

TO: CT CHAPTER of ASMP
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Dear Members:

With summer upon us, the Chapter will be somewhat dormant as hordes of us take vacation at various times seeking someplace that is cool. Though we do not have any programming scheduled until early fall, there are things afoot that remain ongoing. The **OMGs (Ongoing Motivational Groups)** are now all up and running. There are five groups: two in Hartford, one in New Haven and two in the Stamford area. One of the Stamford groups has only three members, so there is space for one or two ASMP members to join. We've found that the ideal number for these groups is four or five. If you are interested in joining this group please [get in touch](#).

Each **OMG** shapes itself. The underlying theme is that the groups are a forum where each member can express their goals, allowing the other members to add suggestions and present accountability. As creatives we all too often work in a vacuum, so the idea of these groups is to bring like minded people together. I've always found that ideas grow when you have the opportunity to express them to others and get feedback. Think of it as photo analysis 101 and it's *way* cheaper than therapy.

In the fall, on the evening of September 19th (hold the date) ASMP ex-president Jim Cavanaugh will be in New Haven to present the program "**Photographers Helping Photographers.**" Click here for more information: [Photographers Helping Photographers](#). As we get closer to the date, we'll send an email out with the registration information.

We will also continue the "**Ask Anything**" programs (more below). These are designed to be open forums for members and non-members to get together and have a dialogue regarding business. We plan these so that they take place throughout the state at various times during the year.

When we query members about what they want to see us offer for programming, marketing is always at the top or very close to the top. In response to this the board is thinking about a series of programs around marketing. Our ideas are just germinating and I would welcome thoughts and suggestions that you may have. Don't be shy, please reach out to me.

Also on the horizon is a member show scheduled for early 2013. CT ASMP member, Mark Savoia ([Still River Editions](#)) has offered to host the show at his company gallery. We'll provide more information by early fall.

Remember to log on to www.ctasmp.org to keep abreast of chapter activities.

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