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NEXT MEETING:
Tues. Nov 13 2012

Meeting Schedule

Nov 13
Dec 9
Holiday Party
Please make your reservations now!

7:30 PM at
El Palacio
Sports Hotel
21485 N.W. 27th Ave,
Miami, 33056
305-621-5801

Cover Shot
Dean Pasko
Submit “Cover Photo” material to the Newsletter Editor
Suzan Meldonian, 561-394-6391
or e-mail: newsletter@sfups.org
Info about the image is appreciated.
DEADLINE IS THE 25th!

Presentation:
Presented by Patrice Marker
My Underwater Photo Journey

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My Underwater Photo Journey

By Patrice Marker

Where is your favorite place to dive? Whenever I am asked this, I have a difficult time answering. What kind of question is that anyway? Of course there are places that I seem to visit over and over, but again, each visit is different. Yet there is a reason to return. There is also a reason to try someplace new. And there is the next “favorite” place to be discovered. I once considered Indonesia to be my favorite because I returned there the most often. The diversity is great for photography and the price can’t be beat. Yet, after my first visit to dive in the Philippines, I returned there twice more in rapid succession.

I would someday like to photograph a great white shark, a tiger shark, and even dive the Antarctic or Arctic, but even if I never do these things, there are many great dives and photographic opportunities close to home.

I have yet to get really good photos of some of the more common creatures. It is too tempting to go after the unusual or the most photogenic subjects. I have vast numbers of photos that I have not given a second look. I really need to take a few years off to just weed through what I have taken and delete/delete/delete. I know there must be some gems there but they are hidden, just like the necessary item in my garage that I know I own but cannot find. I’m off to Home Depot to buy it again.

I must remember that it is not the destination, but the journey that beckons me. The learning is never ending. Will I ever master wide angle, or capture a remarkable critter portrait? I hope one day I am really good at underwater photography. For me it is great fun, most of the time. When I cry in frustration, it is usually underwater and hopefully no one I know sees this. This is just a hobby...

I will take you on a photo journey from Florida, the Caribbean and Atlantic, Palau, Indonesia, Egypt, Fiji, and the Philippines. I will be showing pictures from my film days and digital photography from the past 8 years. I hope you will come along.
Members in the News

Congratulations to Nils Jacobsen, Linda Ianniello & Patrice Marker for their photos getting published (and Nils got cover design !!) in the prestigious Lighthouse Point Magazine, (look for a copy in the area from Ft. Lauderdale to Boca Raton) in an article by Eunice Hamblen October 2012 issue.
If you’d like to catch a peek go to:  http://lhpmag.com/lhp-divers-explore-philippine-waters

Congratulations to Suzan Meldonian on her article on the Blue Heron Bridge in Sport Diver’s October Magazine and also on her online gallery there as well.
http://www.sportdiver.com/photos/blue-heron-bridge-secret-mecca-muck

And also congrats to Suzan for contributing to the success and completion on the new Reef & Snorkel park at the Blue Heron Bridge that officially opened in October 2012.

and congrats to Anne DuPont for her contribution of images to the new Kiosk at the Blue Heron Bridge that shows examples of some of the critters that can be found there.

Club member Anne DuPont has also had some of her underwater photographs selected for permanent installation at The West Palm Beach Waterfront Interpretive Installation on Flagler Drive -if you are up that way- check out her images !

Phil Rudin’s article is published in Underwater Photography Magazine this month, along with Steve Kovac’s photo.  http://www.uwpmag.com

SPECIAL THANKS GOES OUT TO CHRIS GUG for manning the SFUPS booth at the Ft. Lauderdale Boat Show !!
Your Invited!

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9, 2012
5:30 PM

SFUPS ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW

$48.00 per person & cash bar

Please send your checks to Party Master
Sharon Baron
12710 SW 77 Street
Miami, Florida 33183
305-775-7092

1555 Southeast 17th Street
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
(954) 525-7400

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http://biminiboatyard.com/

Please SEND IN YOUR payment to  RESERVE YOUR SPACE: BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO CELEBRATE OUR END OF THE YEAR PARTY & SHARE OUR WONDERFUL OCEAN CAPTURES WITH ALL. GREAT DOOR PRIZES AND OF COURSE... THE ACCLAIMED, THE PRESTIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR!
http://www.naturesbestphotography.com/enter_othercompetitions.php

