

# FOCUS!

**Serious photographers sharing  
their knowledge and  
experiences**

Photo by Ron Ratcliffe

## From the President

So much for Spring arriving soon but I do have 6 daffodils up! Maybe the end of March will bring the flowers we have been looking for, after it snows and freezes just one more time.

This issue marks our one year anniversary for the Newsletter. It has been a fantastic effort by Bob Coles, Frank Feigert and Ron Ratcliffe for getting it published. And thank you everyone for your contributions to making it such an excellent newsletter.

Our host for the March presentation will be John Garofalo who will introduce some of our own members and their work. This should be a fun meeting.

I am very impressed with the way our members reach out to one another for advice and information. We have a real depth of knowledge in this field of photography and the amount that is shared helps to create a very dynamic club. Also, thanks to Debbie Roberts, we can now post on Facebook any images, thoughts, and information for members to see.

Also don't forget to finish off your latest endeavors with the Brown Bag. I have found the bag contents quirkier than ever.

Cyanne

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**Club Meetings are held second Tuesday 7:30 PM**

**River Road Presbyterian Church**

**8960 River Road. Richmond**

## People on the Street

Name: Kris Kringle

Occupation: Professional Santa Claus

Association: The Santa Claus Rental Association of Virginia (?)

Time and Location: The Occasion for the Arts @ Colonial Williamsburg on 10/6/2013.

Situation: Kris, his twin and their agent were at this event to promote their services. The agent explained that he represented 87 professional Santas in Virginia. The Santas posed for photos while the crowd observed, laughed and had a good time. It was great to be with a group of happy people.

Chuck Spalding



Name: Mrs. Rodgers

Occupation: Entrepreneur

Association: Self Employed Banana Pudding Maker

Location: South Norfolk Jordan Bridge

Situation: Grand Opening of new bridge from Chesapeake VA into Portsmouth VA.

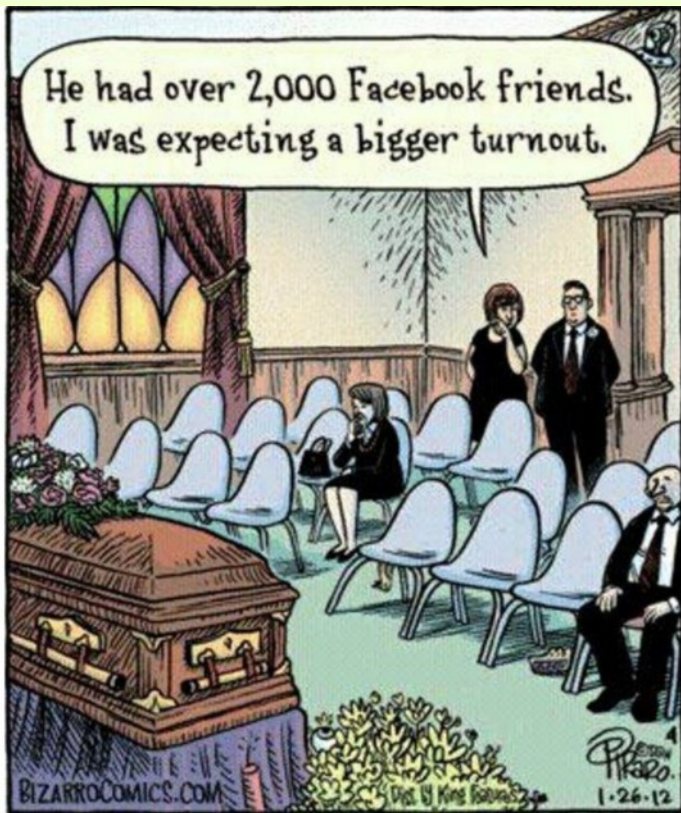
Ron Ratcliffe



## The wisdom of Bill Jay

1940-2009

- Photoshop makes it easier to do all the things you didn't need to do before Photoshop.
- Art is not democratic, if millions take bad pictures they are still bad.
- Photographers are encouraged as all other appendages atrophy, the push-button finger remains operational.
- Taking snapshots provides the illusion of photographing without the burden of being a photographer.



