



Lens Lines Newsletter

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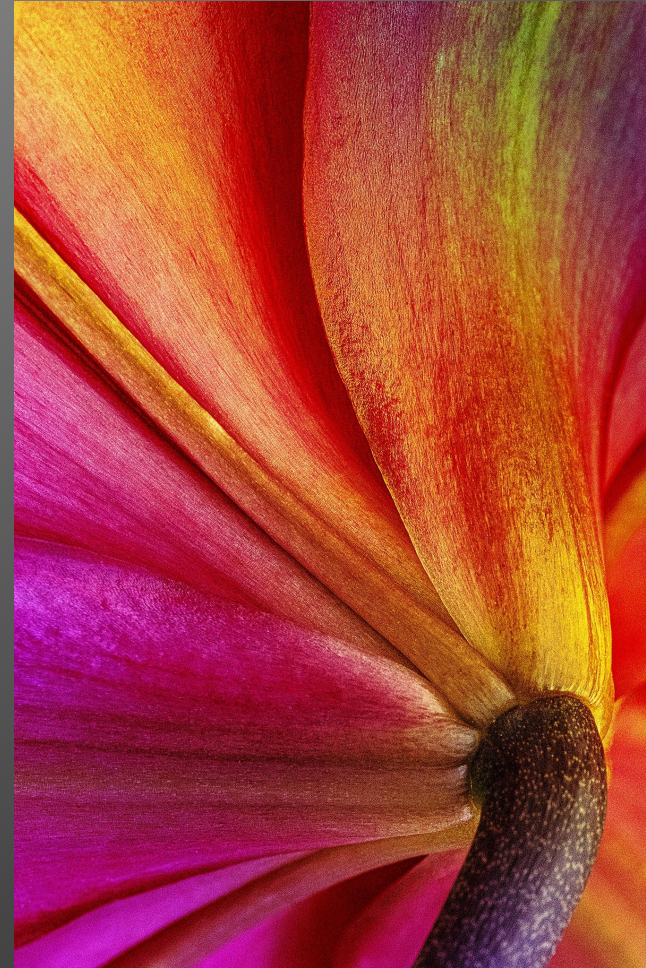
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On the Cover: The cover image by new club member Monique Kochuijt titled “Gerbera” won 2nd Place in the October Novice Digital contest.

Above: The above image by JC Williams titled “My sunshine” won 2nd Place in the September unlimited Digital contest.

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2023-2024 Schedule

December

- 7 Contest - Digital - Craftsmen/Artisans/Musicians
- 14 Christmas Party - Greg & Cathy Hockel's
- 17 Field Trip - Longwood Gardens
- 21 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Craftsmen/Artisans/Musicians
- 28 No Meeting - Christmas**

2024 January

- 4 Program - Padma Inguva - Photographing places of Worship
- 11 Contest - Digital - Open
- 18 Program - Chris Spielmann - Previsualization
- 21 Field Trip - National Cathedral Evensong Choral Service
- 25 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open

February

- 1 Program - Harry Crosland - Mirrorless Camera
- 8 Contest - Digital - Sacred/Religious Places
- 15 Program - TBD
- 17 Field Trip - Peabody Library and Walters Art Gallery
- 22 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Sacred/Religious Places
- 29 Tabletop or Studio Night

March

- 7 Program - Cheryl Kerr - Night Photography
- 14 Contest - Digital - Open
- 16 Field Trip - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- 21 Program - James Corbett - Making Travel Magic: Iceland and Beyond
- 28 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open

April

- 4 Program - Betsy Wilson - A Different Point of View
- 11 Contest - Digital - Night
- 13 Field Trip - Brookside Gardens
- 18 Program - TBD
- 25 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Night

May

- 2 Program - JC Williams - Outdoor Photography
- 9 Contest - Digital - Club Events
- 16 Program - TBD
- 23 Business Meeting
- 24 Field Trip - Preakness Celebration Balloon Festival
- 30 End of Year Banquet

Congratulations

Tricolor Ribbons

During a contest, when all three of a club member's photos win a ribbon, we award them a special red, white, and blue tricolor ribbon.

