

Lens Line Newsletter

An aerial photograph of Paris, France, taken at dusk. The Eiffel Tower is the central focus, illuminated with golden lights and standing out against a dark, cloudy sky. The city below is a dense grid of buildings, with many windows glowing with interior lights. A wide, tree-lined avenue runs through the center of the frame, with streetlights casting a warm glow. The overall atmosphere is serene and romantic, capturing the beauty of the French capital at twilight.

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On the Cover: The cover image was taken by club member Rich Stolarski titled “Eiffel Tower at Sunset” and won 1st Place in the November Novice Digital Open contest.

Above: The above image was taken by club member Cheryl Kerr titled “Storms Moving Through” and won Honorable Mention in the November Novice Digital Open contest.

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2018-2019 Calendar

January 2018

- 2 Photo Talk: December Photo Challenge - Holidays
- 5 Exhibit Setup Glen Burnie Regional Library
- 9 Contest: Color & Monochrome Prints – Open
- 12 Field Trip: Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge - Eagles
- 16 Program: Brian Flynn -The Why of Photography
- 19 Field Trip: - Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge - Snow Geese.
- 23 Contest: Digital – Open
- 30 Program: Portrait Night – Hi-Key/Low-Key

February

Photo Challenge: Take photos with the primary color being RED or PINK

- 3 Exhibit Take Down Glen Burnie Regional Library
- 6 Program: TBD
- 13 Contest: Color & Monochrome Prints – Open
- 18 Field Trip: Library of Congress
- 20 Program: TBD
- 27 Contest: Digital – Open
- TBD Field Trip: Chip's Studio

March

- 6 Photo Talk: February Photo Challenge - Red or Pink
- 13 Contest: Color & Monochrome Prints – Hi-Key/Low-Key
- 20 Program: TBD
- 27 Contest: Digital – Hi-Key/Low-Key

April

Photo Challenge: Photograph your favorite food and or Restaurant

- 3 Program: TBD
- 10 Contest: Color & Monochrome Prints – Triptych
- 13 Field Trip: Sherwood Gardens
- 17 Program: TBD
- 24 Contest: Digital – Triptych
- 27 Field Trip: Historic Jerusalem Mill Village and Jericho Covered Bridge

May

- 1 Photo Talk: April Photo Challenge - Food or Restaurant
- 4 EOY Contest
- 8 Business Meeting
- 15 Contest: Club Events
- 22 End of Year Banquet
- 29 Officer's Meeting
- TBD Field Trip: Glen Burnie Memorial Parade

Appreciation

A special thanks goes out to our November judges Roz Klefmann and Eric Hagemann. These individuals have been gracious enough to come judge and/or give programs to the ACC. Without them, we couldn't have a club.

Christmas Party

Much thanks and appreciation go to Ed and Betty for hosting our fantastic club Christmas party.

Thanks also go to Michelle Barkdoll, John Milleker, Jr., and Chris Milleker for organizing a raffle, a 50/50 draw, and club Christmas ornaments raising \$239 for the club.

Exhibit

Every Year we hang an exhibit at the Glen Burnie Library. Each club member brings three images that are printed, matted, framed, and wired - ready to hang. This year we will hang the exhibit on January 5th at 1:00 PM followed by a late lunch at Outback Steak house. We will meet at 1:00 PM on February 3rd to take down the exhibit.

Upcoming Field Trips

January 12 - Blackwater NWR

On January 12th the club field trip will be to Blackwater NWR. Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge is home to an incredible amount of plant and animal diversity in its three major habitats – forest, marsh and shallow water. The refuge contains one-third of Maryland's tidal wetlands, which makes it an ecologically important area within the state. These wetlands also provide storm protection to lower Dorchester County, including the town of Cambridge. Blackwater NWR is recognized as a “Wetland of International Importance” by the Ramsar Convention and was named a priority wetland in the North American Waterfowl Management Plan. In addition, Blackwater NWR has been designated as an Internationally Important Bird Area.

