



# Lens Lines Newsletter

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On the Cover: The cover image titled “Pinetum Park Mirrored” by club member Debbie Wolf won 3rd place in the October Novice Digital Contest.

Above: The above image titled “Rinteln” by Fred Venecia won 1st place in the October Unlimited Digital Contest.

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# Draft 2021-2022 Schedule

## December

- 2 Critique Session
- 4 Field Trip - Conowingo Dam (Eagles)
- 9 Contest - Digital - Interesting Perspectives
- 12 Christmas Party - Wulin Institute
- 23 No Meeting - Christmas**
- 30 No Meeting - Christmas**

## 2022 January

- 6 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open
- 13 Program - David Joyner -Architectural Photography
- 15 Field Trip - George Peabody Library & Baltimore Landmarks
- 20 Contest - Digital - Open
- 27 Program - Model Night

## February

- 3 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Abstract
- 10 Program - Janet Matthews
- 17 Contest - Digital - Abstract
- 21 Field Trip - Library of Congress Reading Room
- 24 Program - Steve Stattler

## March

- 3 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Open
- 10 Program - Barbara Saffir
- 17 Contest - Digital - Open
- 24 Program - TBD
- 26 Field Trip - Cherry Blossom Washington DC
- 31 Tabletop Night

## April

- 7 Contest - Color / Monochrome Prints - Architecture
- 14 Program - Rodney Clark: Preparing Your Photography for a Gallery Showing
- 21 Contest - Digital - Architecture
- 28 Program - Michael Koren: Artistic Expression with an iPhone
- 30 Field Trip - Brighton Dam Azalea Garden

## May

- 5 Business Meeting
- 12 Program - Robin Kent: Low Light Photography
- 14 Field Trip - Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge
- 18 End of Year Banquet
- 19 See if we can move banquet
- 26 Contest - Digital - Club Events

## June

- 2 Officers Meeting
- 11 Field Trip - United States National Arboretum

# Holiday Party

## The Holiday Party is ON!!!

**New Location:** [Wulin Institute](#)

**New Date:** Sunday, December 12th at 7PM

Our Holiday party was scheduled to be hosted by Greg and Cathy Hockel on Thursday, December 16th. However, due to unforeseen circumstances they are unable to host this year.

Jackie Colestock has graciously offered to host the Holiday party at the **Wulin Institute (164 E Furnace Branch Road, Unit B, Glen Burnie, MD 21061)** on **Sunday, December 12th at 7 PM.**

The space is plenty large enough giving us room to spread out. There are tables and chairs (though we always suggest that extra be brought) and parking.

### Potluck

It's potluck so please bring a dish to share. [Click here to signup](#). The password is "ACC2021".

The club via our host will provide non-alcoholic drinks, cups, plates, napkins, and utensils. We will need a volunteer to pick them up.

It's Bring Your Own Beer and wine.

Due to the location, we will not have access to an oven. However there is electricity so crock pots and hot plates can be used. You may need to bring an extension cord.

### Gift Exchange

As usual, we will have a White Elephant gift exchange at the party. Due to COVID concerns, the gift exchange is completely voluntary.

If you decide to participate, please bring a gift for the exchange under \$25.00.

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 can not 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?



# 2021-2022 Contest Themes & Info

## Interesting Perspectives (December)

Perspective in photography is defined as the sense of depth or spatial relationship between objects in a photo, along with their dimensions with respect to what viewer of the image sees. By changing perspective, subjects can appear much smaller or larger than normal, lines can converge differently, and much more. The most common and often least interesting perspective is “eye level.” At first we were going to define Interesting Perspectives as “Anything NOT at Eye Level”. Try these (1) Shoot down on your subject. (2) Shoot up at your subject. (3) Lie down and shoot from ground level. Click here for examples of [Interesting Perspectives Photography](#).

## Abstract (February)

This category should include images that are in some way altered from the usual way it is viewed. The photograph can concentrate on color, form, texture, pattern, line or other aspect of the object. The subject of the photograph may be an identifiable object, but should be rendered in a way that the identity of the object is secondary to aspects of form, color (or tone), lines, shapes, or texture. That is, the subject may be recognizable, but the photograph should not be representational. The distinction can be subtle, and ultimately will reside with the judge. Click here for examples of [Abstract Photography](#).

## Architecture (April)

The subject should be a building, group of related buildings, or other man-made structure such as a bridge or tower or a portion thereof. Both interior and exterior photographs are allowed. Images may focus on the structure as a whole or a part of it. Click here for examples of [Architecture](#).

