

SOPA End of Year Newsletter

June 4, 2021



NEW EDUCATIONAL FORMAT FOR SOPA - This year we've tightened up our EID competition by pre-judging, which has saved the club considerable time. Thanks, *Al Ingersoll* for finding judges throughout the country and speeding up the process. With that extra time now available, the SOPA board has been working hard to schedule educational programs at **both** of its monthly meetings for 2021-22. We hope to allow an hour to view EIDS/Prints and honor winning images. Then we'll use the second hour of each meeting for education.

We'll still plan to have local experts come to speak. (*Jeff Thompson* will teach us about bird photography in October, *Sean Bagshaw* is already lined up with a Lightroom presentation in November, and our regular, *David Vanderlip*, will also be speaking on a topic to be determined later.) We think you'll also be happy with 1-hr. mini programs by many of our members on topics such as how to mat prints, how to produce videos, Lightroom & Photoshop tips, demos on portraits, macro photography, monochrome photography, action shots, landscapes, and a camera roundtable to explore other cameras or get tips on your own camera! Stay tuned! Send other topics or speaker possibilities to *Barb Tricarico*, SOPA President, at sopacameraclub@gmail.com

NEW GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING EIDS AND PRINTS - At a recent board meeting, it was decided to limit submissions to **3 prints and 3 EIDs** for 2021-22. The categories will remain the same for EIDS: Monochrome, Altered Reality and Traditional, and both Monochrome and Color for Print submissions.

PRINT COMPETITION - We're awaiting word from the Columbia Council of Camera Clubs (4C's) as to whether we'll once again be having print competitions in 2021-22. If so, we'll send out information as soon as we hear. If not, there will be even more time for educational programs. One of our proposed programs will be a demonstration by *Neal Thompson* on a quick way to mat prints for competition (or to hang on your walls!).

FIRST MEETING OF 2021-22 - As of now, the first SOPA meeting of the year will be held *in person* on September 7, 2021 at the *United Church of Christ on East Jackson* in Medford. The meeting room is spacious, has a large pull-down screen for our projector, and a kitchen for making coffee. *Terry Tuttle* is working out arrangements. He's reserved the first and second Tuesdays of the month for SOPA's regular meetings.

SEND IN YOUR DUES FOR 2021-22 - Please send a check for dues to *SOPA Treasurer, Andi Shapiro, 7122 Hwy 66, Ashland, OR 97520*. Now that we will be meeting again in person (and will have room rental expenses), dues will revert back to **\$45 per individual or \$60 per couple**.

SOPA FIELD TRIP IN JULY - A summer field trip to *Bandon's Circles in the Sand* (and hopefully some night photography, weather permitting) will be held **August 9-12, 2021**. *Al Ingersoll* has arranged for a block of rooms at *Sunset Oceanfront Lodging*. We hope to have some dinners together as well. As of this writing, the *Sunset* still needs 3 more rooms booked in order to get our group rate (so please book directly with them rather than discount websites!) If interested, contact *Kyra* at the *Sunset*: 541-347-2453 and tell her you'd like to book for the SOPA group. Other

questions? Contact *Al Ingersoll* at alanw46@charter.net

PHOTO EXHIBIT - *Judy Lanier* has a piece in the Rogue Valley Biennial art show at the Grants Pass Museum of Art. This is a juried show that runs from June 3 to July 17.

HIGH POINT WINNERS FOR 2020-21 - EID Chair Al Ingersoll calculated high point winners for 2020-21. Out of 24 competitors, and the members below scored the highest points for the year. (The lowest monthly score was subtracted from each individual's total points from the competition year.)

- 1st Place - 954.5 points - Howard Hunt
- 2nd Place - 949 points - George Peterson
- 3rd Place - 944.5 points - Vivian McAleavey
- Honorable Mention - 942 points - Richard Krieger
- Honorable Mention - 938 points - Andi Shapiro
- Honorable Mention - 931 points - Barbara Tricarico

“IMAGE OF THE YEAR” - Congratulations to the *Susan Quinn*, who won “*Image of the Year*” as well as end of year “*1st Grand Prize in Altered Reality*” for her photo, “Elephant Walk” (below). Her entry was voted #1 out of 114 images.



WINNING IMAGES OF THE YEAR BY CATEGORY:

Altered Reality:

1st Grand Prize - Susan Quinn, "Elephant Walk"

2nd Grand Prize - Neal Thompson, "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes"

3rd Grand Prize - Randy Bryan, "Pond Worthy"

Honorable Mention - George Peterson, "Helsinki 2050"

Traditional:

1st Grand Prize - Gary Hill, "After My Nap"

2nd Grand Prize - Barbara Tricarico, "Lilac Breasted Roller"

3rd Grand Prize - Howard Hunt, "Grey Wolf Lookout"

Honorable Mention - Neal Thompson, "House Fly"

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Monochrome:

1st Grand Prize - Richard Krieger, "Survivor of the Rwanda Genocide"

2nd Grand Prize - John Petersen, "Uncle Oke"

3rd Grand Prize - Jon Wilbrecht, "Street Peddler"



Neal Thompson - "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes" - 2nd Grand Prize, Altered Reality (above)



