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A BIG SFUPS Thank You to Craig Dietrich

Thank you to Craig Dietrich for his insightful presentation about the trials, tribulations and the beauty of extreme cold water diving in the remote seas of Alaska.

http://www.dietrichunderwater.com/

Announcements

SFUPS is very excited about the upcoming exhibit in the Alvin Sherman Library at Nova Southeastern. This library features a beautiful gallery used purposely for art exhibits. This gallery is host to many business and community events and will be a great location to showcase SFUPS members’ work. Thanks to all the people who have volunteered their pieces for the exhibit. We have room for a few more pieces so let Suzanne know asap if you would like to have any of your work added. We still need volunteers to help put the display up on Friday evening April 19th at 6pm. Please email Suzanne at if you have a few hours to help. Remember, your piece must be wired to hang when you deliver it and everyone must fill out the liability release to have their work displayed. To get a copy of the release and all the information about framing, protecting and delivering your piece check out the website at http://www.sfups.org/News&Events.html

Susan Mears has been kind enough to make the labels for each piece so that they are all uniform. You must email Susan with your information by April 14 to have a label for your piece!

Baynanza 2013

Baynanza's 31st Anniversary celebration is just around the corner! Events begin mid-March, and the highlight -- the Biscayne Bay Clean-up Day -- will take place Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. - noon. Residents can volunteer and help clean one of our most precious natural resources, Biscayne Bay, and its surroundings. Boaters can also participate. http://www.miamidade.gov/development/baynanza/baynanza-2013.asp

Force E Scuba Presents

Nathalie Brunet will give a presentation at Force E Scuba in Pompano Beach, at 7pm on Thursday April 11. This presentation will focus on the situation of the reefs in Haiti.
April Featured Photographer — Mark Widick

Much of my photography is driven by my attempt to capture details of "the big picture". I use panoramic techniques to capture large images in very high resolution. I tailor my photographic solutions to unusual circumstances through creation of customized equipment. Cameras may range from a modified military reconnaissance large format film camera to pocket digital. I am also strongly influenced by having grown up near the launch facilities of Cape Canaveral. (My father worked for NASA). I enjoy the process of fabricating new "gizmos" in my garage to fit the needs of a photographic project. This has resulted in me being called a "garage-ista" and adds greatly to my enjoyment of my efforts.

I am a new comer to underwater photography. My introduction was due to a need to protect cameras I was using to photograph the Space Shuttle launches. We needed to protect them from rain and became the proud owners of a prototype underwater housing for the new Hasselblad digital medium format cameras. They were quickly re-purposed back to underwater use as the space shuttles stopped flying. I am now a very enthusiastic underwater photographer and am looking forward to learning from my SFUPS friends.
Richard began scuba diving 32 years ago and eventually decided to join his passion for photography with his love of diving. His work and adventures have appeared in many periodicals, the latest being Scuba Diving Magazine, Parade Magazine, Sun-Sentinel and the Hartford Courant Travel Section. He is retired from public education and supervision, but has continued as Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security in CT for over 33 years.

He has recently joined the ranks of many scientists, explorers and astronauts by presenting his work at the “On the Shoulders of Giants” series at Talcott Mountain Science Center in CT.

For the last five years, he has been doing underwater photo-journalism for two companies in California that send him around the world to photograph the wonders below.

In his “spare” time Rich has used his radio license to communicate with the cosmonauts on Mir and the astronauts on both the Space Shuttle and International Space Station. He has confirmed contacts with people in every country and island on earth.

Rich has taught photography, he and his wife Lynn have taught ballroom dancing, and gone to Buenos Aires where they applied their Argentine Tango skills. Rich has done shows for numerous clubs, civic groups and foundations, the Florida Dive Show and has just finished his eighth year of presenting his work at the “Beneath the Sea Exposition” in NJ, which is the largest consumer diving/photography convention in North America.

His work has shown in galleries and he had a two-month one man show in 2012. His work will be shown again December 5 to January 1.
Join SFUPS for the next meeting on April 9, 2013 at 7pm. Social time will be from 7pm until 7:30 with the meeting starting at 7:30pm.