Voice of the Ocean 2013 The ADEX Photo/Video Competition
Couple of different categories with different deadlines.
Photo Competition; Deadline: 15 January 2013

http://www.caradonna.com/enter_othercompetitions.php
800-329-9989 Mon-Fri 9am-6pm EST

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Winners Oct Intra Club Contest
Masters: The Color Orange

1st Place: Steve Kovacs

2nd Place: Steve Kovacs

3rd Place: Wayne MacWilliams

4th Place: Rob Myers

5th Place: Tony Barros
Winners Oct Intra Club Contest
Challengers: Shadows

1st Place Kirk Kilfoyle

2nd Place: Patrice Marker

3rd Place: Mike Schmale
Digital Files:
Realizing that some computer adjustments are necessary for digital files, we ask that only minor adjustments be made in the computer. Only minor cropping, color adjustments, backscatter removal and sharpening are allowed. No extreme computer manipulation, removing items or adding items to the image.

- Images will be submitted prior to the meeting so that they can be compiled for easy viewing and judging.
- Image size should be 1400 pixels on the long side in order to be displayed properly by our new HD digital projector. Images should be submitted in JPEG format.
- Each image file name must include your name, month, category, and number. Use “mastr” for Masters Category and “chall” for Challengers category. For example an image submitted by John Doe for the January Challengers contest would be named: J Doe-JanChall-1.jpeg
- Entries must sent via email to Jim Mears at audiovisual@sfups.org by 12 noon on the Sunday before the meeting.

Once an image has won in any category, it must be retired from further competitions.

Jim will send you a confirming email to let you know he has received the file.

Send to audiovisual@sfups.org

If you can’t find your newsletter- you can always check on our website. www.sfups.org For our new members, winning shots accumulate points throughout the year. Challengers may compete in both Challengers and Masters categories. Only 2 entries per month -per person (except on the day contests). Masters are those who have previously won Photographer of the year, and they may only compete in the Masters categories.

The person with the highest points wins the illustrious title of “Photographer of the Year” and is awarded a beautiful trophy. Please see the website for the point system. Good luck! Bonne chance!
Well, it's getting that time again for the SFUPS Club Holiday Party on December 9th. I would like to not show the old videos that I have shown on the past couple of Holiday Parties during the social hour, before the sit down dinner and during the dinner this year. I order to do this I need NEW VIDEO FROM THE CLUB MEMBERS. I think that we all agree that it's nice to have video playing during this time instead of just playing music. However, it would be nice to see something NEW!! You have plenty of time to put together some video clips before the party. If you want to keep your name off of the video and just send some footage, just let me know. I will need your video sent to me no later than midnight, Sunday November 25th in order to have time to put it all together.

I have a drop box set up with “You Send It” so that you can just send your video files now via the internet. Please click on, or copy and paste into your browser the link below. Once you do, it will bring up a screen to fill out with just a couple of items and then you can upload your video. I will get a message once it is complete so that I can download it to my program to place it into the Holiday Party program. Since we need plus or minus two (2) hours of video, you can make your video say up to 20 or 25 minutes if you like since I usually don't get to many members that send me video. I would like to still see some video from your still cameras also since many of you now have the capability to do this. Looking forward to getting your video soon.

If you have any questions just email or call me.

Link to go to, to send your video file: https://dropbox.yousendit.com/MearsPhoto

Jim Mears

AudioVisual@sfups.org
Parting Shot

by
Dean Pasko

Dean is the SFUPS Featured Photographer for Dec 2012

Visit www.sfups.org to see our galleries

South Florida Underwater Photography Society
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

SFUPS is a Non-Profit Organization promoting interest in Underwater Photography and general awareness of our ocean’s creatures through photography. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month (January -November) at 7:30 pm at the El Palacio Hotel located at 21485 NW 27th Avenue off the Florida Turnpike, Miami, FL, 33056 305-621-5801 near Calder Raceway

Annual Dues are $35.00 (individual), $45.00 (family) and $20.00 for “Out of Area” non-participating members. Dues are payable each January. After June 1st, dues are pro-rated to 1/2 of the above for new members only.

A Membership form must be completed, signed and returned along with payment, a copy of your C-Card and dive insurance. Make checks Payable to SFUPS and send to: SFUPS c/o Sharon Baron 12710 SW 77 St., Miami, FL 33183

Membership forms can be found on our website at www.sfups.org and also available at the meetings, or contact Membership@sfups.org