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Sixty people were at **Bronwyn and Kris's** house for an outstanding Christmas Party. **Bronwyn** did an amazing job in spite of a lot of other things going on in her life. **Silas and Phil** got some good candid photos of the group on pages 6 and 7.

It's early morning on Christmas Eve and our house is quiet now, but in a while, with three kids and their wives with us for a few days, there will be a lot of laughter and delightful smells from the kitchen. There will also be help for me with a lot of projects that my boys are really good at.

Tonight is a full moon, but I just looked at the forecast and it's predicted to be cloudy. Happens every time!

Starting with the next issue I'll have another column to keep you all up to date with happenings in the club with a **President's Report**. To start things off on January 6, the first meeting of the year, (and **next week**) I'll give the program, which I'm calling "**Gordon's Vision**". It will set the tone for the whole year and I hope that there will be a lot of people joining me there to get the year started. I will cover a lot of things. First, in order for everyone to know who the folks are that are running the club, I will introduce everyone that has

a position that might be able to answer your questions when you have them. I might even dream up some new positions, and will ask for some to fill others.

Then we are going to talk about things that are going to happen. Some things are already planned, but need to be approved, and other things are projects and thoughts about finding more ways for us to learn, and ways to direct that effort in a way that will be exciting for the membership, and possibly provide ways for us to spread out into the community more than we have.

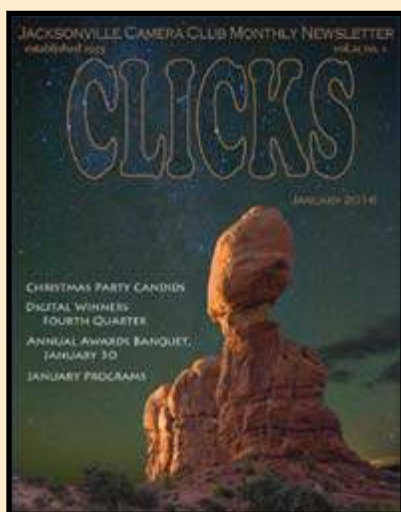
It's really a little ambitious, and for this reason, I want to bring everybody in to the planning at the beginning, so everyone that is interested has a chance to know what's going on and what's on the table. I'd like to get all the feedback I can, and get as many people involved as I can. This will make us a stronger and more vibrant club, and we can have bigger parties!

Don't forget the **Annual Banquet** on the 30th. Big plans have been made by **Jim Jordan**, the banquet coordinator.

Jan Vallely will cover the whole year in outings with the second program in January.

Gordon

Cover Picture



First Place winner in the fourth quarter digital competition for the theme "**Clicks Cover**" by **Paula Griffin**

CLICKS

Clicks is published monthly by the Jacksonville Camera Club as a service to its members providing information about club activities, entertaining articles by Clicks contributors, and educational articles about photography.

The club meets at 7:00 PM, the first and third Wednesday of each month at *The Shepherd of the Woods Outreach Center*, 6595 Columbia Park Ct, Jacksonville, Florida. [Link](#)

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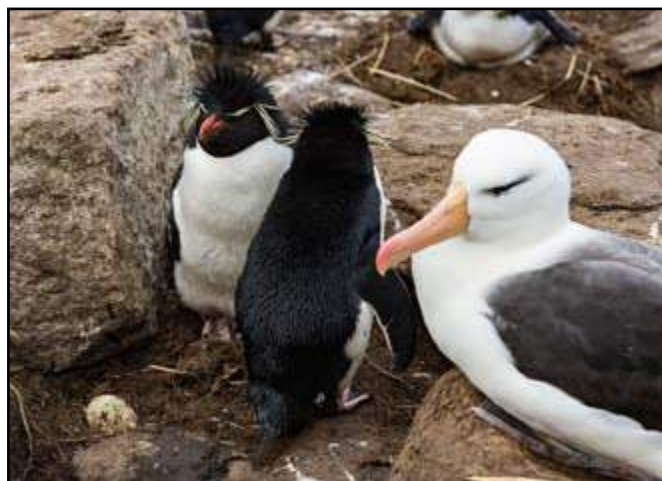
Clicks and Clacks

Bronwyn Horvath

Antartica...Not Just Ice

When I mentioned that I would be traveling to Antarctica this November. I got some very strange looks usually followed by “Why are you going to Antarctica? There is nothing down there but ice.”

