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SHERRIE FRYXELL, EDITOR

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 Reservations are Required

Robert Near Crafting B&W Fine Art Images in Today's Digital World

Join Robert as he shows you how he creates his black and white images by seeing colors as a grey zone level, making them work together to give the image pop and depth.



Topics to be discussed:

- Initial Lightroom/Photoshop adjustments
- Luminosity maks for targeted dodging and burning
- DxO's NIK collection: SilverEfex & ColorEfex
- ADP LumiFlow Panel
- BW Artisan Pro Panel



In the last half of his program, Robert will pull it all together with a live workflow revealing the steps of his final B&W fine art image which has resulted in many PPA IPC Merit worthy images for him over the years.



BIO: Robert Near has been a resident of the Hudson River Valley of New York State since birth. As a landscape photographer for the past 40 years, he finds the challenge of capturing an iconic image is to look for that angle or condition that has yet to be captured. Robert is a selftaught photographer starting B&W film, and in today's digital world he is still drawn to producing B&W with digital captures. Robert has begun offering small workshops, guiding and working with other photographers to photograph the many beautiful areas in the Catskills. His works have been published in magazines, NYS tourism brochures, 2008 first place in the Photo Professional Photographers of America (PPA) International Photographic Competition (IPC) since 2017. In 2019 he earned PPA's Master of Photography degree.



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 14th





A Message from Our President

Last month's meeting was a return to "in-person" at the restaurant. The beginning of the meeting was hampered a bit by a missing cable adapter and a rather loud group that was dining nearby; but once they left, the presentation went smoothly and was terrific! Sherrie Fryxell's presentation on Creating Symmetry in Photoshop was outstanding and there was a great deal of interest in her process. It was amazing to see how easy it was to create such artistic work in Photoshop! Sherrie and I are discussing the possibility of offering a full day workshop on this topic sometime in mid-2022.

Thank you, Sherrie, for sharing your expertise with us!

This month's meeting is "in-person" on November 17. This meeting will have two features:

- First is our prestigious Print of the Year Competition. Each maker may submit up to four images that had been previously submitted to one of our Print Comps during the year. The judges will select the best image of the year in each category and beautiful awards will be presented for those at our January meeting.
- Our featured speaker is Rob Near on his process for black and white images. If you have had the opportunity to see Rob's photography, you know what a treat we are in for! His images and especially his black & white images are outstanding! I hope to see you at this upcoming meeting.

The December "Holiday Get-Together" will be held this year on Dec. 1 at La Casa Vicina. It will not be a meeting with a speaker, but rather a sit-down dinner and opportunity to socialize with our colleagues for the evening. We decided to hold it at La Casa Vicina this year in an effort to further help out the owner of the restaurant who has lost a lot of business these past couple of years and has welcomed us back for our meetings. Members can attend at no cost if reserved with a check for \$35. (Check is to guarantee your presence and will be returned, uncashed, at the restaurant.) Guests are welcome. Please send a separate check for the guests you are bringing as that will not be returned. Guests are also \$35 per person. Please make this reservation ASAP as the restaurant is expecting other groups to be seeking table space and will offer it to the first comers.

Be well! Hope to see you on November 17!

Steve Moses **HVPPSNY** President

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October Meeting Highlights! with Sherrie Fryxell



HV 2021 "PRINT OF THE YEAR"

MEMBERS: Choose up to 4 of your Best Images entered in any 2021 HV Image Competition - any Category.

*<u>IMPORTANT</u>! Any images receiving a Merit at State or PPA Level Competitions are NOT ELIGIBLE. Edits ARE permitted to improve upon your original HV Images if you choose.

DEADLINE: 12 NOON SHARP, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH - NO EXCEPTIONS !!
Submit early to be safe. ELI will send you a confirmation via email by Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
If you do not receive the email by Wednesday morning, email him immediately.
Image Size: 20 inches @ 200ppi; sRGB or Adobe 1998; JPG-Quality 10; File Size: 3.5 MB Maximum

In an email, identify each submission **EXACTLY** as follows: **Last Name,First Name,TITLE,Category** Sample: Smith,Jennifer,NEW YORK AT SUNRISE,Illustrative (no space after commas) Repeat for each submission. Send images as attachments to the email. Subject line for email: 'November 2021 Print of the Year' • **Email to Eli Sloves, esp377@optonline.net.**

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 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	permeeting
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 Conferer	nce	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.

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2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 13: PPSNYS 'Painting in Photoshop' with Sandra Pearce; <u>www.ppsnys.com</u> Nov 17: HV 'B&W Fine Art Photography' with Rob Near; and Print of the Year Dec 1: HV Holiday Get Together at La Casa Vicina Jan 16-18 2022: PPA Imaging USA Conference, National Harbor, MD Jan 19: HV Image Competition

Top 12 Hudson Valley Scholarship Points for 2021

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Gina Babbage	40	Rich Collins	21
Mark Kovner	39	Gary Ditlow	15
Steve Moses	39	Steve Labkoff	14
Klaus Kretschmer	38	Vickie Muller	12
Eli Sloves	31	Clark Thompson	12
Sheila Almont	21	Steve Lynch	10

Remember: It is YOUR responsibility to inform Eli of any activity which may qualify you for points.

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December's Newsletter

Members: Kindly respond with information **no later than Monday**, **November 29th**, but sooner would be very much appreciated. Send it directly to Sherrie: <u>sefryx@hotmail.com</u>.

Member News!

Steve Labkoff's image, "Make a Wish" was selected for the distinguised Imaging Excellence Collection (formerly Loan) at PPA's recent 2021 International Photography Competition; and he received a Merit for his image "We Remember." His work will be displayed at the upcoming PPA Imaging USA Convention in January. Congratulations, Steve!

Clark Thompson and Warren Rosenberg presented their program called "Promoting Your Own Work" on November 5th sponsored by Westchester Photographic Society.