The best time to view waterfowl is November through February. In addition to its extensive list of birds, Blackwater supports a variety of mammals, including bats, raccoons, rabbits, otters, opossums, skunks, and red fox. The marshes are home to large numbers of muskrats. Sightings of eagles are fairly common as Blackwater is the center of the greatest nesting density of bald eagles in the eastern United States north of Florida.

Entrance fees are \$3.00/car. Please email fieldtrips@arundelcameraclub.org if you would like to attend. The visitor center is open 9 Am to 5 pm. The wildlife drive opens dawn to dusk every day. The drive to the refuge takes approximately 1.5 hours. The closest place to get food and gas is in Smyrna, Cheswold, or Dover depending on your route. [Click here for directions.](#)

Please email fieldtrips@arundelcameraclub.org if you would like to attend.

January 19 - Bombay Hook NWR

On January 19th the club field trip will be to Bombay Hook NWR. Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge protects one of the largest remaining expanses of tidal salt marsh in the mid-Atlantic region. The refuge, located along the coast of Delaware, is mostly marsh, but also includes freshwater impoundments and upland habitats that are managed for other wildlife.

Wildlife can be seen year round at Bombay Hook. Mammals can be seen year round, particularly in the early morning and evening hours. These include white tailed deer, beaver, muskrat, red fox, river otter, woodchuck and opossum. Fall and spring offer the best opportunity for observing peak concentrations of migratory birds. Waterfowl populations are at their peak in November and December. More than 150,000 ducks and geese use the refuge at this time. It is primarily a refuge and breeding ground for migrating birds and other wildlife.

Entrance fees are \$4.00 / car. The refuge is open 1/2-hour before sunrise until 1/2-hour after sunset. The visitor center is closed on weekends in January. The drive to the refuge takes approximately 1.5 hours. The closest place to get food and gas is in Cambridge. [Click here for directions.](#)

Please email fieldtrips@arundelcameraclub.org if you would like to attend.

Announcements

Promotions

To advance from the Novice Class to the Unlimited Class in a category, members must accumulate 50 points in that category. Winners are allotted points for each ribbon they win as follows:

1st Place	8 points
2nd Place	6 points
3rd Place	4 points
4th Place	2 points
Honorable Mention	1 Point

Nov. 14: Fred Venecia - Color Prints
Nov. 14: Fred Venecia - Monochrome Prints



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. During October we had one club member who not only won one tricolor ribbon but two. All six of his images won.

Nov. 28: Rich Stolarski - Novice Digital

Odyssey of Light

The Holiday Campaign for the "Odyssey of Light" Seminar is Ending Soon!!

Ticket sales for the 2019 "Odyssey of Light" Seminar will end Sunday, December 23.

The Maryland Photography Alliance expects this seminar to be a sellout, and why not. Approximately 25% of all tickets will have been sold and marketing to the general public has not yet begun. Plus, the seminar doesn't take place for four months!

This seminar will be a great educational opportunity. The speakers will be [Canon Explorer of Light Ken Sklute](#) and 2-time Pulitzer Prize award winner [Esdras Suarez](#). These two great speakers will share their skills and knowledge. The date of the seminar is Saturday, April 27, 2019.

~~Discounted prices for club members. Since our club, Arundel Camera Club, is a member of the Maryland Photography Alliance you'll pay only \$79, which is a savings of over 20% off the public price. To get this price you must use the following club discount code during checkout: ACC.~~

Bonus features for participants. All seminar attendees will receive a \$50 Gift Card from Nations Photo Lab, one of the seminar sponsors. Lunch is also included in the ticket price. If you purchase now and discover you are unable to attend, there is a cancellation policy: Cancel eight (8) days or more before the seminar and you will receive a full refund less a \$10 cancellation fee. There will be no refunds for cancellation seven (7) days or fewer before the seminar.

To learn more or to register: <https://www.mdphotoalliance.org/oosales>

Should you have any questions: MPA@MDPhotoAlliance.org

We hope you will take advantage of this unique opportunity and special pricing for all Maryland Photography Alliance Clubs.

