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Digital Forum Newsletter

Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Limited Color Open Projected



Best Of Show

Impala Gathering

By Gary Jones

Fox Valley Camera Club

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CALENDAR - 2024

Saturday – February 3, 2024

**9 AM – 11 AM
Delegates Meeting**

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

Saturday – March 2, 2024

Seminar with Steve Gettle

See page 5 for more info

Saturday – May 4, 2024

**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 – 2 PM
Spring Competition**

Link will be provide before the competition

Photographer Quote

Light makes photography. Embrace light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light. Know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography.

George Eastman

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Newsletter

I hope everyone had a good fall season and that you have a good Holiday season.

We are starting a new section in the newsletter: Casting a Light on: WACCO camera clubs. I will be asking for a short history and current information on your club, along with 7 to 8 images. The information can be a word document, the images should be separate from the word Doc. They can be emailed or you can send them to me at <https://jrklug.wetransfer.com>.

We are also interested in on-line Photo announcements. We will need them 2 to 3 months before the event.

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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.

Now is a great time to update your WACCO club page, please send us any new info and please update your images.

Thank you.

Jeffrey Klug
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WACCO Delegates Meeting Highlights

We had our November delegates meeting digitally.

Competition Committee Report - The Fall Competition is now over see page 9 for results. The Wisconsin Print Circuit will continue for 2023-24. The results from the 2022-23 Print Circuit is on page 18

Program Report – Steve Gettle will be the presenter for the next seminar, see page 5 for more information.

Art's Cameras Plus

<http://www.artscameras.com>

Please check out Art's Camera Plus for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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Please check out Mike Crivello's for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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Words from the President

WACCO Members,

First, I thank everyone who entered photos into the fall competitions. A wide range of photo subjects were awarded medals. If you haven't watched the video of the honorable mention winners and the medal winners, I suggest you go to <https://www.wicameraclubs.org/artists#/competition-videos> and see the wide variety of photos selected for this competition. If you see names from your photo club, congratulate them. It is always nice to know someone saw your photo. It is very easy to see we have a talented group of photographers scattered throughout our clubs.

If you didn't submit photos for this competition, I hope you will consider doing so for the Spring competition.

AI (Artificial Intelligence) photo editing has exploded in most editing programs. We will soon have more information on how this will affect our competition's editing rules. You will receive information before our spring competition opens. The Competition Committee will outline what is and is not acceptable editing for each category.

If you're looking for a way to start meeting others in our group, remember to sign up for the Digital Forum meetings on the 4th Saturday of the Month. The first hour has a guest speaker on various photographic topics, and the second hour is for your questions. Our group has a vast knowledge base. Usually, someone will be able to help you with your questions. It's also a good way to meet others in our group. If you see them while out at an event, be sure to say "Hi."

We had a very good turnout for the Schlitz Audubon Birds of Prey workshop. Many photographers took stunning images of these birds with great fall colors in the background. The Sunflower farm photo outing also proved to be a great fun time, and it, too, was well attended. I even saw a few of those images in our competition. Watch for announcements for this year's photo opportunities. We are working on old favorites and new outings we hope you will enjoy.

Remember to ask your club if they have both representatives they can have attend our Zoom delegates meetings. Our meetings are held quarterly on the first Saturday morning in February, May, August, and November. If your club could use another representative, ask to be that representative for your club. We would love to see you get involved.

It's time to charge your camera's batteries and go out and take an award-winning photo (or two) for our spring competition and have a great time doing it. Remember to share your photos with your club, too.

Sincerely,



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WACCO March 2, 2023 Virtual Seminar with Steve Gettle Saturday- 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM



The two topics for the seminar will be Bird Photography, Beyond the Basics (9:00 AM to 10:30 AM) and Landscape Photography (11:00 AM to 12:30 PM). There will be a 1/2 hour break between each session. There will be time for questions after each session. A set of notes will be emailed to you by Steve. A copy of the video will be available to watch for 30 days after the seminar.

The cost of this seminar will be: \$25 for Early Registration (12/2/23 till 2/10/24) and \$35 for General Admission (2/11/24 to 3/2/24).

