the Theewaterskloof Dam to take 'White Stones', 'Sad Trees', 'Watery Death', 'We are Dying' and 'Wet Feet'. Once on the Grabouw road, we turned off to Chiltern Farm to take 'Dam&Mountains' and 'Trunks&Water' from the causeway. Then we had to stop alongside the road to take the beautiful Dorothy Perkins rambling roses 'Zoom in on Pink', and then also had to take 'Willows and Horses' (getting the horses to stand in front of the willow trees was a no-go) or waterblommetjies. Back onto the R321 to take 4 shots of 'A rose is a rose is a rose', and then over the Viljoens Pass to take a 'Canadian View' (lake, pines and mountains). In Grabouw itself we stopped to take the old Victorian building of 'Harris Bros 1908' and 'Victorian Details', and then on to 'Tall Trees' - Andre and Ena du Toit's farm where we were instructed to take 'Love in the Mist' (a pretty blue flower growing behind the garage), 'Potty' (anything growing in a pot), 'White on White' (white poppies, Iceberg roses and Queen Anne's Lace), 'Colour Movement', 'Archway', two pics of cute farm kids, and 'Hello Doggy' (Andre has two Plascon/Dulux dogs, but they had been shorn for the summer and looked a little like grey Airedales...). Ena treated us to lovely tea and cake on the stoep under the vines – just what the doctor ordered after a morning in the sun.

We had fun ...! Thanks, Paddy, for going to so much trouble once again – it was a super outing. Results of our creativity (or not...) will be shown at a future club meeting.

.CLUB AV-EVENING Wednesday 30th November 2005

The AV-evening was once again a friendly and informal affair with excellent work being shown. Estelle Hofmeyr was first off with wonderful shots of Groot Winterhoek to music by Secret Garden. Whole new vistas opened up before us – mountains, rivers, flowers (disas in particular), and many of us reckoned this is a place to visit in the future. Estelle can be our guide! Then it was Ilse's turn to show three AV's she has made on Lucca and its surroundings (Italy). Using music by amongst others Puccini, and a love song by Andrea Boccelli, she showed the hilly villages with stone houses and geraniums, church spires and locals in the square, delicious looking food set on white table cloths – it was Italy, and especially Lucca, at is best. Kina then showed an AV on her trip to Aussenkher in Namibia, just over the Orange River alongside the Richtersveld. Rugged mountainscapes contrasted with bright green vineyards situated along the river, complimented by percussion-based music – a very successful AV, and another place to visit! Next it was Nettie's turn to re-show 'Big Sky Country' (this time with the projector correctly set...) to the music of John Barry's 'Flying over Africa' from the 'Out of Africa' soundtrack. After tea, it was Max's turn to show us his travelogue on his recent trip to India – wonderful shots of the people and their colourful clothes, as well as the highly decorated camels at the Pushkar Camel Festival. Suitable Indian music was used to bring the AV to life, along with an informative commentary – just enough to whet our appetites for a trip to India! Neels rounded off the evening with a new and improved 'People of China' AV with many outstanding portrait shots, and another on 'Kitesurfers' showing good backlit work on the surfers, the kites and the spray – real action stuff. Paulette thanked everyone for their contributions during the year – we look forward to seeing more excellent work next year!

How to??

| | Name |
|--|---------|
| Question | |
| How to | |
| asses a black and white landscape | Bernard |
| How to | |
| do multiple flash | Nix |
| How to | |
| clean the CCD | Carl |
| How to | |
| stop mirror bounce | Henk |
| How to | |
| do zoom effects (zoom in or out?) | Henk |
| How to | |
| differentiate between spot-, centre weighted- and multi pattern metering | Bernard |
| How to | |
| do Astro Photography | Martin |

Now we need volunteer members who can give a short talk on one or more of these subjects, at a given Club meeting. If you would like to offer your services, please contact Elsa van Zyl.

PATRICK LICHFIELD 25.4.39 – 11.11.05

Early Years

Patrick Lichfield would probably have been among the first to insist he was not a great photographer, although he was certainly a highly skilled and celebrated one. His high media profile helped to give photography recognition in the public eye. He was a great organiser, running his business extremely well, and a man of great charm to those he met, and particularly to those he photographed. It was his associations with two phenomena, *British Royalty* and London's *Swinging Sixties*, and the photographs he took of both that made him famous. Royalty came by birth, and he became more or less the house photographer to the family firm, but it was his talents and charm that resulted in regular work for American *Vogue* and other magazines in London and brought him into close (sometimes very close) contact with the new young fashion models, actors, pop stars and others who made up the new London scene.

