

THE VIEWFINDER

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CAMERA CLUB

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Message From The President

Another Passing

We have, for the second month in a row, been advised of the passing of a long time member of the Syosset Camera Club. On Wednesday, November 7, 2001, Mike Ruderman passed away after a long bout with A.L.S. As you may know, Mike assumed the job of publishing the Viewfinder for the club, and needless to say, did a fine job. Please join me in extending our sincerest sympathies to Judy, his wife, and the rest of Mike's family and friends. He will be missed. Mike's daughter-in-law, Sasha, has been kind enough to provide us with a note which appears on Page 4 of the Viewfinder this month. Judy also has prepared a nice story about Mike on Page 3.

Moshe Markewitz

A Source For Supplies

While attending the Photo-Expo in New York City early in November, Moshe Markewitz and Mel Wachspress met a Mr. Dan Farrell. It appears that Mr. Farrell owns a company that sells and supplies material required for mounting and framing artwork. Hey, that includes photographs. I have been advised that the prices will be very good for club members. I had the opportunity to stop by his office and learned that many of the products may be larger than you need. All mat board and foam core come in very large pieces, so they must be cut to size by the customer. It is also important to note that all frames are cut to specifications, even the standard 11x14's or 16x20's. It would be advisable to call a day in advance and order frames. The company is located at:

United Mfrs. Supplies
80 Gordon Drive
Syosset, NY 11791
516-496-4430

C a l e n d a r

November

15th - Slide Program - presented by Annette & Eugene Fox

29th - Board Meeting

December

6th - Competition - judged by Art Inselsberger

13th - Still Life Photography - presented by Richard Hallex

20th - Theme Competition - Autumn Colors
judged by Mel Ettinger

January

10th - Competition - judged by Sherman Paur

17th - Shooting Close To Home presented by Joseph Senzatimore

24th - Techniques of Digital Photography
presented by Alan Agdern

February

14th - Competition - judged by Al Koslofsky

Blame The Computer!

by *Frank Iraggi*

It seems that every month a member or two dabbles somewhat in some aspect of the digital process. It appears that it has begin to filter down to the most dedicated "wet darkroom" workers. I have also noticed that before one of our weekly meetings begins, the subject of many conversations is digital in some way. Naturally, there are some that say they will never change. Without mentioning names, some of these guys are now asking questions about the process, interesting. I believe we are going through one of the many transitions caused by that darn invention called the computer. Fifteen years ago you never saw a computer on anyone's desk in the workplace, the most hi-tech item you may have had was a desktop electronic calculator, pretty nifty! It's a little different today. Every desk in the workplace has a personal computer on it. It's pretty hard to imagine an accountant without a computer at hand. How would he do your taxes? By hand, perish the thought. How would we all communicate with each other if it were not for E-Mail. No computer--- no E-Mail, just imagine. I can't imagine what my life would be like without one. Been through the airport lately? Every other person is carrying a laptop computer and many are logging onto the Internet via the stations provided by the airlines. So if you are one of the folks who scoffs at digital photography--- blame it on the darn computer industry. By the way, this newsletter is being typed on a computer.

A Thought:

I didn't know Mike Ruderman very well, actually my only contact with Mike was when I took over the publication of the Viewfinder last fall. He invited me over to his home to give me some old copies of the publication for reference. I could tell he took the Viewfinder very seriously and I also know he did a great job with it. Mike, all I can say is that I hope you are happy with my work.

Frank Iraggi

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Field Trips.....	Seymour Schwartz
Publicity.....	Eugene & Annette Fox
Olympus Liaison.....	Mel Wachspress Moshe Markewitz
Refreshments.....	
Editor/The Viewfinder.....	Frank Iraggi

Meetings will be held at 8:00PM at the Olympus Corporate Headquarters at 2 Corporate Drive in Melville.

Field Trips are held every Sunday morning. Meet at the On Parade Diner on Jericho Turnpike in Woodbury at 8:00AM for breakfast.

Our page on the World-Wide Web is at:
<http://www.orrin.org/syocc/>

Another Friend Is Lost

Information supplied by Judith Ruderman

We were saddened to learn that on Wednesday, November 7, 2001, long time member, **Mike Ruderman** passed away after a long illness. Just last week Judy Ruderman came by to drop off an article concerning Mike that she thought we would find interesting. As you may have known, Mike had ALS, and had been in hospice at home since April.

Judith Ruderman had relayed the following:

We've been very impressed with the nurses, aides and therapists we've met through the illness, and every time another pretty caretaker would come in I'd notice his face would light up. So I started posing them with him. I use my Canon 270W to take portraits of Mike in his hospital bed or wheelchair with our visitors—we've expanded the project to include relatives, friends and neighbors. The children who live next door get a kick out of visiting Mike, and we have photos of them in their snowsuits and summer playclothes. Our two year old granddaughter loves looking at the photos, both to see herself and to identify the other people. Each person gets a copy of his or her photo, and we put one on a Rolodex album that we place near Mike's bed so he can see them. This is an ongoing project that is gaining momentum and serves as a remembrance for us all.