### Why lug a camera bag around?

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## News You Can Use

Cyanne recommended taking a look at:

<http://www.craftsy.com/classes/photography>

Latest version of Lightroom available for \$59.00. See the Soft Store at:

<http://appscustomerscare.com/browse/search/?q=lightroom+5>

Both Win and Mac versions available at same price and you own it with no clouds and monthly fees.

Amazon has the Fujifilm FinePix F750EXR Digital Camera for \$125.00. The Billings F550EXR is no longer available, but the F750 has 16MP EXR CMOS sensor, **20x zoom**, HD movies, and high-speed continuous shooting but no GPS. Original list was \$449.99. If you open a Amazon credit card, there is a \$50.00 gift you can use toward purchase.

If you have an Epson printer, you will have if don't already, a stopped up ink head. Try some Windex on a soft piece of paper and slide under the head. Works best if you can mix a little isopropyl alcohol with the Windex.

The Epson cleaning routine waste large amounts of ink. If you only have one color fading, try making a page of text using the problem color and then select Best Photo Quality. and try printing a few pages.

## Freshen Your Skills, and Learn New Ones

By Frank Feigert

Elliot Stern, formerly of Blue Ridge Photography Workshops, has started a new venture in our area. [www.SchoolofCreativePhotography.com](http://www.SchoolofCreativePhotography.com) The newsletter (after this one) on the first Thursday evening of every month. While they might occasionally send out a second one, it will only be to announce a special event or important news.

Basically, Elliot offers one-day workshops, which heightens the intensity of the learning experience. And, this fits more easily into busy calendars as well as minimizing costs. These include a one day class in Sterling on iPhoneography. **iPHONEOGRAPHY: USING THE CAMERA THAT IS ALWAYS WITH YOU**, about learning how to take and process images using your iOS or Android phone.

There is also the upcoming tulip festival in Haymarket (April 12).

We can all learn by viewing the work of our masters. Mark this on your calendars: Garry Winogrand at the National Gallery until June 8.

## Faces of Cuba

By Frank Feigert



## How to use your iPhone for better pictures.

By Chuck Spalding

A free detailed description and a link to the iTunes store is available in the link below.

