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Lee Burghard

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March President’s Message

One of the most tremendous joys that I experience is reading or learning about an exceptional effort or big contest win involving a member of SFUPS. For example, we are barely 3 months into 2014 and several of our members are recognized on the world stage as having won or placed in contests. While on the other hand many of our members are out there preaching the joys, the technical mysteries, and the excitement of underwater photography and videography to growing audiences. Every time a member is showcased or in the public press this is something we should all be proud of. There are also a number of neat finds or experiences each of you have that unfortunately go unreported. I and others want to hear about these experiences, so when Newsletter Editor, Dean Pasko, is looking for your contributions we hope you are willing to share your success as well as findings with the rest of your extended SFUPS family?

Continuing the topic of member recognition, the SFUPS March 11 meeting will be showcasing a new practice. Every now and again we’ll recognize some of the talent among us in the “Up and Comer’s” series. Do we have the next Stan Waterman or David Doubilet amongst us? What will UWP history say about each and every one of you 50 years from now? Well let’s not wait to find out as we celebrate the stardom of our very own. As you know, SFUPS is newly embracing the work of our videographers. Videographers like Diane Randolph and Lee Burghard are dazzling many with the footage they capture beneath the seas. In this month’s “Up and Comer” series we will showcase some of their recent work as well as learn from their efforts in hopes to encourage more members to get out and supplement their still photography with more video work. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain from their experience.

As always, looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting!

Sam Hodge
President – South Florida Underwater Photography Society

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February Masters— Sea Slug Flair

1st Place — Chris Gug

2nd Place — Chris Gug

3rd Place — Susan Mears

4th Place — Suzan Meldonian

5th Place — Patrice Marker
February Challengers—Geometry

1st Place — Judy Townsend

2nd Place — Kelly Casey

3rd Place — Carlos Jaile
SFUPS Events and Programs

Florida Reef & Big Animals Exhibit

"Florida Reef & Big Animals" exhibit is shaping up nicely.

Great news is that the exhibit has been extended for another month! Your images will be on display for the months of April and May. The library gets a lot of traffic from the public as well as students, so this will be great exposure for your work!

SFUPS will also be hosting a tabling event on April 15 & April 17 at the college in conjunction with the exhibit. The hours that members can volunteer to help are 9:00am – 1:30pm on each day.

The Broward College Science Speaker Series will be part of the SFUPS exhibit and tabling event. You are welcome to attend these conservation lectures.

Speakers so far will be:

Dr. Michael Heithaus, Biology Professor & Director, School of Environment, Arts and Society at FIU. Michael’s research lab is the Marine Community & Behavioral Ecology Lab. He works to understand how predator-prey interactions structure communities.

Richard WhiteCloud and Holly Jones from S.T.O.P. Sea Turtle Oversight Protection will discuss marine turtle conservation efforts and the benefits of restoring the population of this endangered species. S.T.O.P. works to protect marine turtles and the critical habitats they need for population recovery and maintenance.

Angela Smith from Shark Savers will discuss worldwide shark conservation, human impact on shark populations and what you can do to help save sharks.

A third of all shark species are threatened or near threatened with extinction. Some shark populations are depleted by as much as 90-99%. Shark conservation is vital to maintain healthy reef and ocean ecosystems.

There will be a showing of the short film “Legacy – The Words of Peter Benchley” by Shark Savers and 333 Productions, as well as a sneak peak at footage from a recent trip to Guadalupe Island, Mexico.

As photographers we work to get the word out about the amazing and beautiful creatures under the sea. By doing this we are acting not only as artists, but conservationists and citizen scientists.

By submitting a photo to a SFUPS exhibit, volunteering to talk about photography to a college student or attending a conservation event, your work will make an impact. Although these may seem like small efforts, collectively it all matters. Your contagious love of the ocean will be seen, your opinions reaching the right ears, your voice heard. Thanks to everyone for all your wonderful work!
Announcements

- A special welcome to our new members this month:
  Samantha McNear, Mike Miller, Heidi Thoricht.
- New gallery added to Tony Barros’ galleries. See the new gallery here
- March’s “Hand’s On” by Jared Slater of Captain Sl8r Charters
- March’s Show and Tell by Richard Ladisky - “Dive and Trip Insurance”
- Force-e BHB Night Dive schedule:

  March 14 fri 7-9;  
  March 29 sat 7:20-9:20  
  April 13 sun 7:15-9:15;  
  April 27 sun 7-9  
  May 13 tues 7:25-9:25;  
  May 27 tues 7:30-9:30  
  June 12 thur 7:50-9:40;  
  June 26 thur 7:50-9:40  
  July 11 fri 7:30-9:30;  
  July 25 fri 7:30-9:30  
  Aug 9 sat 7-9:10;  
  Aug 24 sun 7:30-9:30  
  Sept 8 mon 7:30-9:30;  
  Sept 22 mon 7-9

- SFUPS Membership Cards are now available, which are to be used to validate your entitlement to benefits/discounts offered by SFUPS sponsors.