The link to sign-up is : <https://2024-wacco-spring-seminar.eventbrite.com>

WACCO Virtual Spring Seminar

By Steve Gettle

Saturday March 2nd, 2023

9:00 to 12:30 PM

Bird Photography – Beyond the Basics

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Central time)

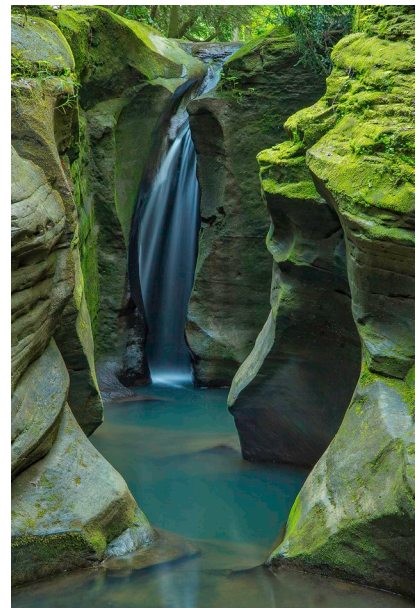
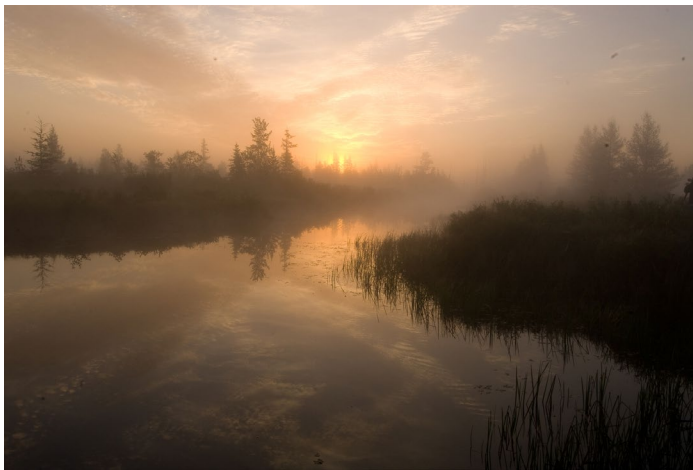
Creating photographs of the birds of our world is a fun and challenging pursuit. In this course, we will go beyond the basics, learning tips and tricks to take your bird photography to the next level. Attendees will learn how to properly use fill-flash, how to use many different types of blinds, as well as how to build a backyard bird photography studio. Participants will learn why you don't need a \$12,000 lens to photograph of a bird.



Landscape – Landscape Photography by Steve Gettle

11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Central Time)

The world is filled with scenic splendor. Learn how to create stunning images of the land. We will not only cover techniques to photograph the grand sweeping vista, but also move in close and look at creating portraits of the details in our natural world: from intimate forest scenes, to flowers and the beautiful patterns present in the natural world. Learn how to “see the picture” and how to find order and create beauty in the chaos.



Steve's Bio

Steve Gettle, a seasoned photographer with a 30-year career, has dedicated countless hours to capturing the beauty of nature through hundreds of thousands of photographs. His images reflect a profound love for wildlife and the untamed landscapes of our world.



Exhibitions and Recognition:

Steve's work has been showcased in global galleries and museums, including the Museum of Natural History in London and The American Museum of Natural History in New York.

He has had two solo exhibitions at The National Center for Nature Photography.

He was featured in prestigious publications such as National Geographic, Canadian Geographic, Audubon, Sierra Club, BBC, World Wildlife Fund, National Wildlife Federation, and more.

Awards and Distinctions:

Steve was honored with numerous awards, including Great Lakes Wildlife Photographer of the Year.

Recognized in the BBC's Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest and Nature's Best photography contest.

Photo Tours and Workshops:

Steve shares his expertise through private and group nature photography experiences in unique locations. Conducted tours and workshops for organizations like the North American Nature Photographers Association and Rocky Mountain School of Photography.

Performances and Lectures:

He is an engaging speaker with a lecture series at regional and national photography conventions.

He offers a one-day nature photography seminar, "The Art of Nature Photography," for educational and entertaining purposes and is available for presentations on various photographic and creative topics.