## 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 September, JC Williams won a tricolor ribbon in Unlimited Digital.



## 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

# December Critique Session - Ed Palaszynski



THE ARUNDEL CAMERA CLUB  
INVITES YOU TO  
**IMAGE CRITIQUE SESSION**  
**ED PALASZYSKI**  
THURSDAY  
2 DECEMBER 2021  
7:00 PM EST  
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

[ARUNDELCAMERA CLUB.ORG](http://ARUNDELCAMERA CLUB.ORG)

Our fourth and final critique sessions will be on FaceBook Live on 2 December 2021 and will be led by Ed Palaszynski.

Ed's photographic journey has taken him into the areas of historical documentation, architecture, motor sports, nature and fine art photography. He enjoys studying a subject or scene to determine how the light will affect shapes, tones and textures. He has recently completed a series of images for a project called "Life Forms" to answer the question, "What Does Life Look Like?"

Ed's images have appeared and placed in national juried shows that include the Circle Gallery in Annapolis, Photoworks, Washington Art Works, Delaplaine Arts Center and the Allegeny Arts Council. He is a Gaithersburg Camera Club Grand Master and his images have been used for online and print publications.

Ed is past President of the Gaithersburg Camera Club and has served in several Board positions. He is a member of the Maryland Federation of Art, Nature First, NANPA and is a MPA Certified Judge. He has developed and taught numerous photography classes at Montgomery College and workshops for individuals and clients of Mac Business Solutions and Capital Photography.

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# Congratulations - Fred Venecia

Congratulations to Fred Venecia for his two prizes won at the 2021 MPA Photo Contest. Arundel camera club had a total of 26 entries in the contest, which had a total of 514 entries. Of the 44 winners, Fred had two winners.

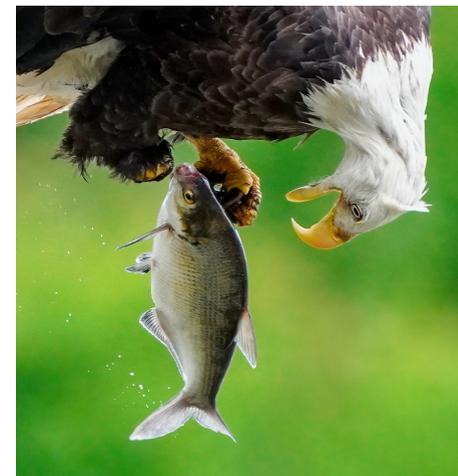
80% of MPA clubs had winners in the contest, which had four categories--Animal Life (141 entries), Elegant Perfections (126 entries), Maryland Highways and Byways (85 entries), and People in Action (162 entries). This was the 5th year for the contest. The MPA awarded a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each of the four categories with 10% Honorable Mentions in each category.

The photos will be posted soon on the MPA website as will be the awards program, which did a nice job of including commentary from the three judges on each image. It was one of the most instructive such programs I have seen.

The judges included Eileen Rafferty, Mollie Isaacs, and Charles Needle—all three well known photographers, presenters, and workshop leaders.

Congratulations to Fred!!!

Third Place in Animal Life category for Fred's eagle photo, Lunch Time.



Honorable Mention in the Maryland Highways and Byways for Fred's photo, Laurel Train Station.



# Field Trip - Conowingo Dam

Please join the Club's field trip on Saturday, 4 December 2021 to Conowingo Dam to photograph eagles.

[2569 Shures Landing Road, Darlington, MD 21034](#)

[Click here for more information.](#)

Open: 1 hour before sunrise to 1 hour after sunset

When the turbines of Conowingo Dam bring in more water and fish..bald eagles take advantage of this moment and grab the fish coming in.



