



Beaufort Mansion by Pat French earned an Honorable Mention in Novice Monochrome in the May competition.



# THE VIEWFINDER

## President's Comments

### *Another Club Year Almost Over*

by Roz Kleffman

I was just sitting in my computer chair writing the President's Comments for the September 2009 issue of *The Viewfinder*. Believe it when I tell you that was just the other day. It could not have been 9 months ago. This club year has zipped by faster than all others. Time is definitely speeding up. Someone should call the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and let them know of this phenomena. On second thought, they probably know already.

As many of you know, this is the time of year that I list the many folks that make this club possible. Kudos are in order for the Executive Committee: **Zolt Levay, Steve Bruza, Drew Kalocai, Dick Chomitz, Janet Matthews, Warren Wilson, Pat French, Bill Collins, George Smyth, Jeff Kendrick, Vince Ferrari, Bob Matthews, Gail Phillips, Dick Whitley, Dick Russell and Thelma Loret de Mola.** (Vince does triples as Field Trip Captain, digital competition helper and web editor; Gail Phillips does double duty as Event Coordinator and fabulous cookie maker.). This group of people work through the summer to provide us all with a fabulous schedule of speakers, presenters, information and judges.

It is through this behind-the-scene effort that this club can function effortlessly, or so it appears. The Web site is perfect, weekly meetings happen without problems, competitions run smoothly, new gadgets and ideas are forever flowing, club members are happy. Thank your B-CCC Executive Members for this perfect place to pursue photographic interests. Their two year commitment to this club represents a wide variety of time and talents.

The B-CCC has judged more competitions this past year than ever before. I am not talking about individuals judging local camera club competitions. B-CCC has hosted PSA competitions and End of Year Competitions for other local clubs. Thank you to **Joanne Dubbs, Jim Norton, Bill Conway, Steve Bruza, Dick Whitley, Thelma Loret de Mola** for making these competitions possible.

## JUNE

**5** End of Year  
Dinner

*Have a  
Happy and  
Safe  
Summer*

## SEPTEMBER

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**Articles for The Viewfinder**

THE VIEWFINDER is distributed via e-mail early in the month and at the first meeting of each month during the club year. Contributions of articles of interest to photographers are welcomed.

The deadline for submitting articles is the first Monday of the month prior to publication (ie, articles submitted on October 1 will be published in the November newsletter).

Articles should be sent via e-mail to

[viewfinder@b-ccc.org](mailto:viewfinder@b-ccc.org) attachments as MS Word, .txt, or .rtf files. Photos and illustrations should be separate attachments

Photographs should be submitted electronically as JPEGs with a “high” quality compression setting. The optimal photograph will be no more than 800 pixels in its greatest dimension.

Do not submit copyrighted material unless you also supply written permission from the copyright holder.

**Membership Rates**

- Junior (ages 12-17) . . . . . \$5.00
- Individual . . . . . \$25.00
- Family . . . . . \$35.00

