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*Best of Nature Special Theme (Landscape) – Fall 2020 Competition
Jenny Lake Overlook
Robert Arntz – Drumlin Hills Photography Club*

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CALENDAR - 2021

Saturday - May 1, 2021

9 AM - 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

This will be a Zoom meeting. Delegates will be notified a few days before the meeting.

11:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Spring Competition (Virtual)

You will be able to view the final judging, click the link to register to view the virtual Competition.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OvkMQciiTlq51Ahcwfg_fw

Saturday - August 7, 2021

9 AM - 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

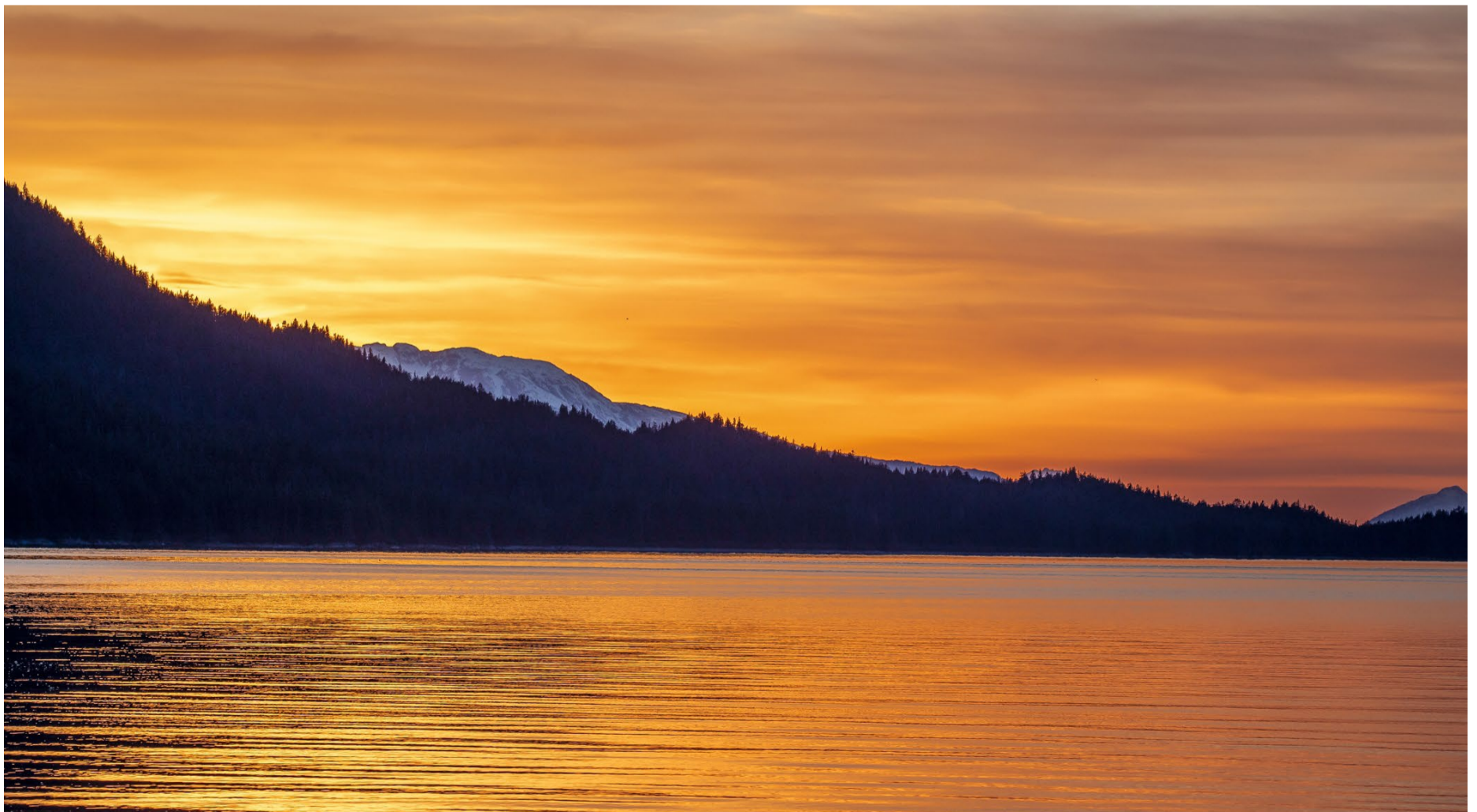
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Photographer Quote

To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place...