In October, we awarded three tricolor ribbons:

Monique Kochuijt October Digital Novice

JC Williams October Mono Novice

Cathy Hockel October Mono Unlimited



Promotions

When a Novice earns 50 points in a category (e.g., digital, color prints, monochrome prints), they are promoted to Unlimited in that category.

In September, we had one person promoted in two categories:

Diane Vatcher Color Prints

Diane Vatcher Digital

MPA 2023 Contest

Congratulations to Debbie Wolf who won Honorable Mention in the architecture category for "Four Balconies."



Christmas Party



On December 14 Greg and Cathy Hockel are hosting the Christmas Party this year. The address is 103 Longfellow Dr., Millersville, MD, 21108. Their phone number is 443-618-0563. [Click here for directions.](#)

The club via our host will provide drinks, cups, plates, napkins, and utensils. It's potluck so please bring a dish to share. Bring your own beer and wine. [Click here for the potluck signup.](#) The password is ACC2023.



White Elephant Gift Exchange

As usual, we will have a White Elephant gift exchange with the party. Please bring a wrapped gift for the exchange under \$25.00. The gift exchange is completely voluntary.

Everyone who brings a gift draws a number. The person who draws #1 then picks a gift, opens it, and shows it to the rest of the company. Then, in ascending numerical order, the participants choose to either pick and unwrap a new gift from the gift pile or “steal” a previously unwrapped gift. If a gift is “stolen”, the person who had their gift taken from them gets to pick from the gift pile or “steal” a gift from someone else. The turn then passes to the next number (if a gift was chosen from the pile) or to the person who was just robbed (if a gift was stolen). Gifts can only be stolen two times (the third owner is the final owner), and a gift cannot be immediately re-stolen. When all the gifts have been opened, the game is over.

Camera club folklore tells of a gift so bad that it has been re-gifted at our Christmas party for ~30 years. It disappears and is lost for years at a time, then suddenly reappears. That gift is the Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer.

What are the odds it will reappear this year? Did someone receive it last year? Will it reappear this year? Will you be the lucky recipient? It's kind of like when people tell you it is good luck when a bird craps on you!



Wilbur Bevan the first recipient of the Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer



Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer Sold for \$3.99 in 1983

Field Trip: Longwood Gardens

Join the club on a field trip to Longwood Gardens to see the Christmas Lights and decorations on December 17, 2022. Hours are from 10am until 11pm.

Tickets are timed based on arrival time and must be reserved/purchased online. Tickets are \$30 for adults. Tickets are selling out fast. [Click here to buy tickets.](#)

Longwood Gardens is approximately a two hour drive. [Click here for directions.](#) Parking is free.

The Open-Air Theatre Fountain Shows comes alive with fountains set to music. Daily at 10:15 AM, 12:00 -11:00PM.

Tripods, monopods, and artist easels may be used in the outdoor gardens at any time with exceptions noted below. Tripod/monopod/easel use is permitted inside the Conservatory and the Peirce-du Pont House from 10:00 am–12:00 pm daily with the following exceptions: Children's Garden, High volume days, Fireworks, Fountain Shows, concerts, and special events.

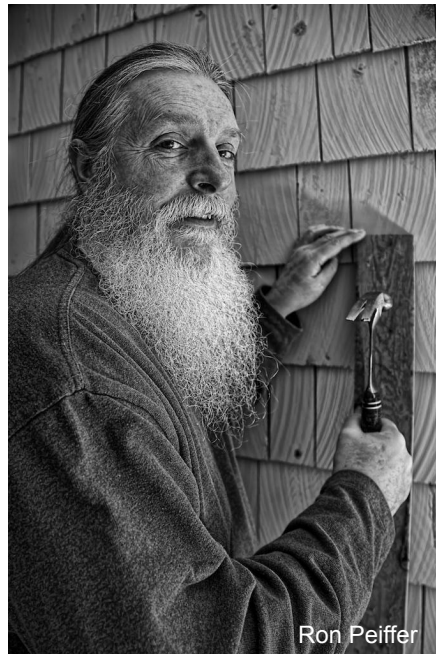
Please email Ed Niehenke if you are going eniehenke@aol.com