Community Involvement:

Steve actively contributes to environmental and educational causes by donating his time and work to multiple organizations annually.

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SteveGettle>



WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Limited Monochrome Open Projected



First Place
Flower Back By Gerald Emmerich, Jr,
Image Makers



Second Place
Flax into Fibers By Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Vision Camera Club



Third Place
Budding Lilly By Patricia Grindley
Menomonee Falls Camera Club

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Monochrome Open Projected



First Place
Reflecting By Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



Second Place
Birt The Keeshond B&W By Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



Third Place
Musket By Patricia Grindley
Menomonee Falls Camera Club

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Monochrome Nature Projected



First Place
Tease Silhouette By Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club



Second Place
Thompson's Gazelle By Pat Lynch
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



Third Place
Milkweed Curls By Jesse Buchholz
Menomonee Falls Camera Club

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Limited Color Open Projected



*First Place/Best Of Show
Impala Gathering By Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*Second Place
Lotus Flame By Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*Third Place
As Far as the Eye can See By Joseph Eichers
Urban Ecology Camera Club*

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Color Open Projected



First Place
Bluebird & Mountain Ash By Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



Second Place
Car 23 & Car 57 Spin By Jeffrey Klug
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



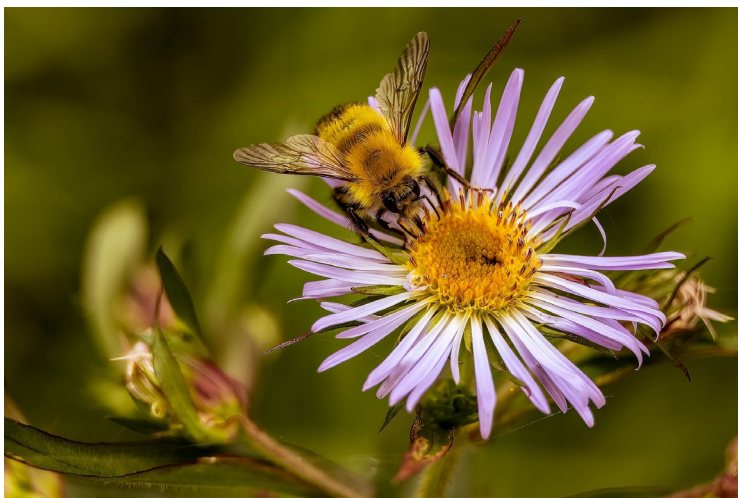
Third Place
Sunflower Opening By Jeffrey Klug
Menomonee Falls Camera Club

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Color Nature Projected



First Place
Looking to the Sun By Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club



Second Place
Bee on Aster By Roger Crill
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



Third Place
Opossum By Bob Murry
Unlimited Vision Camera Club

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Open Special Theme Projected Urban Landscape



First Place

*Lisbon Portugal - The Bridge & Blessing By Joseph Eichers
Urban Ecology Center Photo Club*



Second Place

*Wolf Point Twilight By Jeff McDonald
East Troy Viewfinders Camera Club*



Third Place

*Milwaukee By Bob Murray
Fox Valley Camera Club*

WACCO Fall 2023 Competition

Nature Special Theme Projected Natural Landscape



First Place
West Mitten Sunrise By Jeff McDonald
East Troy Viewfinders Camera Club



Second Place
Scuppernong Sunrise in Fog By Jeff McDonald
East Troy Viewfinders Camera Club



Third Place
Dead Wood By Pat Lynch
Menomonee Falls Camera Club

WACCO Proficiency Awards

Photographers earn Proficiency Awards in Projected and Print by earning HM's or better. Level I proficiency is earned after 25 HM's or better. Level II proficiency is awarded after 75 HM's or better. Level III, 150 HM's, Level IV 250, Level V 500.

Images are combined from the Projected divisions to earn a Proficiency in Projected.
Images are combined from the Print divisions to earn a Proficiency in Print.