I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them.

Edward Erwit



1st Place - Open Special Theme (Sunrise/Sunset) - Fall 2020 Competition

Sunset in Alaska

Patricia Toicen-Dyce - Unlimited Visions Camera Club

Newsletter

We would like each club to send us their email list of members so that everyone can get the Digital Forum Newsletter, we do not sell or give this list out to anyone. If you have already sent it THANK YOU, if not please send an updated list.

Please send the list on an excel spreadsheet to waccoprogram@gmail.com.

We have changed the email address that this newsletter will be coming from waccoprogram@gmail.com, so please update your address book for the change.

We are always looking for articles and photos to publish in the newsletter. When submitting an article and photos, please attach photos separate from the article. Photos should be sized at 2100 pixels on the longest side.

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Website

www.wicameraclubs.org

Please make sure you look at the website as it is updated on a regular basis with new information for coming events. We hope to keep improving the site, with other new information in the near future.

If your club is on the WACCO website, please let us know of any changes, so we can keep you club's page current.

Plus just like our newsletter, the website needs your articles to make it better and interesting. Please send your photos or articles to Phyllis at scenescapes@yahoo.com. Please have the photos sized at 2100 pixels on the longest side.

Jeffrey Klug
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WACCO General News

Highlights from the last delegates meeting:

We had our February delegates meeting virtually, with a record number of clubs attending the meeting.

For reports on Nominating Committee, Competition Committee and Exhibition Committee see page 6. The Spring competition announcement is on page 5.

Program Report: The Bryan Hansel Seminar was a success. We will report on the comments at the next delegates meeting. We are working on suggested speakers for next year, please send any suggestions to waccoprogram@gmail.com. We are currently working on a Birds of Prey workshop for this Fall.

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Words from the President

Spring is here! I'm writing this while I look out my window on a sunny day that's heading towards 60 degrees. This will be quick; I want to get out and enjoy this weather before starting another work week.

I don't know about you, but I really enjoyed the Bryan Hansel seminar and want to thank Ken and Jeff for all they did to put that together. Between his pictures and his location ideas, I can't wait to head to the North Shore and take some pictures of my own. I'm going to take this time to practice, practice, practice, so I'm ready when I get there. I have a new NiSi filter system to play with - if anybody has tips, please email them to me (lizannwhit@gmail.com). I don't know why I struggle with these, but I don't struggle with screw filters. It must be my old brain rebelling against learning more new things.

With things opening up more, I'm excited to see WACCO start planning our events again - starting with the Birds of Prey this fall. More information will be coming, but it's just exciting to think about us being able to get together again at this awesome event.

The spring competition will be another great one - I can't wait to see what you all come up with for our new Altered Reality open special category. Remember, we need 6 people to enter a category to hold the competition in that category, so please be sure to enter - I really want to see what the organization's creative people come up with. Stay tuned for changes coming to the fall competition. We will make certain to get these changes out to all of you soon, so you know well before the competition.

I'm heading out on the road — I hope you all have a safe, photography-filled spring!

Elizabeth Whitcomb
President WACCO

PS; I'll close with my standard plea – WACCO can't exist without help from the photography community. We need help in so many areas. Read through the newsletter, the opportunities are listed throughout and please consider donating your time.

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SPRING 2021 COMPETITION

Hosted by: WACCO

When: Saturday, May 1, 2021

Where: Virtual Competition

Time: 11:30 AM

DEADLINE: April 12, 2021 (midnight)

All images, including print divisions, must be uploaded by midnight of stated deadline. Fees are paid at time of upload via PayPal or by submitting a check to the Competition Chairperson by posted deadline. If paying by check, please complete the Entry Fees form found on the website.