SFUPS meetings are located at the El Palacio Hotel, (Near Calder Casino) 21485 N.W. 27th Avenue Miami, FL 33056.

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**More Announcements**

**Force E Sponsored Blue Heron Bridge Night Dive Schedule**

- April 8th – 7-9pm
- April 24th – 7:20 –9:20pm
- May 8th – 7:30-9:30pm
- May 23rd – 7-9pm
- June 6th – 7-9pm
- June 22nd – 7:30-9:30pm
- July 6th – 7:15-9:15pm
- July 21st – 7-9pm
- August 5th – 7:30-9:30pm
- August 19th – 7-9pm
- September 3rd – 7-9pm
- September 18th – 7:15-9:15pm
- October 3rd – 7-9pm
- October 17th – 7-9pm
- November 3rd – 7-9pm
- November 17th – 7-9pm

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**New Feature at Monthly Meetings!**

**“Show and Tell”**

SFUPS meetings are about to get another super interesting boost thanks to longtime member Judy Townsend. Judy suggested the club start a segment at monthly meetings called “Show and Tell”. This 10-15 minute presentation will be given each month by a club member with an interesting, unusual, or colorful story to tell about one of their favorite shots. The club is excited to feature Linda Ianniello as the first member to present this segment at the next club meeting. Linda has many excellent and wonderful shots but she has a very special shot to share with the club at the April meeting. Don’t miss this awesome presentation!

If you have a great shot you’d like to share at a monthly meeting please send an email to Sam.
Club Members in the News

- Anne Dupont has been selected to be a speaker at the Lake Worth Lagoon Initiative Symposium on May 15, 2013 at Palm Beach Atlantic University. www.pbcgov.org

- Rob Myers is giving a presentation about dangerous marine animals on Thursday April 4th at the Jupiter Dive Club

- Phil Rudin has an article in UWPhotography Magazine about the Nautican Olympus 12-50mm port.

- Congratulations to Jonathan Lavan—Reef Volunteer of the Year! Check out his biography and pictures on page 10.

April SFUPS Contest Categories

APRIL MASTERS
Ambient Light Wide Angle Landscape – No fill flash from strobes or flashlights; must be a natural light source! Remember, the focus is not on creating silhouettes but the creativity with ambient lighting of a wide angle scene.

APRIL CHALLENGERS
Silhouettes-Subject must be black against a well exposed background.
Member Spotlight

Reef Volunteer of the Year Jonathan Lavan

I have been working with REEF since 2004. I actively surveyed in all the regions that REEF does surveys in (except the very most recent, I haven’t gotten to Fiji yet) and have 350 surveys to my name. Pretty good for a guy who lives in Chicago. Janna Nichols, REEF Director of Out Reach, approached me in 2011 and asked if I might like to teach an online webinar. She had been teaching classes on Pacific coast fish and needed someone with more expertise on the Caribbean to follow up there. Since I have a background in performance and teaching and am a REEF level 5 Advanced Assessment Team Member and Janna and I have a very similar wacky sense of humor it seemed like a perfect fit and it was. The thing just seemed to snowball from there. I have built up a sizable following and I average one class a month. I also provide supplemental photos for REEF, administer online tests to members as needed and generally help out this small but vital not-for-profit however I can.

I feel that grass roots, citizen science is essential and the best way to get people interested in and committed to ocean conservation and conservation in general. The more that I can teach people, especially kids about all these wonderful creatures and their habits the harder it will be to take them for granted. When you are diving or snorkeling and you know what you are looking at it makes the experience some much more rewarding and it makes you feel invested in their protection. A REEF dive trip is like no other. Spending a week with like minded fish geeks in a spirit of camaraderie and exploration is simply fantastic. In Dominica I discovered a Black Brotula, most divers wouldn’t even know what one was but my dive buddies just lit up and started oohing and ahing through their regs. Likewise in Nevis I was diving with Christy Semmens, REEF’s Director of Science and another very experienced fish watcher Doug Harder and the three of us were like a machine: finding rare and unknown species right and left—very exciting.

