Shutterbugs of Volo Bog

July 2017 Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

7-19-17
Meeting night

8-16-17
Meeting night

9-20-17
Competition #1

Refreshment Calendar
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The Shutter Bugs Camera Club meetings are held at7pm in the Visitor center of the Volo Bog State Nature Area the 3rd Wednesday of every month, except in December. Everyone is invited to attend. Membership to the shutterbugs is $25 per year/single, $30 per year/couple
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From the Secretary

Submitted by Marie Caviness

Michael opened the June meeting. We welcomed our newest member Eileen to the meeting. Ellen encouraged members to sign up to bring snacks during the upcoming season starting in September. She also reminded members that dues will be due on or before the September meeting. For planning next year's programs, Bob Marx suggested, at the July meeting, members have a group discussion to get ideas for next year's programs (This item is included in the July agenda below).

June's Program Adventures with Puffins – Presented by Michael Schmitt

Michael and his wife, Colleen, enjoyed an exciting trip to the Boston area. This was combined with a visit to Machias Seal Island to photograph puffins. His program opened with a tour of some of the historical sites in the Boston area. As members looked at images, Michael shared stories about the Freedom Trail, old State House, Faneuil Hall, USS Constitution, and the Boston Tea Party.

The next stop was Seal Island. Seal Island is a National Wildlife Refuge. It is located off the coast of Rockland Maine. There are numerous nesting seabirds there such as razorbills, and Atlantic puffins. Michael explained the challenge of photographing the puffins because of their black and white coloring. He talked about the importance of bracketing and focus.

Michael captured some amazing images of the puffins and razorbills. There was one image of an artic tern which caught everyone's attention. While viewing the images we learned how to adjust the camera to photograph birds when their wings were flapping.

It was inspiring to have the opportunity to see a puffin's character reflected in Michael's images. We thank Michael for sharing his adventure with us

July 19, 2017 Meeting Agenda

Welcome

1. <u>Officer's Reports</u>
2. <u>Election of Officers</u> –Michael has agreed to continue as President for another term. Our club appreciates Michael's willingness to serve. The Constitution will be amended accordingly.   The slate of candidates is shown below. There are still vacancies. **Please consider volunteering**. **Volunteer at the meeting or email Michael or Marie.**

Slate of Candidates

President   Michael Schmitt

Program Coordinator Vacant

Webmaster, Wayne McGhie

Secretary, Marie Caviness

DPI, Michael Schmitt, and Steve Kalter

Newsletter Editor Vacant

CACCA, Tammy Rusch

Judge Procurer, Gary Edwards

Treasurer, Paul Howerton

Membership and Hospitality, Ellen Dallas

Prints Vacant

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3. Programs for the Next Season – **Bring your ideas to the meeting.**
   Members will suggest and discuss their ideas for next year's
   programs. See schedule below:

2017-18 Tentative Schedule
September – Competition 1

October – Program

November – Competition 2

December – No Meeting

January – Program

February – Competition 3

March – Program

April – Competition 4

May – Program or Photography Shoot/

June – Program

July – Election of Officers and Open
Discussion

August – Pizza Night and Member's
Choice

If time permits, please bring your cameras for a discussion and
show and tell on **"What do you Shoot With?"**
Adjournment

Images from Machias Seal Island by Michael Schmitt