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**The Newsletter of the Northern Virginia  
Photographic Society**



**Jeff Hancock - *Tree Twirl***

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**CLUB CALENDAR**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>June 2020</b>		
5	End-of-Year	NVPS End-of-Year Zoom Banquet

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

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The NVPS year is drawing to a close, and by the time this is produced, we'll be on our summer break! It has been an amazing year – filled with great speakers, presentations, educational opportunities, competitions, and a worldwide epidemic that pretty much brought our world to a halt. During these last few months, we have seen a lot of temporary changes to our world – and our NVPS world in particular. Those who have stepped forward during these challenging times are owed a sincere debt of gratitude from all of us. We have had many wonderful members of our club that have expended a great deal of their time helping the club deal with the issues at hand and provide a way we could still meet together and share our love of photography, while avoiding the risks of getting and spreading the virus. To all of those members, I tip my hat to you! A heartfelt thanks to all of you!

I love this group of people and am also grateful for the opportunity I've had to serve as President during this past year. It has been a challenging, yet wonderful year. The talented group of people that makes up this club always amazes me. The members who serve in this club spend countless hours preparing meetings, field trips, competitions, taking caring of the website, and keeping us all "in the know", along with supporting our Natures Visions (now Mid-Atlantic Photo Visions) Expo. This club would not exist without all of the hard work put forth by these members. They, along with all members of this club, come together to make this great organization what it is. Thank you all.

During this past year **Willa Siegel** once again served as our VP of Programs, **Frank Napoli** served as our VP of Operations. **Brian Payne** and **Melanie Marts** served as our VPs of Competition, **Tom Brett** served as our Treasurer, and **Sidney Stone** served as our Secretary/Historian.

**Stan Bysshe** served as our Past President, **Eva Lanyi** served as our Education and Training Coordinator, **Roger Lancaster** as our Nature Visions Representative, **Judy Graham** and **Tana Ebbole** as our Field Trips Coordinators, **Stephanie Reavley** worked on Member's Gallery presentations, **Kirk Johnson** worked on our Member's Forum presentations, **Kacy Turner** and **Linda Fanin** served as our Membership Coordinators, **Ron Taylor** and **Bill Millhouser** headed up our Mentor Program, Fotofax produced by **Sidney Stone**, Website work done by **David Crooks** and **Mike Whalen**, Facilities coordinated by **Tana Ebbole**; and **Mike Whalen**, **Bob Friedman**, **Willa Friedman**, and **Georgette Grossman** all served as Special Board Members.

**George Bradshaw** served as our E-Blast Email Coordinator, **Scott Musson** provided Website Support, **Jeff Hancock** and **Steven Glintz** served as our digital projectionists, **Ginger Werz-Petricka**, **Willa Siegel** and **Lynn Cates** served as our Portfolio Project Coordinators, **Frank Napoli** and **Jeff Hancock** had secondary roles as our Tech Team, **Brian Payne** had a secondary role as our Membership Database Coordinator, **Rebecca Colgrove** served as our Nature Visions Alternate and **Colena Turner** is handling our End of Year Program this year.

I also offer, on behalf of NVPS, our sincere thanks to **Mike Whalen** and **Jeff Hancock**, who have both gone above and beyond this year as they have supported this club. They will both be given the **President's Distinguished Service Award** for this club year at our End-of-Year meeting.

Also, best wishes go out to **Ron Taylor** who will serve as next year's NVPS President, and to all of the board members who will be serving along with him!

It has been an honor to serve you and a true pleasure to associate myself with you all!

Keep shooting and sharing!

Kevin Egan  
NVPS President 2019-2020

## FROM YOUR EDITOR

Welcome to the June 2020 issue of FotoFax.

WOW! The NVPS 2019-2020 will go down in the history books as exciting, educational, informative and ever changing. The Covid-19 pandemic has impacted meeting in person but has not kept NVPS photographers from meeting. We've experienced and used today's technologies to continue meeting, permitting us to enjoy the camaraderie NVPS gives us. As we enter summer I will personally miss getting together weekly.

I want to second Kevin's lauding of the many individuals who make NVPS run smoothly. **THANKS!** A special thanks to those contributing to FotoFax. Like everything else NVPS, FotoFax content comes from many members. I simply put it into a readable format. Ok, I do need to nudge people occasionally!

I'll be escaping DC shortly for a six-week road trip west. Following some other NVPSers my partner Jo and I are renting an RV for a trip to visit relatives in Montana with stops at national parks in North Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Utah. Upon completion of this trip I will only need to visit 3 more of the 50 states. Anyone want to guess how many times I'll click the shutter in 6 weeks? Closest earns a drink of their choosing when next we meet in person.

