



Lens Lines Newsletter

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On the Cover: The cover image by Tim Huesgen titled “Donegal Sea Stat” won 4th Place during the March Novice Monochrome competition.

Above: The above image by Louis Sapienza titled “Artistic Leaves” won 1st Place in the March Unlimited Digital competition.

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2025 Schedule / Annoucnements

May

- 01 Photo Walk - Kent Island (Historic Stevensville)
- 08 Contest - Digital - Club Events
- 15 Program - Lester Picker - Travel Photography
- 17 Field Trip - US Naval Academy Tour and Annapolis Visit
- 22 Business Meeting
- 29 Social - End of Year Awards Banquet

To Do List:

1. **Bring your winning prints to a meeting by 24 April for the End of Year Competition.**
2. **Sign up and pay for the End of Year Banquet.**
3. **Volunteer to run for office or to work on a club committee.**
4. **Provide feedback to Doug Wood on potential contest themes for next year.**



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Photo Walk - Kent Island Historic Stevensville

In lieu of our normal meeting, please join the Arundel Camera Club at 7pm on May 1st for an evening photo walk of Kent Island Historic Stevensville.

The Stevensville Historic District, also known as Historic Stevensville, is a national historic district in downtown Stevensville, Queen Anne's County, Maryland. It contains roughly 100 historic structures, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is approximately a 30 minute drive on the other side of the bay bridge. Please allow time for afternoon traffic.

Stay tuned for details on the meeting location.

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 24th.

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 April 28th 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 29th.

Contest - Digital - Club Events



Don't forget that the club events contest is May 8th.

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 2024-2025 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.

Club Events Include:

May: Brighton Dam, End of Year Banquet
Jun: Patuxent Research Refuge
Jul: Earleigh Heights Carnival, Antietam National Battlefield
Aug: Summer Picnic, Great Falls
Nov: Chesapeake City Maryland, Jug Bay Wetlands Sanctuary
Dec: Arlington National Cemetery, Christmas Party
Jan: Eastern State Penitentiary
Feb: DC Monuments at Night
Mar: DC Cherry Blossoms, DC National Arboretum
Apr: Shenks Ferry Wildflower Preserve, DC US Botanic Garden
May: Historic Stevensville

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

Program - Lester Picker - Travel Photography



THE ARUNDEL CAMERA CLUB
INVITES YOU TO A
PRESENTATION BY
LESTER PICKER
TRAVEL PHOTOGRAPHY
THURSDAY
15 MAY 2025
7:00 PM EST
SEVERNA PARK BAPTIST CHURCH
FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM

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Please join the Arundel Camera Club at 7pm on May 15th in person at the [Severna Park Baptist Church](#) or on [FaceBook Live](#) for a program by Lester Picker on "Travel Photography."

Lester Picker (www.lesterpickerphoto.com) has more than 650 writing and photo credits in *National Geographic Society publications*, *Better Homes & Gardens*, *Forbes*, *Time*, *Inc. Publications*, *Money*, *Fortune Small Business*, *Bloomberg Personal Finance*, *National Parks Magazine*, and dozens of newspapers, magazines and other publications. He is a former reporter, photojournalist and editor.

For four years Les was a weekly spot-syndicated columnist for *The Baltimore Sun* and a freelance feature travel writer/photographer.

He offers photography workshops in his studio and leads tours throughout the world. Les' 234-page [Travel Photography eBook](#) is available from his website.

Les' landscape and wildlife images decorate many homes, offices and institutions throughout North America. He was honored as the exclusive artist for a major teaching hospital's medical wing, where more than 60 of his large format images are permanently displayed.

Les won the prestigious Canada Northern Lights Award for Best Travel Photography. He is a Moab Master Photographer an Awagami International Ambassador and a former X-Rite Coloratti.

Les has a doctorate in ecology from the University of Maine.

Travel Presentation - If you are looking for ways to move your travel photography from good to WOW! then Les' tips on Travel Photography is a must presentation to attend! Les' tips, techniques and wisdom gained from over 50 years of photography take you on a journey of insight designed to improve your travel images and will draw your audiences into the story you want to tell.

Les has traveled around the world many times and to some of the most remote places on the planet. He was named Best Travel Photographer in Canada's most prestigious photo award. Les has also won two awards for his teaching. His 234-page highly illustrated eBook, *Travel Photography*, contains clear, concise and motivating examples drawn from his experiences.

