

March 2010



February 2010  
Photo of the Month  
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*Photo by: Diana Powell*

### Photo of the Month Contest

**March:** The theme this month is "Spring (signs of)". Choose your favorite image taken within the last 3 months. If you have any questions just send me an e-mail at [Rod Shean](mailto:Rod Shean)

Here is exciting news about our monthly photo contest. In addition to our photo of the year contest, we are also going to have prizes for our monthly contest winner. Dury's has agreed to award a gift certificate of \$100 for the first place winner each month and they are going to publish the winning picture on the Dury's website each month. We are also going to open the contest to picture sizes up to 8.5 x 12.

Rules for Photo of the month contest:

1. Photograph must pertain the subject for that months (example "April was Bugs").
2. The image size to be submitted must be between - 4x6 to 8 1/2 x11 inches.
3. Bring your image to the meeting for that month and leave on display table.
4. Photo needs to be taken within the last three months.
5. **Be sure to put your name on the back of your image.**

*The next meeting will be on March 16, 2010 @  
7:00 pm  
Our guest will be*

### **Bill Steber**

Bill will be speaking about his wet plate process



## *Introduction to Photography Class*

A class covering the basics of photography is given before each of our meetings beginning at 6:30. If you are new to photography or just need to review some of the basics this would be a good place to start.

### *Meeting Time & Place*

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM at First Baptist Nashville, 7th and Broadway in downtown Nashville. People start to arrive between 6:15 PM and 6:30 PM come and chat with other photographers.

### *Future Programs*

If you have any suggestions, e-mail them to [Rod Shean](mailto:Rod Shean), or let him know at the next meeting.

### *Membership Dues*

The membership dues are \$25.00 per year (The dues were raised by \$5 at the April meeting). Also add a \$5 membership fee for additional family members. Checks are made payable to the Nashville Photography Club. We begin collecting dues for the new year at the July meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can mail the check (made payable to Nashville Photography Club) to the following address: Tina Brookes, PO Box 110583, Nashville, TN 37222-0583 At this past May meeting it was voted that the month you join becomes your annual renewal month. All current members would continue to pay their annual dues in July.

## Current Club Exhibits

We currently have two exhibits hanging, one at [Phat Bites](#) and the other at [Dunn Chiropractic Clinic](#). The photos are swapped out every few months. So if you would like to exhibit one of your photos you can contact [Wayne Wilkerson](#)



## Events & Announcements

### Walden Puddle Bleach Drive

The NPC Nature Group is having an ongoing bleach drive for [Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center](#). So please bring a gallon or 2 of bleach (any brand) to the next monthly meeting on March 16th and we will load Lisa's Jeep up for a great cause

### Life Around the Pond: *An exhibition of work by Lisa Powers*

Shelby Bottoms Nature Center  
Saturday, March 13 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Call or email to register: Phone: 615-862-8539  
Email: [Shelby Bottoms Nature Center](#)

### 2nd Annual NPC Nature Photography Contest

The **submission closing date** is Sunday, March 14th at 12:00a.m., 2010. Please email your photo to [Lisa Powers](#)

### Coastal Two Day Photo Shoot will be June 18 - 20, 2010

We will leave Nashville and head to Orange Beach, AL. Friday night after you arrive and get settled in your hotel room, we will leave for a dolphin sunset cruise. Saturday we will spend most of the day at the Hot Air balloon festival and those who choose, will go to the Wildlife Preserve with me. Friday and Saturday night will offer opportunities to do night photography on the beach. Sunday we will have a sunrise photo shoot before breakfast.

### [Animal Photography Class @ the Nashville Zoo](#)

Join us for a new photography class that teaches amateur photographers to achieve the perfect animal photo.

You can find extensive details about all these events on the NPC [website](#) or directed link!

## Photography Terminology

**Ambient Light** :The natural light in a particular scene, such as daylight or room lighting.

**Aperture**: The variable opening inside the lens, which regulates the intensity of light striking the image sensor. Measured in f-stops, the lower the number the larger the aperture. A side-effect of altering the aperture is the change in depth of field, which declines as the aperture opens wider.

**Bounce Flash**: Technique used to improve the quality of light from a portable flashgun. The light is bounced off a wall, ceiling or reflector so it is softened and spread before reaching the subject.

**Cast**: The effect of one colour dominating the look of an image. Often caused by exposure errors or incorrect settings of a digital camera's white balance for the ambient or artificial lighting.

**Depth Of Field**: The distance between the nearest and farthest points that appear in acceptably sharp focus in a photograph. The DOF varies with the lens aperture, focal length and distance to subject.

**Dots Per Inch (DPI)**: Measurement of image resolution relating specifically to digital imaging.

**Fill Flash**: A flash technique common to most digital cameras used to brighten deep shadow areas. Ideal for portraits.

**Focal Length**: The distance between the near nodal point of the lens and the film plane when the lens is focused on infinity

**Image Sensor**: A semiconductor circuit inside the camera made of millions of light sensitive elements on which the camera lens forms its image. The image sensor converts the pattern of light into electrical signals that the camera converts into digital form and saves on the memory card.

## Video/Tutorial Links

[B & H Video Tutorials](#)

[Photoshop Universe](#)

[MCP Actions for Photoshop](#)

[Joel Grimes Tutorials](#)

[Photoshop Mama](#)

[Christy Schuler](#)

Answers to last months trivia 1) d 2) d 3) d 4) d 5) b.



## Product of the month

The Basic Shootsac is designed to be WORN comfortably like an article of clothing WHILE you shoot. Use your "traditional" camera bag to transport your gear - load up your Shootsac for active shooting. With 3 easy access lens pockets and 3 safety snap pockets this revolutionary lens bag will change the way you shoot. Keep your favorite lenses, compact flash cards, batteries, cell phone and other shooting necessities within arms reach instead of in your gear bag.

Shootsac

## Fun Websites

NPC has a Facebook page!

Here are some useful links for promoting your photography:

FLICKR

ZENFOLIO

MODEL MAYHEM

FOTOBLUR

PHOTOBUCKET

PICNIK

ANIMOTO

JPG MAG

PICASA

WEBSHOTS

Here are some useful links for backing up your files online

CARBONITE

SUGAR SYNC

IDRIVE

MOZY

BOX

MYOTHERDRIVE

## **ELECTED OFFICERS**

President: Rod Shean

President-Elect: Mike Miles

Secretary: Laurie Gibbs

Treasurer: Tina Brookes

Ashley Ligon, Newsletter Editor

## **Board Members At Large:**

Charles Rader (2010), Brent Wright (2010), Lacresha Kolba (2010) and Jamie Bruner (2010)

If you have any suggestions or ideas for next months publication send me an email [lashleyl06@yahoo.com](mailto:lashleyl06@yahoo.com)