Family

Lichfield's mother was Anne Bowes-Lyon, whose auntie was the mother of the current British Queen. His father, Viscount Anson, was a descendent of an 18th century war hero and naval explorer. After his parents divorced in 1948, his mother re-married, becoming Princess Anne of Denmark. Like other young sons of the aristocracy, Patrick Anson was sent away to prep school at the age of six, and one of the presents he was given to take with him was a camera. Later he went on to Harrow (one of the two leading English private schools along with Eton, and also the school attended 35 years earlier by **Cecil Beaton**, England's best-known society photographer.)

Guards

It was at Harrow that Anson first realised the potential for making money from photography, undercutting the high prices charged to college boys for their leaving portraits. In 1957 he left Harrow to go the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst for training as an officer cadet. While there, his father died, following an allergic reaction from a bee-sting, and he became Viscount Anson. In 1959 he became an officer in the Grenadier Guards, and when his grandfather died in 1960, he inherited the title as the fifth Earl of Lichfield.

Professional Photography

In 1962, much to the opposition of his mother, who cut off his allowance, he resigned from the army and became first of all a darkroom technician for Dmitri Kasterine and Michael Wallis, and later a photographic assistant, learning the trade as Patrick Lichfield, rather than using his title. However the prints that he began to sell to the many young and coming celebrities he photographed, and to the magazines eager to feature them were simply signed 'Lichfield' and his society connections certainly helped. If some of his debutante sitters didn't know who he was, their mothers (who probably picked up many of the bills) certainly would.

Portraits and Royals

In Demand

His work was immediately in demand for magazines including Life and Queen Magazine as well as the national daily newspapers. However his greatest success came with with *Diana Vreeland* of American *Vogue*. Although It was almost certainly his title and connections that landed him the assignment to photograph the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, it was the quality of the results that led to a 5-year contract. Portraits

Lichfield had a great gift for getting on with people from all backgrounds, including the many from working class backgrounds who were now both in the money and in the glossies. He treated those who he photographed with great respect, and gained their trust and co-operation. Many became personal friends.

One of his best-known portraits was of Marsha Hunt, star of the nude musical 'Hair'.

Taken for American 'Vogue' in 1968, this neatly both produced a memorable image of the star and avoided exposing any of the parts that might have then offended US sensibilities. Other memorable work from the 60s and 70s includes the group portrait 'Swinging London' of Roman Polanski, David Hockney and Lady Antonia Fraser, and portraits of Yves St Laurent, Jane Birkin, Joanna Lumley and Michael Caine.

The Jaggers

His close image of an intimate moment between Mick and Bianca Jagger at their wedding in St Tropez in 1971 catches the moment precisely, and he was both photographer and best man for the occasion. It has a freshness and photojournalistic quality that is seldom present in the rest of his work.

Relationships

Meeting and working as he did with so many beautiful women eventually led to the end of his marriage to the elder daughter of the Duke of Westminster; married in 1975, they were divorced in 1986. His son from that marriage (they also had two daughters) is now Lord Lichfield, but as far as I'm aware, not a photographer. Although Lichfield did not re-marry, he did find a new partner in Lady Annunziata Asquith. They had appeared together in front of the camera as models for the quintessentially English clothes of Burberry. Later he was to model and market his own "the Lichfield line" of English upper-class style clothing in the USA. His other business affairs included being director of several expensive restaurants.

Royal Pictures

He remains best known however, for his work for the royals, who generally called upon his services when photography was required. He took many of the official images, and did so with his usual skill, although like many such formal images, the results are unexciting. Even if you are one of them, it isn't easy to work with the royals, and even tricks like blowing a whistle to attract everyone's attention in a group portrait didn't work enough magic. Far more impressive are some of his informal pictures, including one of the Queen talking to her horse, and another of her paused while out riding, pointing out the distant stately home. During the press call at the wedding of Charles and Di, his trick was played on the other photographers. All were allowed only an extremely limited number of exposures. He pretended to be taking pictures while the other photographers were working away by mimicing shutter noises with his tongue. When the others had finished, he was then able to take his pictures of the royal couple on his own without the pack, to much royal amusement.

The Windsors

He also managed an unusual portrait of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor for Vogue in 1966, which uncharacteristically shows them smiling. The sight of the photographer falling through the chair he was sitting made them laugh, and he had the presence of mind to press the shutter release. A later accident, in 1991 at his holiday home at Mustique, where he was visited by many of the rich and famous, had more serious consequences. Helping a guest to remove their boots, he fell backwards and over a low wall to the ground 18 feet below, sustaining extremely serious injuries. He never entirely recovered, and from that point on largely only took photographs in and around his stately home, where, although it had been given to the *National Trust* on the death of his grandfather, he retained a large suite of rooms.

