

Focus

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Photographic Federation of Long Island

This month the *Journal's* occasional article entitled **Focus**, which features a member or member club, turns to the Photographic Federation of Long Island (PFLI). The Federation is a Council comprised of 22 camera clubs spread out through Long Island and the five Boroughs of New York. PFLI has been a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) since 1972 and for the past two years, under the leadership of **Dorothy Gist**, has participated in the PSA Youth Showcase.

Director **Kathy Braun, APSA, PPSA**, of the Youth Showcase states, "Involvement in the PSA Youth Photography Showcase by PFLI began with the efforts of **Dorothy Gist** in 2009. Her efforts that first year led to 35 entries from six different schools in the showcase. Among those entries was the 2010 winner in the People/Animals category. Five more prints were chosen for exhibition at the PSA Conference in Charleston. Dorothy promised better involvement in 2011 and was true to her word with 67 entries from 13 different schools. Among the nineteen prints chosen for exhibition in Colorado Springs,

there were two first honorable mentions and two second honorable mentions. The results bear out Dorothy's enthusiasm for the youth program."

How a Council Participates in the Youth Showcase

Dorothy Gist explains, "The Photographic Federation of Long Island (PFLI) has participated in two Youth Showcases. Last year we contacted six high schools for our initial participation. This year we had 13 schools that included the original six and other schools that were made known to us by PFLI members.



Dorothy Gist
PSA Representative



Students from Paul Schreiber School attend the PFLI Youth Showcase Awards Reception, April 2011. Photo © Michael Phillips



Students from Oceanside High School attend the PFLI Youth Showcase Awards Reception, April 2011.
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Throughout the process Kathy Braun has been a valuable resource to us.

In addition to our small Youth Showcase Committee, this year we identified a *liaison* from some camera clubs to serve as the link to the high schools. The liaisons have been a valuable resource as they assist the high schools in the processing, preparation, and collection of prints.

Before mailing our prints to PSA, three judges select the top winner in the five PSA categories. We have a reception—with all the prints on display—for the PFLI members, students, teachers, parents and friends. The winners are presented their awards and the winning images are posted on our website along with our winners from PSA.

We are amazed and delighted at the level of photography from our students. The teachers, parents and students are very enthusiastic about their participation in the Youth Showcase. One teacher provided this note and I think it reflects all: *“Thank you for providing us with this wonderful opportunity.”*

The PFLI is pleased to be the link between PSA and our high schools.”

A very active organization, “PFLI is a voluntary non-profit organization whose membership consists of camera clubs from Nassau and Suffolk counties as well as the 5 boroughs of NYC and is dedicated to the enjoyment and advancement of photography.

PFLI hosts a number of special events including a full day seminar with experts in the various fields of photography, monthly instructional seminars and live photographic shoots. They have launched a new monthly online competition category for creative images. They also conduct monthly club competitions as well as an annual competition to select the best photographs of the year.” *(Taken from the PFLI website.)*

Meetings are held for competitions on the second Friday of each month from October thru May at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library in Plainview, New York. For more information visit the PFLI website <http://www.pflionline.com/> ■

Change of E-mail address?

Members change e-mail addresses frequently, but sometimes they forget to tell the Photographic Society of America (PSA)!
Please keep Headquarters informed!

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2011 PSA Annual Conference Video Reviews

Every year **Carole Kropscot, APSA**, prepares a video review from PSA member’s photographs. This year she has prepared a video that highlights the 2011 Conference and two videos of the Photo Tours in and around Colorado Springs. These videos are a nice remembrance for those who attended. Please visit the PSA website to view the videos.

<http://psa-photo.org/conference/2011-psa-conference/>

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