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## Get More From Your Inkjet

Too often an inexpensive inkjet printer ends up costing you a fortune. Here's how to control your inkjet costs. Practice good housekeeping: Keeping your printer's mechanisms clean will ensure that the device runs at its best. An occasional blast from a \$7 can of compressed air (available at electronics stores) will keep dust and bits of paper from clogging the paper path and other moving parts. Ensure that the small ink nozzles on your print heads are clear of dried ink. The most common cause of clogs is under use, so print a page once a week to keep the nozzles clean. Many inkjet printers have a cleaning program in their settings that can handle partially clogged nozzles.

Unfortunately these programs are ink profligates, so use them judiciously. If running the program once doesn't help, print another page to eliminate excess ink before you run the program again. (Note that many inkjets automatically clear the nozzles when you turn the machines on). Use less ink: Cut down on the ink your printer deposits on the page by lowering its quality setting. Some printers have an external print-quality control. Look under 'Printers and Faxes' in Control Panel, and look for a 'Print Quality' setting.

## RED TAIL HAWK



Taken by Sylvia "Cookie" Hodge at the Hicks Nursery on March 18, 2006

### Calendar of Events:

#### April, 2006

- 11—Introduction on How to Photograph Scapes (Landscape/Seascapes)
- 18—Executive Board meeting
- 21—PLFI Competition—7:45 PM at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village
- 22—Field trip to Brooklyn Botanic Garden for the Cherry Blossoms
- 25—Presentation by John Brokos— "Beyond the Light"
- 28—PFLI Delegates meeting—8:00 PM in the Nassau County Medical CC

#### May, 2006

- 7—PFLI Spring Festival— Details attached
- 9—Lesson: Composition \*Rules of Thirds \* Fill Flash \* Fill the Frame, etc.
- 12— PLFI Competition—7:45 PM at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village
- 19— PFLI Delegates meeting—8:00 PM in the Nassau County Medical CC
- 20—Field Trip to Queens Zoo
- 23—Evaluation of anything (up to 3 images in each medium) & Elections for the 2006/2007 season

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEOCC meeting dates for the 2005-2006 season are as follows:

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:30 pm, Roy Wilkins Park

2006 Dates: January 10, 24, February 14, 28, March 14, 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 13 and 27

### DO YOU HAVE ANY ANNOUCEMENTS?

In the interest of saving time, any announcements by the membership, should be submitted to Hughe or Verdell prior to the meeting or during the break.

Any long term information please submit to Cookie for the newsletter. Thank you.



**Nikon School of Photography, NYC:** 9:30am - 4:30pm – Saturday, Introduction to Digital SLR Photography, \$119.00, Sunday – Next Step in Digital Photography: Streamlined Workflow Techniques - \$159.00 June 3, & 4, 2006. (631) 547-8666;

[www.nikonschool.com/registration](http://www.nikonschool.com/registration)

**Cosmo Spring 2006 Foto Fest**—Saturday, April 29, 8:30 AM until. Skyline Hotel, 10th Avenue @ 49th Street, NYC

Morning Presentations: Dave Frieder, The Bridgeman and a return engagement by Tom Lcklan plus an afternoon chock full of photo ops. Live models, table tops and other opportunities. Bring your camera, tripod and plenty of film.

**The Photographic Federation of Long Island and Canon presents A DAY WITH GEORGE LEPP AT COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM,** Tickets are \$25.00—Sunday, May 7th. We are carpooling from Roy Wilkins.

## Photo Tips By Russ Burden, Flushing Camera Club



### *Patience and Persistence*

Good photography necessitates learning about composition, lighting, exposure, film, cameras, lenses - the list goes on. It also requires an understanding and knowledge of the subjects you shoot. Equally as important, yet often overlooked is having patience and persistence.

Whether you photograph a still life in the studio or a wild animal

on the plains of Africa, both are required virtues. Patience and persistence reward those who persevere. The

accompanying image of the Saw Whet Owl came as a result of both. Most of the time it just sat there looking very "owl like." The owl like images I accumulated are good, but I wanted something that said ACTION. In a motion that lasted less than five seconds, most of the images I got were with his eyes turned down but I captured two frames with his eyes looking directly at me before he changed his body position. Waiting for him to do something paid off. The images with the wings out and direct eye contact have more power and intrigue due to the stronger relationship they establish with the viewer. Direct eye contact evokes more power, creating a feeling of confidence and superiority. A lack of eye contact shows submissiveness. The next time you're out taking pictures, try to be a bit more patient waiting out the action or for the light to improve. You, too, may be rewarded.

## Get More From Your Inkjet CONTINUED

If you have a color inkjet but print mostly in black, disable the device's color-printing setting; on some models, this not only saves ink but also speeds up printing. To avoid having to change your print quality—or any other setting—each time you print, create an additional printer installation for each. For example, make one labeled "Draft" for low-resolution printing, and another named "Final" for printing at the highest quality. Read Scott Dunn's October 2002 "Windows Tips" for more advice:

[http://www.pcworld.com/howto/art-](http://www.pcworld.com/howto/art-Cle/0,aid,103805,pg,3,tk,urxhow,00.asp)

[Cle/0,aid,103805,pg,3,tk,urxhow,00.asp](http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,101742,tk,urxnws,00.asp). Dan Littman's August 2002 "Slash Ink Jet Printing Costs" evaluates Strydent Software's \$35 InkSaver utility and offers insights into calculating the real cost per printed page for your printer:

<http://www.pcworld.com/news/article/0,aid,101742,tk,urxnws,00.asp>