I wish everyone a healthy, adventurous, fun filled summer. Enjoy your photography. I look forward to seeing your images in the fall.

Sidney N. Stone  
FotoFax Editor

## NVPS BOARD ELECTIONS

At the May 5, 2020 meeting NVPS members voted the following people into office for the 2020-2021 calendar year.

President	Ron Taylor
Vice Presidents of Programs	Judy Graham & Tana Ebbole
Vice Presidents of Competition	Gary Perlow & Manny Fernandez
Vice President of Operations	Frank Napoli
Treasurer	Tom Brett
Secretary/Historian	Sidney Stone

Congratulations to the new NVPS Board!

Thanks to Stan Bysse for heading up the Board Nominations.

## END-OF-YEAR AWARDS NIGHT

**NVPS End-of-Year Awards Night  
Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 @ 7:00 pm  
With Judge David Blecman**

Welcome to our very last meeting of the 2019 – 2020 season, NVPS End-of-Year Awards Night! Since we unfortunately cannot get together for an actual dinner and happy hour, it will be held via Zoom. We will have the full program of awards, just no food. Any eating and drinking will be on your own! The Zoom invitation will be sent prior to the meeting. The program for the evening will be sent as an attachment.

If you have not attended one of our Zoom meetings yet, you should use a device that has a webcam and audio, so you can interact with others before the meeting starts. Simply download the application; there is no need for a password or an account. There is a chat feature on Zoom, for texting. During the meeting, turn off your audio and video, it will help to save bandwidth. You will still be able to hear and see the meeting.

Brian Payne and I are looking forward to handing out lots of awards, congratulations to all the winners!

Hope you all have a great summer.

Melanie Marts, Co-VP of Competition

## PROGRAMS

Tana Ebbole and Judy Graham, the future co-VPs of Programs, have not wasted any time working on the lineup of outside speakers for the 2020-2021 club year. Their focus is to find speakers who will

inspire and educate our members on topics they have expressed an interest to learn and understand.

While the calendar is filling up, Tana and Judy appreciate your recommendations. Zoom is a new option, so we are not limiting speakers to ones in the area, especially for the fall and winter months.

Date	Speaker	Topic/Title	Websites
9/1/2020	Nikhil Bahl	Photographic Voice and Vision	<a href="http://www.nikhilbahl.com/">http://www.nikhilbahl.com/</a>
10/6/2020	Mollie Isaacs	TBD	<a href="https://awakethelight.com/about-us/">https://awakethelight.com/about-us/</a>
11/3/2020	Joseph Rossbach	Landscape photo from planning shoot to post	<a href="https://www.josephrossbach.com/">https://www.josephrossbach.com/</a>
12/1/2020	Marie Jobar	How to Shoot the Moon, Fireworks, Waterfalls, and Snow	<a href="https://www.mariejoabar.com/">https://www.mariejoabar.com/</a>
1/5/2021	Emily Carter Mitchell	Creative techniques	<a href="https://natureasart.net/">https://natureasart.net/</a>
2/2/2021	Colleen Miniuk	TBD (outdoor macro flower photography)	<a href="http://www.cms-photo.com/">http://www.cms-photo.com/</a>
3/2/2021	Robert Fawcett	Milky Way photography	<a href="https://robert-fawcett.pixels.com/">https://robert-fawcett.pixels.com/</a>
4/6/2021	TBD		
5/4/2021	TBD		

## COMPETITION

The theme for the May 2020 competition was: **Oldies** Lawrence Jackson judged the competition. Members were permitted to submit two digital images into their respective competition class.

If you have questions pertaining to competitions send your questions to [competition-2019@nvps.org](mailto:competition-2019@nvps.org).

Melanie Marts & Brian Payne

Here are the May competition results.