2023-2024 Contest Themes

Craftsmen, Artists, and Musicians - December

This theme focuses on capturing the essence and creative spirit of individuals excelling in artistic pursuits. It highlights their dedication, skill, passion, and craftsmanship, showcasing the artistic process, attention to detail, and unique personalities of these individuals. The theme involves intimate moments and interactions, capturing artists at work, their tools, materials, and techniques, as well as the environments where they create. Lighting and composition are carefully utilized to accentuate textures and details, while framing creates a visual narrative of the artists' journeys. Ultimately, this theme celebrates creativity and diverse artistic expressions, offering a glimpse into the world of talented individuals who bring beauty and inspiration to the world through their crafts.



Sacred Places & Places of Worship - February

This theme focuses on capturing images of locations that hold deep spiritual or cultural significance. Photographers aim to convey the sense of awe, tranquility, and spiritual connection associated with these places. The theme encompasses a wide range of sacred locations, including temples, churches, mosques, memorials, and cemeteries. The photographs emphasize architectural beauty, details, and artistic elements, while light plays a crucial role in creating a transcendent atmosphere. Photographers may also focus on the human aspects of rituals, ceremonies, or the interaction between worshippers and the space, conveying the profound connection between humanity and the divine.

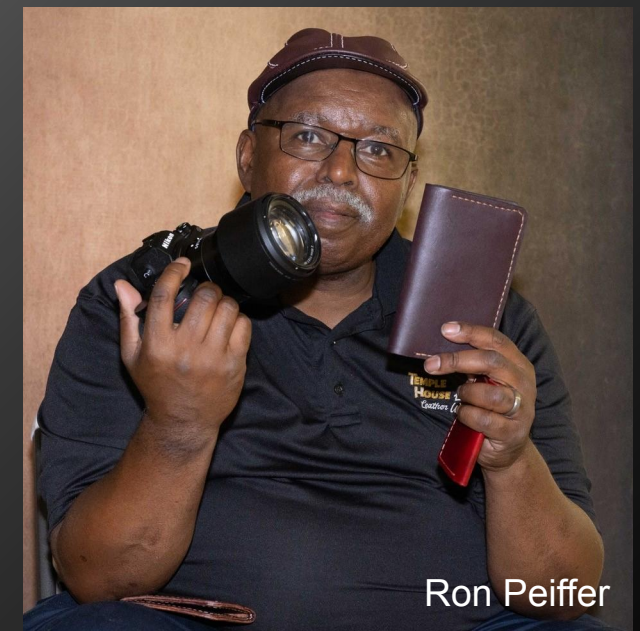
Night - April

Night photography revolves around capturing images in after the sun has set. Highlight the distinct qualities of nighttime lighting and the enchanting atmosphere that emerges in the darkness. Mastering low light photography techniques, such as utilizing tripods, adjusting camera settings, and incorporating artificial light sources, is crucial. The challenge is to create images that evoke a sense of atmosphere and mood, including creative lighting, color manipulation, and thoughtful composition. The focus is on capturing the vibrant cityscapes, starry skies, or moonlit landscapes to celebrate the unique characteristics of nighttime environments.