Randy Bryan - "Pond Worthy" - 3rd Grand Prize, Altered Reality (above)



George Peterson - "Helsinki 2050"- Honorable Mention, Altered Reality (above)



Gary Hill - "After My Nap" - 1st Grand Prize, Traditional (above)



Barbara Tricarico - "Lilac Breasted Roller" - 2nd Grand Prize, Traditional (above)



Howard Hunt - "Grey Wolf Lookout" - 3rd Grand Prize, Traditional (above)



Neal Thompson - "House Fly" - Honorable Mention, Traditional (above)



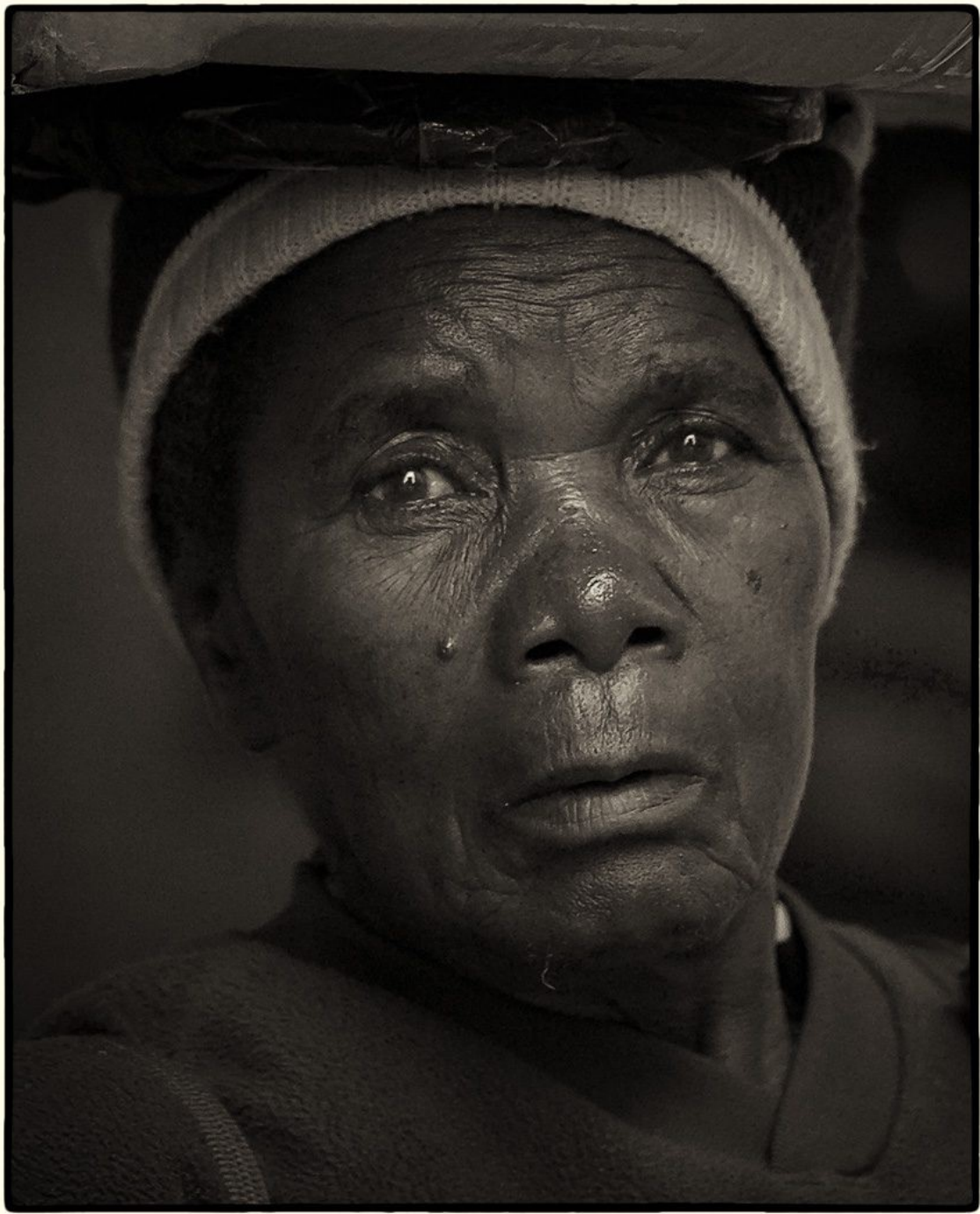
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Richard Krieger - "Survivor of the Rwanda Genocide" - 1st Grand Prize - Monochrome (above)



John Petersen - "Uncle Oke" - 2nd Grand Prize - Monochrome (above)



Jon Wilbrecht - "Street Peddler" - 3rd Grand Prize - Monochrome (above)

CONGRATULATIONS TO ELECTED SOPA OFFICERS - 2021-22

President - Barbara Tricarico

Vice President - Judy LaNier

Treasurer - Andrea Shapiro

Secretary - Susan Quinn

EID Chair - Al Ingersoll

Print Chair - George Peterson

Webmaster - Randy Bryan

Publicity/Field Trips - Terry Tuttle

4C's Representative - Vivian McAleavey

Membership - Cynthia Briseno

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