AWARD	NAME	IMAGE NAME
<b>Digital - Advanced</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Fran Bastress	<i>Chapel Of Ease</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Tom Brett	<i>Flamingos 5</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Stan Bysshe	<i>Double Trouble</i>
HM	Bill Millhouser	<i>Shadows And Light</i>
HM	Brian Payne	<i>Cross Country</i>
HM	Clark Barker	<i>Thirsty Panda</i>
HM	Eva Lanyi	<i>Swirling Rock</i>
HM	Gary Perlow	<i>Laughing Cow</i>
HM	Gayle Dennis	<i>Cotton Candy Bubbles</i>
HM	Judy Mcguire	<i>Water Lily Reflected</i>
HM	Kimxuan Nguyen	<i>Feeding Time</i>
HM	Roger Lancaster	<i>Inside A Lotus</i>
HM	Stan Bysshe	<i>Vaping</i>
HM	Wayne Guenther	<i>Bucket List</i>
<b>Digital - Intermediate</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jeff Hancock	<i>Tree Twirl</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Kirk Johnson	<i>Dragonfly</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Tana Ebbole	<i>Solitude</i>
HM	Brenda Wilson	<i>Silent Morning</i>
HM	Judy Graham	<i>Offering Guidance</i>
HM	My-linh Tran	<i>Falcons</i>
HM	My-linh Tran	<i>Oriole</i>
HM	Thomas Pratuch	<i>Egret Mirror</i>
HM	Tim Brown	<i>Spooky Tooth</i>
HM	Tim Brown	<i>Crack In The World</i>
<b>Digital - Novice</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Valerie Short	<i>Through The Trees</i>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Art Rose	<i>The Chase Is On</i>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Jack Ledgerwood	<i>Last Rays</i>
HM	Art Rose	<i>Beneath The Bridge</i>
HM	Ed Short	<i>Shovler</i>
HM	John Murray	<i>Shadow On The Wall</i>
HM	Kevin Linde	<i>No Speed Limit</i>
HM	Tammy Tideswell	<i>Bison Bison</i>

HM	Tom Bickerton	<i>War Games And Warriors</i>
HM	Tom Bickerton	<i>Tree And Buttresses</i>

Want to get a head start capturing and processing images for the 2020-2021 NVPS Themed Competitions? Here are next year's themes:

- **Fountains:** A man-made ornamental structure that pumps water. No shortage of fountains locally but anywhere in the world is fine. Rain or shine, day or night, literal or abstract.
- **Fall Harvest:** Farms to Farmers Markets. A colorful time of year when produce is being farmed and sold. Land crops only, to reflect the colors and/or work gathering and selling the fall harvest.
- **A Musician:** The subject must be singular. It may be in a group but Depth of Field, processing etc. should make it obvious that all attention is on one individual. Subjects are not confined just to humans!

## MAY COMPETITION AWARDS



**Digital – Novice – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Valerie Short – *Through The Trees***



**Digital – Novice – 2nd Place**  
**Art Rose – *The Chase Is On***



**Digital – Novice – 3rd Place**  
**Jack Ledgerwood – *Last Rays***



**Digital – Intermediate – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Jeff Hancock – *Tree Twirl***



**Digital – Intermediate – 2nd Place**  
**Kirk Johnson – *Dragonfly***



**Digital – Intermediate – 3rd<sup>rd</sup> Place**  
**Tana Ebbole – *Solitude***



**Digital – Advanced – 1<sup>st</sup> Place**  
**Fran Bastress – *Chapel of Ease***



**Digital – Advanced – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place**  
**Tom Brett – *Flamingos 5***



**Digital – Advanced –3rd Place**  
**Stan Bysse – *Double Trouble***

### End-Of-YEAR Competition



David Blecman will be our judge for the end of year competition. David, a member of the Professional Photographers of America, started his photographic career back in 1978 fresh out of high school.

David is now an award winning internationally recognized photographer and instructor, having taught on three continents and in over a dozen countries. David teaches and mentors photographers, models, and makeup artists. His personal mentoring programs for photographers and commercial models continue to grow in popularity.

David has photographed projects for such clientele as Sears, Color Me Beautiful, JCPenney, Bath & Body Works, Foot Action, Kaybee Toys, Littman Jewelers, Seagrams Americas, Holiday Inn, Wyndham Hotels, Days Inn, Hilton Hotels, The White House, Black Market, Water Water Everywhere, Cornell University, etc.

David has also been hired to photograph such celebrities as President George W. Bush, Christina Aguilera, Jimmy Buffett, Steely Dan, Moody Blues, Beyonce and Destiny's Child, Celine Dion, Gene Simmons and KISS, and numerous others.

He currently shoots for magazines, clothiers, fashion designers, and numerous other print and commercial accounts, as well as for models, actors, and their agencies. David has been published hundreds of times, and his specialties include, but are not limited to child and adult models, architectural, food, fashion, swimwear, location and studio work, products, headshots, wildlife, fine art, etc.

David speaks at photography and modeling venues, judges at beauty pageants, judges photography competitions, and teaches and mentors photographers, models, and makeup artists internationally.

## MENTOR PROGRAM

The goal of the NVPS Mentoring Program is to improve the skill levels of novice and intermediate NVPS members by providing personalized, hands-on instruction/training from our more experienced members. Over the last year, twelve mentors worked with twenty club members on improving various aspects of their photography. Although COVID-19 social distancing requirements have limited face-to-face mentoring over the last three months, some successful consultations took place via e-mail, phone, Zoom or other video conferencing tools.