New Proficiency Award (After the Fall 2023 Competition)

Level 1 proficiency Projected
Ken Bohlman - Menomonee Falls Camera Club
Joseph Eichers - Urban Ecology Camera Club
Patricia Grindley - Menomonee Falls Camera Club
Jeff McDonald - East Troy Viewfinders Camera Club

Proficiency Awards-Projected

Level 1 (25 HM's or better)

Ken Bohman MFC
Joseph Eichers UEC
Patricia Grindley MFC
Jeff McDonald ETV
Carole Bailey, MFC
Jerry Clish, FVC
Roger Crill, MFC
Mary Dumont, RCC
Priscilla Farrell, UEC
Don Frique, IFP
Bert Hartinger, PPM
Karl Hokanson, MFC
Kurt Huebner, RET
Larry Jansen, FVC
Gary Jones, FVC
Timothy Kant, WNC
Mary Krajnak, RCC
Paul Malen, UVC
Rona Neri, DCC
Bill Rietz, MFC
Randy Scherkenbach, RET
Vinay sinha, WNC
Patricia Toicen-Dycee, UVC
Don Weltzien, UVC
Diane Werner, UVC
Elizabeth Whitcomb, RET
Milton Wilson, RET
Richard Yehl, PPM

Level 2 (75 HM's or Better)

Kathy Braun, PPC
Jesse Buchholz, MFC
Ian Dickmann, MFC
Jim Edlhuber, RET
John Hasse, RET
Jeffrey Klug, MFC
Jim Kurovsky, UVC
Geri Laehn, WNC
Pat Lynch, MFC
Rich Phalin, UVC
Ken Warning, MFC
Bonnie Zuidema, FVC
Stan Zuidema, FVC

Level 3 (150 HM's or better)

Jane Hirst, MFC

Level 4 (250 HM's or Better)

Level 5 (500 HM's or better)

Gerald Emmerich, Jr. IM

Proficiency Awards-Print

Level 1 (25 HM's or better)

Jesse Buchholz, MFC
Jerry Clish, FVC

Jim Edlhuber, RET
Jane Hirst, MFC
Jim Kurovsky, UVC

Level 2 (75 HM's or Better)

Kathy Braun, PPC
Jeffrey Klug, MFC
Geri Laehn, WNC
Bill Rietz, MFC
Ken Warning, MFC

Level 3 (150 HM's or better)

Gerald Emmerich, Jr., IM

Club Abbreviations

ETV-East Troy Viewfinders
FVC-Fox Valley Camera Club
IFP Infocus Camera Club
IM-Image Makers
MFC-Menomonee Falls Camera Club
PPM-Photo Pictorialist Milwaukee
RCC-Racine Camera Club
RET-Retzer Camera Club
UEC-Urban Ecology Camera Club
UVC-Unlimited Vision Camera Club
WNC-Wehr Nature Center Camera Club

Wisconsin Print Circuit 2022-23

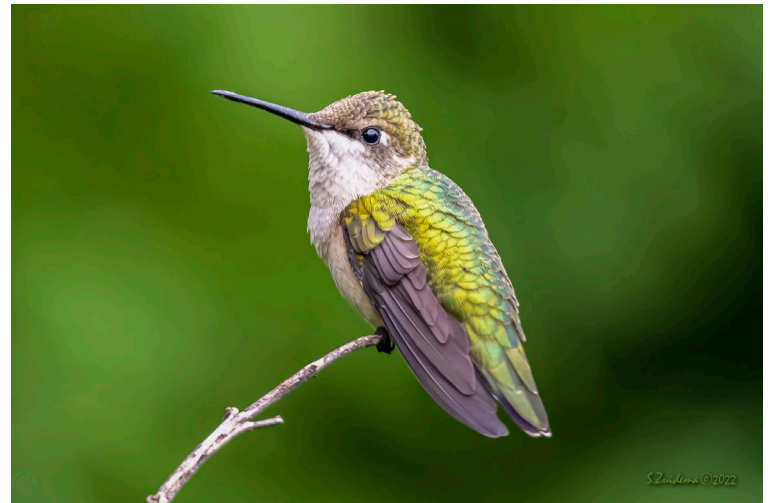
Color Print Awards Image



1st Place
Down the Hatch by Roger Crill
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