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Wedding Announcement?

By Joe Kahn

The marriage of my computer with my camera was arranged with the aid of my scanner. A near-perfect "middleman" or "marriage broker", the scanner now allows me to print large copies, in full color, from the standard 4x6 commercial prints. These can be mounted directly as 8x10's, or what I do now is to mount them on 11x14 boards for display at home, and for competitions. I'm able to make adjustments for quality, size, correct inevitable errors... and even switch to black and white, if and when necessary. I use special Kodak Premium paper in my Compaq IJ600 printer for this purpose. The picture quality is excellent, and the heavier paper weight is preferable to the regular copy sheets. I have not gone "digital" at this point, since I much prefer to remain "old fashioned" with film and the above technique. I've submitted these scanned prints to competition successfully, and have sent them to a local paper (where I write a weekly column) for illustration as needed. My (Cibachrome) darkroom days are now just a memory, although I must admit, I miss them for all the pleasure they offered through decades of my favorite hobby.

November 1 Competition Results

Judge: Art Donnelly

BLACK & WHITE PRINTS "A"

Print of the Month: Alan Agdern
Clem Kleinman - 8
Orrin Edwards - 8

BLACK & WHITE PRINTS "B"

Print of the Month: Barry Goldstein
Sarah Kleinman - 9

COLOR PRINTS CLASS "A"

Print of the Month: Alan Agdern
Robert Schoenfeld - 9
Frank Iraggi - 9
Orrin Edwards - 8
Mel Wachspress - 8

COLOR PRINTS CLASS "B"

Print of the Month: Sy Roth
Joe Kahn - 9
Judith Ruderman - 9
Maylan Monohan - 8
Gerald Harrison - 8
Mike Ruderman - 8
Charles Kalikow - 8
Peter Metzger - 8
Ernst Halpern - 8

COLOR SLIDES CLASS "A"

Slide of the Month: Orrin Edwards
Eugene Fox - 8
Robert Schoenfeld - 8

COLOR SLIDES CLASS "B"

Slide of the Month: Annette Fox
Frank Iraggi - 8
Randolph Wiesner - 8

A Tribute To Mike Ruderman

By Sasha (Mike's Daughter-in-Law)

Hello, friends,

As many of you know, Mike Ruderman died early Wednesday morning, November 7. He had been under hospice care at his home on Long Island for several months, and Dave's mom was with him when he died. She said that the end came peacefully and quietly, as his breathing simply grew more and more shallow and infrequent. He was not in pain.

Myron (Mike) Ruderman was born in the Bronx 77 years ago, and he was what my step-father reverently calls "a City College-trained engineer, back in the days when that meant something." I am unclear about the details of his professional life, but I do know he was very proud of his work on motors for the Hubble telescope. During World War II he worked for the army in Intelligence in England. He was married to Judy for nearly 50 years - Thanksgiving was their anniversary -- and I think theirs was a truly exemplary relationship. They were role models for me in that they really knew who the other was, they enjoyed each other's company tremendously, and they were the best of friends. I hope I will be so lucky. He was also an extraordinary amateur photographer, a terrific cook, widely traveled, and the devoted and loving father of three, of whom Dave is the youngest. He was also the grandfather of three, of whom our daughter, Lily, is the youngest. He and Judy have a large extended family, and a number of longtime friends, and we will all miss him a great deal. Mike was diagnosed with ALS, a.k.a. Lou Gehrig's disease, 18 months ago. He took photographs and vacations up until he could no longer get around without a wheelchair. For the last six months he was completely paralyzed and could not talk. Thank you, family and friends, for your support over the last 18 months. It meant a great deal to us knowing you were there.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to:
The Eleanor and Lou Gehrig MDA/ALS Center

The Neurological Institute
7710 West 168th Street, Box 107ew York, NY
10032
Attention: Mrs. Del Bene

Please make checks payable to the Columbia University ALS Fund.
Please note that all donations will go directly towards patient care. If you note in the memo line that it is in memory of Myron Ruderman, Columbia will send our family an acknowledgment.

Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association
75-20 Astoria Boulevard
Jackson Heights, NY 1370-1177
Attention: Ernie Meditz

Please make checks payable to the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA). If you note that it is in memory of Myron Ruderman, the EPVA will send our family an acknowledgment.

best wishes,

Sasha

PS -- Judy Ruderman can be reached at 7 Quail Court, Plainview, NY, 11803. 516-935-8742.