# Lens Lines Newsletter

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On the Cover: The cover image by club member Tammi Gorsak titled "Ice Cream" won 4th Place in the March unlimited digital contest.

Above: The above image by Doug Wood titled "Manchester Cathedral" won 1st Place in the March Unlimited digital contest.

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## 2023-2024 Schedule & Announcements

#### May

- 2 Program Christine Milleker Cyanotype
- 4 Field Trip Brighton Dam
- 9 Contest Digital Club Events
- 15 Fundraising Dinner Brian Boru
- 16 Program JC Williams Nature Photography
- 23 Business Meeting
- 30 End of Year Banquet

### **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 March, we awarded one tricolor ribbon:

Fred Venecia Unlimited Monochrome





Join us on a field trip to the Brighton Dam Azalea Garden on Mary 4, 2022, at 10:30am.

The azalea garden is situated on the banks of the Patuxent River, by Brighton Dam (built in 1942), and the 5-acre garden has over 20,000 azaleas. <u>For more</u> <u>information on Brighton Dam click here.</u>

Click here for directions.

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

## End of Year Competition

#### BRING IN YOUR WINNING 1st THROUGH 4th PLACE PRINTS FOR THE END OF YEAR CONTEST. ALL PRINTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 25th.

Any photograph which has won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th place in a monthly contest is eligible to be entered in the year-end judging of that program year in the class in which it was originally entered, regardless of the contestant's current class standing. It shall be the responsibility of the maker to return any eligible photograph to the Contest Chairman for the year-end judging.

The year-end competitions will be held off site on May 3rd and general attendance by club members will not be allowed. Typically, three judges will be used to judge the year-end competition. Voting shall be done electronically using the club voting box.

No reprints will be allowed in the year-end contest. Thus, the maker should take precautions to ensure the preservation of the original photograph if they wish to enter the picture in exhibitions or competitions outside the club and fears the original may be damaged in the process.

Based on the final year-end judging, awards will be presented as follows:

 ALL CLASSES (color and monochrome prints and digital imagery): 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th in each class, 10% Honorable Mentions.

From among all the 1st place winners of the year-end judging a single Photograph of the Year shall be chosen as the Best Photograph of the Year.

The member accruing the highest total points in a category (monochrome, color, digital) shall receive the following Photographer of the Year Awards:

- Monochrome, Color, and Digital Photographers of the Year for both Novice and Unlimited.
- Novice Photographer of the Year
- Unlimited Photographer of the Year

The end of year competition awards will be awarded at the yearly club banquet on May 30th.

## Program - Christine Milleker - Cyanotype



### THE ARUNDEL CAMERA CLUB INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION BY CHRISTINE MILLEKER CYANOTYPE

THURSDAY 2 MAY 2024 7:00 PM EST SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURCH FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

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Please join us on 2 May 2024 for a hands-on presentation by Christine Milleker on Cyanotype.

Christine's passion for photography took a serious turn in 2008 after meeting her husband and our club president John Milleker, Jr., which led her to delve deeply into various alternative photographic techniques. Since then, she's been involved with the Arundel Camera Club, participating and serving as the Programs Chair from 2020. Collaborating with her husband, John, she has honed her photography skills and expertise in alternative processes and teaches all of the kids' early photography classes and workshops for their business John Milleker Historical Photography. Christine has held this workshop at many historical areas, national parks and schools.

Among her preferred techniques is the Cyanotype, a process dating back to 1842, created by Sir John Herschel for duplicating his astronomical notes. Known for its distinctive blue hues, the Cyanotype is accessible for beginners yet presents enjoyable complexities for the seasoned artist. Christine will be presenting the history of this process and then offering a hand-on experience for club members to take home some of these beautiful prints. This workshop will have participants coat, expose and develop their Cyanotypes using a collection of photogram materials she will bring, or you may bring your own objects. Flat objects work best.