2nd Place
Wide Eyes Struggle by Gerald Emmerich Jr.
Image Makers



3rd Place
Hummingbird by Stan Zuidema
Fox Vally Camera Club

Wisconsin Print Circuit 2022-23 Color Print Awards Image



*Honorable Mention
Snow Egret Display by Ken Warning
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Liquidity 2181 by Jeff McDonald
East Troy Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Milkweed Blossom by Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Anticipation by Dee Warner
Unlimited Vision Photo Club*



*Honorable Mention
Osprey Feeding by Don Weltzen
Unlimited Vision Photo Club*

Wisconsin Print Circuit 2022-23 Monochrome Print Awards Image



1st Place
Milkweed in B/W by Jessie Buchholz
Menomonee Falls Camera Club



2nd Place
Storm Brewing by Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Vision Photo Club



3rd Place
Street Light and Lines by Gerald Emmerich Jr.
Image Makers

Wisconsin Print Circuit 2022-23 Monochrome Print Awards Image



*Honorable Mention
Falls Leaving Lake Marie by Robert Arntz
Drumlin Hills Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Weathered Bear by Stan Zuidema
Fox Vally Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Summer Delight by Diana Duffey
Urban Ecology Camera Club*



*Honorable Mention
Manistee Light Op 1636 by Jeff MacDonald
East Troy Camera Club*

Casting a Light on: Creative Images Photo Club

Creative Images Photo Club was first organized in June 2003 by Keri Gerlach and Mary Kleist as Friends of Boerner Botanical Garden Photo Club. Later, the name was changed to Creative Images Photo Club. Keri worked at Boerner then and was instrumental in providing display cases at Boerner for our photos. When she changed jobs and moved to Clement Manor, we would put together an annual display of photos in their main hallway and at Boerner. Mary served as club president for many years and is still active. Today, Drema Swader and Roger Lange are the primary organizers of CIPC. For many years, we met at various classrooms at Boerner and conducted numerous photography workshops as part of Boerner's educational program. These workshops were organized and run by various members of CIPC, which not only helped nonmembers taking the class or workshop but made sure those presenting the class knew the material backward and forward as well. Many of our meetings also involved a fellow member presenting a topic and leading a discussion of some aspects of photography, as well as a monthly photo challenge and image review of our photos. In this way, we helped each other become better and more knowledgeable photographers. Some of our members also sold some of their photos through the gift shop at Boerner.

Today, we still consider Boerner our base of operations, but our monthly meetings are now on ZOOM, on the third Saturday of the month from 10:00 am to Noon. The main portion of our meetings is still our monthly photo challenges. These challenges are designed to get members to try something new and maybe even to get them out of their comfort level. This is the list of this year's challenges:

Best of 2022
 Still Life
 Interiors
 Snow & Ice
 Spring Flowers
 Long Days

Three-of-a-Kind
 Bad Weather
 Vanishing Point
 Blur, Bokeh, or Back-lit
 Halloween
 Glow

Every other month, Drema has gotten outstanding photographers from around the country to judge and review our photos. Club members submit several general category photos and at least one photo to meet the monthly challenge topic. We then ask the judges to point out things they like in each photo and make suggestions they would do, either in post-processing or while taking the photo, that might improve the photo. These image reviews have helped all of us develop a better eye when reviewing our own photographs. The judges also rate these photos as acceptable or not. Those rated acceptable are put on the home page of our website (creativephotoimages.org) and remain there for the month. Our meetings also include bringing in some outside experts to present topics to challenge us. Topics covered this past year included light painting, using Photo Pills, and using various modules in Lightroom and Photoshop.

We also schedule a monthly photo outing such as Mitchell Park Domes, Milwaukee Art Museum, Saint Josaphat Basilica, the Orchid Show at Milaeger's in Racine, a portrait studio where we were able to experiment with professional lighting and backgrounds, Boerner Botanical Gardens, and downtown Cedarburg as well as participating in WACCO's photo shoots.

