

EXPOSURES

Springfield Photographic Society

Photo challenges

September: Still Life

October: Monuments

November: Emotion

December: Panorama

January: Trails

February: Collections

March: Barns

April: Funny/Humor

May: Dr. Seuss Sculpture Garden

Meet Nick DeCondio

The images of Nick DeCondio are featured as our first Member Profile of 2020. He is the latest member we're getting to know better in Exposures. Turn to pages 2 and 3 to meet Nick.

We'd like you to participate as well. To do so, submit a short biography, a portrait and a selection of eight photos to Jim Gillen at gillenj@me.com. Size the photos as you would for the monthly exhibition.

People's Choice winners

The People's Choice Award winners from the December exhibition are:

- * Dawn at Morton Pond – Sylvia Pyzocha
- * South from Conor Pass – Jim Gillen
- * View From Kripalu – Eileen Donelan



Attending the club's holiday banquet at Collegian Court were, left to right, Larry and Susan Sanchez and Carol Reed. More photos on page 4.

Iconic New England scenes sought for Hadley Printing 2021 calendar

By KEVIN FAY

The Springfield Photographic Society has been selected to provide the images for the 2021 Hadley Printing Co. calendar.

If you want to get one of your pictures in a widely distributed calendar, here is your chance. This is a New England scenic calendar and Hadley Printing will pick the final 12 images.

Here are some thoughts: Hadley Printing seems to like panoramas and often picks pictures with water in them: lakes, streams, harbor views, etc. However, there are mountain, farm and forest scenes, too. They go for iconic New England accents: covered bridges, barns, lighthouses and fishing boats. They generally do

not use pictures with people in them.

Also remember that this is a relatively square calendar: 12 inches wide and 9 inches high. So you should crop your pictures to that shape. A really tall or very wide photo would not fit.

Please pick no more than six pictures and send them

to spsmailinglist@gmail.com. The pictures should be sized to the standard club specs: 1400x1050. The naming convention should be Your Name-Location-City, St. Example: Kevin Fay-Quabbin Reservoir-Belchertown, MA.

Complete your submissions by Feb. 15 since we want to review them and deliver to Hadley Printing by the end of February.

SPS MEMBER PROFILE

Nick DeCondio

I still remember taking my first photograph with black and white film in 1965. It was when I asked my dad if I could use the camera when my sister's godparents were leaving from New York City for Italy on the S.S. Michelangelo cruise ship. I remember that there was an open door so I went through it and shot a photo of the ship leaving port. After that I had a passion for collecting photographic memories for family and friends. Just to see the smile on many people's faces when they see the results of what I have taken for them is a reward in itself.



I was born in Oceanside, L.I., and moved to Massachusetts in 1975. I started my career with Big Y in 1977 and have been with them for more than 40 years. Besides my regular position there, I was also involved with many photography projects. I joined the Springfield Photographic Society in the 1980s. I guess the most memorable part was the club's involvement with the international salon. It was wonderful to to see all the slides that came from all over the world, to sort them and to present them in an awesome salon slideshow for many people to see.

Oh yes, then there was one day at one of our meetings back in the 1980s that Owen Santers asked me if I was interested in helping with the Equipment Committee at the NECCC conference at UMass. The volunteer job was one of the most intense, stressful and rewarding jobs there was. And I still volunteer for NECCC today with many of the same committee members from back then. I have also been volunteering at the Valley Photo Center in Springfield for more than 15 years.

When I earned a business degree at Holyoke Community College, I also enrolled in photography classes where I found a passion for developing black and white photographs. I would spend hours in the darkroom



Among Nick DeCondio's favorite images are "Wood Carver at the Big E" and "Visions of the Virgin Mary in Bank Window."

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Also among Nick DeCondio's choice photos are, clockwise from left, "A Study of Color in the Fall," "Wheel of the Past," and "And They're Off, Study in B&W."



Nick DeCondio

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developing photographs and would shoot for the school newsletter.