Later Career

In his later career, Lichfield became a highly paid advertising photographer and also published a wide range of books etc, including a number of instructional works, as well as appearing in TV series aimed at amateur photographers and leading workshops. His advice was generally very sound, even if entirely conventional. He was a firm believer in photographers mastering the techniques of the medium before they could really be creative. In a workshop on making portraits, he advised those taking part not to pose their subjects in direct sun, but to work in shade on sunny days, to use reflectors to bounce light onto the face, and to put their sitters at ease by talking with them. Equally unsurprisingly, he told people to use a longer lens (perhaps even a 'portrait lens', as short telephotos are often known?) to avoid distortion of faces.

Digital

Lichfield was an early adopter of digital photography in professional work, turning his studio over to it in 1999. Using mainly a digital back on a Hasselblad medium format camera, the change saved his studio around £75,000 a year on film and processing, apart from the other benefits it offered. You can read his thoughts about digital in an interview on **Photo-I**. As in all other aspects of his work, professionalism was vital to him, and he continued to take film equipment out on digital shoots just in case the systems didn't work.

Supporter of Charities

As well as working commercially, Lichfield also supported a number of charities, providing a photographic show, **Getting it Straight** which toured the UK as a port of a national awareness campaign about curvature of the spine for the *Scoliosis Association* (UK). He also became **VSO**'s (Voluntary Service Overseas) first overseas ambassador in 1989.

Ack: about.photography.com

CLUB Competition Results: 09 November 2005

| | Name | Title |
|---|--|---|
| 1 | Paul | 'Still Life with Glass' |
| 2 | Paul | 'Still Life Patterns' |
| | | |
| 1 | Neels | 'Plaasdam' |
| 2 | Neels | 'Nuwe Dam' |
| 3 | André | 'Old Blue Eyes' |
| | | |
| 1 | Michael | 'Dessert' |
| 2 | Nettie | 'Glass Orb' |
| 3 | Michael | 'Grapes' |
| | | |
| 1 | Rita | 'Begging for Food' |
| 2 | Nigel | 'Barricades' |
| 3 | Brian P | 'Dry Waterfall' |
| | | |
| 1 | Chris J | 'Reg vir Sononder' |
| | Johan B | 'Arrow in Glass' |
| 3 | Steve | 'Orbs' |
| | | |
| 1 | Johan B | 'Buffalo' |
| 2 | Nix | 'Kestrel' |
| 3 | André | 'Kelp Gull' |
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HERMANUS e-SALON RESULTS

Architecture Category

Gold Medal Nico Smit Spiral Steps Siver Medal Hanneli Swanepoel Rooi Dakrant

Best Panel Nico Smit

Nature Category

Gold Medal Johan Botha A Moment Before Silver Medal Johan Botha Lion Family

Best Panel Johan Botha

People Category

Gold Medal Yvette Marais Sandpaadjie
Siver Medal Rene de Jonge Vader en Seun
Best Panel (joint) Neels Beyers

Koot Marais Gail Reuvers Visual Art Category

Gold Medal Ronnie Hazell Grass Seeds Silver Medal Willi Ollewagen Bound by Lies Best Panel (joint) Ronnie Hazell

> Lientjiie Beyer Johan Basson

Paddy Howes (HPS) achieved an acceptance 'Pear Trees' in the above visual Art Category.

Pictorial Category

Gold Medal Sadie Glibbery Crossing River
Siver Medal Johan Botha Three Firefighters

Best Panel (joint) Vic Aird

James Gradidge

Congratulations to Paddy, Neels (member of CTPS & HPS) and Ronnie (member of Hermanus & HPS)

TAKE YOUR CAMERA TO

Ysterplaat Air Force Base for their annual air show on Saturday 3rd December.

Christmas lights in Cape Town and Somerset West.

Carols by Candlelight services all over (also in Wuppertal...)

EXHIBITION

Gerald Hoberman's exhibition of photographs from his book 'Carnival in Venice' will take place at 14 Tuin Plein (Off Hope Street), Gardens, between 15 and 22 December.

CONGRESSES

PSSA NATIONAL CONGRESS 2006

In Velddrif from 24th to 29th September, 2006.

PSSA NATIONAL CONGRESS 2007

In De Doorns from 28th May to 1st June, 2007.

CAPE PHOTOGRAPHERS AND PSSA AV-DIVISION CONGRESS in CALITZDORP

SATURDAY 18th to TUESDAY 21st MARCH 2006

Early Registration will take place from Friday afternoon the 17^{th} , and a braai will be held in the evening. The Congress will start on Saturday morning and end on Tuesday (Public Holiday) at Lunchtime. A varied program with really interesting speakers will be presented, and there will be numerous opportunities to go out on photo shoots. Plans are in place for:

- AV Honours judging and AVs by new honours holders
- SHOWTIME for all
- Impromptu (Interactive) AV making
- Print exhibition by clubs

PARTICIPATION BY THE DELEGATES IS OUR AIM - especially SHOWTIME and Interactive AV making.