I am here to tell you that there is a lot more down there than ice. The place is teeming with wildlife. Let's start with Penguins. There were Gentoo, Chinstrap, Adelies, Macaroni, Rockhopper, Magellanic King and Emperor penguins. The



Rockhopper and Black-Browed Albatross

funny thing is that they are much like their cartoon alter-egos...goofy and unbearably cute. The Antarctic shores are littered with fur and elephant seals. Although we were told to stay 15 feet away from them, they had a habit of coming near to investigate boots, backpacks and cameras. The penguins didn't seem to care about us either. We stayed back and they came over to visit and investigate us.

Humpback and other whales followed our ship



Kris with Humpback

and popped up by our zodiacs and kayaks to play. Notice Kris with the Humpback behind him!

And birds...don't get me started on birds. Our ship was overrun by a group of birders (or as they called themselves...twitchers) from the UK. They stayed on the bridge 24/7 scanning for birds like wandering albatross and snow petrels. Every time a new species was sighted we got a call on the loudspeaker and we all ran.

And the ice....unbelievable.

I hope this whet your appetite and I will be going into more detail and more pictures on our May 18th meeting. Be there or be square!



A Cold Day



South Georgia Beach



Water hits the Bow

Annual Banquet

January 30, 2016

In a couple of weeks we will have the official end of all of the year's competitions, and all of the efforts that have gone into the club's



activities for 2015 will be awarded. The best of all of the quarterly winners during the year will be announced, members will receive their Progressive Awards for accumulating a certain number of points during the year, and we'll all have a great meal in a exclusive venue....and best of all, a good party.

The banquet committee, with **Jim**

Jordan leading, has done a great job setting up this very complicated affair. Racks have to be picked up and then taken downtown and set up, all the points have to be calculated and then the trophies have to be ordered. The digital and print competitions have to be judged and awards processed. And of course dealing with the University Club and setting up the room and the meals has taken a lot of Jim's time.

It's amazing that this is all going to come together perfectly on January 30, 2016. We will start arriving at 5:30, the reception starts at 6:00, and dinner at 7:30.



For anyone interested in helping out, Jim always needs more help setting up and taking down the racks, in order to display the prints. Give him a call if you have time that day to help him.

See you there.

Pictures I took last year

Gordon

Outings Program

January 20

Jan Vallely

Want to find out all about the outings that will be available next year? On January 20, Jan Vallely will unveil all of the outing schedules for the year; there are some new

ones and some surprises. Jan has done a LOT of work to make this a special year for outings, and this will be a **don't miss** program

Ed.



The JCC Christmas Parties, never seem to be quite the same each time. Each year there is something that makes it special. Like the attention that **Jim and Jennifer Lowell** paid to all of parties that they had at their house, and many more before them. This year, thanks to **Bronwyn and Kris**, the Christmas Party was again a huge success and the location will be forever hard to surpass. We were at their, more than beautiful... extraordinary home at the Plantation in Ponte Vedra Beach. The food

and drink, as you might guess, was perfect. To top it off, two of our members, **Jim Lowell** with his wife **Jennifer**, **Dennis Adams** and his wife **Pat** joined us and looked quite well. And guess who came with Dennis and Pat? **Mavis den Boef**, who was her normal vivacious self and said that **Dirk** wished that he could be there too. Dirk was not one to miss a party.

Ed.

Candids by Silas Osborne



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Christmas Party Pics



by Phil Cope



Outings or Events



Caroline Peppiatt, Andrea Wilsie, Kim Pitcock, Gordon Ira, Marek Pawlowicz. Absent Brian Leonard, Bronwyn Horvath



*Young McQueen Digital Chairman
Ginger Sheridan, Associate Professor, Jacksonville University, The Judge*



Clicks Cover

Paula Griffin, Duffy McCoy, Jan Gemeinhardt, John Neel

Ribbons:

- 1st Blue
- 2nd Red
- 3rd White
- 4th Green
- Honor Purple



General

Dirk den Boef (the judge filled in for Dirk), Charise Tanner, Keith Garrett, Jim Gutru, Jan Valley, Caroline Peppiatt, Gordon Ira. Absent, Chuck Shealy, Paula Pradella

