



# Newsletter

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## Wednesday, November 20, 2019

*Reservations are Required*

## Mark Sweeney Something Out of Nothing

**Bio:** Mark's photographic career began in high school as a Staff Photographer photographing sporting events for two local newspapers in northern Indiana. He later attended Rhode Island School of Photography.

For the past 20 years, Mark has been photographing weddings, portraits and corporate events in Clifton Park, NY.

Mark holds the Master of Photography, Master Artist and Photographic Craftsman Degrees from PPA. He is a recipient of PPA's 2015 Imaging Excellence Award, 2017 Top Ten Illustrative Grand Imaging Award, and in 2019, second place Grand Imaging Award in the Artist Category as well as numerous awards from PPANE, PPSNYS, PPAM and PPARI.



In this program, Mark will discuss how he makes images from ordinary items and the process of making them competition worthy. He will speak about competition and explain what he did with some of his images to make them what they are.



**LA CASA VICINA**

1015 Little Britain Road, New Winsor, NY \* 845-567-1890

Social Hour 5:30, Dinner/Meeting 6:30

Members: \$27; Guests \$27 (first two meetings); Non-Members: \$35

**R.S.V.P. by Sunday, November 17th**

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## *A Message from Our President*

As most of you already know, the future of PPSNYS is in serious doubt. Membership in the state organization has been declining for quite a few years and attendance at the state convention has also fallen off. I have attended meetings in the past several months to see how we can maintain and revive the organization. In late summer, it became clear that the state organization did not have the funds to put on a 2020 convention and it was decided to have a raffle, which many of you generously contributed to. Unfortunately, we only received about half of the ticket sales necessary to pull off the convention. The raffle will still be held, and the cost of the prize is covered with some left over for operating expenses.

Without a convention and with continued declining enrollment in PPSNYS, the board of Hudson Valley felt that it is no longer in our members best interests to send the state the \$1000 fee to remain a PPSNYS affiliate. This was discussed with the general membership at our last meeting in October. The membership agreed and it was decided that Hudson Valley should no longer be a section of PPSNYS.

In June of 2020, PPSNYS will be 115 years old; so, it is with great sadness on all our parts to see it come to this. At this point, it does not look like PPSNYS will continue after its fiscal year ends in April of 2020. The PPSNYS Summer Workshop will continue for 2020 and probably into the future. I will keep you posted.

The good news is that our members can expect that there will be a decrease in dues now that we will no longer be a section of PPSNYS. I will be meeting with the board before our November meeting and we will be working on the dues structure as well as events going into the future. We are looking forward to a continuing and vibrant Hudson Valley Professional Photographers Society of NY.

Our November 20 meeting features the Print of the Year Competition and guest speaker Mark Sweeney. Mark will be showing us how he makes "Something out of Nothing," making images from every day, ordinary items and turning them into something competition worthy.

For the Print of the Year Competition, look over the images you have submitted during the year for Print Comp. This is not a critiqued competition. The winner of this competition in each of the categories will receive a beautiful Print of the Year trophy at our January meeting. For rules regarding submission, check the Photo Competition Rules here: <http://www.hvppsny.org/member-area/resources-documents/>

*Steve Moses*  
HVPPSNY President





## October Meeting Highlights!

with Bill Christensen

Wednesday,  
Nov. 20th  
**PRINT  
OF THE YEAR  
Rules:**

- \* Submit up to 4 images.
- \* Images must have been entered in any HV 2019 Competition.
- \* Images entered at State or National receiving a score of 80 or higher are NOT eligible.



Photos by Mark Kovner

## 2019 HVPPSNY Scholarship Point Distribution

CATEGORY	POINTS	FREQUENCY
Monthly Meeting Attendance	3	per month
Chair a Committee	5	per year
Website/Social Media	5	per year
Officer	5	per year
Print at State/PPA	3,2,1,3	Blue=3; Red=2; White=1 Loan=3 in addition to blue award of 3
Serve on a Committee	2	per year
Newsletter	5	per year
Board Meeting	1	per meeting
Council Meeting	1	per meeting
TEP Attendance	5	Hudson Valley TEP only
Member PPA	1	per year
Workshop	1	per day at a PPA affiliate school
Attend FocusNY State Conference		1 per day of attendance, if registered - Trade Show only does not count
HVPPSNY Print Competition	1	per print competition entered - not per print
Bring a Guest	1	per guest
Guest Joins	2	Sponsor gets the points
Publish a Photo	1	per publication. Max 3 annually. Publication may be print or digital. Self-promotion not allowed.
Worthy Cause	1	per charitable event up to max of 3 per year
Photography Education	1	per workshop or seminar as either a learner or instructor; up to a max of 5 per year. Must present receipt or proof of attendance.

### SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION

1. Three Scholarships will be distributed to the three members with the highest points.
2. Scholarship awards to be used specifically for PPSNYS Workshop in Geneva, NY
3. If a recipient chooses not to accept the award, the next person with the highest points will be awarded the scholarship until all are awarded.

***Any state scholarships not used will be returned to PPSNYS WORKSHOP for refund.***

## 2019 PPSNY HUDSON VALLEY SECTION

## 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### OFFICERS

Steve Moses, President  
Gina Babbage, Vice President  
Mark Kovner, Treasurer  
Steve Lynch, Secretary

### BOARD

*(includes all officers & committee chairpersons)*

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Mark Kovner, Treasurer, Past President  
Steve Lynch, Secretary  
Klaus Kretschmer, Past President  
Lynn Kovner, Past President  
Eli Sloves, Past President

### COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Eli Sloves, Image Competition  
Eli Sloves, Scholarship Committee  
Gina Babbage, Web Editor  
Sherrie Fryxell, Newsletter Editor  
Klaus Kretschmer, Parliamentarian  
TBD, Photographer Committee  
TBD, Special Events  
TBD, Charitable Initiatives  
TBD, Membership

### PAST PRESIDENTS

Mark Greenstone  
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Lou Bedinotti  
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Susanne Pepis  
Klaus Kretschmer  
Lynn Kovner  
Eli Sloves  
Mark Kovner  
Colleen Drew  
Carmen Schettino  
Anthony Volpe

**Nov 19:** HV Print of the Year & Mark Sweeney.  
"Something Out of Nothing"

**Dec 4:** HV Holiday Party-  
Pamela's On the Hudson,  
1 Park Place, Newburgh, NY

### 2019 Hudson Valley Top 10 Scholarship Awards

Mark Kovner	56	Eli Sloves	38
Steve Moses	52	Vickie Muller	32
Steve Lynch	47	Klaus Kretschmer	27
Gary Ditlow	45	Clark Thompson	23
Gina Babbage	45	Frank Dispensa	18

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## Member News!

**Sherrie Fryxell**, is selling her Canon Pro Equipment. Includes 5D Mark II Body, 3 Lenses, Speedlight & Accessories. All gently used in Boxes; Excellent Condition. Contact info: [sefryx@hotmail.com](mailto:sefryx@hotmail.com).

### Deadline for December's Newsletter

Members: Kindly respond with information **no later than Friday, November 22nd** but sooner would be appreciated.  
Send it directly to Sherrie: [sefryx@hotmail.com](mailto:sefryx@hotmail.com).