This workshop is free to paid members in good standing and \$10 per person for guests and non-paid members. She will also selling Cyanotype kits for \$25 (\$20 for paid members) and will donate a portion of all proceeds to the Arundel Camera Club. If you elect to purchase a kit, you will receive your workshop free. The Cyanotype Kits include everything needed to continue to create this

## Program - Christine Milleker - Cyanotype (Cont.)

beautiful artistic process at home, with access to a private playlist of instructional videos.

If you would like a 4x6" carbon negative printed of your own black and white photographs to use during the workshop, you may send up to two to Christine for a price of \$5 per negative. Photographs must be sent no later than midnight on April 18th.

Here are a photos from the last time Chris gave this workshop in 2019.















## **Club Events Contests**

On May 9 we will have our Club Events Contest.

There will be a Novice and an Unlimited category. You may submit one color and one monochrome digital image from each club event you attended during the club year. This will only be digital. No prints. All submitted images shall be judged regardless of the number of submissions.

Club events include any field trip, meeting, gathering, tabletop night, portrait night, photowalk, fundraisers, meet & shoots, the summer picnic, the Christmas party, campfires, exhibits, and last year's club banquet.

# Two "Best in show" awards are made: Novice and Unlimited. Each award wins free club membership.

Go back through your files from the 2022-2023 club year and pull out your favorite photos from all the club events.

Remember, you can submit all photos that comply with the rules above, including those you submitted and/or won with in monthly contests.

Field Trips Include:

- Jun: Barnstormers Tour
- Jul: Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
- Aug: Balloon Glow and Laser Show
- Sep: Defenders Day
- Oct: Fire Museum of MD Lantern Night
- Nov: Conowingo Dam Eagles
- Dec: Longwood Gardens
- Jan: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
- Feb: Peabody Library and Walters Art Gallery
- Mar: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- Apr: Brookside Gardens

We also allow several standing local events to count for the club events contests including:

- Local Area Fourth of July Fireworks
- Maryland Renaissance Festival
- Tuckahoe Steam and Gas Show

## Fundraising Dinner - Brian Boru



Please come out for our fundraising dinner at Brian Boru's on May 15th from 11am to 8pm. Meals are \$30 and the club gets \$10 per meal ordered. Invite your friends and family. Call for Reservations: (410) 975-2678. Address: 489 Ritchie Hwy. #103, Severna Park, MD 21146. .

www.brianborupub.com

Enjoy your choice of the following...

#### Starter

A cup of our traditional Potato & Leek Soup *or* Tomato Whiskey *or* beginner's Caesar or Garden Salad

#### Main Course

#### Whiskey Leek Chicken

Grilled Chicken topped with whiskey leek cream sauce served with mashed potatoes & steamed vegetables

#### Norwegian Salmon Kilkee

6oz Salmon topped with a Kerrygold Mustard Butter served with Basmati Rice and Smashed Peas

#### **Beef Stew \*\***

Tender chunks of beef stewed with red wine, herbs, carrots, onions, and celery topped with mashed potato

#### Shepherd's Pie \*\*

Ground beef sirloin with onions, peas, carrots, in a rich gravy topped with mashed potatoes, and baked

#### Irish Vegetarian Boxty

Potato Pancake filled with grilled peppers, onions, mushrooms, cheese and topped with your choice of marinara or cheese sauce

#### <u>Dessert</u>

Bread Pudding or Bailey's Mousse

## Program - JC Williams - Nature Photography

THE ARUNDEL CAMERA CLUB INVITES YOU TO A PRESENTATION BY UC WILLIARS NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY IG MAY 2024 7:00 PM EST SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURC FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

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Please join us on Thursday 16 May at 7:00PM at the Severna Park Baptist Church or on FaceBook Live for a program by JC Williams on Nature Photography.

How to take and make great photos of nature without leaving your local area: What is nature photography? History of nature photography; Types of nature photography; Safety; Ethics; Why I like taking photos of nature? My gear (I will bring my gear, set it up and demonstrate how I use it to photograph different types of nature); What types of nature do I photograph and where do I find my subjects. J C was raised in the country and loves the outdoors fishing, hunting and camping. So, the outdoors and nature is a part of him. There is an old saying that says you can take a person out of the country but you can't take the country out of the person, well I guess that saying fits him perfectly.