  Come to the March meeting to pick up your card! Note that the image on the cards is courtesy of Wayne MacWilliams, SFUPS Photographer of the Year for 2013.

- Force-E Sea Turtle fundraiser party on March 8th, PARTY with the Turtles....sign up for a fundraiser party proceeds will go to the Florida Hawksbill Project...lots of food, raffle items, and FUN!!! Sign up online for $10, or at the door $15 at http://www.force-e.com/event-registration/?ee=68
Announcements

- Friday, March 14th at 5:30 PM, Elly Wray of Reef Photo & Video will be offering an Intro to Underwater Photography workshop at Nova Southeastern University Campus Oceanographic Center (8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach). Elly is an underwater photographer and videographer and PADI Open Water Scuba Instructor who has taught diving and underwater imaging in the Cayman Islands for six years. Her work can be seen on the pages of dive publications such as Alert Diver, Scuba Diving, and Sport Diver. This workshop will discuss gear selection, setup, and maintenance tips as well as pointers for managing available and artificial light. Reef Photo would like to extend an invitation to SFUPS members. Admission for non-NSU students is $50. For more information contact Elly: elly@reefphoto.com

- **RSMAS lecture series upcoming presentations:**
  - Wednesday, March 19, 2014, “CATALYZING OCEAN CONSERVATION AT A GLOBAL SCALE”
    - Presenter—Elliott Norse, Ph.D.
  - Wednesday, April 16, 2014, “INSPIRATION OVER DEVASTATION”
    - Presenter—Shawn Heinrichs

- **Coral Restoration Foundation Second Annual Gala** will be Saturday March 22, 2014

- Calling all videographers - SFUPS wants you! We seek to support your work in our Member Gallery. Please produce up to four short videos via Vimeo, write a short bio with a photograph and send it in. For all the details go to [SFUPS.org](http://www.sfups.org)
March Featured Videographer
Lee Burghard

Lee Burghard is a photographer and videographer based in South Florida. He is driven towards exploring new and exciting places both above and below the surface. He found his passion for diving and underwater imaging shortly after receiving his open water certification back in 2009. His goal is to share the amazing experiences he has had underwater with others, in hopes of promoting awareness about the beauty of our underwater world and why it’s worth protecting.

Lee is a big advocate of creativity when it comes to videography or photography. He feels that there are some general guidelines to follow when shooting, but also believes that it’s important to break the rules too! He thinks that trying something unique or different is what helps you to stand out from the crowd. For that same reason, Lee prefers using DSLR cameras over traditional video cameras, as he has found that the creative possibilities are endless. He currently shoots with a Canon 6D DSLR and a Nauticam housing. This equipment has more than met his expectations, and he still find himself experimenting with it and learning new things all the time.

Lee recently became a member of SFUPS in 2013, and he says that it has been one of the best decisions he has made. Having the opportunity to meet other great photographers/videographers, discuss various techniques, and receive feedback from other members has really allowed him to grow.
March Featured Speakers: The “Up and Comer” Series

Videographers – Diane Randolph and Lee Burghard

There is no shortage of top talent when it comes to SFUPS members. The “Up and Comer” series will be a new effort to get to know these rising stars on their way to international notoriety. Several members over the years gained their start and developed lucrative careers and significant reputations with the aid of the Society. As we extend our reach to embrace underwater videographers there are two individuals who are making a name for themselves.

Diane Randolph — is an avid scuba diver with 20 years of experience. She started out shooting video with a Sony High 8 Handy cam video camera and a lighting system that her Dad hand made for her in the early 1990's and she has had a passion for telling stories as seen through her lens ever since.

She has had the wonderful honor of working with Stan Waterman on several projects and a recent presentation at the 2014 Blue Wild Show. Attendance to this presentation attracted over 120 guests and the notable admiration of a legend who with over 60 years of underwater video experience was awestruck with Diane’s work at the Blue Heron Bridge. in 2013 two of her videos were selected for the high honor of showing at the San Diego Film Festival. Diane also recently placed 1st and 2nd in the Beneath the Sea film festival competition in New Jersey.

