



On Debbie LeCrone's Morning Walk



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Casements Camera Club Est 1976

Promoting the Art of Photography and the unlimited expanse of imagination and creativity

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Greetings & Happy July fellow CCC members. Are you ready for the method to my madness with these header images? Well, here goes. What do these 2 images have in common? Hmmmmmmm!!!! The critter with the mask is the natural predator of the beauty on the tree branch. It seems the bandit likes to steal the savory eggs of the egret. The egret, I would guess, was captured at the Alligator Farm in St Augustine and its nests are guarded by the gators on the tiny island of habitat. Sorry Mr Raccoon, you just can't jump over those gators!!!! Augghhh Stan, you call that trivia???? Sorry folks, the power of the keyboard under my fingers. LOL!!! On to the newsletter.

News is a little light again this month and I would like to start on a different note. This quote by Peter Adams was passed on to me and I would like to share it with y'all. **“ Photography is not about the cameras, gadgets and gizmos. Photography is about photographers. A camera did not take great pictures any more than a typewriter wrote a great novel.”** I would like to elaborate on this with a personal experience.

Last month, my neighbor asked if I would take some photos of her and her visiting daughter and grand daughter. Unfortunately, the conditions were very adverse for shooting. I used the wrong lens (my portrait lens that did not work), the lighting was terrible and I could not set up my lights due to the weather. I managed to capture a few “acceptable” images of the girls, but nothing I was capable of producing. All of my fancy equipment failed me that day. But in my practice and light settings before everyone came I managed to capture this image. Nothing spectacular other than the rain drops on the water and the dynamic sky and its reflection, proving the quote above.



Nothing Special---Stan Mitchell

If y'all have a similar experience and would like to share it with the members, please feel free to send it to me and I will be more than happy to randomly choose and share one in the newsletter. After all, sometimes our failures can be the victories for others.

June's meeting proved to be quite rewarding with multiple slideshows from the Member's Showcase and Field Trip Assignments. There were many “most excellent” images from our members and many great ideas were presented. It was a very enjoyable evening!!!!

Ans also made an announcement at the meeting. For those of y'all who were not at this meeting, **Please read this announcement**

“Many of our members hold multiple club memberships, and that's great. But the board has decided that in future newsletters, we will not be posting awards given to members who have won contests and/ or exhibits from other area clubs. (Volusia, Flagler and St Johns County) It is our sincere desire that this announcement will be received with an open mind and understanding as we strive to promote the CCC. Thank you.”

The July 26th meeting will feature our annual club challenge. The assignment this year is **Movement**. Members have until Tuesday July 24 to submit up to 10 images to Ans if they wish to participate in this challenge. This meeting proves to be quite rewarding as we have the opportunity to view different member's perspectives for this theme. Hope to see y'all there!!!!!!

The winning images from the 6th Annual Ormond Beach Performing Arts Center Exhibit that are on display at the Ormond Beach Public Library will strike on Tuesday July 31. Ans will send out an email to the winners as to where they may pick up their photos. Congrats to all of the winners and "thank you" Sylvia Camille Rohmer for the showcase image below.



A Note from our Club President:

"I often receive e-mails asking me about dates and information. We now have a wonderful tool for the club members to get their information:

www.casementscameraclub.com. There are pictures from shows, events and challenges, but also a calendar and my blog with more info on all kinds of things. Of course my July blog deals with gear and that's contrary to what the quote is at the beginning of this newsletter. So once in awhile look at our web site; there is often something new to find there."

JUST AN EARLY "HEADS UP"---Registration for the 38th Annual Show in the Casements Gallery is set for Tuesday September 4. Rules and details will follow in a future email from Ans.

Also---Please visit the club web site if you have yet to do so. It is definitely worth it!!!!!!!!!! (That's where I obtained the registration date)

In conclusion

This pretty much sums up the news . My "header image" library is starting to get a little thin. I was wondering if it is alright with y'all if I had Ans randomly forward some of the images from the Member's Showcase to me and I could add them to the library. Please let either Ans or myself know if we have your permission, or you could send me something else. These images are placed in a folder exclusively for the CCC Newsletter, and I assure you the only place they will appear will be in the newsletter. **Thank you!!! Have a great day!!!!**

Until_____

Stan