After leaving the corporate world (retiring), he began visiting and taking pictures of all types of nature at the local wildlife refuges and local parks. He enjoyed watching the wildlife and observing their behavior. The pictures he took looked ok but something was missing so he began reading books on the types of nature photography and how to photograph all types of nature. At this point he realized that he knew nothing about his camera or photography, his camera was set to auto and he never changed it. He took an introduction class to photography at the local community college and his picture taking skills (just documenting what he saw) began to transform into photography skills (composition, lighting, subject matter, emotions and telling a story).

## Program - JC Williams - Nature Photography (Cont.)

He joined the Arundel Camera Club in late 2018 and this is when he really began to study and learn photography. JC's photo of a great blue heron fishing for dinner won second place in the Chesapeake Bay annual save the bay photo contest for 2021.

He also received the Arundel Camera Club "Frederick R. Kelley Award" for photographer of the year 2021-2022. Several of his photos have received first place in the Arundel Camera Club end of year award.

Although he has only been taking photos of nature for a short while; his passion for nature photography grows every day. His favorite nature photo remains to be the photo he has not taken yet. That's what keeps him on the move and motivated.











## **Business Meeting**

On May 23 we will host our business meeting to elect officers, discuss changes to our contest rules, discuss dues, and select themes for next year's contests.

#### **Elections**

For the election, we could really use your help. This is an all volunteer run club. We have the following positions: president, programs, contests, secretary/treasurer, newsletter editor, field trips, refreshments, members at large, and webmaster.

It's best for program and contests if we have co-chairs. So please consider serving in one of these positions. We will need a new co-chair for programs as well a contests.

If you would like to serve in one of these positions, email the executive committee <u>officers@arundelcameraclub.org</u>.

#### **Contest Themes**

We have established a contest themes committee to brainstorm and discuss themes as well as changes to the themed contests. These will be presented at the business meeting for discussion and vote.

### **Contest Rules**

Per the new by-laws, the contest rules must be reviewed every two years. This is your chance to suggest and discuss changes.

### **Budget and Dues**

Our club treasury will give a report on the clubs financials, assets, liabilities, and we will discuss changes to the dues if necessary.

## End of Year Awards Banquet

Club Members (free and paid) and families are invited to the Arundel Camera Club End of Year Awards Banquet on Thursday May 30th starting at 6:30pm at Olive Grove in Linthicum Heights Maryland.

This is when we present our best of the best images for the year and give awards to the best monochrome print, color print, and digital photographers for the year as well as present the results of the end of year competition. This is also the last chance to get together and socialize before our summer break.

We need a minimum of 25 attendees. You are confirmed when our treasurer has your check and once received, you will receive a confirmation email.

#### Location:

Olive Grove <u>www.oliveg.com</u> 705 N Hammonds Ferry Rd Linthicum Heights, MD 21090 Buffet Dinner Includes:

- Beef Tips Burgundy
- Fresh Atlantic Salmon
- Chicken Parmigiana
- Salad
- Mixed Vegetables
- Homemade breadsticks
- Pasta Penne
- Assorted Sweets
- Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea
- Cash bar available, just place your order with and pay the server