I have been fortunate to travel to many places to capture time and preserve memories. Some of my favorite places, of course, are Italy and Canada where my relatives live. On one of my trips, I visited Arizona with my brother-in-law. We rented motorcycles and toured the state from south of Phoenix to the Grand Canyon. And boy was that a trip. The temperature ranged from

90 degrees some days to waking up one morning to 30 degrees and snow. I was lucky enough to have that story published in the Valley Photo Center magazine.

My favorite areas to photograph, well, I love all areas – nature, fashion, events, people, animals, architecture. You get the picture. Ha ha.

Photography has been a big, big part of my life and to share my work is a reward in itself. One of my favorite quotes is, "Life has many roads, which to go down is a known unknown destination."

You can see more of my photos on my website: <https://nicdecophotography.smugmug.com/> or on Instagram @bellonico2014.

36 attend club's annual holiday banquet



Among the 36 attending the holiday banquet were, clockwise from top left, Rosemary Polletta and Dee Nacewicz, Eileen Donelan and Amy Dane, Al and Judy LaFleche, and Debi and Richard Harper.



SPS member/naturalist to lead Mass Audubon programs

A wide array of programs for adults, families and children is scheduled by Mass Audubon between January and May, some of which will be led by Springfield Photographic Society member and naturalist Kevin Kopchynski.

For adults, on Jan. 12 and 19 and May 3 and 17 from 1-4 p.m., he will provide an introduction to digital nature photography at the Hampden Town House. He'll take visitors on a winter walk at Laughing Brook

Wildlife Sanctuary in Hampden Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For families and children, tracking and animal signs will be highlighted at Laughing Brook Jan. 18 or Feb. 15 from 10-11:30 a.m. He will discuss vernal pools April 18 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Laughing Brook and wildflowers on May 16 from 10-11:30 p.m.

For a look at all the central and western Massachusetts Mass Audubon programs check the website: massaudubon.org/programs

Exhibition results – Prints, projected images for December

Judges: Amy Dane, Joyce Doty, Kevin Fay and Barbara Krawczyk

Digital

Artistic

Judy Bolio	Smoking Hot Martini	29	HA
Kevin Fay	Fall Colors at Highland Lake	28	HA
Al LaFleche	Hollyhocks	28	HA
Nancy Bryant	Fantastic Sunset	27	HA
Barbara Krawczyk	Galerie of the Red Pants	27	HA
Sylvia Pyzocha	Lily Double	27	HA
Rachel Bellenoit	Ghostly Peony	26	HM
Fred LeBlanc	Lighthouse Orbs	26	HM
Amy Dane	Family Togetherness	25	
Richard Harper	Gentle Side of Life	25	
Tim Donelan	Golden Fall	25	
Jim Gillen	Heading Home	25	
Darlene Anderson	Ethereal Beauty	24	
Jim Theres	Have One	24	
Eileen Donelan	Poppy Mallow	23	
Gwen McNierney	I Love Autumn (m)	22	

Black and White

Fred LeBlanc	Love	29	HA
Barbara Krawczyk	Montmartre Artists	27	HA
Nancy Bryant	Storm to the North	27	HA
Amy Dane	Surprise Ending	27	HA
Darlene Anderson	Eye to the Sky	26	HM
Kevin Fay	Mill on the Pond	26	HM
Joyce Doty	Seeking Words of Comfort 3	25	
Joyce Doty	Grain Being Swept (m)	24	
Judy Bolio	Candy Shoppe	24	
Jim Gillen	Head's Up	24	
Frank Rucki	Snow Day	24	
Sylvia Pyzocha	Wind and Surf	24	
Rachel Bellenoit	Be Careful	23	
Eileen Donelan	Growing in Harsh Conditions	23	
Richard Harper	Desolation	22	
Tim Donelan	Vermont Barn	22	