Our Mentors can provide assistance in four general areas:

- Improved understanding of your camera controls and functions
- How to take better images in various categories of photography – nature, landscape, macro, etc.
- Use of post-processing software
- Preparing images for both digital and print competition

If you are interested in joining the mentor program or have suggestions on how to improve the program for the upcoming 2020-2021 season, please contact Bill Millhouser at [mentor-2019@nvps.org](mailto:mentor-2019@nvps.org). Bill and Stan Bysse will manage the mentoring program next year.

## PORTFOLIO PROJECT

Congratulations to the thirty-one participants of this year's Portfolio Project, your portfolios are beautiful.

This was a banner year for the project with more members than ever signing up and completing a portfolio. It was both a pleasure and a privilege to see what you can do when you develop and work a concept.

The group was so large that it was necessary to divide the reviews into two groups and we were lucky to have excellent final reviews from Brian Zwit and Cynthia Keith. Everyone appreciated their insightful comments.

Since 2007 the Portfolio Project has given NVPS members a chance to develop an in-depth body of work during the club year. Subject matter is up to the photographer, who writes an Artist Statement and compiles a group of images in support of their concept.

Everyone is encouraged to participate. We hope to have even more members develop portfolios next year.

Check out this year's portfolios:

<https://nvps.smugmug.com/NVPSGallery/PortfolioProject/2019-2020-Portfolio-Project>

See you next season for another exciting Portfolio Project.

Ginger Werz-Petrica, Lynn Cates, Willa Siegel, Co-chairs

## WORKSHOP OFFERINGS

Speakers and competition judges for NVPS are offered the opportunity to have notices about upcoming tours and workshops in *FotoFax* for **two years** after the date of their NVPS program.

### Kristi Odom & Darren Gustaveson

Kristi and Darren are also passionate educators that are focused on the personal development of all who travel with them. Their lessons include topics ranging from voice development to advanced camera techniques. Through Four Corners Workshops Kristi and Darren are currently offering exciting adventures over the next year. **Conservation in The Amazon 2020:** Travel to the Bolivian Amazon to learn about conservation while staying in a wildlife sanctuary which houses over 700 rescued animals and 60 different species. From there, travel to the Amazon to experience wildlife in their natural habitat and learn about trafficking and conservation efforts. **An Adventure Through New Zealand:** Travel around the South Island and experience wildlife like the acrobatic dusky dolphins and the friendly sea lions. Then play around with landscape photography capturing some of the most epic scenery in the world, to name one, the famous Milford Sound. This adventure has a little of everything and a lot of photo opportunities. Visit [fourcornersworkshops.com](http://fourcornersworkshops.com) or sign up for our newsletter for more information.

*For more information and to learn about more adventure opportunities, please visit:  
<https://www.fourcornersworkshops.com/adventures>*

### Denise Silva

**Denise Silva** has often judged and been a presenter at NVPS. She operates Road Runner Photography Tours. For information on their latest tours and workshops, please visit their web site at <http://roadrunnerphotographytours.com>

### Nikhil Bahl

**Nikhil Bahl** was our End-of-Year judge for 2016-2017 as well as Program Speaker in November 2015 and November 2016. He offers a variety of workshops and coaching events. For more details with his latest workshop updates, visit: [www.NikhilBahl.com](http://www.NikhilBahl.com)

### E. David Luria

A member of the Society of Photographic Education, **E. David Luria** is founder and director of the Washington Photo Safari, through which he and his team of eleven professional photographers have trained over 32,000 clients on 4,700 photo safaris since 1999 in the techniques of travel and architectural photography. Washington Photo Safari is offering more than 25 technical skills initiatives this year. For more information on their various offerings, check their web site at [www.WashingtonPhotoSafari.com](http://www.WashingtonPhotoSafari.com)

### Roy Sewall

Roy Sewall was our Judge in February 2018 and was our Program speaker in May 2017. Roy offers both private and group instruction to novice and intermediate photographers, and in 2014 became

an instructor for the Capital Photography Center. Find out more on Roy's website: <http://www.roysewallphotography.com/iWeb/Home.html>

### **David Blecman**

David Blecman, a member of the Professional Photographers of America, is an internationally recognized photographer and instructor, having taught in over a dozen countries to photographers, models, and makeup artists. He was our judge in October 2015 and April 2017 and a Program speaker in April 2016. David's website: <http://posneg.com/>

### **Don Rosenberger**

Don has been a regular presenter at NVPS. He started a new Meetup. Check it out at <https://www.meetup.com/Fairfax-DC-Metro-Area-Photography-Meetup/>