Competition Uploader: www.wicameraclubs.org/competition (uploader opens February 1, 2021)
Complete Rules and Instructions can be found on the Competition page of the WACCO website.

By submitting images, the entrant permits WACCO to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for display on the WACCO website and for use in the PSA Councils Challenge and/or display in media related to the competitions. The works will not be used in a commercial context.

| 6 DIVISIONS – 3 images per division. \$4.00 fee per division. | |
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| PROJECTED NATURE | PROJECTED OPEN |
| Mono Nature Projected | Mono Open Projected |
| Color Nature Projected | Color Open Projected |
| Nature Special Theme | Open Special Theme |

Nature Special Open Theme – Flowers

The flowers theme includes both wildflower and domesticated, cultivated flowers such as roses, tulips, etc. The subject should be presented in its natural environment and should not be moved to a studio location. Images captured in greenhouses, botanical gardens, and the like are allowed but no hand of man should be visibly present. The appearance of the “Hand of Man” is prohibited. The subject should not be moved to a studio environment, but should be depicted in its natural surroundings. No mounted subjects are allowed. Furthermore, no manipulation is allowed except for cropping, exposure adjustments and dust sensor removal. No cloning to add or delete elements to the composition is allowed.

The appearance of the “Hand of Man” is prohibited. The subject should not be moved to a studio environment but should be depicted in its natural surroundings. No mounted subjects are allowed. Furthermore, no manipulation is allowed except for cropping, exposure adjustments and dust sensor removal. No cloning to add or delete elements to the composition is allowed.

Random Open Special Theme – Creative/Altered Reality

The Altered Reality category’s primary distinction is that the maker intends (and the viewer easily recognizes) that the image is not a representation of reality. The Altered Reality image must have a photographic base of the maker’s creation. Manipulation of the basic image or images can be done in-camera or in a computer. The use of brushes and textures made by others is allowed in Altered Reality, as is the use of software to create unusual effects. Altered Reality image-makers should feel free to use a wide range of tools and resources, limited only by imagination.

Questions:
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Nominating Committee Report

Gerry Hying – Chair

The candidates for the WACCO board positions are; Mary Dumont for president, Mary Krajnak* for Vice President, Ramona Lenger for Treasurer, and Ken Warning for Secretary. The election and voting for the officers will take place at the May meeting. Prior to the election the nominating committee will ask for additional nominations from the floor.

**A late development, Mary Krajnak withdrew from the position of Vice President and Jim Kurovsky has stepped up to volunteer for that position.*

Competition Committee Report

Elizabeth Whitcomb – Chair

- The Spring Competition of 2021 will be held virtually. The Special Theme for Nature will be Flowers, and the Special Theme for Open will be Altered Reality.

- The special categories for Fall of 2021 are Birds for Nature, and Portraits for Open. The Up-loader for the Spring Competition is now open and will close on April 12, 2021.

- The Competition Committee met to review some of our Competition procedures and Category definitions.

- The Committee would like to increase the judge's fees from \$25 to \$50 per judge. This was approved by the delegates.

- The Committee recommended to keep the Nature category with no changes.

- The Committee recommended to change the definition of the Open category to add that all images and parts of the images must be the makers own images. This was approved by the board of Delegates and will take effect on the November 2021 Competition.

- The Committee recommended to add a new Open Limited category. This category would have limited editing restrictions similar to the Nature division, it would allow object removal and cloning, but would not allow anything to be added to the image. This was approved by the board of Delegates and will take effect on the November 2021 Competition. The definition of this category will be on the website by the time the Fall competition is open for accepting entries.

- The Committee recommended to add the Open Limited category to the Mono category. This was approved by the board of Delegates and will take effect on the November 2021 competition.