Challenge

Rosemary Polletta	Roped Off in Breisach (Print)	28	HA
Sylvia Pyzocha	Dawn at Morton Pond	27	HA
Joyce Doty	Fall Season Lake Scene	27	HA
Barbara Krawczyk	Homage to a Chamois	27	HA
Jim Gillen	South from Conor Pass	27	HA
Eileen Donelan	View From Kripalu	27	HA
Nancy Bryant	West to West	27	HA
Kevin Fay	BNSF Railroad Panorama	26	HM
Jerry Nardi	Clouds over Singapore	26	HM
Amy Dane	Kazbegi Mountains Hike	26	HM
Tim Donelan	Sedona Panorama	26	HM
Larry Sanchez	Almeria Mountains	25	
Dave Taupier	Monson Valley	25	
Marie Meder	Seattle Skyline	25	
Jim Theres	Winter Farm	25	
Gail Dinsmore	Canyon Color	24	

Charlie Strong	Colorado in June	24	
Richard Harper	San Francisco Mountain	24	
Judy Bolio	Dinosaur Footprint	23	
Darlene Anderson	Silver Sands Beach	23	
Al LaFleche	Mt. Nonotuck	22	

General

Gwen McNierney	King of the Mountain	30	HA
Eileen Donelan	Grasshopper on Pear	29	HA
Fred LeBlanc	Red Skies	29	HA
Frank Rucki	Nubble Lighthouse	28	HA
Sylvia Pyzocha	Pollen Load	28	HA
Richard Harper	And the Rockets Red Glare	27	HA
Barbara Krawczyk	Foggy Morning	27	HA
Gail Dinsmore	I Gotcha	27	HA
Jim Gillen	Irish Rainbow	27	HA
Nancy Bryant	June Sunset	27	HA
Rachel Bellenoit	The Australian Crawl	27	HA
Judy Bolio	Avalon Pier	26	HM
Kevin Fay	Mike Trout at Wrigley Field	26	HM
Amy Dane	Old Guys Smoking Hookahs	26	HM
Tim Donelan	View from Duomo	26	HM
Jim Theres	Asymmetrical	25	
Darlene Anderson	Follow Your Path	25	
Marie Meder	Stringing Tomatoes	25	
Al LaFleche	5 Star Garden	24	
Joyce Doty	Enjoying the View	24	
Larry Sanchez	Mangrove Island	22	

Nature

Kevin Fay	Flight of the Snow Geese	29	HA
Richard Harper	Red Winged Dasher	29	HA
Sylvia Pyzocha	White Heron With Fish	29	HA
Tim Donelan	Cathedral Rock Reflection	28	HA
Barbara Krawczyk	Getting Pretty	28	HA
Larry Sanchez	Green Heron	28	HA
Eileen Donelan	Light Before the Storm	28	HA
Joyce Doty	Nesting Pair of Herons (m)	27	HA
Nancy Bryant	Dew on Web	27	HA
Rachel Bellenoit	Male Wood Duck in Snow	27	HA
Jim Gillen	Building a Nest	25	
Gwen McNierney	Glacier	25	
Marie Meder	Rainbow Basin	25	
Darlene Anderson	Walking on Seashells	25	
Joyce Doty	Duck	24	
Judy Bolio	Tadpole for Lunch	24	
Jim Theres	Looking Around	23	
Al LaFleche	Droplets	22	
Gail Dinsmore	No Swimming Here	21	

Prints

Artistic

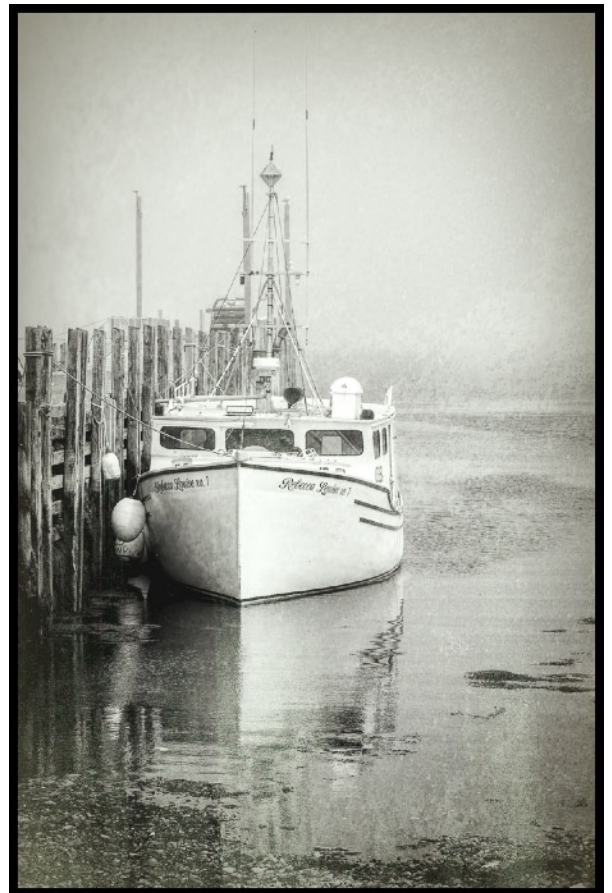
Rosemary Polletta	Blooming Wildflower (Print)	26	HM
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Large Black & White