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Field Trip - US Naval Academy and Annapolis Visit



Please join us on our field trip to the US Naval Academy and Annapolis. Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Historical Walking Tours are offered year-round , excluding federal holidays, by our knowledgeable tour guides. Duration 90 minutes. Tours begin and end at the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center located inside Gate 1. Meet at the visitor center at 1:30pm. Plan to go on the 2pm tour.

Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center
52 King George Street
Annapolis, MD 21402
410.293.TOUR
tourinfo@usna.edu

Following the tour, we will then have dinner and tour Annapolis.

Tickets are encouraged to be bought online [here](#) prior to your tour but can also be bought in-person/same day at the Information Desk inside the Visitor Center for groups of 20 or less.

PRICES: Adults: \$14 Seniors (62+): \$13

Enter Halsey Field House on the way to the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center to take in an impressive, high-tech exhibit that captures the mission of the Naval Academy, student life as a midshipman, and their exciting career paths as commissioned officers.

Then enter the Visitor Center and watch its moving 13-minute film, The Call to Serve, which repeats every 15 minutes. The exhibit area is a mini-museum, with several interactive screens, including informational maps and guidance to help you orient yourself on the Yard.

With over 700 photographs and incredible heart-stopping photography of the U.S. Naval Academy's most iconic moments, you'll feel the spirit right from the start.

Don't miss the daily noon formation (weather permitting during the academic year). On parade days, you can also wander over to Worden Field by 4:00 p.m. to watch the full Brigade of Midshipmen perform.

Are you a Maryland resident? Just present your Maryland driver's license for your first tour, and you will receive a MD Membership card. Every time you return with one or more guests, your tour will be free!

Business Meeting

On May 22 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.

To prepare for the Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors shall meet no later than two (2) weeks prior to the May Annual Meeting. Attendance of one-third (1/3) of the membership in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business at any regular Club meeting and is required for the commencement of the Annual Business Meeting.

Elections - According to our constitution, when the Annual Business Meeting falls on an odd numbered year (ex.: 1999) the following Officers shall be elected: the Program Chair, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the first Member-at-Large.

Not less than ninety (90) days before the Annual Business Meeting the President shall appoint a Nomination-Election Committee Chair whose duty shall be to assemble a team of at least three (3) members whose duty shall be to submit to the Club the names of members it feels are qualified to hold and fill the various offices no later than the first meeting in April. Talk to Cathy Hockel if you are interested in running for office or assisting on one of the committees.

Budget and Dues - Our club treasury will give a report on the club's financials, assets, liabilities, and we will discuss changes to the dues if necessary.

Contest Themes - Doug Wood is leading the effort to brainstorm and discuss and themes. He will poll the membership to narrow down the choices. These will be presented at the business meeting for discussion and vote.

Contest Rules - Not less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to Annual Business Meeting of odd numbered years (1999) the Secretary-Treasurer, in cooperation with the Contest Chair shall assemble a team of not less than three (3) additional members in good standing whose duty shall be to review the Arundel Camera Club Contest Rules, take suggestions from the membership for revisions or updates to said Rules. The Secretary-Treasurer and Contest Chair shall, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of this Committee, compile a report of the findings for presentation to the Board prior to the Annual Business Meeting for consideration/inclusion in the Annual Business Meeting agenda.

Audit Committee - Not less than thirty (30) days before the Annual Business Meeting of each year the President shall appoint an Audit Committee Chair, who shall assemble a team of three members whose duty it shall be to audit/review the accounts of the Club and report their findings at the Annual Business Meeting of the Club, after which the committee will dissolve.

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 29th 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 photograph 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
www.oliveg.com
705 N Hammonds Ferry Rd
Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Buffet Dinner Includes:

- Flounder
- Lasagna
- Fried Chicken
- Salad
- Vegetable
- Breadsticks
- Assorted Desserts
- Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks, Water
- Cash bar available

RSVP by May 11th.