Lee Burghard — SFUPS’s March Featured Videographer has tremendous talent in underwater wide-angle videography. His humble beginnings started with a sincere interest to learning while quickly becoming amazingly talented at telling a good story with his video work underwater. His style of imagery brings out the passion we all feel when going on a new adventure, and the thrill of seeing reefscapes or creatures not typically seen in our day-to-day lives.

Join us on March 11 as we observe the underwater world through their talented vision.
Club Members in the News

- Guillaume Bauch won 2nd place at an International Photo contest hosted by Florida International University.
- Judy Townsend won an honorable mention at Our World Underwater photo competition in the Macro Unrestricted category.
- Suzan Meldonian placed 3rd in February’s Facebook’s UWPhotographers photo competition.
- Craig Dietrich was invited to join Mike Ball Dive Expeditions in Australia for the first two weeks of April.
- Craig Dietrich was invited as a guest speaker at the Blue Wild show on the topic of Underwater Photography and filled the room with 53 guests; a week later he was Force-E’s speaker giving another “Introduction to Wide-angle Photography.”
- Alan Dewey was invited by the World of Scuba in Boca Raton to give a presentation titled "Introduction to Underwater Photography" on March 4, 2014.

2014 SFUPS Contest Categories

March MASTERS

Conch Republic – best behavioral or portrait shot of a live shell.

March CHALLENGERS

Cleaning Station - best behavioral shot of a cleaning station at work.
SFUPS On The Scene

Tanya Burnett gave an awesome presentation on unique travel tips at the February SFUPS meeting.

Anne DuPont presented on Sea Slugs at the Blue Heron Bridge for Show and Tell at the February SFUPS meeting.

Join SFUPS for the next meeting

March 11 at 6:00 pm
for social hour, drinks & dinner
Meeting will start at 7:20 pm

SFUPS Meeting Location
Courtyard Marriot Ft Lauderdale North
2440 W. Cypress Creek Road
Ft Lauderdale, FL  33309
954-772-7770
Diane Randolph and Stan Waterman presented a film called “Under The Bridge” at The Blue Wild Show in Fort Lauderdale in February. It is a video that they worked on together to show the marine life at the Blue Heron Bridge.

Craig Dietrich gave a workshop on underwater photography at The Blue Wild Show in Fort Lauderdale in February.
Global Underwater Photography Contest Calendar

RSMAS University of Miami Underwater Photography Contest
(Deadline Midnight March 7, 2014)

Deep Indonesia 2014
(Deadline March 10, 2014)

BIG PICTURE: NATURAL WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION
(Deadline March 31, 2014)

CIWEM Environmental Photographer of the Year
(Deadline March 31, 2014)

Zoological Society of London – Deep and Meaningful (aquatic and other categories)
(Deadline April 1, 2014)

Voice of the Ocean Competition
(Deadline April 1, 2014)

NATURE’S BEST PHOTOGRAPHY WINDLAND SMITH RICE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS
(Deadline May 1, 2014)

World Shootout
(Occurs January 1 through July 31, 2014)

March’s Facebook Bluewater Photo contest month’s contests
(Monthly)

Monthly Dive Photo Guide Contest
(Monthly)

Scuba Symphony Quarterly Contest
(Quarterly)

GUY HARVEY OUTPOST PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST
(Weekly, Monthly)
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.

2014

- Craig Dietrich was invited to join Mike Ball Dive Expeditions in Australia for the first two weeks of April.
- May 24-31 2014 Scuba Travel Ventures at Tubbataha Reef in the Sulu Sea on the Azores liveaboard.
- Rich Ladisky will be on the trip to Tubbataha Reef in late May. He has extended his trip to include photographing the thresher sharks at Malapascua Island, off Cebu early June.
- Sept 20-27 Jonathan Lavan has a trip planned to the Sea of Cortez. If you are interested please contact him or go to www.rociodelmarliveaboard.com for all the details. If you just wait to sign up please call Brooke in the Rocio office at 602-272-2522 and be sure to mention Jonathan’s name!
Classifieds

- One wet close up diopter Nexus CL 100. Approx. 4” in diameter. Has black rubber skirt to fit over lens port. Has been used on Seatool ports, may fit others as well. Tripod Mount Ring for Canon 70-200mm F4 L lens, in original box in new condition, model A II (W), Price $75. one used Fisheye Fix LED48DX Focus Light in good condition in original box. Uses 8 AA batteries. Intensity of light can be controlled, has switch for SOS signal, a welcome safety feature for night diving. Contact Bernd Meier at meierb@bellsouth.net