As this is a combined event and not solely an Audio Visual event, there will be a good choice of outings viz. Matjiesvlei, Rooiberg, ostrich farm, local architecture, Redstone Hills, Photogallery D. McKenzie, Wine tasting - Calitzdorp being the Port Wine capital of SA.

A number of experienced lecturers have already shown their willingness to participate, amongst them - Dan Swart (regular contributor to the PSSA *Image* Magazine), Sue Hillyard (Head of photography at Cape Town's Ruth Prowse Art Centre), Neil Curry (retired professional in the film industry specializing in script writing) as well as Jill Sneesby, who together with Barrie Wilkins, will also be handling the Honours judging. Willem Oets will be lecturing on AV-making. We await confirmation from several others – you won't be disappointed!

The 'Early Bird' booking fee for the Congress is R500 (Fri.night Braai to Tues.Lunch) which includes meals, teas, lectures and outings, and will need to be paid by the beginning of March.

Calitzdorp is a delightful little town on Route 62 – it takes approx. 4 hours to get there from Cape Town. If you would like to explore the area further we recommend *Die Hel* and the *Gamkaskloof Pass*, as well as the *Seweweekspoort*.

Best Regards,

Neels Beyers, Thomas Niemeyer, Antenie Carstens, Frans & Liesbeth Noltee, Jill Sneesby, Roel van Oudheusden, and Nettie Warncke

29. October 2005.

REGISTRATION FORM

8th Cape Photographers Congress / 7th PSSA Audio Visual Convention 2006

Church-hall DR church Calitydorp Saturday 18 March - Twesday 21 March 2006

TO REGISTER

1. Please complete this form in full

2a. Deposit the fee into:

CAPE PHOTOGRAPHERS, Nedbank, Port Elizabeth, Branch Code: 12 12 17

Savings account: 22 1255 4842

Send registration form by E-mail to: roelV@nedcor.com or post to:

Roel van Oudheusden, 10 Wodehouse St, Mount Pleasant, 6070 PORT ELIZABETH

Tel: 041-367 3994 Fax: 041-36 33 707 Mobile: 083 327 1735 2b. Alternatively send cheque and registration form by post to Roel

PERSONAL DETAILS

| Name | | |
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| Photographic Honours | | |
| Postal address | | |
| Postal code | | |
| Telephone (work) | Telephone (home) | |
| Mobile phone | Fax | |
| F-Mail | | |

RETAIN THE INFORMATION BELOW

Congress Fees: Whole congress R 600,00

Dayvisitors per day R 150,00

Please book NOW! For bookings received before 3 March 2006 fee will be only R500.00

Convention fee includes lunch, dinner, morning/afternoon tea, but not breakfast. (Please inform Frans Noltee as to diet-wishes)

Accommodation:

See flyer in Image

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| Anna Sophia's | Town | Cottages 3 bed, aircon,pet friendly | 100.00 | 50.00 | 044 213 3402 | 082 978 2372 | annasophia@xsinet.co.za |
| Buffelskloof Guest House | 20km | 2 Houses, s/pool | 320.00 (2) | | 044 213 3786 | 044 213 3786 | buffelskloof@hotmail.com |
| Calitzdorp Spa | 24km | Caravan/chalets | 255.00(4)/285.00(6)/33 | 30.00 (4) | 044 213 3371 | 044 213 3371 | info@calitzdorpspa.co.za |
| Casa Cybele | Town | Garden cottage for 2 | 100.00 | | 044 213 3560 | | cybele@telkomsa.net |
| Die Dorpshuis | Town | 2 Cottage, En-suite, s/pool | 145.00 | 70.00 | 044 213 3453 | 044 213 3453 | info@diedorpshuis.co.za |
| Die Hooisolder | Town | Flatlet, 3-4 persons, classic | 90.00 | 45.00 | 082 899 7364 | | hooisolder@telkomsa.net |
| Gamkaberg Nature Reserve | 35km | Camps | 90.00 p/p 115.00 w/er | nds | 044 213 3367/802 ! | 5310 Jackie | gamkanr@mweb.co.za |
| Groenfontein Guest Farm | 18km | House, 3 rooms | 110.00/p (2) R60.00/p | there after | 044 2133851 | 044 2133851 | info@groenfonteinfarm.co.za |
| Indraai Guest Cottage | Town | Cottage, 2 rooms | 90.00 | (GESIN R210) | 044 213 3262 | | indraai@telkomsa.net |
| Kruisrivier Guest Farm | 22km | 3 Cottages, 4 rooms | 250.00 (2) R50/p there | after . | 044 213 3788 | | strydomjj@telkomsa.net |
| Matjiesvlei Guest Farm | 16km | No Electricity, 3 cottages, 8 rooms | 190.00 (2) ta R70p/p | | 044 213 3756 | | matjiesvlei@absamail.co.za |
| Oudehuiskloof | I6km | No electricity, 2 rooms (sleep 6) | 90.00 | 45.00 | 044 213 3775 | | matjesvlei@xsinet.co.za |
| Redstone Hills Guest Farm **** | 5 19km | 5 Cottages, 5 rooms | 150.00 | 75.00 | 044 213 3783 | 044 213 3291 | redstone@pixie.co.za |
| Rietfontein Guest Farm | 5 18km | 3 Cottages, 8 rooms, disabled friendly | 160.00 - 200.00 | ask management | 044 213 3784 | 044 213 3784 | je.pot@mweb.co.za |
| Spekboom Cottages | b Town | 5 Cottages, s/pool, 8 rooms disabled f | 195.00 | 97.00 | 044 213 3067 | 044 213 3893 | spekboom@iafrica.com |
| The Old School House | 5 I2km | Cottage, 3 rooms | 120.00 | 60.00 | 044 213 3996 | 044 213 3996 | lumb@absamail.co.za |
| Tuishuis Guest House | Town | Karoo Cottage 3 rooms | 150.00 | | 082 493 4892 | | lodge@villadeste.co.za |
| Welkom Cottages | 4km | 2 selfcatering units, 2 rooms | 80.00 | 40.00 | 044 213 3690 | | |
| BED & BREAKFAST | Г | | | | | | |
| Amber Lagoon Guest Farm | | Camping & Restaurant | OPEN IN N | IOVEMBER | 044 2133022 | 044 2133273 | amberlagoon@telkomsa.net |
| Calitzdorp Country House | 2km | 5 Rooms | OPEN IN ENI | O OCTOBER | 044 2133760 | 082 339 1554 | calitzdorpcountryhouse@mweb.co.za |
| Casa Cybele | Town | Garden cottage for 2 | 185.00 | | 044 213 3560 | | cybele@telkomsa.net |
| De Eerste Pastorie | Town | Cottage, en-suite, 3 rooms | 165.00 - 185.00 | 70.00 | 044 213 3762 | | |
| Die Dorpshuis | Town | Cottage, en-suite, s/pool | 165.00 | 70.00 | 044 213 3453 | 044 213 3453 | info@diedorpshuis.co.za |
| Groenfontein Guest Farm | 18km | B&B / DBB, 3 rooms | 150.00 / 240.00 DBB | ask management | 044 2133851 | 044 2133851 | info@groenfonteinfarm.co.za |
| Karoo Life | Town | B&B 2 en-suite | 240.00 p/p | 150.00 | 044 213-3217 | | |
| | 22km | Cottage, en-suite, disabled friendly | 300.00 (2) R50 add | 50.00 | 044 213 3788 | 044 213 3788 | strydomjj@telkomsa.net |
| | Town | 8 En-suite /DBB, s/pool, disabled friendly | 250.00 - 500.00 | ask management | 044 213 3131 | 044 213 3131 | portwine@mweb.co.za |
| | • 19km | Cottages, en-suite, 5 rooms | 200.00 | 100.00 | 044 213 3783 | 044 213 3291 | redstone@pixie.co.za |
| | 20km | Dinner & B&B, 7 rooms, s/pool | 450.00 | ask management | 044 213 3880 | 044 213 3880 | groenfon@iafrica.com |
| | J 18km | 3 Cottages, disabled friendly | 250.00 - 300.00 | ask management | 044 213 3784 | 044 213 3784 | je.pot@mweb.co.za |
| | Town | En-suite, spacious, 3 rooms | 150 p/p, 175 single | ask management | 044 213 3133 | 044 213 3133 | sunshine I@xsinet.co.za |
| -1 | > Town | 5 Cottages, s/pool, disabled friendly | 235.00 | 117.50 | 044 213 3067 | 044 213 3893 | spekboom@iafrica.com |
| | - Town | Karoo Cottage 3 rooms | 180.00 p/p or R800 fo | | 082 493 4892 | | <u>lodge@villadeste.co.za</u> |
| Welgevonden Guest House *** | Town | En-suite, 4 rooms, s/pool | 180.00 | 90.00 | 044 213 3642 | 044 213 3642 | welgevon@telkomsa.net |
| TENT & CARAVAN | | | | | | | _ |
| Calitzdorp SPA | 21km | Self-catering | 70.00 /site | | 044 213 3371 | | info@calitzdorpspa.co.za |
| Die Bosvarkie | 7km | Self-catering | 20.00p/p | | 044 213-3122 | | macv@mweb.co.za |
| Die Dam Rivierkamp | I3km | Self-catering | 50.00 /vehicle | | 044 213 3756 | | matjiesvlei@absamail.co.za |
| Die Visarend (Nelsrivier dam) | 7km | Self-catering | 20.00/p - tent/caravan | /boat additional | 073 236 5016 | | |
| Kruisrivier Guest Farm camping site | 22km | Self-catering | 100.00 (2) t/a R 20 add | 1 | 044 213 3788 | | strydomjj@telkomsa.net |

Please note that Anna Sophia's and Indraai Guest Cottage are already booked out.