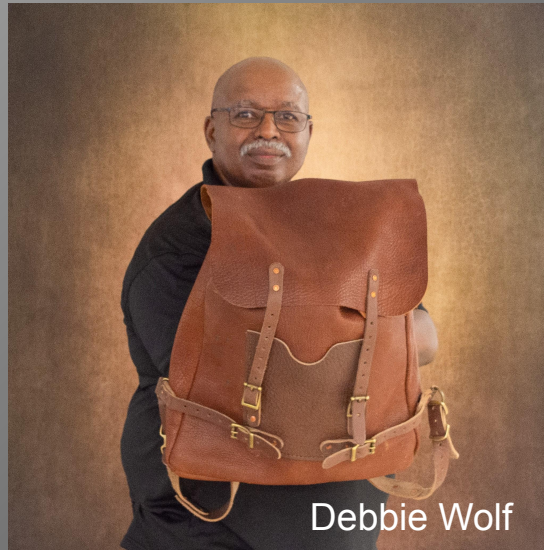
Portrait Night Photos



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Louis Sapienza



Christine Milleker



Debbie Wolf



Susan Webber



Mike



Susan Webber

Campfire & Smores



Campfire & Smores



Ed Niehenke



Mike Thomas



Mike Thomas



Bob Webber



Tammi Gorsak



Bob Webber

October Digital Novice Contest Results



1st Place - Monique Kochuijt
"First Cherry Blossom"



2nd Place - Monique Kochuijt
"Gerbera"



3rd Place - Ken Temple
"BW Flower 1"

October Digital Novice Contest Results



4th Place - Deborah Davis
"Blooming"



HM - Cathleen Steele
"Another Use For Wheelbarrow"



HM - Monique Kochuijt
"Tulips"

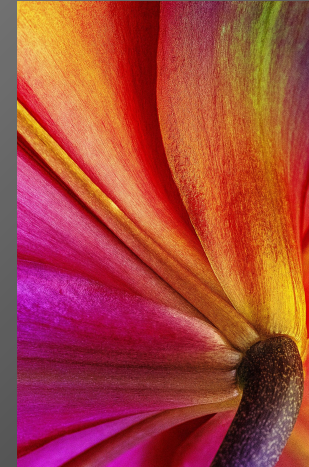


HM - Russell Zaccari
"Yellow and Red"

October Digital Unlimited Contest Results



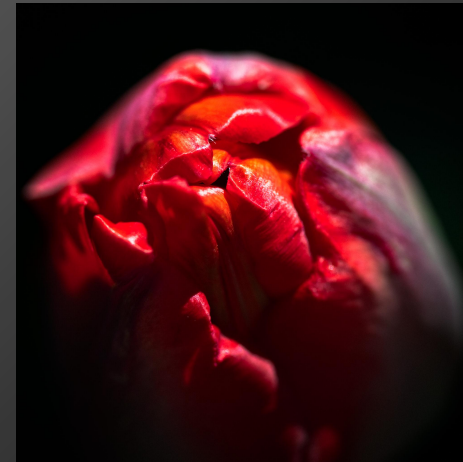
1st Place - Cathy Hockel
"Bee Balm Bud"



2nd Place - JC Williams
"My Sunshine"



3rd Place - Greg Hockel
"Lotus"



4th Place - Christine Milleker
"Tulip Bud"

October Digital Unlimited Contest Results



HM - Diane Vatcher
"Cosmos In The Dark"



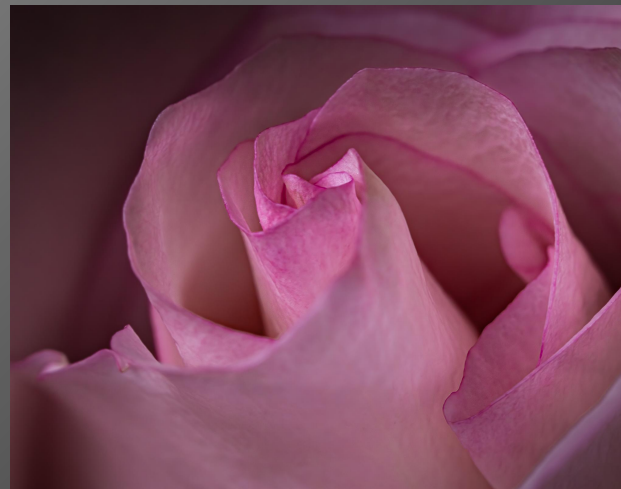
HM - Fred Venecia
"Lily"



