

Capital District Newsletter

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Governor's Message:

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and, by the time you read this, a fun Capital District holiday party. Make sure that in the midst of the upcoming holiday rush you remember to take an occasional break to step back from the business and have some time for yourself and your family.

Just around the corner is our state convention, so it's not too early to start thinking about those competition prints. Our upcoming meeting will focus on ways to improve your images, so be sure to join us there.

Speaking of meetings, we have a lot of members in our district that never seem to make it to them. My question to you is "why?" Our association exists to serve our members, and one of those services provided is the educational opportunities found at each of our monthly meetings. So if you haven't attended in a while, let us know why. Is it the speaker selection, or perhaps the meeting locations? Do you have ideas for topics that you would like covered? Do you prefer creative talks or practical demonstrations? We would really like to hear from you, so don't be shy!

Have a great holiday season, and I'll see you at the next meeting.

David Godwin

CALENDAR OF
UPCOMING EVENTS

December 16

Capital District Meeting
Print Critique
w/Pat Hanson
Location TBA

January 20

Capital District Meeting
Speaker and Topic TBA
Location TBA

February 19-24

VPPA Convention
Pirates of the Carribean
“Arrrrrrrrrr”

Hilton - Short Pump Town Ctr
191 Town Center West Blvd
Richmond, VA 23233
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NOTE - THIS IS A CHANGE

Christmas is coming...

And by now, the country has been inundated by a veritable army of men (and some ladies) in fur-clad red suits. When it comes to the ubiquitous lists that gets delivered to the Army of Kringle my only contribution is a line item that says “Guidance on which images to submit for Print Competition.” I don’t know about you, but each winter I spend far too much time agonizing over which images I feel are suitable and subsequently, far too little time preparing the images for printing. Seems like a lopsided division of resources....right?

Well...some help is on the way. The monthly meeting coming up in December is designed to help anyone who have issues getting ready for competition. Pat Hanson will be with us on the 16th for a Print Critique. This is the perfect opportunity to bring along any images you think are competition worthy...worked or unworked. Pat will help you with insight on how the image is likely to be judged, what it might score, and how the image can be improved to score even better. What better way to prepare???

Bring along a CD with a few images (sized to 8x10 at 300dpi) on it to the meeting on the 16th and lets get ready to ALL score higher this year.

And speaking of the Convention...there’s been a change of venue for the 2010 Convention. It’s listed to the left in the sidebar, and I’ve also detailed the new location below. We hope to see everyone there for a great time learning from some of the country’s best.

James Cook (Capital District Secretary)

A Few reminders...

Future Capital District Monthly Meetings

We're still working on the upcoming set of meetings and I'll be sure to update you all as more information comes together. As of right now, this is what we're anticipating...

December 16 -- Get ready for Annual Print competition with a Print Critique with Pat Hanson
Location still TBA...I'll send out an email the instant we get this confirmed.

January 20 -- TBA

February -- No monthly meeting due to Annual State Convention

March and beyond -- TBA

VPPA Annual Convention February 19-24

Don't forget about the upcoming annual convention. This year's lineup of speakers is second to None and we feel rivals the lineup you can find at most National level venues. Get your competition prints ready, bring your checkbook for the fantastic Tradeshow and don't forget to bring your Buccaneer duds for the All-convention Party...the theme is Pirates of the Carribean.

Please take special note of the change of location of the convention. This year's convention will now be held at the BRAND NEW Hilton out in Short Pump in Richmond's far west end. Located just East of Short Pump Town Center, right off of the I-64 interchange with Rt 250 in Short Pump, more details are below.

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