A bumper crop of links this month.

Optimize performance of Photoshop (CS2 on Windows)

http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/332271.html

Optimize performance in Photoshop (CS2 on Mac OS)

http://www.adobe.com/support/techdocs/332270.html

Frank Hurley

Known mainly for his work on the Shackleton expedition, Frank Hurley also took some hauntingly artistic images amidst the carnage of the 1st World War. Metafilter presents links to these and other galleries of Hurley's work.

http://www.metafilter.com/mefi/46351

It's not about the equipment

This gallery of interesting photos, all taken with a cell phone camera, show that one can do wonders without needing to have the latest, greatest and most expensive gear.

http://www.hupix.net/

Masking a tree

This tutorial demonstrates how to extract a clean mask from a photo of a tree set against a blue sky, using channels and levels, and then export the final result as a transparent .png. The general concepts may be intuitively applied to other applications.

http://www.phong.com/tutorials/mask.tree/

Announcing the ultimate RAW workflow tool

Photoshopnews.com announces the new RawShooter Premium 2006 release from Pixmantec. This product builds on the free RawShooter Essentials version, adding a number of tools that make it possible to process many images to completion without ever taking them into Photoshop. I have bought this software and find it amazing. It allows me to process my images so much quicker than with Photoshop.

http://photoshopnews.com/2005/11/03/announcing-the-ultimate-raw-workflow-tool/

Light field camera

Scientists at Stanford University have developed a camera they are calling a *light field camera*. It allows for the focus and depth of field to be altered after the image is taken.

http://www.engadget.com/entry/1234000370066585/

Maunsell Army Sea Forts

Some interesting photos of WWII British forts built on stilts above the sea.

http://www.undergroundkent.co.uk/maunsell_towers.htm

Bain Collection

An online interface to the Bain collection of old photos kept by the Library of Congress.

http://lcweb2.loc.gov/pp/ggbainhtml/ggbainSubjects01.html

Shoot in RAW, Always!

A compelling article explaining why it is a good idea to always shoot in RAW.

http://www.camerahacker.com/Digital/Shoot_In_RAW_Always.shtml

AlternativePhotography.com : the art and techniques of alternative photography processes

AlternativePhotography.com is a resource for learning about alternative photographic processes.

http://www.alternativephotography.com/index.html

Navigating the Slippery Slope of Digital Manipulation With Eyes Wide Shut

An article discussing the issue of digital manipulating photographs in a journalistic environment. http://digitaljournalist.org/issue0511/trippett.html

Good-Tutorials.com

A site presenting thousands of tutorials for accomplishing things in Photoshop.

http://www.good-tutorials.com/

Small budget photography

Ever want to do some photography work without spending a lot of money? This site explains how it can be done.

http://ifakedit.com/log/guides/small-budget-photograhpy/

Nikon recalls 710,000 digital camera batteries

Is this something you should know about? Is your camera affected?

http://www.livingroom.org.au/photolog/news/nikon recalls 710000 digital camera batteries.php

Photographymags.co.uk

The home of Practical Photography and Digital Photo magazines. Treat yourself to a subscription for Christmas?

http://www.photographymags.co.uk/

RawShooter Premium 2006 (RSP) overview

An overview of the features of RawShooter Premium, in comparison with CaptureOne.

http://www.sphoto.com/techinfo/rawconverters/pages/rsp.htm

EOSrebels.com

EOSrebels.com, the site for fans of the Canon family of digital SLR cameras.

http://www.eosrebels.com/

Digital Velvia: Improving Saturation

"No one would probably claim that Fuji Velvia is a film with exceptional true color. Why do many photographers love it (besides being very fine grained)? It adds a lot of saturation to the photo and makes them more expressive. True color can be sometimes pretty boring."