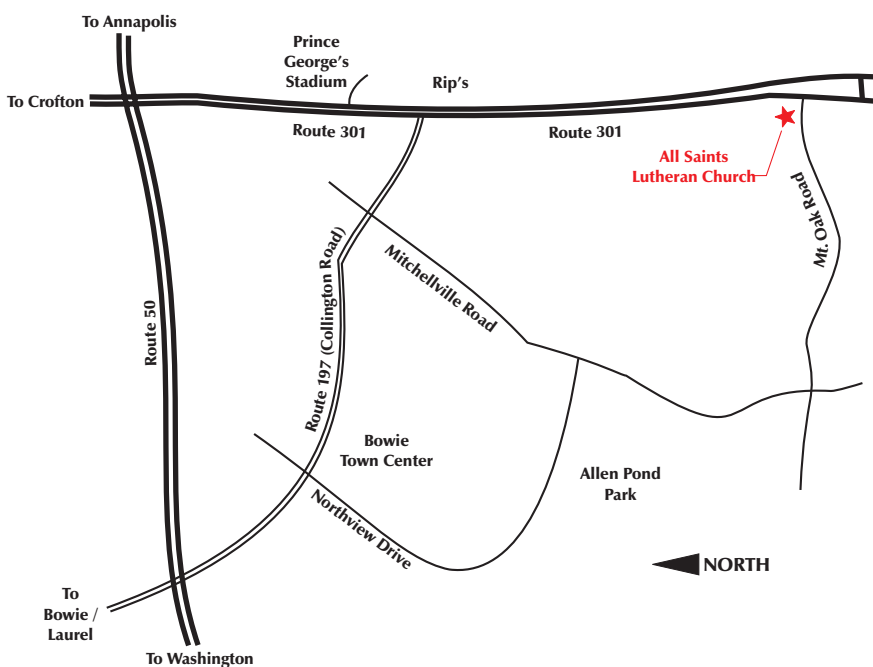
**Meeting Nights**

The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club meets the first through fourth Monday nights of each month September through May in the Fellowship Hall of the All Saints Lutheran Church at US 301 and Mt. Oak Road in Bowie. Meetings begin at 7:30. Visitors are always welcome.

**Photographic Society of America (PSA)**

The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club has been a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) since 1977. **Dick Whitley**, a PSA Region Director, is B-CCC’s representative to PSA.

For information regarding the benefits of a PSA individual membership and for PSA-sponsored events contact Dick Whitley (301) 899-6457 or e-mail [psa@b-ccc.org](mailto:psa@b-ccc.org).



## President's Comments

### *OK, Now Really Where Did the Club Year Go?*

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Bowie-Crofton Camera Club members **Bill Conway, John Aikens, Frank Lee, Richard Rohlfing, Roz Kleffman** have assisted other community groups by photographing events such as The Bowie Senior Chorale, All Saints Lutheran Church events and various community theater groups. B-CCC responds quickly to requests for community service. Please note this is all done for free. Members have shared their time and talents over and over again.

The B-CCC Grant Committee is made up a five people: **Warren Wilson, Jeff Kendrick, Dave Hornick, Clarence Carvell** and **Roz Kleffman**. Yes, you can see that many of these people do double duty. Sharing their time and talents to provide a very unique opportunity to club members.

This year, we had some unbelievably fabulous field trips and other impromptu get-together. Thank you to **Vince Ferrari** (and his wife Leslie) for taking this club to the mountains of

WV and the hospitality of SC. We almost got to Maine this year but the blizzard kept us all in MD. Thanks to The Ferrari's and The Carvell's for the hosting the impromptu get-togethers to share field trip images.

Special kudos to **Miles Smith** and **Gail Phillips** to a fabulous September Picnic to kick off the club year. A fun time was had by all. Gail gets the special kudos for those great cookies on competition nights too. That is dinner for some of us.

Thank you to all the members who assist with setting up the room every week. We all appreciate your efforts.

Plans are underway for 2010-2011 club year. Summer executive meetings will start in early June. The calendar of events will get printed in early August. The next club year will be starting before you know it.

## B-CCC Kick-Off

### *The 2010 Pig-Out is Coming!*

*by Gail Phillips, Social Director*

As unbelievable as it sounds (given that we're still signing up for the end-of-year dinner as I write this article) it's time to start thinking about B-CCC's annual "kick off the new season" dinner/party known as "The Pig-Out". For those who've never attended the "Pig-Out", it comes by its name honestly! We get together on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, bring (lots of) food, share photos, and "pig out" on all of the goodies provided by each other!

This year the "Pig-Out" will, once again, be at the home of **Miles and Gail (Phillips) Smith** in Mt. Airy, MD. It will be on Sunday, September 5, 2010. We'll start at about 5PM so that it will be dark enough to share photos once the eating starts to slow down!