CIPC is a small club of around 20 members with a very active core that is always looking to do more and learn more about our photography hobby. For further information, go to our website, creativephotoimages.org, or email roger.lange@yahoo.com

Casting a Light on: Creative Images Photo Club



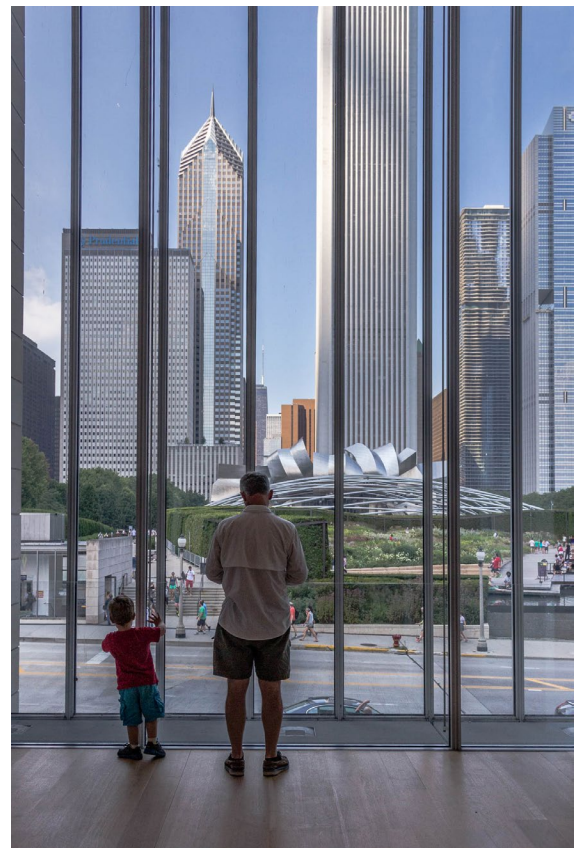
Cana Island By Derma Swader



Cedar Wax Wing By Judy Pannozo

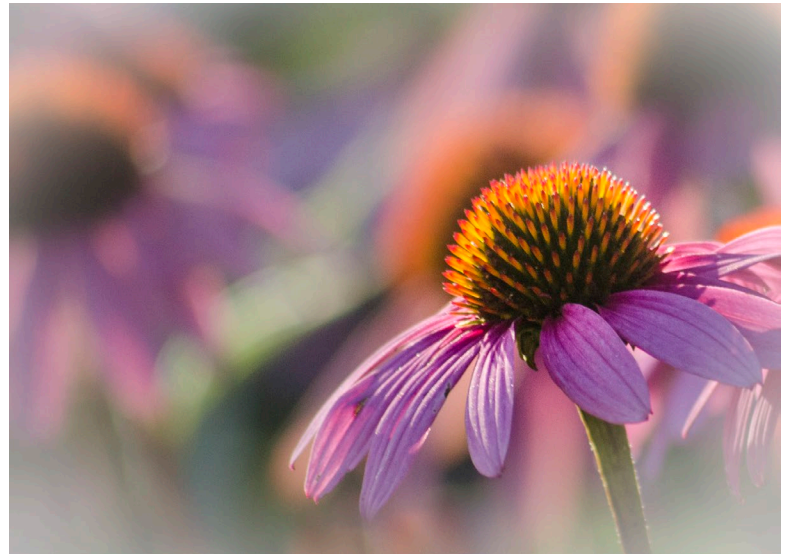


China Light Fairies By Roger Lange

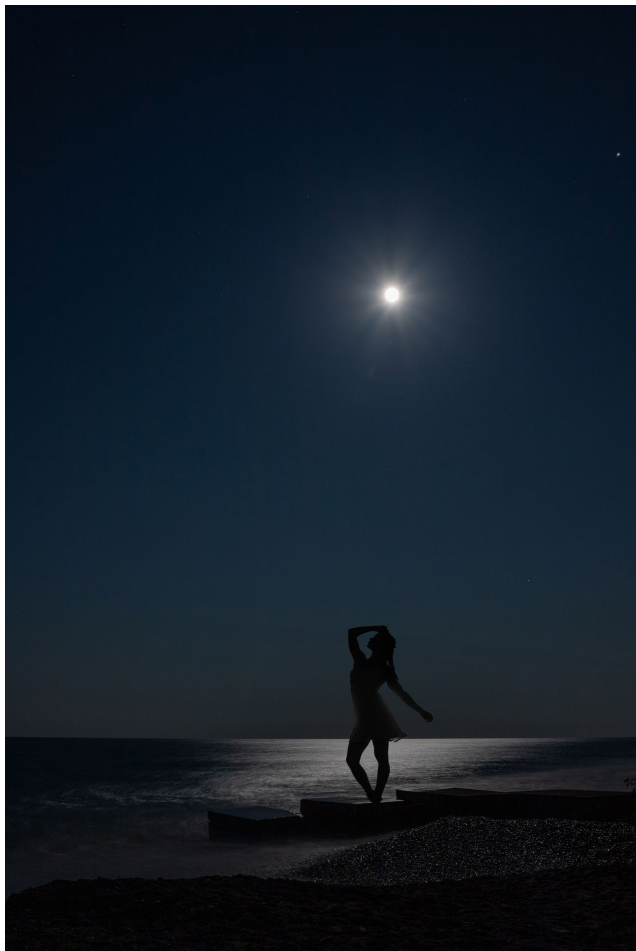


From The Museum By Kathy Brand

Casting a Light on: Creative Images Photo Club



Prairie Cone Flowers By Deb Bachus



Moon Dancer By Phil Wilcox



Broken Leaf By John Fleissner

Digital Forum - The Meeting

By Jeffrey Klug



The Digital Forum meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at 10 am Central Time on Zoom. The first hour of the meeting is a special topic or a guest speaker, who is a talented photographer with a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with the group. The guest speaker will speak about their journey as a photographer and offer insights and tips for other photographers in the group. The second hour features is dedicated to a question and answer session, where members of the group can ask questions, share their knowledge, and learn from each other. The meeting

is a great opportunity for photographers of all levels to connect, learn, and share their passion for photography.

Upcoming Speakers for the Digital Forum Meeting

Jamie Konarski Davidson on Lens Babies in January and Gregory Holden on How to see in Black and White in April. So we have an interesting lineup for the Digital Forum.

If you have questions about attending, or topic suggestions, speakers or any suggestions to help make this an interesting digital 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_2GyvFCirQIGFzMA9JDLxkw

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 personal link once you are registered, just share the above link.)