Kevin Fay	Leaving Antonito	29	HA
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Popular prints from December exhibition



Leading off in prints in the December exhibition are, clockwise from the top, "Leaving Antonito" by Kevin Fay, "The Rebecca Louise" by Rosemary Polletta and "Yellow Orange Mums" by Eileen Donelan.

December prints



Also in prints are, clockwise from above, "Botanical 2" by Rosemary Polletta, "Tioga Ave Building" by Joyce Doty, "Sundown at Old Forge" by Gail Dinsmore and "The Maroon Bells" by Kevin Fay.



Digital results from December exhibition

Artistic

Highlighting the artistic category in December are, clockwise from the right, "Smoking Hot Martini" by Judy Bolio, "Galerie of the Red Pants" by Barbara Krawczyk, "Hollyhocks" by Al LaFleche and "Lily Double" by Sylvia Pyzocha.





Black & White

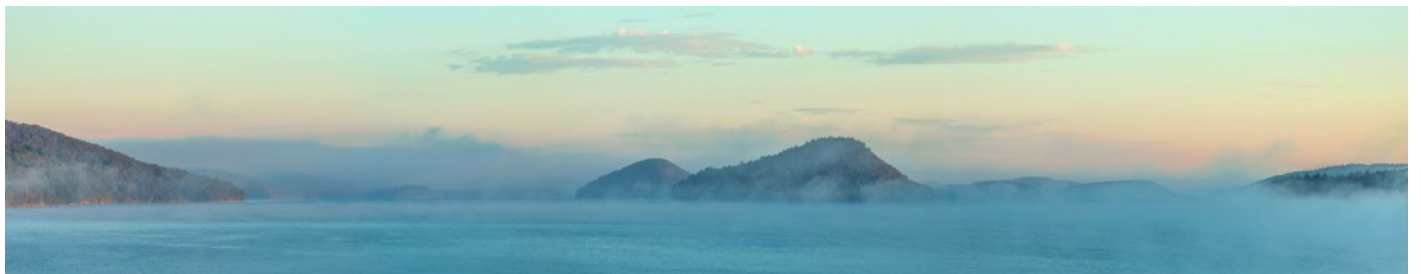


Clockwise from the top are black & white entries, "Storm to the North" by Nancy Bryant, "Love" by Fred LeBlanc, "Seeking Words of Comfort" by Joyce Doty and "Eye to the Sky" by Darlene Anderson.



Challenge: Panorama

Panorama was the topic for December's challenge. Among the entries were, from the top, "View from Kripalu" by Eileen Donelan, "Homage to a Chamois" by Barbara Krawczyk, "Dawn at Morton Pond" by Sylvia Pyzocha and "South from Conor Pass" by Jim Gillen.



General

General entries included, clockwise from right, "King of the Mountain" by Gwen McNierney, "Nubble Lighthouse" by Frank Rucki, "Red Skies" by Fred LeBlanc, "Grasshopper on Pear" by Eileen Donelan and "And the Rockets Red Glare" by Richard Harper.



Nature

Nature entries included, clockwise from left, "Red Winged Dasher" by Richard Harper, "Green Heron" by Larry Sanchez, "Dew on Web" by Nancy Bryant, "White Heron With Fish" by Sylvia Pyzocha and "Cathedral Rock Reflection" by Tim Donelan.



**SPRINGFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2019-2020**
83rd Year

NAME _____

SPOUSE/PARTNER 1st NAME _____

FAMILY NAMES (family membership) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Membership Fees

- Individual \$35.00*
- Family \$50.00*
- High School Student Free*
(Copy of student ID required)

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL

PSA MEMBER? Yes No

Springfield Photographic Society Field Trip Release Form

I (we), the undersigned, understand that the Springfield Photographic Society requires participants to share responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others during field trips. We hereby acknowledge that as participants in field trips we may be exposed to risks, including but not limited to, vehicular travel over land and water, foot travel over difficult terrain, and unexpected weather conditions. We may also encounter hazardous plants, wildlife, and/or insects. In the event of injury, we understand that we may face delays in reaching professional medical help. We fully accept these risks and agree to hold the Springfield Photographic Society, its officers, directors, volunteers, and agents free from any and all liability for injuries and/or loss which we may incur, directly or indirectly, while on a trip.

<i>Signature</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>In Case of Emergency (Provide a name and phone number)</i>

Please make your check payable to ***Springfield Photographic Society***
Mail to SPS Treasurer ***Carol Reed, 395 Porter Lake Dr. #306, Longmeadow, MA 01106***
(or bring them to the next meeting)

Exhibition results

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Joyce Doty	Tioga Ave Building	27	HA
Joyce Doty	Tioga Ave Building Interior (m)	24	
Rosemary Polletta	Lucky Catch	23	

Large Color

Rosemary Polletta	Botanical 2	30	HA
Kevin Fay	The Maroon Bells	30	HA
Eileen Donelan	Yellow Orange Mums	27	HA
Joyce Doty	Lakeside Cabin at Nighttime	26	HM
Joyce Doty	Abandoned Building, Tioga Ave (m)	25	
Gail Dinsmore	Sundown at Old Forge	24	

Small Black & White

Kevin Fay	Marching at the Big E	26	HA
Rosemary Polletta	The Rebecca Louise	26	HA
Joyce Doty	Duck Searching for Food	25	HM
Joyce Doty	Rustic Window (m)	23	

Small Color

Kevin Fay	Woodstock Girl 50 Years On	28	HA
Joyce Doty	Golden Sunset at the Lake (m)	26	HA
Sylvia Pyzocha	Fritillary on Joe Pye	26	HA
Joyce Doty	Cabin Light Across the Pond	25	HM
Gail Dinsmore	Happy Day	24	

2019-2020 SPS calendar

Date	Event	Details
Jan. 8	Exhibition	Trails
Jan. 15	Board meeting	
Jan. 22	Program	TBA
Feb. 12	Exhibition	Collections
Feb. 19	Board meeting	
Feb. 26	Program	Members' showcase
March 11	Exhibition	Barns
March 18	Board meeting	
March 25	Program	TBA
April 8	Exhibition	Funny/humor
April 15	Board meeting	
April 22	Program	TBA
May 13	Exhibition	Dr. Seuss Sculpture Garden
May 20	Board meeting	
May 27	Year-end banquet	

SPS Officers and Directors

Elected positions

President	Kevin Fay
Vice President (Prints)	Karen Lemoine
Vice President (Projected Images)	Larry Sanchez
Treasurer	Carol Reed
Secretary	Carol Reed
Directors	Tim Donelan, Joyce Doty, Denis Duquette, Jim Gillen, Dee Nacewicz, Guenther Schubert

Appointed positions

Judge Coordinator/Exhibition Standards	Barbara Krawczyk
Loomis Gallery Curator	Rosemary Polletta
Membership Chair	Carol Reed
NECCC Representative	Richard Harper
Newsletter Editor	Jim Gillen
Social Media	Nick DeCondio
Trip Coordinator	Open
Website Manager	Charlie Strong

EXPOSURES

Exposures is the monthly newsletter of the Springfield Photographic Society. SPS is affiliated with the Photographic Society of America and the New England Camera Club Council. Society meetings are held at Loomis Lakeside at Reed's Landing, 807 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, September through May. The SPS website is <https://springfield-ps.com>. President Kevin Fay can be reached at kevin.fay44@gmail.com



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