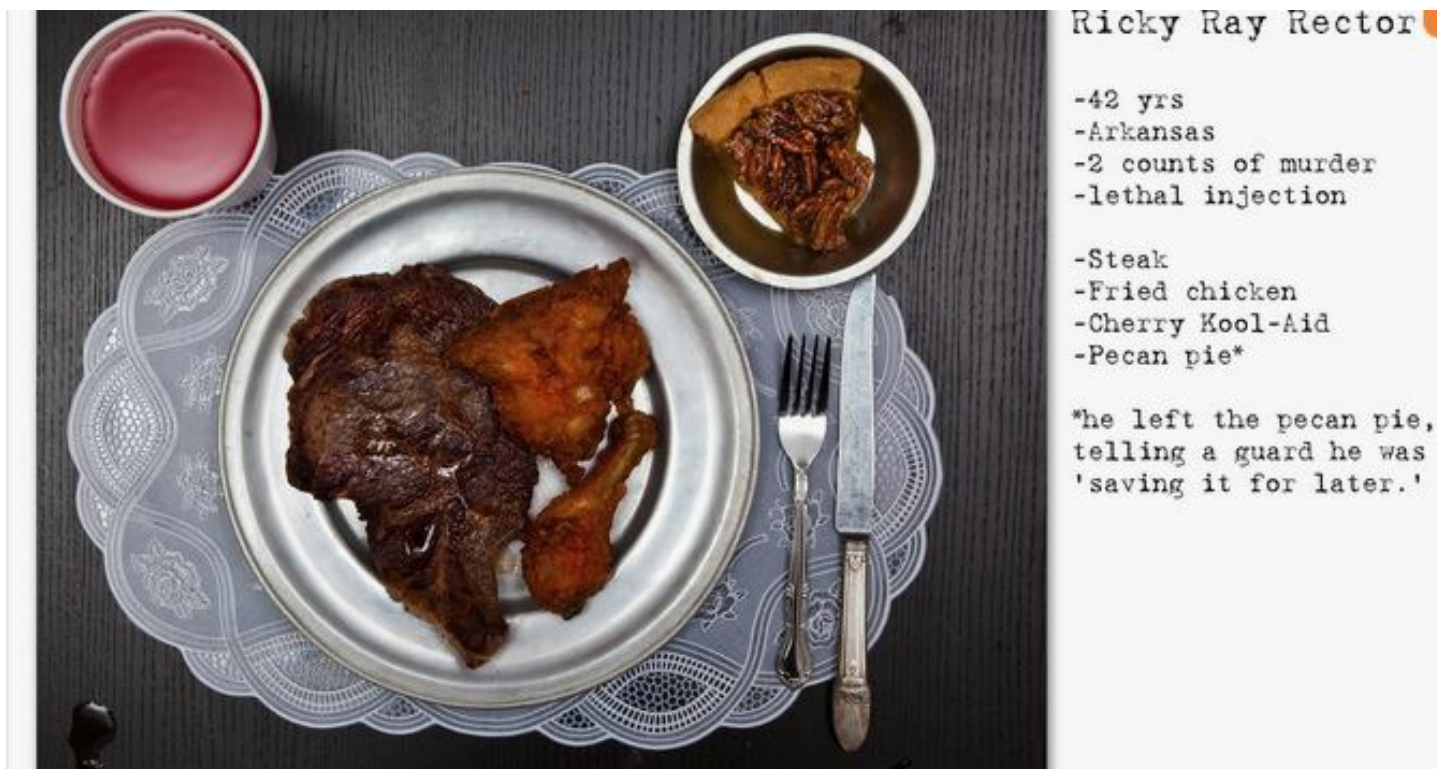
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- **Available on iPad and Mac.**
- Print Length: 185 Pages
- Language: English
- Version: 3.0
- Requirements: This book was designed for iPad and some features may not work as intended with a mouse or trackpad. To view this book on an iPad, you must have iBooks 3 or later and iOS 5.1 or later.

## ***If you had just one day left on earth, what would your last meal be?***

Henry Hargreaves photographed what death row prisoners in America requested as their last meal in his "No Seconds" series, saying that his main goal was "to have the viewer identify with the prisoner through their meal request. I wanted the viewer to think of them as a person for a moment instead of them being anonymous."

It's interesting that Henry's photography project doesn't make a judgment of the prisoner's crime, but rather humanizes the individual with a subtle glimpse of the prisoner's character and personality





### Ted Bundy

- 43
- Florida
- Rape, Necrophilia, prison escape, 35+ counts of murder
- Electric chair
- Declined a 'special' meal, so was given the traditional last meal
- Steak (medium rare)
- eggs (over easy)
- hash browns
- toast with butter and jelly
- milk
- juice



### John Wayne Gacy

- 52 yrs
  - Illinois
  - Rape, 33 counts of murder
  - Lethal injection
  - 12 fried shrimp
  - Bucket of original recipe KFC\*
  - French Fries
  - 1 lb of Strawberries
- \*prior to being convicted Gacy had managed 3 KFC restaurants