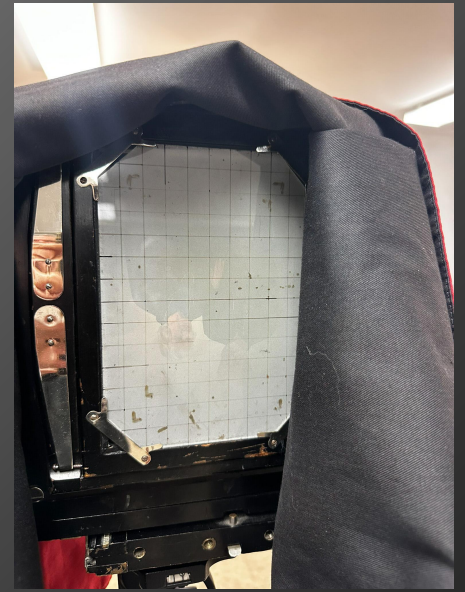
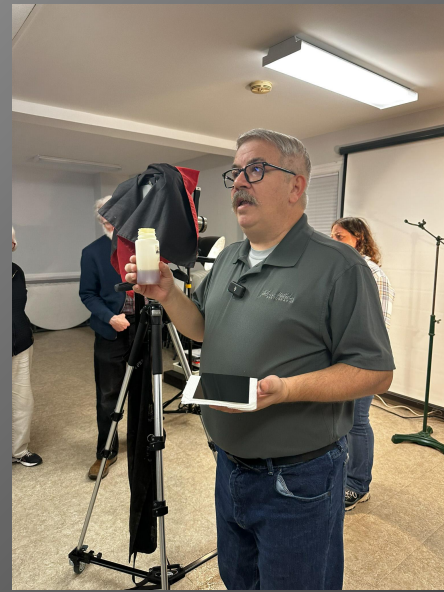
Make check payable to the "Arundel Camera Club."
Bring check to a meeting or mail to:
Price is \$38.00 per person.

Jackie Colestock
1335 Old Mountain Rd
Pasadena, MD 21122

The History of Photography by John & Chris Milleker



The History of Photography by John & Chris Milleker



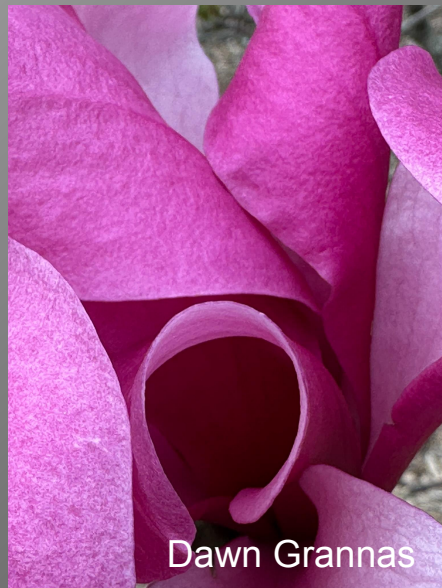
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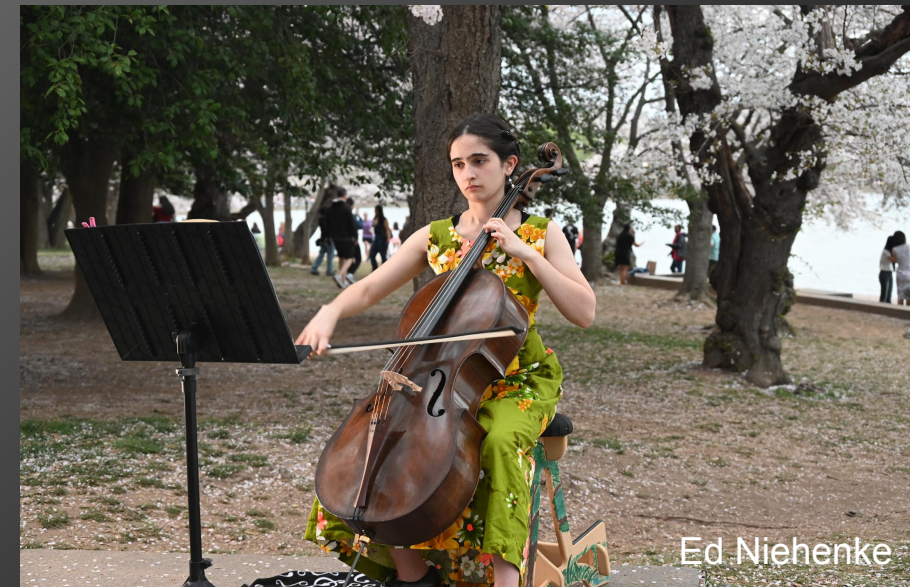
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Cherry Blossoms Photos