Field Trip: Christmas Party



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Christmas Party

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.



Fred was the lucky recipient of the cosmetic case.



Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer in Original Box



Wilbur Bevan the first recipient of the Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer



Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer Sold for \$3.99 in 1983



Pretty Neat Cosmetic Organizer You have to see it to truly appreciate it!

November Novice Digital Competition Results



1st Place - Rich Stolarski
"Eiffel Tower at Sunset"



2nd Place - Rich Stolarski
"San Francesco de Assisi"



3rd Place - Christine Milleker
"Tomb of the Unknown Soldier"

November Novice Digital Competition Results



4th Place - Jim Mumper
"Docktails"



HM - Marilou Burleson
"Trickle Down"



HM - Cheryl Kerr
"Storms Moving Through"



HM - Rich Stolarski
"Mosteiro dos Jeronimos"

November Unlimited Digital Competition Results



1st Place - Michelle Barkdoll
"Hand in Hand"



2nd Place - Dick Chomitz
"Washington Post Startup"



3rd Place - Ron Peiffer
"Afternoon Light"



4th Place - Ron Peiffer
"The Journey Home"

November Unlimited Digital Competition Results



HM - Brian Flynn
"Jared"



HM - Fred Venecia
"Ms Rose"



HM - Bob Webber
"Under the Blue Dome"



HM - Michelle Barkdoll
"Time to Mourn"

November Novice Color Competition Results



1st Place - Jackie Colestock
"Thinking of You"



2nd Place - Fred Venecia
"Working Bee"



3rd Place - Marilou Burleson
"Yellow and Green"



4th Place - Rich Stolarski
"Segovia Aquaducto"



HM - Jackie Colestock
"Peas and Tea"



HM - Rich Stolarski
"Monocacy Aquaduct"

November Unlimited Color Competition Results



1st Place - Bob Webber
"Roadrunner Orchid"



2nd Place - Michelle Barkdoll
"Autumn Peaking Thru"



3rd Place - Ron Peiffer
"Forgotten Cell Block"



4th Place - Cathy Hockel
"Fireworks Flowers"

November Unlimited Color Competition Results



HM - Ron Peiffer
"The Lovers"



HM - Cathy Hockel
"Heron"



HM - Dick Chomitz
"Lotus Flowering on Mulberry Paper"



HM - Chuck Gallegos
"Cool View"

November Novice Monochrome Competition Results



1st Place - Fred Venecia
"Low Tide"



2nd Place - Rich Stolarski
"Beach Tree"



3rd Place - Marilou Burleson
"Happy Girl"



4th Place - Marilou Burleson
"Dancer"