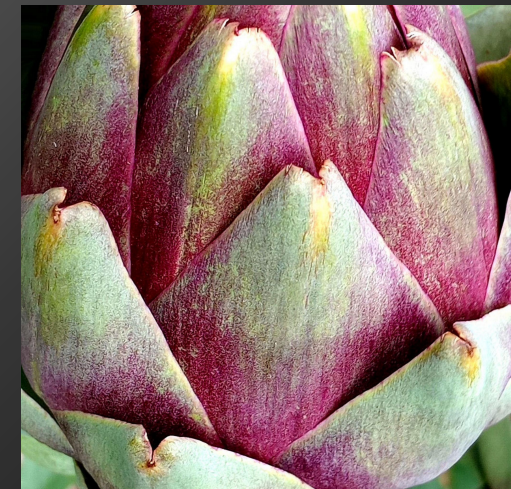
HM - Julie Bennett
"Magnolia"



HM - Louis Sapienza
"Pink Blossom"



HM - Ron Peiffer
"A Rose"



HM - Susan Webber
"Artichoke is a Flower"

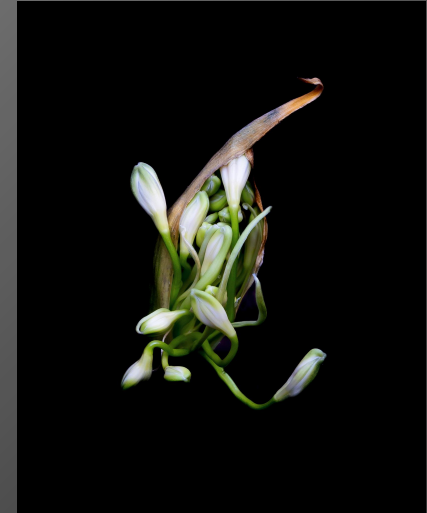
October Color Prints Novice Contest Results



1st Place - Monique Kochuijt
"Pink Flower Trio Macro"



2nd Place - Debbie Wolf
"Table For One"



3rd Place - Monique Kochuijt
"Unfolding Beauty"



4th Place - Debbie Wolf
"Birth"

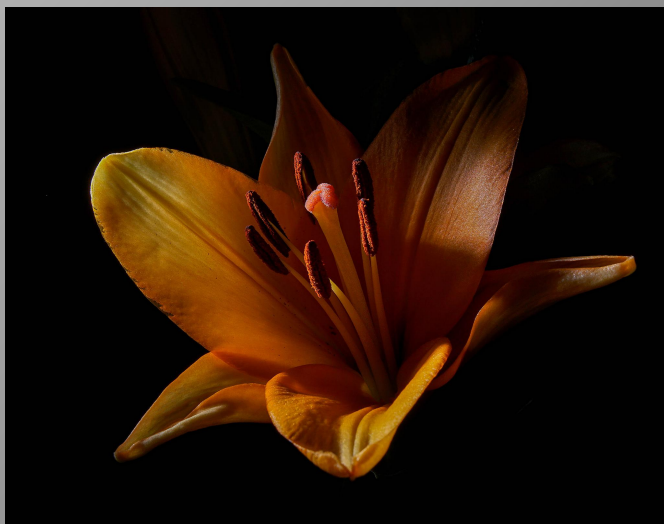


HM - JC Williams
"Blowing in the Wind"



HM - Sarah Derritt
"Beauty at the Core"

