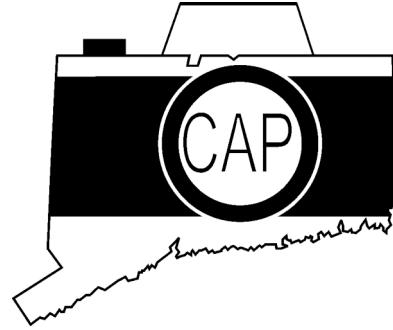


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Field Trip to Harkness Memorial State Park

Led by Jo-Ann Messina

CAP is planning a field trip to Harkness Memorial State Park in Waterford, CT, on Saturday, August 8, 2009. The group will leave from the commuter parking lot at Exit 55 on I-95 N at 7:30 a.m. There is a State Park admission fee of \$7 per car (or use a Season Pass) to enter Harkness Memorial Park. Please remember to bring your bug spray, your sunscreen, drinking water and a snack. There are picnic areas and also shaded areas. There is also a beach but no swimming is permitted, although wading is allowed. For those who would like to try their hand at bird photography, there is a place to do this so bring those big lenses and give it a try.

The park has a very pleasant view of the Long Island Sound, with some major ferry boats and sailboats in full view. It especially has wonderful floral gardens, a quoi pond with goldfish, sweeping lawns and many unique species of trees.

Eolia, the summer mansion of the Edward Harkness family, is an elegant building and the carriage house is very picturesque. The mansion was purchased in 1907 and elegantly landscaped by Beatrice Jones Ferrand, a founder of the American Society of Landscape Architects, between 1918 and 1929. Left to the State of Connecticut, it was added to the State Park system in 1952.

There are two options for lunch—one is to picnic in the park and the other is to stop perhaps at the Chowder Pot for lunch. Let's make it interesting: For those attending cast your vote for a picnic or lunch at the Chowder Pot.

If you plan on attending, please e-mail Jo-Ann Messina with your vote and information at pvrr42@prodigy.net or call (203)467-0209.

Field Trip to Mohonk Mountain House

Led by Lisa Cuchara

CAP will travel to the Mohonk Mountain House on Sunday, August 23rd, 2009, for a combination brunch and photography field trip. The trip will take place when the Mohonk gardens are resplendent in peak bloom. Explore rose and herb gardens, wildflower and fern trails, rare trees, heirloom plants, Victorian maze, and award winning formal gardens, the mountain house itself, and even a leisurely walk up to the Sky Top Tower.

The Mohonk Mountain House covers 2,200-acre and is a nineteenth-century, Victorian-style castle, towering over a sparkling "lake in the sky," in the historic Hudson Valley. The Mohonk Mountain House is about 90 miles from Hamden CT (Rt 84 to I-87, exit 18 to New Paltz, 2 miles thru town and then 4 miles up the mountain). The entire Shawangunk region was awarded the distinction of being named "one of Earth's "Last Great Places" by the Nature Conservancy. The Shawangunk Ridge supports a multitude of forests, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and rare plant and animal species. Over one hundred small rustic gazebos are dotted along their trails. Sky Top Tower has panoramic views of the Rondout and Wallkill Valleys and the Catskill Mountains; and Mohonk's award-winning show gardens have inspired photographers for more than 100 years. <http://www.mohonk.com/index.cfm>

The prepaid cost is \$64 which includes your day pass, use of the grounds for the entire day, plus the Sunday brunch buffet (offering the best of breakfast and lunch buffet selections, including: Omeletes made to order, Soup and Salad Bar, Carving Stations, Shrimp, Assorted Bagels and Lox, along with a Bountiful Dessert Buffet featuring a Chocolate Fountain! http://www.mohonk.com/dining/new_sunday_brunch.cfm.

