



# The IMAGE

## View from the Boardroom

by Lou Secki



I may have written a “View” like this in the last but I am just so enamored with

technology I had to do it again.

Apple recently released a new version of its “iPhone.” This time its the iPhone4S and everyone is pretty much saying its simply an update to the old iPhone4 and not much of an upgrade. I, for one, say the critics are wrong. The camera alone in the ‘4S’ is worth the upgrade. As a photographer, I love this camera, errr, I mean Phone.



The saying goes, the best camera is the one you have with you. Many of us today have a phone with us almost all the time and the cameras in them are getting better and better. The ‘4S’ has an 8 megapixel camera that takes stunning images. Yes, the lens is the size of the end of a ball point pen and the sensor is equally tiny. Yes, the low-light, performance is not going to be as good as a dedicated camera. But the pictures it takes can be beautiful. I’m not saying I am going to sell my DSLR and lenses and take only pictures with my new phone but I probably won’t be using my little point and shoot much anymore. In fact, many are saying the days of little point and shoot cameras are numbered.

For its size, this camera can do some amazing things, face detection and HDR are just two of the things you are not use to seeing in a phone. In addition, this phone can shoot video, edit photos and even automatically send them back to your computer. Thats right, take a picture while you are out and about, and the picture is at home on your computer even before you put your phone away. Since your smart phone is really a computer you can add software to do things the phone manufacturer didn’t even think of. New software keeps you phone/camera new all the time.

The iPhone 4S actually makes the camera in your phone handle more like a traditional camera. When you take a picture with a traditional

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## NOV. ASSIGNMENT

This month we bring you the assignment of "CHANGE." With the weather changing because of the change of season I thought this would be a great topic to shoot. Change can mean so many things, we should get some interesting results. As usual, have fun and be creative, upload them to your flickr account, and post the three best to the Coastal Camera Club's flickr group.

## November Meetings

**November 3, 2011**

First of two critique sessions of members' work. This is done digitally. All images must be sent to [ccc.images@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.images@gmail.com) subject line "critique" prior to October 21, 2011. Naming criteria will follow NECCC rules. Those shooting slide or negative film should notify a board member to arrange for scanning.

**November 7, 2011**

Regular Board Meeting

**November 17, 2011**

Jerry Reed will help us define "What is Fine Art Photography? How is it different from other images? and What depicts a Fine Art Photographer?"

## NEED MORE INFORMATION? TRY LOOKING ON ONE OF THESE SITES:

If you need something, you can probably find it on the Internet. You just need to know where to look. For Coastal Camera Club information, please try these sites:

[www.coastalcameraclub.org](http://www.coastalcameraclub.org) - the official club website

[www.coastalcameraclub.wordpress.com](http://www.coastalcameraclub.wordpress.com) - club blog

[public.me.com/lou.secki](http://public.me.com/lou.secki) - site to download club files

## NOVEMBER REFRESHMENTS:

November 3, 2011 .....Nick Carlino & Maura Kelly

November 17, 2011.....Archie Stone

**Follow these rules when submitting any image to the Coastal Camera Club:**

Files must be named using the following format:

X#\$Coastal\$LastName\$FistName\$ImageTitle\$YYYY-MM.jpg

Where X=the type of file (**O**pen, **C**reative, **B**lack&White, etc) and YYYY-MM is the year and month of the event you were submitting the file for. For example, O2\$Coastal\$Smith\$John\$The Red Barn\$2011-01, this is an image titled *The Red Barn* by John Smith of the Coastal Camera Club to be submitted to a competition in January of 2011.

Images must be submitted to [ccc.images@gmail.com](mailto:ccc.images@gmail.com) with the subject line indicating the event for which you are submitting.

If you have any questions, please contact Lou Secki at [lou.secki@gmail.com](mailto:lou.secki@gmail.com).

The Coastal Camera Club meets at 7:00pm on the first and third Thursday of the month at The Meeting Room in the Madison Police Station located at 9 Campus Drive in Madison, Connecticut.



### VIEW FROM THE BOARD, CONT'D

camera where is the shutter release button? It's usually on the top right side of the camera. When you take a picture with a camera phone where is the shutter button, well, its either on the keypad or its a virtual button on the screen. Either way, its not very intuitive and usually adds some camera shake to the image. Well, this new version of the iPhone software allows us to take a pictures with physical button. OK, maybe its the volume button and its on the left and not the right, however, its much better than what we had in the past.