October Color Prints Unlimited Contest Results



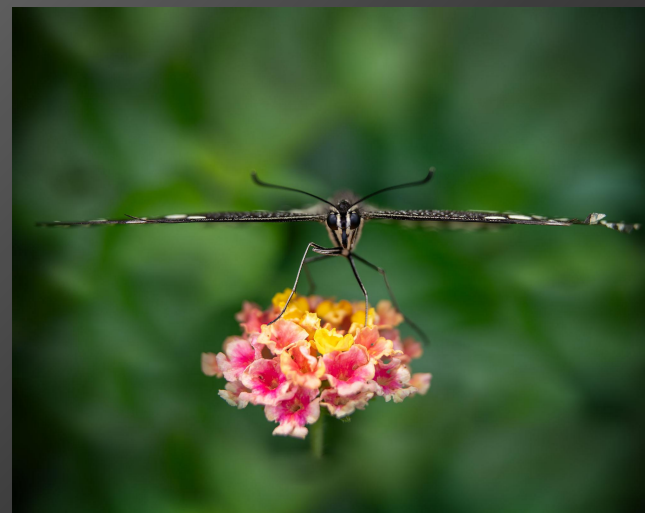
1st Place - Fred Venecia
"Lily"



2nd Place - Ron Peiffer
"After Sundown"

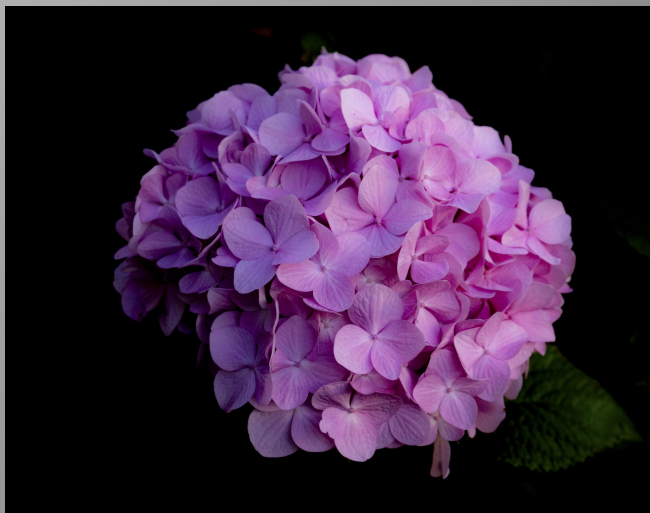


3rd Place - Louis Sapienza
"Pink Blossom"



4th Place - John Milleker, Jr.
"A Quick Snack"

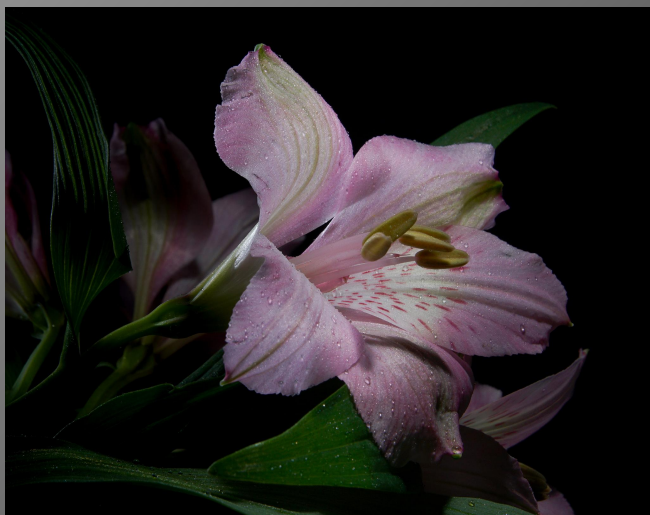
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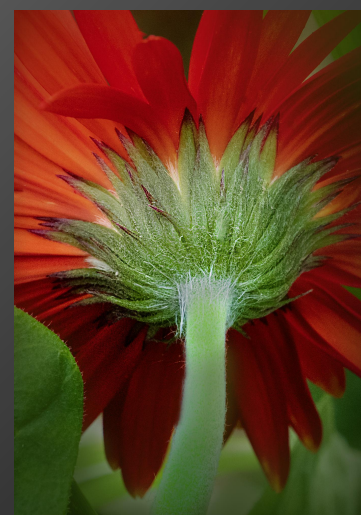
HM - Cathy Hockel
"Hydrangea"



HM - Clarence Carvell
"Bird of Paradise"



HM - Fred Venecia
"Pink Lily"



HM - Louis Sapienza
"Red Flower"