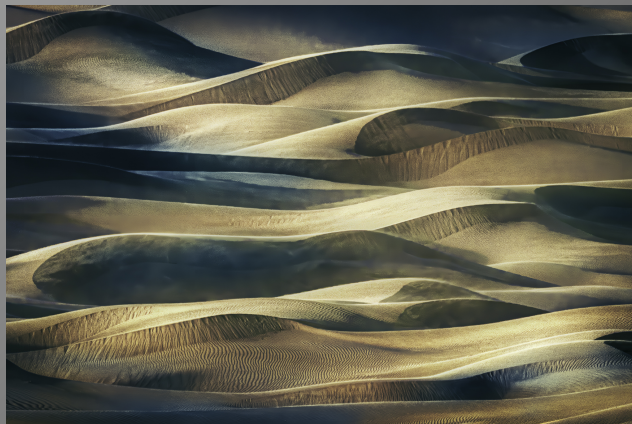
Cherry Blossoms Photos



March Novice Digital Contest Results



1st Place - Erik Dahl
"Gentoo Penguin Porpoising"



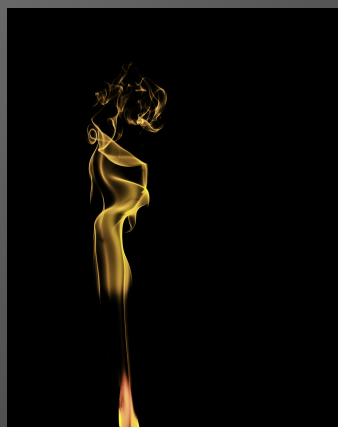
2nd Place - Timothy Huesgen
"Dune"



3rd Place - John Crooks
"Moment Of Triumph"



4th Place - John Crooks
"Pyrgos Courtyard"



HM - Timothy Huesgen
"Golden Lady"



HM -Melissa Chin
"Peaceful"

March Unlimited Digital Contest Results



1st Place - Louis Sapienza
"Artistic Leaves"



2nd Place - Fred Venicia
"Sue"



3rd Place - JC Williams
"Early Morning Prayer"

March Unlimited Digital Contest Results



4th Place - Ron Peiffer
"Cowboy Closet"



HM - Cathy Hockel
"Ruby Throated Hummingbird"



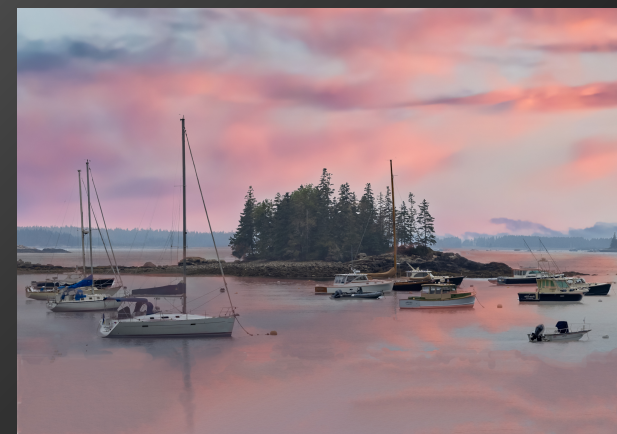
HM - Doug Wood
"Ice"



HM - Fred Venicia
"Egret"



HM - JC Williams
"The Conductor"



HM - Ron Peiffer
"Schoodic Sunset"

March Novice Color Print Contest Results



1st Place - Tim Huesgen
"Stonebog Survivor"



2nd Place - Tim Huesgen
"The Dark Hedges"



3rd Place - John Crooks
"Impressionable Bell"

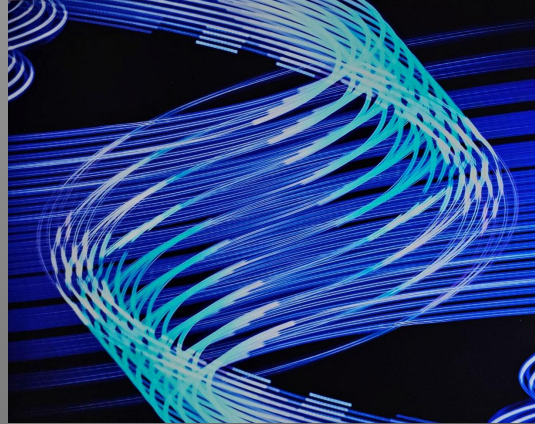


4th Place - Catherine Rush
"Salmon Waves"