I hope this doesn't sound like a shameless plug for Apple's new iPhone. After all, it's not the camera that makes a great picture, its the nut behind the view finder. I simply wanted to instill in everyone the idea that you can't need to have an over top professional camera setup to take great pictures. What you need to have is a camera with you and the creative instincts to go forth and make great images.

### TIDBITS # 73: A COLLECTION OF USEFUL WEBSITES - MANUFACTURERS

*by Archie Stone.*

Below you will find a collection of useful photography websites. This list is correct and accurate as of August 2011. Sites listed with an "\*" are one that I have personally used and found good service.

#### Cameras

- [www.kodak.com](http://www.kodak.com)  
Eastman Kodak Company official web site.
- [www.usa.canon.com](http://www.usa.canon.com)  
Canon official web site for cameras, printers and accessories.
- [www.nikonusa.com](http://www.nikonusa.com)  
Nikon USA official web site for cameras and accessories.
- [www.olympusamerica.com](http://www.olympusamerica.com)  
Olympus official web site for cameras and accessories.
- [www.pentaximaging.com](http://www.pentaximaging.com)  
Pentax official web site for cameras and accessories.
- [www.sigmaphoto.com](http://www.sigmaphoto.com)  
Sigma Official web site for cameras and accessories.
- [www.fujifilm.com](http://www.fujifilm.com)  
Fujifilm official web site for cameras and accessories.
- [www.sony.com](http://www.sony.com)  
Sony corporation official website for cameras and accessories.

- [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)  
Hewlett Packard corporation official website for printers etc.

#### Accessories

- [www.epson.com](http://www.epson.com)  
Scanners, printers, paper and ink for digital printing, portable digital storage and viewing devices.
- [www.sekonic.com](http://www.sekonic.com)  
Sekonic light meters
- [www.wacom.com](http://www.wacom.com)  
Wacom Intuos3, Inc., manufactures pen tablets for digital imaging.
- [www.mediacolor.com](http://www.mediacolor.com)  
Media Street, Inc., third party manufacturer of digital inks, dyes and pigments.
- [www.colorvision.com](http://www.colorvision.com)  
maker of Spyder color calibration systems.
- [www.apple.com](http://www.apple.com)  
Apple Computer web site.
- [www.tamron.com](http://www.tamron.com)  
Tamron's official web site for tamron lenses and Bronica rangefinder cameras.

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- [www.tamrac.com](http://www.tamrac.com)  
tamrac official web site for Tamrac carrying systems (photo bags and backpacks etc)
- [www.Lowepro.com](http://www.Lowepro.com) \*  
Lowepro's official web site for Lowepro carrying systems (photo bags and backpacks etc)
- [www.reallyrightstuff.com](http://www.reallyrightstuff.com)  
Really Right Stuff web site for the sale of tripods, tripod heads, flash mounting brackets and quick release tripod mounts for cameras
- [www.kirkphoto.com](http://www.kirkphoto.com)  
Kirk Enterprises web site for the sale of bags, flashes, tripod heads and mounting brackets and quick release tripod mounts for cameras
- [www.tenbo.com](http://www.tenbo.com)  
Tenbo's official web site for Tenbo carrying systems (photo bags and backpacks etc)
- [www.corel.com](http://www.corel.com)  
Corel is a PC only manufacturer of software for the digital photographer. They have a suite consisting of archiving and retrieval software and Paintshop Pro
- [www.delkin.com](http://www.delkin.com)  
Delkin Devices, manufactures digital storage, viewing and CD burning devices for digital photographers. Camera accessories.
- [www.sandisk.com](http://www.sandisk.com)  
SanDisk, manufactures digital camera storage media and other digital products.
- [www.lyson.com](http://www.lyson.com)  
Lyson, manufactures third party inks and pigments for digital printers and now offers a system for B&W digital printing consisting of print drivers (software to program your printer) inks and a cleaning cartridge to remove color ink from your printer.
- [www.hpmarketingcorp.com](http://www.hpmarketingcorp.com)  
Tripods and other accessories for the photographer. Has about 10-15 different brands.