If you are planning to attend, you will need to email (gail.m.phillips@comcast.net) or call (301-829-1972) me since there are no meetings between the June awards dinner (Saturday, June 5) and the "Pig-Out". Please let me know your name, how many are in your party, and what food item you will bring. Please plan to bring enough to serve 10 – 12 people for each person in your party (so – if two of you are coming, bring either two food items or enough of one item to serve 20 – 24 people.). We need everything – appetizers through desserts. The Club will provide the paper goods and the coffee/tea. There is no cost for this event.

If you're an "early bird", maybe you'd consider bringing an appetizer or some of the beverages. If you're more of a late arriver, maybe you could sign up to bring a dessert. If we have too many of one type of food, you might be contacted to see if you're willing to bring something else. I'll thank you in advance for your flexibility!

In addition to the eating, we share photos. If you would like to do this, please bring up to 20 photos on a disk (or some other electronic means). You could bring (gasp!) slides, but you'd need to let us know so we can dig out a slide projector!

Our address is 2716 Mt. Olive Court, Mt. Airy, MD. From the club meeting place, we get on Rt. 32 North to I70 West. Go west on I70 for two more exits to Rt. 94 (Woodbine Road). Go North for about 3 miles, then turn left onto Gillis Falls Road. (There will be large silver and white barns on your right, but you'll be turning left.) Go about 2 1/2 miles to Cabbage Spring Road (just after a little church at the top of a hill). Go just a little ways to the entrance to "Dove's Landing" (Sommersby Road). Turn right, then right again, onto Mt. Olive Court. We're the 2nd house on the left (white with green shutters, huge porches, and fence). Park in the driveway or on the street. (Just FYI, in case of allergies, there are cats and dogs in the house.)

## An 80th to Remember

### Open Letter To Everyone In My Favorite Club

by *Thelma Loret de Mola*

A wonderful thing happened on Sunday, May 2nd: A bunch of people, at **Roz Kleffman's** invitation, gathered at the Greenbriar Terrace Room (where we have our Year End Dinner) to celebrate my 80th birthday. It was fun; it was delicious; it was touching to a point that a couple of times I didn't think I could hold it together. The only down side was that I went a little wacko trying to keep track of gifts and cards and would anyone help the old lady? Of course not! As a result, I completely lost whose card went with which gift and, by the way, the invitation was supposed to read "no gifts" but would Miss Control Freak listen? Of course not, #2! I can, however, tell you about the exquisite pearl jewelry handmade for me by **Bella Agarwalla** and the nine bottles of wine and **John Aikins'** orchid photo. Also, the **Ansel**

**Adams** book (whose card was one of those lost in the shuffle). And if you were at the competition meeting, you saw the "I'm Not Dead Yet" shirt from the Ferrari's. To all of you: thank you from the bottom of my ancient heart. And thank you, too, to the ones who wished me well but could not be there (not the least, **Jeanette** and **Gene Duffy** and **Rudy Schuetzler**, all down in Florida): your expressed warmth was also touching. Several did not, for one reason or another, receive the invitation in time and wished me well later. Thank you to all.

But no thanks, no gratitude, no love could be greater than that to my best friend, my teacher, my example in life for life: Roz. May you and your new perky boobs have an 80th as good as mine.

## A Happy Birthday to Thelma

### Friends and Family Celebrate with Food and Fun

text by *Vincent Ferrari*; photos by *Mark Laster*

On Sunday, May 2, friends and family of our very own **Thelma "The Lovely" Loret de Mola** gathered in Greenbelt to celebrate her first 80 years on the planet. Lots of folks from B-CCC were there, but there were also many of Thelma's neighbors, her tap dancing friends, and of course, many of her family members to help celebrate her birthday. Topped off with great food, desserts, and some potent potables, it truly

was an event to remember. And after some remarks from **Roz Kleffman** reminding us of just a little of the changes that have happened in our world during Thelma's life (just who was president when she was born??), Thelma herself got a chance to talk, and of course, to open some gifts as well. The party was a very fun time, and we were all very happy to have been able to celebrate with our dear friend, Thelma.



