

## **Through My Electronic Viewfinder**

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First, a big thank you to all of you have written to the NYC Mayor's Office of Film, Theatre and Broadcasting to oppose their proposed rules for restricting photography on the streets of NYC. They have gone back to their drawing boards for a revised new set of restrictions. While we have won this battle, the war on photographer's rights continues and we need to be alert for any new attacks.

September is the traditional beginning of our club's new year. This is a hold over from years gone by when we only held a few summer programs. Lack of ac and vacation schedules kept attendance down. This summer, while we presented a full schedule of programs with the ac running on overdrive, attendance was still rather disappointing. We don't know if this was attributable to travel schedules or lack of interest in the topics presented? We are the only camera club in the area that offers summer programs.

As our new season opens, we have scheduled a wide range of guest speakers to go along with our competitions, technical demo programs as well as opportunities such as the Out of the Box meetings to encourage you to show us your more creative images. We also have a full schedule of field trips and exhibits scheduled to force you to shoot new images.

This club exists to support and encourage the creative photography of our members. The Board would appreciate your feedback our all of our programs and activities. If you have any ideas for future programs or speakers or if you have any opinions or critiques about our past, present or future programs, please send an email to me or to the Board. Your opinions are highly valued for planning future programs.

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