Digital Winners

Outings or Events



1st *First Light*
by Brian Leonard



2nd *Little Green Monster*
by Caroline Peppiatt



3rd *Still Life with Grapes*
by Bronwyn Horvath



4th *Hey You*
by Andrea Wilsie



Honor *Sunlit Stable*
by Gordon Ira



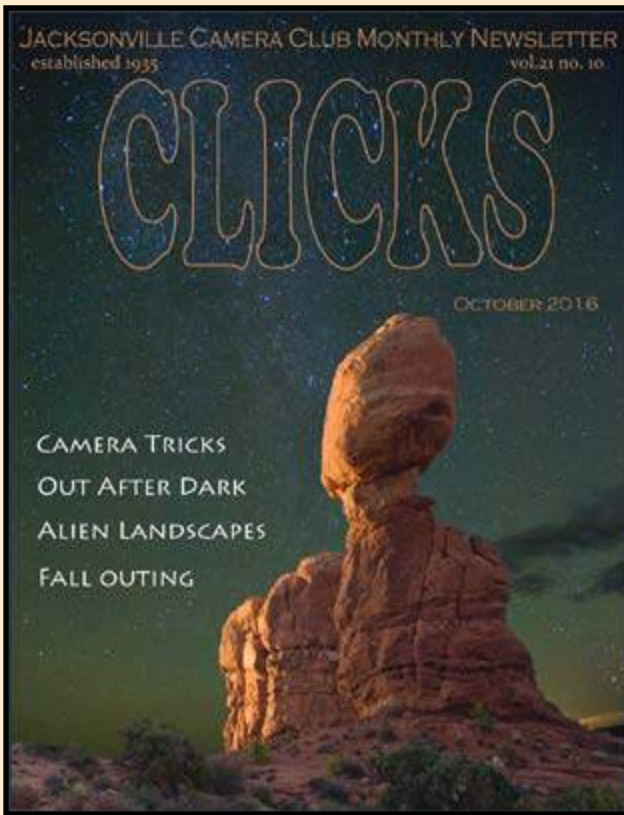
Honor *That's What I Think Of That*
by Kimberly Pitcock



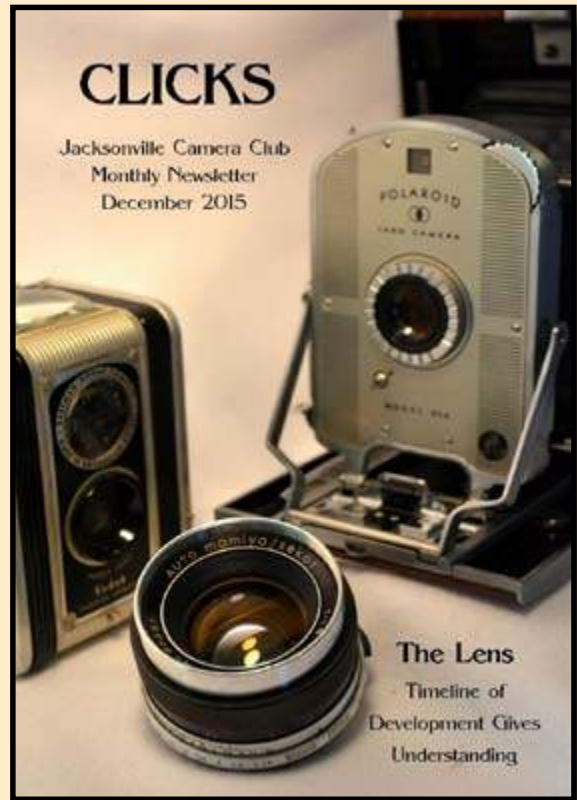
Honor *On the branch.* by
Marek Pawlowicz