## Competition Themes for 2010-11

### Plan Your Photography for Next Year's Topics

by *Thelma Loret de Mola, Competition Assistant*

The description with each subject named will be more fully defined if necessary in advance of each competition.

#### October 4—Open

Any subject, any time

#### November 1—Geometric Shapes

This goes way beyond the lines of a building. A bunch of grapes could well illustrate circles just as a path leading off to a point in the woods could form a triangle. The shape should be very apparent while enhancing the overall composition.

#### December 6—Shadows

The shadow more than the object causing the shadow should be the emphasis.

#### January 3—Food

Anything from a hamburger on a bun to hamburger on the hoof, from an egg to the chicken, from an M&M to Bob Leonard's M&M Rainbow—it's food.

#### February 7—Travel

Fifty miles from Bowie makes a Travel photo.

#### March 7—Night

When the sun goes down, the Night photos come out.

#### April 4—Nature

Animal, vegetable or mineral showing no hand of man or domestication.

#### May 2—Open

Any subject, any time.

## Field Trip: Saturday, September 11

### Trip to Steam Show Days Scheduled Prior to Start of Next Club Year

by *Mark Laster, Incoming Field Trip Captain*

The club's first photo field trip of the 2010-11 season will be held on Saturday, September 11, at the Carroll County Farm Museum, to celebrate Steam Show Days. The event runs from noon until 5 PM. According to the Web site, "The Mason Dixon Historical Society presents antique farm machinery, steam and gas engines, and antique cars on display. Working demonstrations include saw milling, shingle sawing and branding, baling, threshing, and grinding. Flea market, food for sale and hayrides."

The Carroll County Farm Museum is located at 500 South Center Street, Westminster, Maryland 21157. I'll suggest a

route and a rendezvous schedule as we get closer to the event. The trip there from Bowie is about 63 miles, and takes an estimated hour and a quarter. If you have questions about the event, or to let me know you're planning to take part, get in touch with me ([mlaster@smart.net](mailto:mlaster@smart.net), 301-805-4462). Of course, you don't need to reserve until a day or two before the event. The Museum website is: [www.carrollcountymuseum.org](http://www.carrollcountymuseum.org) and then click the "Festivals & Events" link, and then click the "Steam Show Days" link.

## Quarterly Financial Report

### End of Club Year Balances

by *Warren Wilson, Treasurer*

As of May 3, 2010, the club's financial standing is still very good. At club year's end on May 31, I expect the club's checking account to have a balance of approximately \$5,500. The club's Grant Account ends with a balance of 3,022.

\$6054.18	Balance as of May 3, 2010
+250.00	Plus: End-of-Dinner Income (Proposed)
- 500.00	Less: End-of-Year Dinner (Proposed)
- 156.00	Less: Web site Host expense
- 150.00	Less: End-of-Year Competition expenses (Proposed)
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\$5,498.18	Proposed Checking Account Balance on May 31, 2010

## Final Standings — Class Photographers of the Year

Congratulations to the Class Photographer of the Year Award winners (bold, italic). The two runners-up are also shown for each class. Awards are based on the total of award points and entry points for the year. In the Novice class, winners move to the Advanced class for future competitions.

### Advanced Color Prints

<b>Mike Thomas</b> .....	<b>70</b>
Warren E. Wilson.....	53
Clarence Carvell.....	34
Zolt Levay.....	34

### Novice Color Prints

<b>Robert Weston</b> .....	<b>67</b>
Jeff Shi .....	54
Beth Fabey .....	39

### Advanced Digital

<b>Stephen Bruza</b> .....	<b>62</b>
Zolt Levay.....	45
Bill Conway.....	44

### Novice Digital

<b>Jim Norton</b> .....	<b>52</b>
Robert Weston.....	51
Pat French.....	43

### Advanced Monochrome

<b>Robert Weston</b> .....	<b>66</b>
George Smyth .....	54
Stephen Bruza .....	33

### Novice Monochrome

<b>Pat French</b> .....	<b>70</b>
Beth Fabey .....	59
Jim Norton .....	28

## Competition Corner Club Ends Competition Season on a High Note

by Zolt Levay, VP for Competitions

Thanks to everyone who entered the final competition of the club year. Once again there was a great turnout with very strong competition. Thanks to **Jim** and **Sue Oberthaler** who tag-teamed to do the judging.

