



January 15, 2009  
Minutes

The first meeting of 2009 was very successful. We had 18 in attendance. Of the 18, we had 7 guest, Carol Mazurek's daughter and 6 who became new members! Welcome to: Dennis Adkins II, Brenda Finlay, Joe Browning, Becky Burdick, Mark Lett, and Carolyn Wilcox. Several of our new members have personal websites where you can view their images. Please check the member's page at <http://www.ovccwv.org/members.htm> for their links.

Mike updated the group on the brochure being created. The completion of the brochure is planned for Feb so members can have copies to pass out to prospective members. These brochures will also be useful at local art related events to promote the Club.

The Reflections Gallery now has a website of its own. Mike stated that Marshall University has committed to paying the salaries to staff the Gallery. Talks have been developing about locations of the Gallery; one of which is the Old Boston Beanery. Mike is going to get an Executive Board together with members from OVCC and TSAA. Check the website (<http://www.reflectionsgallery.org/dotnetnuke/Default.aspx>) for current updates as they occur.

The 2008 Year End Competition went well and was judged this year by the Charleston Camera Club. Mike plans on using them for the 2009 competition also. Our Year End Competition was explained to our new members and guests.

Herb Parsons, our Treasurer, reported we have \$532.36 in our account. This is the balance prior to any membership dues being paid during the meeting.

Fifteen (15) members have paid their 2009 dues. Dues should be paid by the second meeting in Feb. (2-19). Dues are \$20 per year for adults.

Mark Velasquez (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/markvelasqueztoo/>) has made plans to travel the US during 2009 to take pictures. Mike follows his work on the web and contacted Mark about stopping in Huntington. Mark has plans to be the house guest of

Mike sometime during June. At this time, Mike plans to have a reception for Mark at his home and invite the Club members as well as other community members for an evening of "photography talk". More details will follow as the time nears his visit.

David Fattaleh (<http://dephoto.fattaleh.org/>) mentioned at a previous meeting about doing a program on night photography. This program will come in handy for the competition in September. Watch for more details on the Club website.

Members are encouraged to voice ideas on possible photo outings for 2009.

We had 26 images entered in the Portraiture Competition. Scoring was done using the 0-4 scale during this competition. Ties can be nearly eliminated by giving the win to the one in the tie with the most 4's, or 3's, etc. This tie breaker has not been used at our Club before tonight. The Charleston Camera Club uses this technique and has been successful with it. We will test it out more and decide if this will be the scoring scale our Club will use. As you can see from below, we did have one tie even using this technique. The Portraiture Competition winners are:

### **Black and White Advanced**

- 1st place - Mark Hamilton – "Portrait Session at the OVCC"
- 2nd place - Mark Hamilton – "Mr Fitzpatrick"
- 3rd place – Mike Adkins – "Sophia"

### **Black and White Tyro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Nancy Jeter – "Nana and Me"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kathy Smith – "Holes in Our Jeans"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Carol Mazurck – "Heartbreak"

### **Color Advanced**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mark Hamilton – "Busker, Lexington KY"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Mike Adkins - "Ace"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie – Connie Jackson – "Eri"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place tie – Mike Adkins – "Southern Tradition"

### **Color Tyro**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Mark Lett – "Sam"
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Nancy Jeter – "A & M"
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Nancy Jeter – "Nature's Child"

### **Digitally Enhanced Tyro**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Nancy Jeter – “Little Angle”  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Hayes Wilcox – “Annie”

### **Best of Show**

Mark Hamilton – “Busker, Lexington KY”

Submitted by:

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