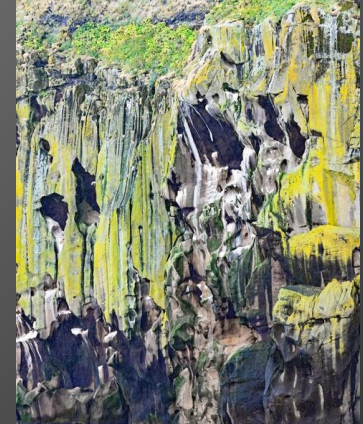
March Unlimited Color Prints Contest Results



1st Place - Cheryl Kerr
"Summer Stars at Spruce Knob"



2nd Place - John Milleker
"Swirls"



3rd Place - Cathleen Steele
"Sliding Colors"



4th Place - Bob Webber
"Flowering Discoms"



HM - Fred Vencia
"Sami"

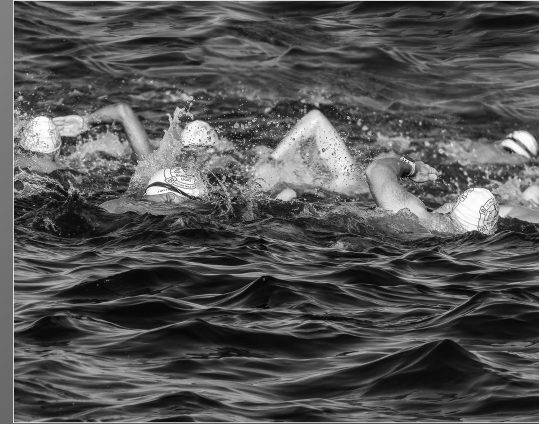


HM - Mike Thomas
"Redish Egret Canopy Fishing"

March Novice Monochrome Contest Results



1st Place - Tim Huesgen
"Mist"



2nd Place - Catherine Rush
"High Arm Strokes"



3rd Place - John Crooks
"Regatta"



4th Place - Tim Huesgen
"Donagal Sea Stat"



HM - Cheryl Kerr
"Eastern State Penitentiary Dentist
Chair"

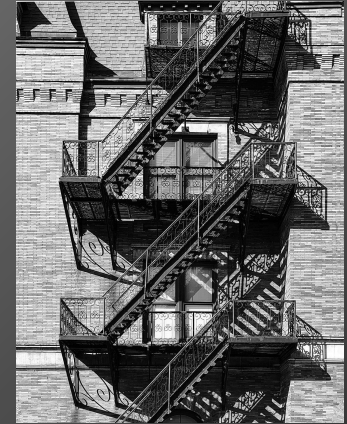
March Unlimited Monochrome Contest Results



1st Place - Mike Thomas
"Classic Reading"



2nd Place - Fred Venicia
"Christina"



3rd Place - Bob Webber
"Stadium High School"



4th Place - Ron Peiffer
"Winter's Mirror"

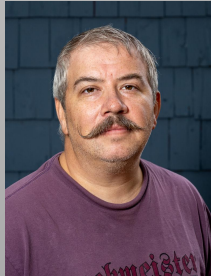


HM - John Milleker
"Still Grace"



HM - Ron Peiffer
"Tobacco Barn"

Club Officers and Staff



John Milleker,
Jr.
President



Ron Peiffer
VP Contests
MPA



Christine
Milleker
VP Programs



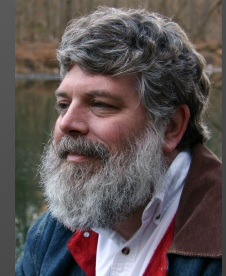
Jackie
Colestock
Secretary /
Treasurer



Chip Bulgin
Past President



Susan Webber
Member at
Large



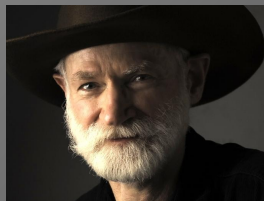
Doug Wood
Member at
Large



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://arundelcameracub.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@arundelcameracub.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://arundelcameracub.org/newsletter/>.

FaceBook

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

Instagram

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

Club Information

Meeting Nights

The Arundel Camera Club, Inc. 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.](#)