### Novice Digital (38 Entries)

1st	Marine Skates .....	Jim Norton
2nd	Sunrise Reflection in Colorado River .....	Jeff Shi
3rd	Horse Barn.....	Warren E. Wilson
HM	Smoky Mountains Sunrise .....	Pat French
HM	White Cape Daisy.....	Richard Stolarski
HM	Light Paint 101 .....	Warren E. Wilson
HM	Dawn at the Great Smoky Mountains .....	Jeff Shi
HM	Columbian Surprise .....	Jim Norton
HM	Cabin Fever.....	Lou Rubin
HM	Avatar_Makeup_Artist .....	Stanley Turk

### Novice Monochrome (16 Entries)

1st	San Miguel Mission ...	Bob Matthews
2nd	Sweetie.....	Beth Fabey
3rd	Daylily in Delft Vase... ..	Beth Fabey
HM	Beaufort Mansion .....	Pat French

### Novice Color Prints (24 Entries)

1st	Colors in Motion.....	Miles T. Smith
2nd	Don's Nemesis .....	Jim Norton
3rd	I've Been Good—NOT! .....	Beth Fabey
HM	Scotty .....	Jumoke Gross
HM	White Wolf .....	Gail Phillips

HM	Just a Misunderstanding .....	Robert Weston
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### Advanced Digital (19 Entries)

1st	No Room to Pass.....	Stephen Bruza
2nd	Beyond Blue No.2.....	Stephen Bruza
3rd	OHare Peoplemover ...	David Ebert
HM	Mating Plumage #1....	Roz Kleffman
HM	USMC Silent Drill Team 1 .....	Bill Conway

### Advanced Monochrome (18 Entries)

1st	7th St. #2.....	Chuck Bress
2nd	Accession.....	Robert Weston
3rd	Waterfront Portrait ...	Robert Howard
HM	Waterfall.....	Patricia Bress
HM	Joy Reflected.....	Stephen Bruza

### Advanced Color Prints (22 Entries)

1st	Waffle Cone .....	Warren E. Wilson
2nd	Muscle Surfer.....	Mike Thomas
3rd	Cloister Walk, Mission San Jose .....	Robert Howard
HM	Ye Olde Folded Hands. ..	Warren E. Wilson
HM	Hay Barn.....	Edward Stern
HM	Will This Happen.....	Stephen Bruza

**Beaufort Mansion by Pat French,  
Honorable Mention in Novice Monochrome**



## Competition Wrap-Up

### Year-end Awards and Results

by Zolt Levay, VP for Competitions

### Club Photographer of the Year

Each year Bowie-Crofton Camera Club honors one Club Photographer of the Year. This award goes to the photographer who accumulates the greatest total of advanced class entry points plus advanced class award points across all categories for the Club Year. For the 2009–'10 Club Year, the Club Photographer of the Year award goes to **Mike Thomas** who earned his points in the Advanced class of Color Prints, Monochrome Prints and Digital divisions. First runner-up this year is **Steve Bruza**. Congratulations to all!

### Novice Photographers Who Move to Advanced Classes

Novice photographers who win the Photographer of the Year award in a category are automatically moved to the Advanced Class in that category. The following photographers will compete in the Advanced Class in future years: **Warren Wilson** in Monochrome Prints, **Bernard Gross** in Color Prints, and **Pat French** in Digital.