Digital Winners

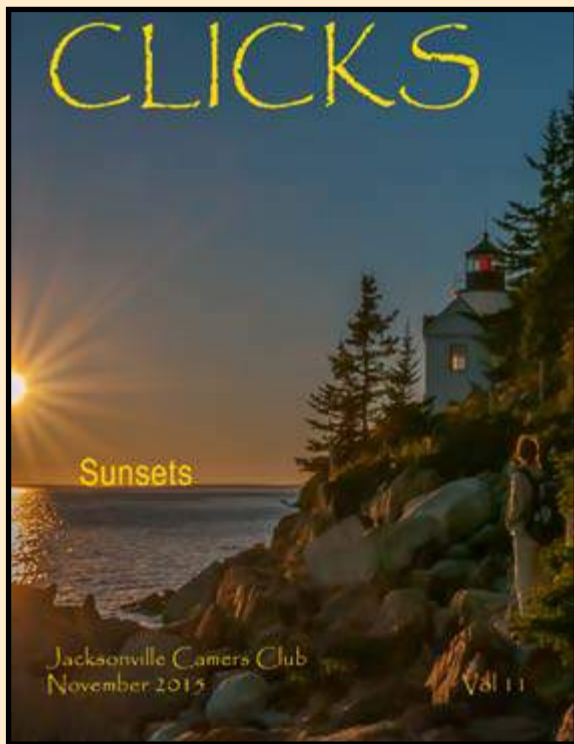
Clicks Cover



1st *Clicks October 2016*
by Paula Griffin



2nd *Lens Class*
by Duffy McCoy



3rd *Clicks_Volume 11*
by Jan Gemeinhardt



4th *Day Break at the Fort*
by John Neel

Digital Winners

General



1st *Golden Sunset at Viera*
by Dirk den Boef



2nd *Pearson's Falls*
by Charise Tanner



3rd *Marineland Sunrise*
by Keith Garrett



4th *EH Dock* by Jim Gutru



Honor *Monument Valley Milky*
by Jan valley



Honor *Mediterranean Mascotte*
by Paula Pradella



Honor *Yosemite River Valley*
by Gordon Ira



Honor *River Colors*
by Chuck Shealy



Honor *Late Summer Swamp*
by Caroline Peppiatt

Orchid Nursery Outing

Led by Jan Gemeinhardt

On Friday, January 15, 2016, we will be going down to Deland to the EFG Orchid Nursery. **Jan Valley** sent out a detailed description of the outing, with directions, recommendations for lunch and what to bring. The email was sent on **December 2**. Some instruction will be given down at the outing by **Rick Hartmann** on the use of "Focus Stacking", which is a VERY handy way to get everything in focus, especially when doing macro.

We will start there at **9:00 AM**, eat lunch there and go to an historical park with old buildings on the way back.



Ed

Programs Dennis Adams, VP

January 6 Gordon's Vision
Exciting plans for the new year. A don't miss program for a first look at some new initiatives.

January 20 Jan Vallely Outings for 2016. Early overview of a full outings schedule.

Feb 3 Don Fraser Our own favorite "program presenter" back to talk about taking portraits of models or of his many recent travels.

Feb 17 Susan Michals

March 2 Digital Results

March 16 Print Results

April 6 Dan Robusto

People's Choice

January - Funny Signs

February - That's Love

March - Dutch Angle (I recommend Google search. I thought this was cool)

April - Anything Music Related

May - Weather

June - Peaceful

July - Motion

August - Letters of the Alphabet

September - Parallel Lines

October - That's Creepy

November - Harvest

December - Food

Kim Pitcock, Chairman

Outings

NOTE

Jan Vallely will have a new and revised schedule that she will present during her program at the club meeting January 20. The changes will be in February Clicks.

January 15 (16) EFG Orchid Nursery, Deland **Jan Gemeinhardt**

January 30 Annual JCC Awards Banquet at the University Club

February 13 Olustee Civil War Reenactment

February 27 Scottish Games, Green Cove Springs

March 26 Jacksonville Zoo

April 15-17 Callaway Gardens, Stay in Cabins at FDR State Park **Jim Niss**

May 20-21 Okefenokee Fargo entrance, boat trip

July Florida Theatre

August Models and Portrait Workshop

Jan Vallely, Chairman

Directions to the Club Meeting

Our meetings are held at The Shepherd of the Woods Outreach Center located at 6595 Columbia Park Court, Jacksonville, Florida. Come visit us at 7:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. Guests are always welcome. Check out the website for more information. www.jaxcameraclub.com For directions, check out the

Digital Contest Schedule

Charise Tanner

Quarter	Themes	Submit Dates	Result Date
1Q16	Old Florida Sunsets , Sunrise, or Silhouettes Open / General	January 1 January 30	March 2
2Q16	Bokeh JCC Outings/Events Two + Up	March 1 March 31	June 1
3Q16	Backyard Birds Composite Monochrome	June 1 June 30	September 7
4Q16	Night Photography Houses Inside or Out JCC Outings / Events	September 1 September 30	December 7

Guideline for Entering the Contest

Limit three images per quarter Limit two images per theme Capture date current year + prior two
Expect dates and other details to be less firm for elements that are farther in the future.

*Please direct information request or comments to: Charise Tanner, Digital Contest Coordinator,,
charisetanner@bellsouth.net .*

Print Contest Schedule

Stephen Smith (2016)

Quarter	Themes	Submit Dates	Result Date
1Q16	General, Nature, People	January 6 and 20	March 16
2Q16	General, Nature, People	April 6 and 20	June 15
3Q16	General, Nature, People	July 6 and 20	September 21
4Q16	General, Nature, People	September 7 and 21	November 7

Annual Print Competition 2015 Collection dates will be November 4 and 18. Results will be announced at the annual banquet. January 30, 2016.

Monochrome Competition Submit Dates August 3 and 17, Results October 5, 2016,
Julius Dean, monochrome coordinator

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