- The competition will be virtual and you will be able

to watch the final selection of the medals by the judges. You must sign up for this virtual competition by going to this link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OvkMQciiTlq51Ahcwfg_fw

Exhibition Committee

Mary Dumont – Chair

- There will be a WACCO virtual exhibit on the WACCO website. The exhibit will run from July 1st, 2021 until August 31st, 2021. The submission deadline is midnight, June 18th, 2021.

- This is limited to people that belong in WACCO camera clubs.

- There will be a limit of 4 images color or B&W.

- Theme Open in good taste. Any images on WACCO's website as competition winners will not be accepted. We are looking for new images not seen by people viewing our website.

- Digital images should be sized at 2100 on the long size.

- Title should contain last name, the image title i.e., Dumont_imagetitle.

- In your image submission include the following: selling price if desired, contact information, WACCO club, email, website or phone if desired.

- Send your images directly to Mary Dumont at waccoexhibits@gmail.com

- This virtual exhibit will be marketed through the WACCO website, individual club websites, Facebook, and individual participants.

- Please share any contacts with galleries, or other venues with Mary Dumont.



Digital Forum - The Meeting

By Jeffrey Klug

The Digital Forum newsletter came from the original Digital Forum educational meeting that Lynn Reiger originally started a long time ago.



The Digital Forum is back. It will be an educational type of program, but it will be a virtual program. Being virtual will give us more benefits; we will bring in speakers from different parts of the state. We will be able to have people across the country attend the meetings.

The current plan for the Digital Forum will be a two-hour meeting. The first hour will be general Questions from both the Panelist and the Attendees. The second hour will be on one specific topic. It will be held on the 4th Saturday of the month, and it will be from 10:00 AM till Noon.

I plan to lead the meeting, and the group is broken into a group of Panelist that will help answer the question. They should have good audio, video and INTERNET. The second group is made up of the attendees, they also have a job of asking questions for the Panelists to answer. We do have a limit currently of 100 people that can attend the Digital Forum, but it will also be streamed on the WACCO You-tube site for those to view either during or after the event.

We will talk about equipment, programs, different techniques, anything that may help you expand your knowledge of photography. It will be a wide variety of topics from Drone photography, still, nature, landscape, architectural, and Sports Photography. There are many photographers out there with a vast range of knowledge that, hopefully, they will share.

If you have questions about attending or Topic suggestions or any suggestions to help make this an interesting virtual meeting, please send them to me at waccoprogram@gmail.com or give me a call at 262 893-3500.

I hope everyone will find these interesting and educational. I look forward to seeing you on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 AM.

You need to register in advance for this webinar:

When: 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GyvFCirQlGFzMA9JDLxkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You only need to register once, this is a recurring webinar and you will be notified one day and one hour before the webinar.

(The above link can be shared with anyone that might be interested in joining us for this webinar, do not share your link once you are registered, just share the above link.)

I have create a page on the WACCO website with links to topics that were discussed in the meeting.

Go to

<http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/df-links-from-discussions>

Videos of the meetings are at

<http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/dfmeeting>

Youtube Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCj3HOzNIkvAXIdXoQDKZj9g>



St Augustine Lighthouse Stairway by Jeffrey Klug, HonWACCO

Jeffrey Klug – Photography and Computer Instruction



I will help you create better photographic images, whether you are a beginner or are an advanced photographer. I will tailor your class to fit your needs and will work with you at a time convenient for you. Currently, I am just offering virtual classes through your computer. My classes are usually 1 to 2 hours per session.

The sessions' cost is \$60 for a 1-hour session or \$100 for a 2-hour session.

I am also offering to help set up your computer and get your files organized and backed up. I will show how to get all the photos into one place, on an external hard drive, and suggest different methods of backing up all your image files. Most of this can be done virtually through your computer, or if necessary, I can come to your home to get the computer working. I will work on Apple computers, Window computer I can help to a certain point.

Working on your computer and organize your files, the fee is \$60/hour plus any travel expenses.

If you would like to improve your photographic skills to create better images or have some questions or problems with your current equipment or software and would like to work with me to design and schedule a class, please call at 262 893-3500 or email me at kpw1255@me.com.

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