## TIDBITS # 73: A COLLECTION OF USEFUL WEBSITES - ONLINE STORES

**Frames and framing equipment**

- [www.pictureframes.com](http://www.pictureframes.com) \*  
Graphic Dimensions LTD, frames, framing supplies and framing equipment. Less expensive than Light Impressions, but still reasonably good quality.
- [www.lightimpressionsdirect.com](http://www.lightimpressionsdirect.com) \*  
Light Impressions, Inc., frames, framing supplies and framing equipment. Frame prices are high but they are of the best quality.
- [www.frameusa.com](http://www.frameusa.com)  
Used by some members, best prices with bulk orders.
- [www.framefit.com](http://www.framefit.com)  
Frame Fit Company, Brick and Mortar, Catalog and online store for frames and framing supplies.
- [www.framerssolutions.com](http://www.framerssolutions.com)  
Used by some members for online frame purchases.
- [Picture Framers Outlet](http://www.pictureframersoutlet.com), 282 Boston Post Rd, Orange, CT, phone 203 795 1097 Brick and Mortar, used by some members for mat board and some frames. They are discounted.

**Card Stock, envelopes and acid free plastic sleeves**

- [www.centuryphoto.com](http://www.centuryphoto.com) \*  
Century Plastics and Century Photo, archival negative, slide and photo storage supplies.
- [www.doubleupaper.com](http://www.doubleupaper.com) \*  
Card Stock and envelopes for mounting photos to cards. Less expensive than Clear Bags. Their archival sleeves are more expensive.
- [www.clearbags.com](http://www.clearbags.com) \*  
Archival clear bags for negatives, slides and prints. Less expensive than offered by Double-u-Paper. Their card stock is more expensive than Double-u-Paper.

**Other Stores**

- [www.epsonstore.com](http://www.epsonstore.com)  
Epson direct sales site, includes clearance center and offers specials
- [www.bogenimaging.com](http://www.bogenimaging.com)  
Bogen official web site, Bogen is a distributor and online store for a number of manufacturers of tripods, light meters, flash and other accessories.
- [www.thkphoto.com](http://www.thkphoto.com)  
Online distributor and sales for a number of manufacturers of tripods, light meters, flash and other accessories.
- [www.keh.com](http://www.keh.com) \*KEH.com is an online camera store selling new and used. Prices and service beat B&H. They are located in Atlanta, GA (brick and mortar) and also have a monthly mailed catalog.
- [www.bhphotovideo.com](http://www.bhphotovideo.com) \*  
B&H Photo's online store. A good source of data for comparison shopping as they have excellent data sheets for each product and stock all manufacturers. I have been know to do my comparisons at B&H and then buy from KEH due to price. Good film prices especially in bulk.
- [www.mpix.com](http://www.mpix.com)  
Online print shop and other products
- [www.500px.com](http://www.500px.com)  
Online store with exquisite images for sale. Would be good for looking at art to learn. Does contain nudes. Also has BLOG where artist discuss their work.

*An Apology*~~A LETTER~~ FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members:

Things have been a little crazy for me since mid August. As many of you know I run the John Deere dealership in Old Saybrook and the fall is generally a time when things slow down and allow me to get back to enjoying my photography and the Camera Club in general. This year has been a little different with a visit from Tropical Storm Irene and the more recent Fall Nor'easter, both of which took out numerous trees and knocked out power for a good portion of the state we have been slightly more busy this year. So, while I was looking forward to turning my attention to the Camera Club I was instead working on selling Chainsaws and Generators.

I wanted to add this formal apology into this month's newsletter for a couple of reasons. First off, I missed publishing the October Newsletter. If you were wondering if you had missed that issue, don't worry, you didn't. I simply never had a chance to finish it and it got so late it wasn't worth publishing one. Secondly, I have been a little more absent minded about club business than normal. The most recent example of this was when I neglected to add one member's works into the November Critique.

There really isn't any good reason for me to have missed the things I have missed. I will strive to do better in the future, and this will including making better notes for myself and setting some personal deadlines. I hope you can all forgive me and I look forward to serving this club for a long time to come.

Regards,

Lou Secki

PS - Update to the story. About a week ago when I was putting the finishing touches on this newsletter my Mac started acting a little funny and began running really slowly. This means I was seeing the dreaded "beachball of death" which is the Macintosh equivalent of the Windows "hourglass." Much to my dismay, that evening as I was finishing up this newsletter my hard drive decided to stop working. If you ever get the blinking folder with a question-mark instead of the smiling Mac when booting up your Mac I can tell you from experience that is not going to be start of wonderful things. It's been about a week and a half since that calamity hit and I just got my iMac back from the Apple Genius Bar. Things are starting to get back to normal. However, I did have to rewrite this entire newsletter from scratch on my laptop.