## Looking for Ducks on the James

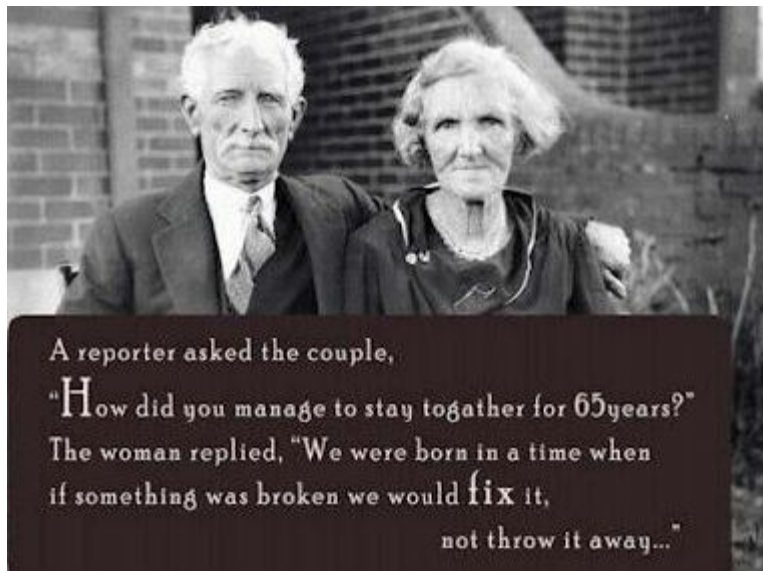
By Rob Sabatini

Last Wednesday I ventured down to the Pipeline Rapids to check on this year's guests in the great blue heron rookery. From the railroad bridge I spotted a male red-breasted merganser in the river below at dusk, which I admittedly identified by memorizing its markings and looking them up at home. The next morning I found a free hour to return to the site and after a few minutes I spotted the duck in the rapids in front of the sandy beach next to the pipeline. After running down the tracks and down the ladder I set up my gear on the beach and noted that there were two males diving in the same spot. The shot was a tough one due to the strong flow of the rapids, and I was lucky to get this one in nice position and optimal light.

I was shooting from a low angle with my Canon 5D III and 400 mm F/2.8 lens with a 1.4x III teleconverter. My settings were: F/4.5 1/3200 sec ISO 800 Exp comp +2/3



On Saturday I returned to the same spot on the beach and watched a common merganser drake fishing along the south bank of the river. It was too far for a quality shot but I watched him catch and eat this specimen, which appears to be an American Eel (see article link below about eels in the James). The merganser stretched his neck high in the air for several minutes getting the fish down. It was quite an amazing sighting, and a nice ending to a merganser-filled week.



A reporter asked the couple,  
"How did you manage to stay together for 65 years?"  
The woman replied, "We were born in a time when  
if something was broken we would fix it,  
not throw it away..."

Month	Day	Activity	What	Contact
<b>March</b>	6	Board Meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
	11	Club Meeting	John Garofalo will host a mini-show cases with members presenting 7-10 min each	Cindy
<b>April</b>	24	Deadline	April Newsletter	Ron
	3	Board Meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
<b>May</b>	8	Club Meeting	Former FGCC member Ben Greenberg will show images from his new book	Cindy
	28	Deadline	May Newsletter	Ron
	8	Board Meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
<b>June</b>	13	Club Meeting	Brown Bag Finale !	Cindy
	26	Deadline	June Newsletter	Ron
<b>July</b>	5	Board meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
	10	Club Meeting	In honor of our opening at SunTrust Gallery, we'll have a gala there to celebrate our photography and our new show.	Cindy
<b>August</b>		Suntrust Exhibit	June - Dates TBD	
		No Meeting		
<b>September</b>		No Meeting		
	25	Deadline for Newsletter	September newsletter	Ron
<b>October</b>	4	Board meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
	9	Club meeting	TBD	
<b>November</b>	29	Deadline	October newsletter	Ron
	4	Show	Deliver to James Center 9am	Vicky
	5	Show starts	James Center 10/5 - 10/26	Vicky/Peggy
	9	Board meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
	14	Meeting/Reception	James Center 6 PM to 7:30 PM	Vicky/Peggy
<b>December</b>	25	Show ends	Pick up work after 2 PM or on 26 <sup>th</sup> before 10 AM	Members
	27	Deadline	November Newsletter	Ron
	6	Board meeting	All are welcome	Cindy
	11	Club meeting	<b>The Annual Critique</b>	Cindy
	24	Deadline	December newsletter	Ron

Board Meetings are 5:15 PM at 1650 Willow Lawn Drive, suite 201

Club Meetings are 7:30 PM 8960 River Road, River Road Presbyterian Church