October Monochrome Prints Novice Contest Results



1st Place - JC Williams
"Wall Decor"



2nd Place - Diane Vatcher
"Stars Amongst the Leaves"



3rd Place - JC Williams
"Fluff Ball"



4th Place - JC Williams
"Stars"



HM - Debbie Wolf
"I Wish I Was An Iris"



HM - Monique Kochuijt
"Multiple Exposure"

October Monochrome Prints Unlimited Contest Results



1st Place - Cathy Hockel
"Fuschia"



2nd Place - Cathy Hockel
"Dahlia"



3rd Place - Christine Milleker
"Left to History"

October Monochrome Prints Unlimited Contest Results



4th Place - Louis Sapienza
"White Blossom"



HM - Cathy Hockel
"Lotus"

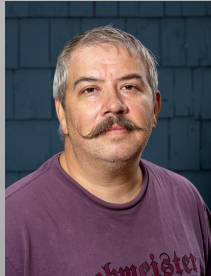


HM - Jackie Colestock
"Plumes of Grass"



HM - Louis Sapienza
"Rose"

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Jr.
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Ron Peiffer
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MPA



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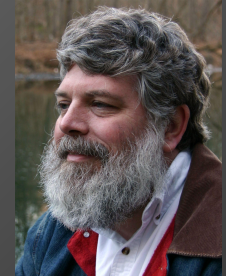
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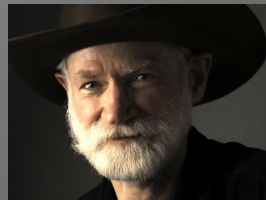
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Ed Niehenke
Field Trips



Diane Vatcher
Field Trips



Bob Webber
Contest
Committee /
Newsletter



Fred Veneca
Refreshments



Mike Thomas
Webmaster /
Newsletter



Russ Zaccari
Webmaster /
Database

Social Media

Web Site

The club website can be found at <https://arundelcameraclub.org/>. On the website you can find the club calendar and newsletters as well as other information like our constitution and by-laws.

Mailing List

The club has a mailing list where we send out information to club members including information about calendar changes, contests, publishing newsletters, etc. To be added to the mailing list send an email to webmaster@arundelcameraclub.org. You can remove yourself from the mailing list at any time.

Newsletters

You can find our newsletters on our website. The newsletter has information on contest results and field trips as well as upcoming events and member accomplishments. You can find the archive of club newsletters at <https://arundelcameraclub.org/newsletter/>.

FaceBook

The club has a FaceBook Group which we use to broadcast our meetings. You can find the group here <http://facebook.arundelcameraclub.org/>. If you are not a member, you can request to join the group. It is a public group. Anyone on FaceBook can see our posts but only members can make posts.

YouTube

Videos of all of our virtual meetings and contests have been posted to YouTube. If you do not want to join FaceBook or missed one of our online meetings, you can see recordings here. You can find them here <http://youtube.arundelcameraclub.org/>.

Instagram

You will find club announcements and winning images posted to our club Instagram account. You can find it at <http://instagram.arundelcameraclub.org/>.

Club Information

Meeting Nights

The Arundel Camera Club meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at Severna Park Baptist Church. Setup starts at 6:30 PM. We broadcast our live meetings to FaceBook.

Click on the map for directions.

Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members may enter competitions and participate in critiques.

Meetings alternate between programs of informative speakers, photographic assignments, and photographic competitions.

Competitions give us a chance to show off our work and to get constructive critiques from our judges. Ribbons are awarded for first through fourth place and honorable mention. Normally we have competitions for color prints, monochrome prints, and digital images. In addition to digital contests, we have restarted our print contests. Competitions are held for both novice and unlimited club members. Awards are awarded at the end of year banquet.

The club also has monthly photographic field trips to locations of interest. This is a chance to go out and practice what we learned during programs, a time to socialize with other club members, and a chance to do a little photographic exploration.

Membership Rates

Individual \$40.00
Family \$20.00 each additional family member

[Click here to sign up.](#)

