

WPPA Newsletter

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Robert Rodriguez, Jr. Presents Landscape Photography at August General Meeting



Robert Rodriguez, Jr. presented his elegant Hudson Valley and beyond landscape photography at our August 25th General Dinner meeting at the Eastchester Odyssey Diner.

Finding new subjects to photograph in your own "backyard" is a very difficult thing to do as those things familiar to

you seem common place and uninspiring. Rodriguez has found the motivation and technique to make his images of nearby places new and exciting and he passed on some tips to our group.

Robert tries to express a feeling about nature. He wants to show the viewer the potential of our environment and what it can be. He is trying to look at the world through "new eyes" and express what he feels about nature.



Robert uses 5 essential ingredients to make a landscape image, they are: Moment & mood, previsualization, composition, color and light.

The essential qualities of a landscape image are: Beauty (symmetry and balance), simplicity and expression.

These lessons are worth learning by all photographers no matter what kind of photography they do.



WPPA Members at '09 PPSNYS Summer Workshop



This year's PPSNYS summer workshop was attended by four WPPA members who made the trip to Hobart & William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY in July to advance their photographic knowledge. The attendees were from

left to right: Les Manse, Alan Vollweiler, Sheila Gardner and Eric Wessman. It was Les' 1st time to the workshop, Sheila's 2nd, Alan's 4th and Eric's 9th time to one of the best photographic deals available. Just taking advantage of this one PPSNYS benefit helps pay for your entire annual state dues. There were approximately 56 students of photography in attendance, about the same number as last year, all eager to learn from the 5 outstanding instructors who came to share their vast knowledge of photography.

All 4 of the WPPA attendees signed up for Suzette Allen's Photoshop class and no one was disappointed. Suzette's classes usually get booked up long before the class begins but this year students were still able to register at the last minute. Suzette and her husband Jon are experts in teaching this program and fill every minute of class time with information and demonstrations.

This Summer's weather was cooler than in the past several years but it was also wet. The WPPA group stayed nice and dry...in class.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Next Board Meeting*
September 8th
Eastchester Odyssey Diner
6:15pm Dinner
7:00pm Meeting
- *Monthly Dinner Meeting*
September 22nd
Eastchester Odyssey Diner
465 White Plains Rd
Eastchester, NY
914-961-8855
6pm Reg & Conversation
6:30pm Dinner
8:00pm Print Comp
- *PhotoPlus Expo*
Oct 22-25th 2009
Javits Center-NYC
- *Hudson Valley-TEP*
Nov. 2, 2009
Curt Littlecott
Newburgh, NY



Get Your Prints Ready for Sep. 22nd Print Competition!