- Ike slave sensor AD-TTL $18, Inon Optical D never wet $85 OBO, Inon Optical D Strobe cable never wet $45, Inon to Nauticam F.O.cableX2 never wet $50 EA, Inon to Nauticam L style F.O. cableX2 $50 EA, Schneider 6X Platinum $250 new $100, Gagne Porta Trace Light box $25, Nikon 16mm Fisheye 2.8 Excellent $550, Nikon 55-200 Zoom 5/11 refurb.Excellent $85, Zeagle Scout BC w/Air 2 Good cond. $125 You will need hose Air2 to reg Wayne MacWilliams shutterthethought@comcast.net

- Subal ND 30 Housing for Nikon D300, $3500. complete overhaul, all parts/O-rings replaced; pressure tested Aug 2013 by Reef Photo, Subal Flat Port FP-75/4 (for 60mm lens) $200, Subal EXR-40/4 Extension Ring (for 105mm lens) $100, Subal GS-180 Magnifying Viewfinder (installed) $950, Subal Zoom Gear for Tokina AF 10-17 FE $50, Zen Underwater DP-100 100mm Fisheye Dome $750, Port for Subal type 4, Sea & Sea Nikonos Style Synch Cord 2@$90 = $180, D300 User Manual and Simon Stafford’s Magic $10, Lantern Guide Nikon MH-18a Charger $25, Nikon Li-on Battery Pack EN-EL3a 2@$25=$50, Compact Flash Cards: $25: 2@16 GB, 1@ 4 GB, 1@ 2 GB, 1@ 1 GB. Contact Jacqui Eisenberg at acquarelle@mac.com

- Ikelite DS-160 strobe. Used - excellent condition (serial #12676, NiMH battery date 11/2011) $500, Ikelite DS-161 Strobes (2) Used - nearly new condition (serial #60208, NiMH battery date 08/2012) & (serial #59163, NiMH battery date 11/2011) $625 each, Ikelite NiMH Quick Chargers (2) excellent condition with all international tips: $50 each, Package with Aquatica AD7000 housing, D7000 camera, Tokina 10-17 lens, 4” Aquatica glass mini-dome - call/email for details & price. Please note - Chris is an Ikelite/Aquatica dealer, but these are his personal items, used & maintained only by him. If you need accessories (ball mounts, sync cords, ports, etc.) Chris can get them for you new. Contact Chris Gug at Gug@GugUnderwater.com or at the gallery at 954-579-8096.

- ORIGINAL CANON XT REBEL BODY (6.3 MEGAPIXELS), IKELITE HOUSING, CHARGER, TWO BATTERIES, PORT COVER AND CAMERA BODY COVER. ALL IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. $700. amaurycruz@yahoo.com.

- NIKON COOLPIX 5000, IKELITE HOUSING, UNDERWATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, ABOVE WATER WIDE ANGLE CONVERTER, CHARGER, THREE BATTERIES, AND SLIDE COPIER. EXCELLENT CONDITION. $300 amaurycruz@yahoo.com.

- WANTED: Anyone got a stack of old skin diver magazines just collecting dust or taking up space? If you are interested in selling or donating your magazines I’d be very attentive in seeing what you have. I have an interesting side project I’m putting together and would be happy to discuss. Email Sam Hodge at sam@sea2020.com.
Yearly dues are $35 for individuals and $45 for families. Make checks payable to SFUPS and mail to Linda Iannilieo at 359 Cottonwood Lane, Boca Raton, FL 33487 (Don’t forget to send a copy of your dive insurance and C-Card) Membership benefits include:

- Access to the industry’s most talented insight, experience, and knowledge
- Networking with members with the same interests and opportunities to enjoy underwater photography
- Receive accolades and peer recognition by participating in and potentially placing in Intra-Club contests
- Opportunity to showcase your images in the SFUPS monthly newsletter
- Free Member Gallery on the SFUPS web site - Get seen and publish your work
- Learn from your peers and cut down on the underwater photography learning curve
- Receive insight into global photographic expeditions and exotic locations from member presentations
- Special Club dives specific to underwater photography
- Eligibility for special raffle prizes with your participation at monthly Club events
- Advertise pre-owned gear for sale
- Sponsor benefits w/membership: Force-E - discount for air-fills, Lamnico – discount on custom-designed laminated images, access to 2-tank $55 discounted dives throughout South Florida

http://www.sfups.org/MembershipJoinNow.html