This article shows how to digitally achieve a result similar to Velvia.

http://www.outbackphoto.com/workshop/digitalvelvia/digitalvelvia.html

Photoshop Tools

A collection of actions and presets for Photoshop.

http://www.thelightsrightstudio.com/photoshop-tools.htm

Pro Digital Photographer's Handbook

A very positive review of this book.

http://www.kk.org/cooltools/archives/001034.php

Print Like a Pro: A Digital Photographer's Guide

A new book aiming to help the user get the most out of printing digital photos.

http://digitalphotography.weblogsinc.com/entry/1234000883068524/

Digital Black and White in Photoshop

"Some photographers who have recently graduated from shooting film are surprised that their expensive new digital SLR doesn't provide any way to shoot in black and white. After all, cheaper consumer models often do, and it seems to be an easy trick for a digital camera. But the truth is that even if your camera can shoot directly in black and white, you're much better off sticking with color, and converting to B&W in Photoshop after the fact."

This article explains various methods of converting.

http://www.earthboundlight.com/phototips/black-and-white-photoshop.html

More on Black and White in the Digital Darkroom

A follow-up to the article mentioned above.

http://www.earthboundlight.com/phototips/more-black-and-white-photoshop.html

Qimage v2006.200 released

Digital Domain Inc. have released a new version of Qimage, widely considered the best software for those doing their own printing.

http://www.camera-news.com/2005/11/22/qimage-v2006200-released/

Getaway Web Letter

A weekly newsletter from Getaway magazine.

http://www.getawaytoafrica.com/content/webletter/webletter.htm

Raw Support Added to Corel Photo Album 6

"Corel Adds Support for Digital Camera Raw in Corel® Photo AlbumTM 6.0 - Consumers Can Now Manage Digital Camera Raw Files with the Software They Love".

http://www.photographyblog.com/index.php/weblog/raw support added to corel photo album 6/

Aperture Foundation

I haven't delved into this site myself but saw them recommended as the publishers of a good photographic magazine.

http://www.aperture.org/

National Association of Photoshop Professionals

"THE WORLD'S MOST COMPLETE RESOURCE FOR ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TRAINING, EDUCATION, AND NEWS"

http://www.photoshopuser.com/

Some Free Holiday Reading...

If you get tired of eating turkey with all the trimmings, then why not take a look at these free online photography magazines? Photoblogs Magazine is an online publication created specifically to showcase the work of photobloggers from around the world, whilst Pbase Magazine is a a 'tri-monthly' magazine made by regular PBase users. Both are well worth a look.

http://pbasemag.blogspot.com/ http://www.photoblogsmagazine.org/

Cambo Wide DS

Working with the world's most expensive digital point-&-shoot.

http://www.luminous-landscape.com/reviews/cameras/expensive-ps.shtml

Five background masking techniques

The Unofficial Photoshop Weblog says "I've fortunately stumbled across a great Sitepoint article that gets fairly in-depth on five techniques for background masking/object extracting. Tools and techniques covered include: the magic eraser tool, background eraser tool, extract command, quick mask mode for selecting and one of my long-time favorites: the every-elusive pen tool. No matter which way you've been taught to perform work like this, I'm sure there's something educational for you; my eye-opener was the extract command. I'm sure a few of you are gasping right now, but I've been brought up using combinations of the quick mask and pen tool for my selections."

Check out the full article for some handy masking/extraction goodness.

http://www.sitepoint.com/print/masking-techniques-photoshop

SanDisk "Go to Extremes" Digital Photo Contest

This international competition offers some fantastic prizes and has a closing date of 20 March 2006, giving you plenty of time to enter.

http://www.photoworkshop.com/sandisk/contest/index.html

TECHNICAL MATTERS (A Christmas present idea????)

LENSBABIES

Unique, intuitive photography

Want a fun little lens that will add a creative spark to your repertoire?

Enter Lensbabies, selective focus SLR camera lenses. Lensbabies bring one area of your photo into sharp focus, and you can move that 'sweet spot' of focus around the picture by bending the flexible lens tubing. You will get a unique new look, with gorgeous blurring, glowing highlights, and subtle, prismatic color distortions, all without software manipulations.

Lensbabies are the hybrid love children of an old-fashioned bellows camera and an uptight tilt-shift lens. Focus your Lensbaby by moving the focusing collar in and out with your fingertips. Move the "sweet spot" of focus around the picture by bending the lens left, right, up, & down, like a fluid tilt-shift lens. Most photographers are getting rewarding shots after a short practice period.