As to receiving the citation: it was a great honor. Whenever I volunteer to do something Janna is always very respectful of my time and checks that I am not over extending myself. I joked with her several times that: "I’m just working toward volunteer of the year". So you would think that when I was at the event that I might have had some inkling that I might receive it. First of all I didn’t even know that the announcement was part of the evening’s events and I simply had no idea that I was the recipient. I was on my way back from a week in Bonaire so I looked more than ever like the Scuba Bum that I am. It humbles me to work among and be friends with such great people who have committed so much of their lives to protecting the oceans and all the wonderful and diverse creatures therein. The citation reads: "for outstanding contributions and dedication in the protection and preservation of our marine environment." That makes me feel really good.
Contest Calendar

**SEA International Photo Contest** – Deadline April 12, 2013

**Scuba Diving Photo Contest**– Deadline May 5, 2013

**Natures Best Photography** – Deadline May 15, 2013

**Ocean Art Photo Contest** —Deadline November 11, 2013

**Eliat Red Sea Monthly Competition to compete in Eliat Red Sea Shootout**

**Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest**

Club Travel Exchange

Want like minded company on your next trip? Send your travel plans to newsletter@sfups.org. The trip details will be published in the newsletter for other members to see. Any members interested in a trip can send an email to newsletter@sfups.org and the groups will be connected.

**2013**

⇒ May 5– UWPhotography Guide trip to Anilao, Philippines

⇒ August 2– 9 Alaska on the Nautilus Swell

**2014**

⇒ Feb 16-23 Truk Lagoon on the Odyssey with Bonnie Pelnar, UnderwaterColours.com
Classifieds

- **FS:** Nikon D700 body and Subal ND700 housing. Housing has 45º magnifying viewfinder. The viewfinder retails for $1300. Very gently used and never flooded, original box and all papers for camera included along with synch cords and 77mm zoom gear. If interested, contact Fletcher Forbes—my email is jandfforbes@cox.net

- **FS:** 2005 Grady-White 228 boat with Yamaha 225 hp 4-stroke outboard. This boat is set up for diving. It is the walk-around model with cuddy-cabin, 49 sf of back deck space, tank racks, and camera rinse tank! Can handle 5 divers. Fresh water shower on the stern, sink and port-a-potty (never used). Motor has only 138 hours. Really. If interested, contact Fletcher Forbes—our email is jandfforbes@cox.net

- **FS:** Canon 70-200mm f4 L IS USM lens in brand new condition in original box with instruction manual and with pouch and lens hood. Excellent lens for nature photography and travel. This is one of Canon's famous L lenses. Price $875. Optional tripod mount $75 (cost $149). Inquire at meierb@bellsouth.net or call 305-310-1265

- **FS:** JVC Picsio model GC-FM1 compact HD video camera / 8mp still camera
  - Ikelite Underwater housing w/ red filter
  - Ikelite Underwater Pro-V8 light and bracket
  - 16GB memory card
  $150 (each) - This is a $490 retail item that I had previously listed with SFUPS for $300
  I have two complete setups here - your choice - one blue and one black, same price, but each has an advantage:
  **BLACK** - is completely brand new - never been used
  **BLUE** - has been used on 6 dives (yes, six), but comes with #9306.78 67mm Thread Adapter (retail $35), so you can then purchase the WP-20 or other 67mm threaded lenses for wide-angle.
  The Pro-V8 lights were both used on a different video system for about 100 dives. They are in perfect working condition and have never been flooded - if you want to test the Pro-V8 light here, you'll need eight C batteries, but there's also a Batteries Plus store within 100' of me. I have all of the original manuals/accessories. Contact Chris Gug Gug@gugunderwater.com
Parting Shot

By Jonathan Lavan

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SFUPS Member Benefits

Yearly dues are $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Patrice Marker at 9273 Silent Oak Circle, Wellington, FL 33411-6634 (Don’t forget to send a copy of your dive insurance and C-Card)

Membership benefits include continuing education, information about the latest equipment and techniques, presentations about marine life, conservation and exotic dive locations, club sponsored trips, online gallery to showcase images, this awesome newsletter and much, much more.

SFUPS welcomes divers just starting in underwater photography as well as professionals who have taken their photography to the next level.

http://www.sfups.org/