Fred Venecia

Also, the same day, located nearby:

## [Susquehanna State Park](#)

4122 Wilkinson Rd, Havre De Grace 21878

Hours: 10am to Sunset

## [Steppingstone Farm Museum](#)

461 Quaker Bottom Rd, Havre De Grace 21078 • (410)

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Hours: 11am to 3pm



JC Williams

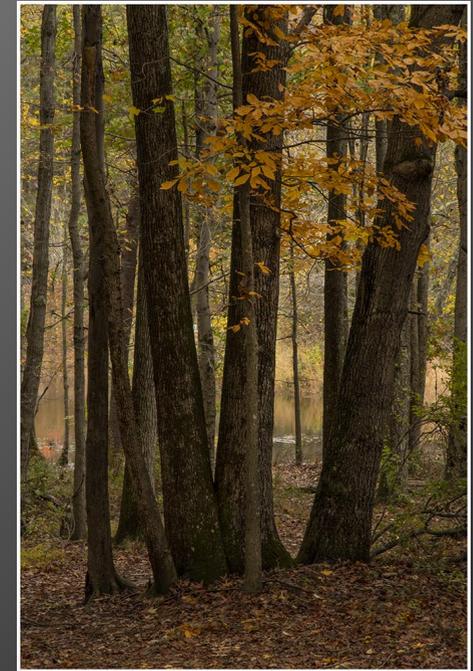
# Field Trip Photos - Jug Bay



Richard Stolarski



Ed Niehenke

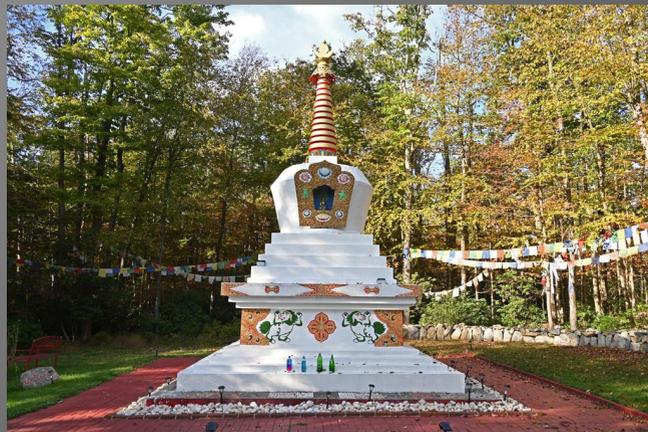


Richard Stolarski



Ed Niehenke

# Field Trip Photos - Gambrill State Park & Tibetan Center



Photos by Ed Niehenke

# October Digital Novice Contest Results



1st Place - Tammi Gorsak  
"Jumping Spider"



2nd Place - John Verdi  
"Photographer Trophy"



3rd Place - Debbie Wolf  
"Pinetum Park Mirrored"



4th Place - Doug Wood  
"Roll For Initiative"



HM - Tammi Gorsak  
"Fall Colors"



HM - Terri Jackson  
"Outside In"

# October Digital Unlimited Contest Results



1st Place - Fred Venecia  
"Rinteln"



2nd Place - Mike Thomas  
"Tulip Petal"



3rd Place - Dawn Grannas  
"Multiple Reflections"

# October Digital Unlimited Contest Results



4th Place - John Milleker, Jr.  
"The Tetris Lighthouse"



HM - John Milleker, Jr.  
"A Dreary Day At The Light"



HM - JC williams  
"Juvenile Swan Searching  
For Food"

# October Digital Unlimited Contest Results



HM - David Joyner  
"Spanish-spectors"



HM - Louis Sapienza  
"Framed-reflection"



HM - Ron Peiffer  
"Transfixed"

# Club Officers and Staff



John Milleker,  
Jr.  
President



Ron Peiffer  
VP Contests  
MPA



Christine  
Milleker  
VP Programs



Jackie  
Colestock  
Secretary /  
Treasurer



Chip Bulgin  
Past President



Susan Webber  
Member at  
Large



Cathy Hockel  
Member at  
Large



Ed Niehenke  
Field Trips



Richard  
Stolarski  
Field Trips



David Joyner  
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Webmaster



Bob Webber  
Contest  
Committee /  
Newsletter



Fred Veneca  
Refreshments



Mike Thomas  
Webmaster /  
Newsletter



Russ Zaccari  
Webmaster /  
Database

# Social Media/Distancing

## 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](mailto: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 are relying on during the COVID-19 restrictions. 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. All of our virtual meetings have been broadcast via FaceBook.

## 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

David Joyner has volunteered to create a club Instagram account for us to experiment with. You can find it at <http://instagram.arundelcameraclub.org/>.

# Club Information

## Meeting Nights

Starting August 26, the Arundel Camera Club meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Due to COVID-19 we will be broadcasting our live meetings to FaceBook.

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. Currently we are only holding digital competitions. 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.](#)

## Directions

When we resume meeting in person, we will be meeting at the Severna Park Baptist Church which is located at at 506 Benfield Rd, Severna Park, MD 21146.

Click on the map for directions.