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#### FOR SALE - MEMBER RICH FOREST IS LOOKING TO SELL SOME EQUIPMENT

Rich Forest is looking to sell a Gitzo Tripod (GT2330EX aluminum Explorer 3 section) and a Gitzo GH2750QR magnesium ballhead with quick release. He purchased them new from Adorama at the end of January for \$540. The reason for sale is lack of closet space and he is asking \$275 for them. He will throw in a Gitzo padded tripod bag with removable, adjustable shoulder strap to sweeten the deal.

If anyone is interested, you can e-mail Rich at [rforestguilford@aol.com](mailto:rforestguilford@aol.com), and I will bring them to the next meeting, or any other arrangement that is agreeable. Thanks very much.

## SCRANTON LIBRARY EXHIBIT NOTICE

Receiving Photos: Saturday, November 26, 2011 12:00 to 2:00 pm.  
 Reception: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 7:00-9:00 pm (come early for setup)  
 Pickup Photos: Saturday December 31, 2011- during hours of library operation.

- Five (5) photos allowed per entrant, with only two (2) in the general category.
- CCC exhibit rules and entry tags are on the website for downloading.
- Pictures must be ready to hang, in frames with glass – Wires only (no loops or hooks) Without wires, they cannot be hung!!
- Please, no damaged glass or frames.
- No photos accepted after 2:00pm, without prior arrangement with Mark Janke.
- Entry tags must be taped to front and back of photos.

*Please do not pick up photos prior to January 1, 2012. (If you're not going to be available on that date, make arrangements with Mark Janke to have your images picked up)*

*Scranton Library  
 801 Boston Post Road  
 Madison CT 06443  
 203-245-7365*

*Please Note: Neither the Scranton Library, Mark Janke, the Coastal Camera Club, nor its agents assume responsibility for loss or damage to any image during the handling, judging or duration of this exhibit.*

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## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE CLUB SCHEDULE

*by Archie Stone*

Due to an error in scheduling of the Madison Department of Police room and our December meeting change, we are sending out this update.

Date	Location
Thursday, November 3, 2011	Madison PD classroom
Thursday November 17, 2011	Madison PD classroom
Saturday November 26, 2011	Scranton Library, hang show
Wednesday December 7, 2011	Scranton Library, Opening, Remember the finger food
Thursday December 15, 2011	Christmas Potluck, Madison PD Classroom
Thursday January 5, 2012	Hamonassett room of the the Madison Town Hall
Thursday January 19, 2012	Madison PD classroom

I am still waiting on word about the new Senior Center. Hopefully we will hear soon and we can get back to one location and the 1st and 3rd Wednesday. Until then We will meet in the Madison PD the 3rd Thursday and the Hamonassett room of the town hall the 1st Thursday. The town hall entrance is directly across from the PD.

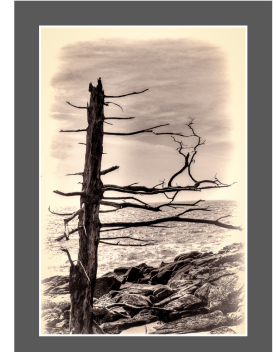
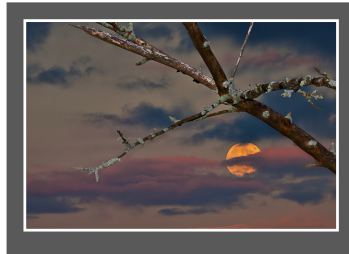


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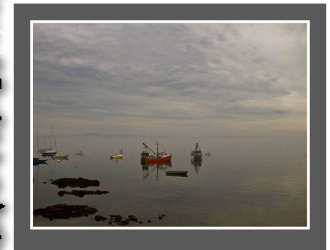
CONNECTICUT VALLEY CAMERA CLUB EXHIBIT



The Connecticut Valley Camera Club  
invites you to an exhibition of works  
@ Lemon 'n Lyme - 19 Halls Road  
Old Lyme, Connecticut



Exhibition Dates:  
November 1 - 30, 2011  
Reception date:  
November 5 6pm - 8pm  
Gallery Hours:  
Tues - Thurs 11am - 5pm  
Fri - Sat 11am - 6pm  
Sunday 12pm - 4pm



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