### Star Awards

The Bowie-Crofton Camera Club presents Star Awards to photographers who compete successfully over longer periods of time, accumulating award points across a number of years. All award points, but not entry points, earned in the club's monthly competitions are credited to the member's Star Award account. When a member attains 100 points, the photographer is awarded a plaque along with their first star. For each additional 100 points, the member receives an additional Star, which can be attached to their plaque for up to a total of five stars. The 2009–'10 Star Award winners are:

**Beth Fabey, Robert Howard, Frank Lee, and Bob Matthews**, who earned their plaque and 1st Star, **Bill Conway, Pat French, Ann Rohlfing, Mike Thomas, and Robert Weston** won their 2nd Star, **Zolt Levay**, and **Jim Norton**, won their 3rd Star, and **Steve Bruza** won his 5th and final Star.

### End of Year Competition Results

#### Novice Monochrome

Winner ..... Warren Wilso. .... Wood Fence  
 Runner Up ..... Pat French ..... Light  
 Runner Up ..... Beth Fabey. .... Butterfly Drying Wings

#### Advanced Monochrome

Winner ..... George Smyth. .... Couple, Spain  
 Runner Up ..... Robert Weston. .... 1400 A.M.  
 Runner Up ..... Robert Weston. .... The Old Girl

#### Novice Color Prints

Winner ..... Bernard Gross. .... Lighthouse, Puerto Rico  
 Runner Up ..... Robert Weston. .... Erica  
 Runner Up ..... Miles Smith. .... Colors in Motion

#### Advanced Color Prints

Winner ..... Mike Thomas ..... Smoking Sam  
 Runner Up ..... Warren Wilson ..... Waffle Cone  
 Runner Up ..... Mike Thomas ..... Lipstick

#### Novice Digital

Winner ..... Pat French ..... Paw Paw Tunnel Vertical  
 Runner Up ..... Warren Wilson ..... Light Paint 101  
 Runner Up ..... Robert Weston ..... Stink Eye

#### Advanced Digital

Winner ..... Stephen Bruza ..... No Room to Pass  
 Runner Up ..... Stephen Bruza ..... Beyond Blue #2  
 Runner Up ..... Stephen Bruza ..... Around the Pond

## That's a Wrap

### *Thanks for the Support During a Long Run as Newsletter Editor*

by Jeff Kendrick, Newsletter Editor

At the end of the 1993-'94 club year, I approached **Roz Kleffman** about becoming newsletter editor. I had joined the club in October 1993 and was really learning a lot and meeting so many great people. **Gene** and **Jeannette Duffy** were eager to pass on the traditions of *The Viewfinder* and provided me a lot of guidance and support. I handled the newsletter responsibilities for three club years before taking a short break and then taking on another club job—President!

In 2002, after completing two terms as President, I promised Roz I would take the job of newsletter-editor-for-life. Well, that was a very different life back then—no wife and kids, an easy commute, and an apartment where all of the maintenance was handled by others. Now, I have everything I ever wanted—my wife Kelly, our two children Brooke and Ben, and a comfortable home—but the days are still only 24 hours long! Something had to give. And, when I was approached by **Vince Ferrari** about his interest in becoming newsletter editor, I decided now really was the time to end my tenure. Vince is a great person and a talented photographer who has really made the most of his time in the club and he is a familiar face to nearly everyone who attends meetings regularly.

## The Viewfinder

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Along the way, I have received so much support (in the form of articles, photos, ideas, printer pick-up and delivery, etc.), encouragement, and kind words from club members. I ask that you provide the same to Vince for however long he chooses to remain editor.

Together we've managed to win a number of awards from the Photographic Society of America. Club members offer me congratulations when these awards are announced. But, I must emphasize that it is a TEAM EFFORT. In the PSA contest the newsletter is judged as a whole package. I provide the layout and design and a (mostly) careful proofreading. The real substance of *The Viewfinder* comes from the Executive Committee members and others who submit articles and photos.

I've had a great time as B-CCC's newsletter editor and I just want to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to *The Viewfinder* over the years. I look forward to seeing everyone at our Monday meetings and reading *The Viewfinder* under its new management.



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