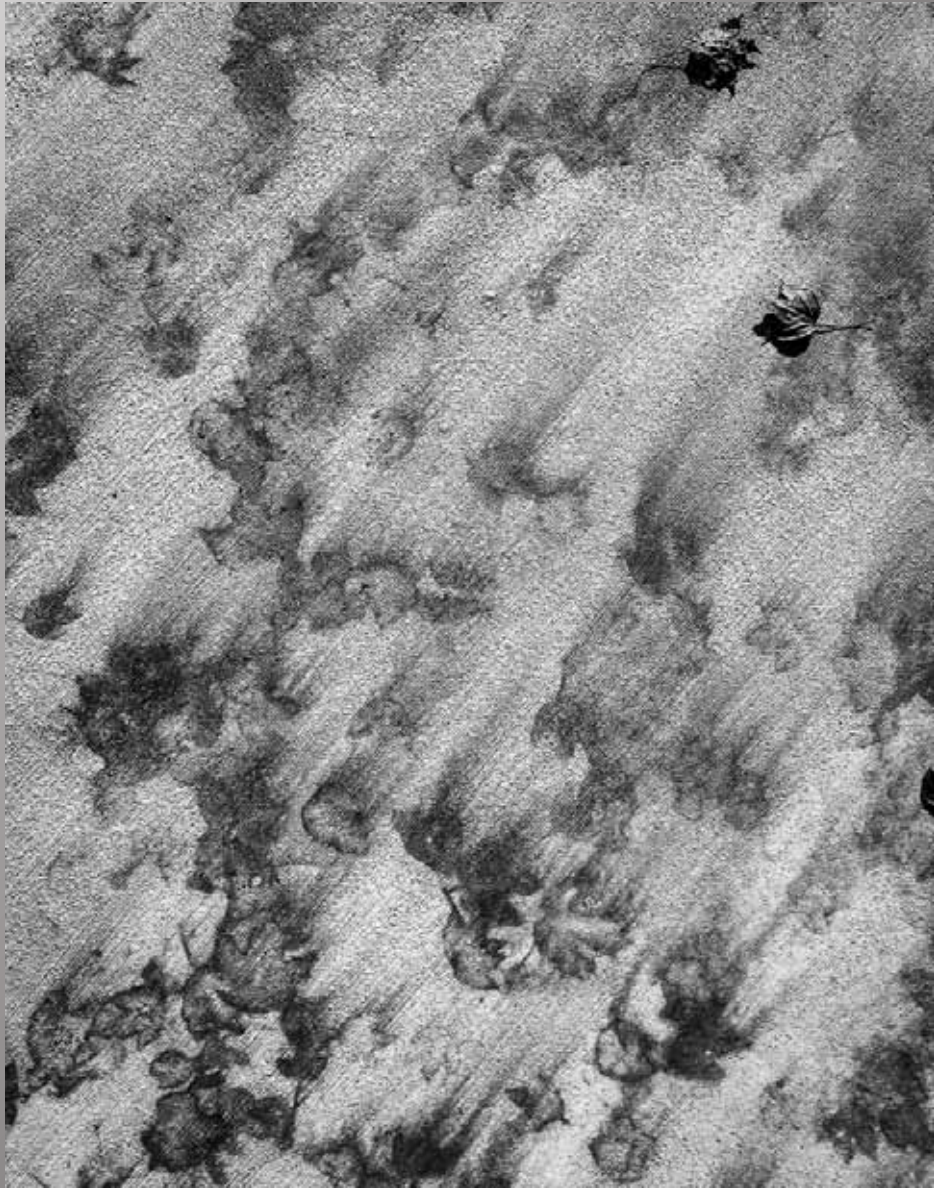


HM - Rich Stolarski
"Watching Sailboats"



HM - Ed Niehenke
"Old Mill"

November Unlimited Monochrome Competition Results



1st Place - Ron Peiffer
"November Winds"



2nd Place - Greg Hockel
"Run Aground"



3rd Place - Greg Hockel
"Acoma Pueblo"

November Unlimited Monochrome Competition Results



4th Place - Cathy Hockel
"Merriment"



HM - Dick Chomitz
"House of Cards"



HM - Cathaleen Ley
"Forgotten Farmhouse"



HM - Mike Thomas
"Low Key Liz"

Club Officers and Points of Contact

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Refreshments -	Fred Venecia	

Club Information

Meeting Nights

The Arundel Camera Club meets every Wednesday evening when school is in session and weather permitting. We only meet if the School is open. Check for school closings at the following link <http://www.aacps.org/>.

We meet at 7:00 p.m. and usually end before 9:00 p.m. The school doors are locked. We man the doors until 7:00 p.m.. It is important to be there by then to gain entrance to the school. Meetings are open to the public, but only dues paying members may enter competitions.

Meetings alternate with programs of informative speakers 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. We have competitions for slides, color prints, monochrome prints, and digital images. 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

Students.....\$17.50
Individual.....\$35.00
Family.....\$15.00 each additional family member

Directions

We meet at the Severna Park High School which is located at 60 Robinson Road, Severna Park, MD 21146-2899. We are now meeting in the the new building in room 166 on the first floor. You can park in the teacher's lot on the left of the school and come in the side door. We must put the room back the way we found it and vacate the building by 9:00 PM.