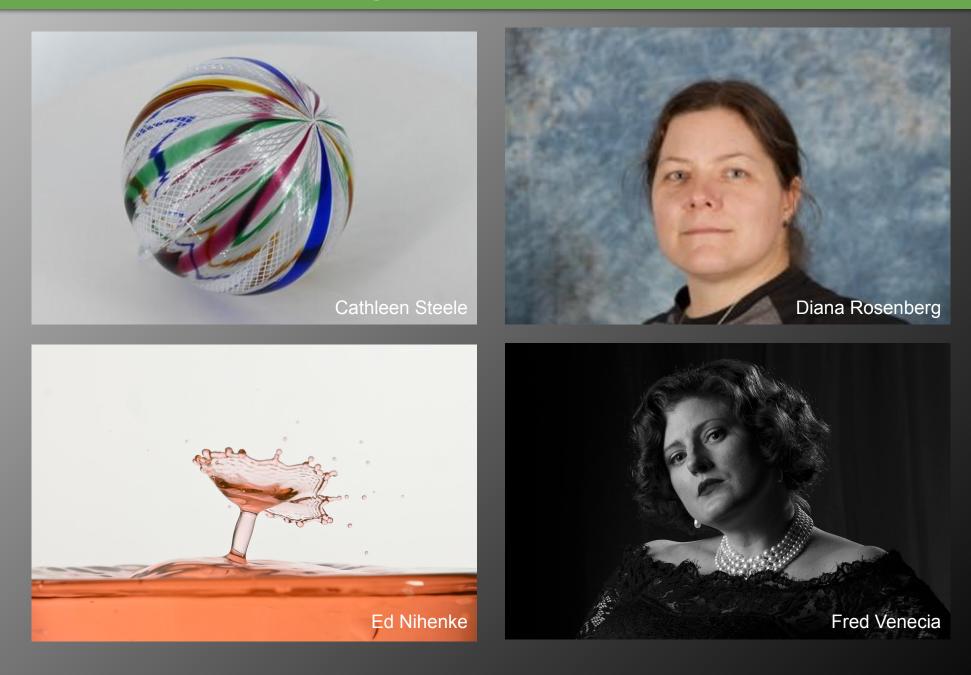
RSVP by May 11th.

Price is \$38.00 per person.

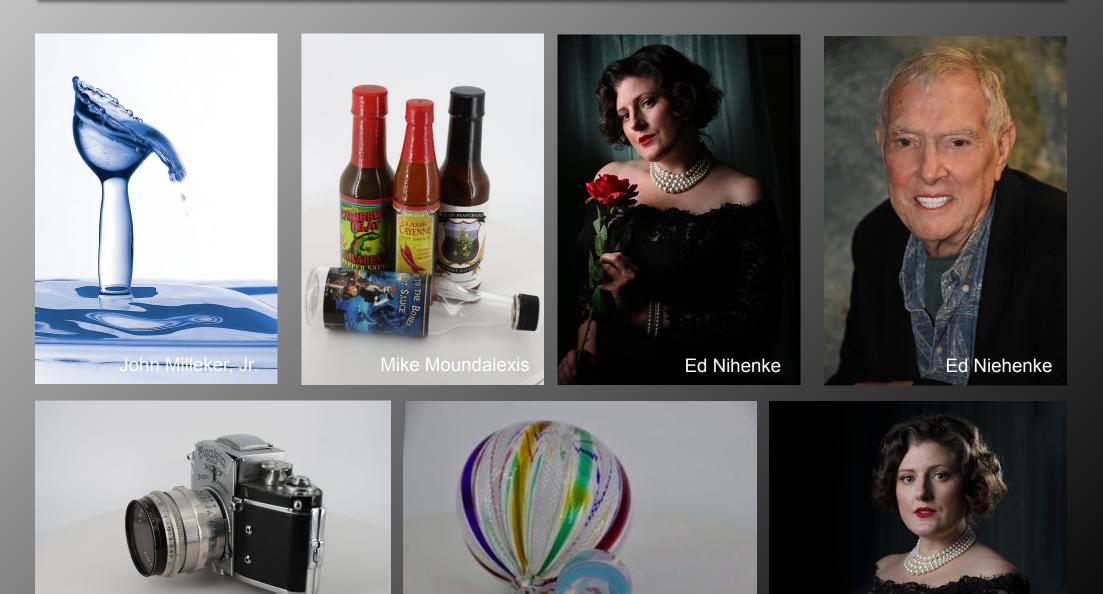
Make check payable to the "Arundel Camera Club." Bring check to a meeting or mail to:

Jackie Colestock 1335 Old Mountain Rd Pasadena, MD 21122

## Tabletop & Portrait Night



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Mike Moundalesis

Diane Rosenberg

Fred Venecia

## **Blackwater Photos**













## March Digital Novice Contest Results



1st Place - Timothy Huesgen "Gnarly Tree"



2nd Place - Gwen Neff "Friendship Rose"

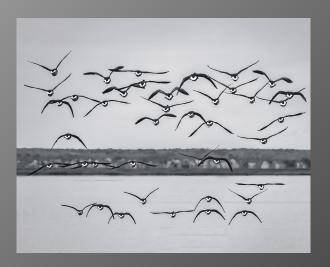


3rd Place - Deborah Davis "Yellow Bellied Sapsucker"

### March Digital Novice Contest Results



4th Place - Monique Kochuijt "Embrace"



HM - Catherine Rush "See Ya"



HM - Catherine Rush "Fire Eater"



HM - Monique Kochuijt "Ride In The Dark"

### March Digital Unlimited Contest Results



1st Place - Doug Wood "Manchester Cathedral"



2nd Place - Ron Peiffer "Hello Lunch"



3rd Place - Mike Thomas "Bob the Explorer"



4th Place - Tammi Gorsak "Ice Cream"

### March Digital Unlimited Contest Results



HM - Christine Milleker "Through the Covered Bridge"



HM - Ron Peiffer "Ship Rock"



HM - Fred Venecia "She's Got Bette Davis Eyes"



HM Debbie Wolf "Foggy River Road"

## March Color Prints Unlimited Contest Results



1st Place - Chuck Gallegos "Superior Sunrise"



3rd Place - Bob Webber "Book Monster"



2nd Place - John Milleker "Warmth"



4th Place - Mike Thomas "Surfer Challenging Gravity"

## March Color Prints Unlimited Contest Results



HM - Christine Milleker "Blue Drop"



HM - Mike Thomas "Swan Liftoff"



HM - Ken Temple "Can You Feel It?"



HM - Ron Peiffer "Hooper Island Sunset"

### March Monochrome Prints Unlimited Contest Results



1st Place - Fred Venecia "Jamila"



2nd Place - Ron Peiffer "Jesus Is Watching"



3rd Place - Fred Venecia "Mr. Temple"

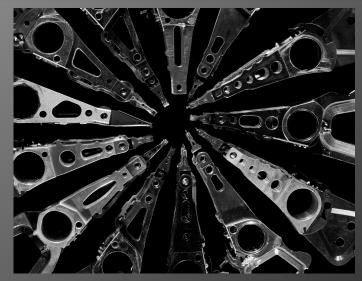
### March Monochrome Prints Unlimited Contest Results



4th Place - Doug Wood "The Display"



HM - Doug Wood "The Old Church"



HM - Bob Webber "Disk Heads"



HM - Fred Venecia "Ms. Rosetta"

### **Club Officers and Staff**







**Ron Peiffer VP** Contests **MPA** 



Christine Milleker **VP** Programs







Chip Bulgin Past President



Susan Webber

Member at

Large



Doug Wood Member at Large



Ed Niehenke Field Trips



**Diane Vatcher Field Trips** 



**Bob Webber** Contest Committee / <u>Newsletter</u>



Fred Veneca Refreshments



**Mike Thomas** Webmaster / <u>Newsletter</u>



**Russ Zaccari** Webmaster / <u>Database</u>

## Social Media

### Web Site

The club website can be found at

<u>https://arundelcameraclub.org/</u>. 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 <u>webmaster@arundelcameraclub.org</u>. 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 <u>https://arundelcameraclub.org/newsletter/</u>.

#### FaceBook

The club has a FaceBook Group which we use to broadcast our meetings. You can find the group here <u>http://facebook.arundelcameraclub.org/</u>. 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 <u>http://instagram.arundelcameraclub.org/</u>.

## **Club Information**

### **Meeting Nights**

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

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**

### Click here to sign up.