Lensbaby 2.0 features an f2.0 aperture setting in addition to The Original Lensbaby's f2.8, f4.0, f5.6 and f8.0. Using a system similar to antique Waterhouse stops, you can quickly change the look by swapping the aperture disks. www.lensbaby.com

CLUB MEETINGS 2006

| Date | Competition/Evaluation | Talk | "What Makes Me Click" |
|--------------|--|------|-----------------------|
| 11 January | Competition: 'Unusual Angles' | | Paul |
| 08 February | Evaluation | | |
| 08 March | Competition: 'Dreaming' | | |
| 12 April | Evaluation | | |
| 10 May | Competition: 'People in Action' | | |
| 14 June | Competition: 'Pattern in Architecture' | | |
| 12 July | Competition: 'Traces of Time' | | |
| 09 August | Evaluation | | |
| 13 September | Competition: 'The Blues' | | |
| 11 October | Evaluation | | |
| 08 November | Competition: 'Commerce' | | |
| 06 December | AGM + GALA EVENING | | · |

CLUB OUTINGS 2006

| Month: | Date: | Outing: |
|----------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| January | Sat 28 | Wijnland Museum, Old Cars |
| February | Fry 24 – Sun 26 | Stanford |
| March | Thu 09 | Tour in Khayalitsha |

| | Sat 18 – Tue 21 | Calitzdorp Congress |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| April | Thu 27 – Mon May 01 | Graaff-Reinet and Surroundings |
| May | Sat 21 – Sun 22 | |
| June | Thu 02 -Sun 05 | |
| | June 25 | |
| July | Fry 21 – Sun 23 | Suurbraak, Swellendam |
| August | Sat 06 -Tue 09 | |
| September | | PSSA Congress, Velddrif |
| October | | |
| November | | Rally |

Any ideas for speakers and outings will be most welcome – just speak to a Committee Member about it.

FREE CLASSIFIEDS COLUMN

--- Vivian Watts < <u>Wattsv@kwv.co.za</u>> wrote: I was wondering if you happened to know of anyone who might be interested in a Contax rangefinder camera (2001 model) with two Zeiss prime lenses and a Contax flash. All in absolutely mint condition for R10,500. I probably went through 12 films with it and switched to digital. See attached photos off the internet. These cameras still challenge the photographer and are built like tanks. Full solid titanium and aperture rings on lenses. Images are unbelievably sharp as a result of the excellent Zeiss T* optics.

Thanks! Vivian Watts

Dr. Vivian Watts Chemist (KWV SA) P.O. Box 528 Suider-Paarl 7624 South Africa +27 (0)21 807 3379 (W) +27 (0)83 654 6096 (Cell) +27 (0)21 863 1149 (Fax) From **Dinkie Marais** in Hermanus comes the following advert for photographic equipment he selling on behalf of others ...

Hi All

The following equipment is available; just one request if any of the equipment should be sold please let me know as well.

New on List

Nikon EL2 body + Nikkor 50 mm f1.8 lens

Nikon FE body black needs service

Nikon FE body needs service

Nikon zoom Nikkor 80- 200mm lens

Nikon Nikkor 24mm f2,8 lens

Nikon AF Nikkor 35-70 zoom lens (auto focus)?

Previously on List

Canon EOS 5 Camera, Sigma 28-70 zoom lens

Sigma 135-400 zoom lens Camera bag with filters etc. Make an offer

Kodak Carousel projector with 6 carousel slide magazines Price to be set. Projection screen. R100

1. <u>OLYMPUS – ED/35 – 180. IS – 3000: PRICE (</u>ONO)

- ED High Resolution Lens. Intelligent Zoom & Flash, with LIPZ 56mm Skylight Filter fitted **R1200**

2. LENSES

- LENS TAMRON Auto Zoom. 200-500mm. 1:6.9 **R400**
- LENS MINOLTA MD Zoom. 28-85mm. 1:3.5 4.5 **R200**
- LENS MINOLTA MD ROKKOR. 50mm. 1:1.7 + Skylight Filter **R80**

4. TRIPOD. (Expanding & Articulating)

- WALNEX - VT822. Lock Release & Horizontal Fluid Control. R500

7. PROJECTORS

- SHARP XG NV2E "SHARPVISION" Professional LCD Projector,
- with Zoom Lens 47-76mm.
- 1:2.5-3.6. With Remote control, cables and Aluminium Hard Case.
- High Bright LCD Colour Projector

Make Offer

Set of Close-up Filters 55 mm R100,00 Price new R249,00

For Nikon

300 mm Tele-Tokina Preset Lens with lens hood & leather case 135 mm Soligor 1:2,8 Preset lens with lens hood & leather case Pentax adapter for above lenses

Make an offer for all or any item

Nikormat Camera R500
Soligor 28-200 Macro zoom lens R300
Nikon 300mm Telephoto lens R600
CPC 75-200 Macro zoom lens R300
Teleplus 2-3 times extender R50
Kalimar K480 Tripod R150
Eiger Tripod R70
No. 1 & 2 Close-up Filters R80
Leather Camera Bag & cables R75
R2125
R1500 for the package

Giottos VT 809 Tripod R300,00 Olympus OM2 with 28mm Sigma lens, 50 mm lens Vivatar 90-230 mm zoom lens = R1800,00

Cambrac (camera – lens rest that is fitted to your car window) R250,00

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LAST WORD



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