We will leave from the Derby Rt 34 (exit 57 Rt 15) commuter parking lot at 8:00am. It takes about two hours to get there. People that want to leave earlier to get there sooner (or later and meet us at 11:15) are free to do so, just let Lisa know. Self-parking is available on the grounds; valet parking is provided for an additional fee of \$3.00 per car. We will all meet inside at the lobby 11:15 and eat at 11:30. You can arrive any time and you can photograph before and/or after we eat as your day pass is good for the entire day. You will need to call Mohonk Dining Reservations at 845-256-2056 and provide them with your credit card number, asking to be added to the Cuchara party". Please email Lisa Cuchara, photographer67@comcast.net after you have called in your reservation.

For additional information including photographs of the grounds and detailed driving directions, visit the CAP Internet site at <http://capinct.org/Events.aspx> and download a flier with all the details.

Field Trip to Bronx Zoo

Led by Hazel Meredith, MNEC

A field trip is being planned to the Bronx Zoo on October 10, 2009. Save the date. More details will follow in a subsequent newsletter.

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Connecticut Invitational Salon

Organized by Paul Peterson, MNEC

Attention Camera Clubs! The 27th annual CT Invitational Salon will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009. This competition, open to all Connecticut camera clubs, will be hosted by the Castle Craig CC at the D.A.V. Hall, 80 Hall Ave., Meriden, at 7:30 P.M.

Clubs will compete in two categories: projected digital images and prints. More information will be sent to individual clubs by Paul Peterson, but for now each club should start thinking about gathering 6 digital images and 6 prints for the competition.

CAP would like to see every club in the state represented in this competition, so start planning now. Castle Craig CC invites anyone interested in watching the competition to join them at their November 17 meeting.

Field Trip Ideas

Compiled by Hazel Meredith, MNEC

For those times when you just want to get away for a while to take some photos (or better yet, organize a field trip for CAP!), here are a few spots you may want to check out this summer:

- Elizabeth Park Rose Garden, West Hartford, CT <http://www.elizabethpark.org/>
- Boothe Memorial Park, Stratford, CT <http://boothememorialpark.org/>
- Sunflower Farm, Orange, CT www.SunflowerFarm.com
- Buttonwood Farm, Griswold, CT www.sunflowersforwishes.com
- Innisfree Gardens, Millbrook, NY <http://www.innisfreegarden.org/>
- Lyman Orchards, (sunflower maze) Middlefield, CT <http://www.lymanorchards.com/events/summer.shtml>
- Whiteflower Farm, Litchfield, CT <http://www.whiteflowerfarm.com/the-store-at-white-flower-farm.html>
- Plainville Balloon Festival, Plainville, CT, Aug.28-30
- Waterfalls in CT, <http://www.ctwaterfalls.com/>
- Beardsley Park Zoo, Bridgeport, CT www.beardsleyzoo.org
- Roger Williams Park Zoo, Providence, RI <http://www.rwpzoo.org/index.cfm>
- Southwick Zoo, Mendon, MA <http://www.southwickszoo.com/homePage.html>
- Connecticut Tourism website for lots of good ideas! <http://www.ctvisit.com/>

These are just a few of the many spots you can find for great photos. Search the web – there's tons of info out there on all kinds of places to go, both in and out of Connecticut.

NECCC Conference Coming Soon



The date for the next NECCC conference is getting close. It will be held in Amherst on July 10, 11, and 12, 2009. If you haven't yet registered, it isn't too late. This conference promises to be bigger and better than ever.

As usual there will be something for everyone including how to do it lectures, showcase presentations, Photo Hi-Jinx, model shoots at indoor and outdoor locations, competitions, and a trade show where you can purchase supplies and accessories. The **feature**

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presentation this year will be *Wanderlust: Evocative Travel Photography from Around the World* presented by Rosanne Pennella from Virginia.

For photographers this is a “do not miss” event.

About *The CAPtion* and CAP

The CAPtion is published several times a year by CAP, the Connecticut Association of Photographers. CAP is a state-wide organization with both clubs and individuals as members. CAP is associated with the Photographic Society of America and the New England Camera Club Council. Annual membership dues in CAP are \$8.00 per year and include all issues of this publication.

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