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

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

Videos of the meetings are at

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



PSA Updates

www.psa-photo.org
www.psa-wisconsin.org



Upcoming Chapter Events

Sunday, January 21, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Morning Session (10 AM to Noon)
 Business
 Show Poll Unit Results for Selection of Chapters Showcase Images
 Show BYOIs
 Breakout: Separate Team Rooms
 Tech Tips TBD
 Break for Lunch
 Program: 1:00 to 3:00P
 Jim Lee Photojournalism

Sunday, March 17, 2024 Virtual Meeting

Morning Session (10 AM to Noon)
 Business
 Show Poll Unit Results for Wisconsin PSA Individual Showcase (Color and Monochrome)
 Show BYOIs
 Breakout: Separate Team Rooms
 Tech Tips TBD
 Break for Lunch
 Program:
 1:00 to 3:00PM
 Cole Thompson Classic images in B/W

PSA-WI Spring Outing May 16 - 19, 2024

Door County, Wisconsin

You must be a member of PSA to also be a member of the Wisconsin Chapter.



PSA Website Contest Results

Focal Point Camera Club won 3rd Place in small clubs (webmaster Marty Welter)

Menomonee Falls Camera Club won Honorable Mention in small clubs (webmaster Jeffrey Klug)

Wisconsin Chapter won 1st Place in Chapters and Councils (webmaster Marty Welter)

WACCO won 2nd Place in Chapters and Councils (webmaster Phyllis Bankier)

PSA Newsletter Contest Results

Menomonee Falls Camera Club won 3rd Place for Club newsletters and **Best use of Photography** (editor Ellen Hanrahan)



Spin at TransAm Race at Road America By Jeffrey Klug, HonWACCO

Jeffrey Klug – Photography and Computer Instruction



I can 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 digital 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 digitally 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.

Please check out my website at www.jrklug.com.