

An Abundance of Beauty For Photographers

By Jerry Spette

Spring is here and beauty abounds. What a great time of year to get photographic juices flowing. The other day I noticed the crocus and tulip sprouts reaching up from the cold barren earth to warm them in the long awaited 60 degree temperature. Like the flowers, most photographers I know are just itching to get out of their houses, grab their new digital cameras or Brownies and burn up some film in the warm outdoors.

Westchester offers an abundance of colorful subjects to photograph even at this time of year. Besides the obvious extensive array of colors that flowers manifest, fast flowing streams reflect the deep blue sky; spillways at our local dams gush from spring's thaw, and in the woodland buds are popping out all over producing a palate photographers cherish. These emerging young buds of spring have always captivated me. The light green pastel leaves found only in the spring, contrast with the earthen shades of brown to produce sights to behold and are a joy to photograph. Hey, with a creative eye, even skunk cabbage is photogenic.

A visit to one Westchester's open spaces will produce a bounty of subjects to fill a viewfinder. The Teatown Reservation in Yorktown, Rockefeller's Preserve in Pocantico Hills, the Ward Pound Ridge Reservation off route # 35 and a walk along the majestic Hudson River are only a few locations locally that will assist in shaking the cabin fever and will stimulate those creative juices just itching to break out. So, grab your gear and some film and capture an abundance of beauty in Westchester County's open air.

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The ***Color Camera Club of Westchester***, founded to sponsor and encourage activities for the photographic enthusiast meets most Monday evenings, 7:30-9:30pm at St. Matthews Lutheran Church in White Plains, New York. Programs, workshops, evaluations and competitions are designed to be entertaining, inspiring and to further the skills of the photographer. Meetings are free and open to the public for beginners and advanced shooters alike. For additional information, Jerry can be contacted at 769-7758.