



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

March 2020 Newsletter

Workshops and Outings Galore!

Three club outings and two workshops kept everyone busy in February!



Indoor Creativity Workshop



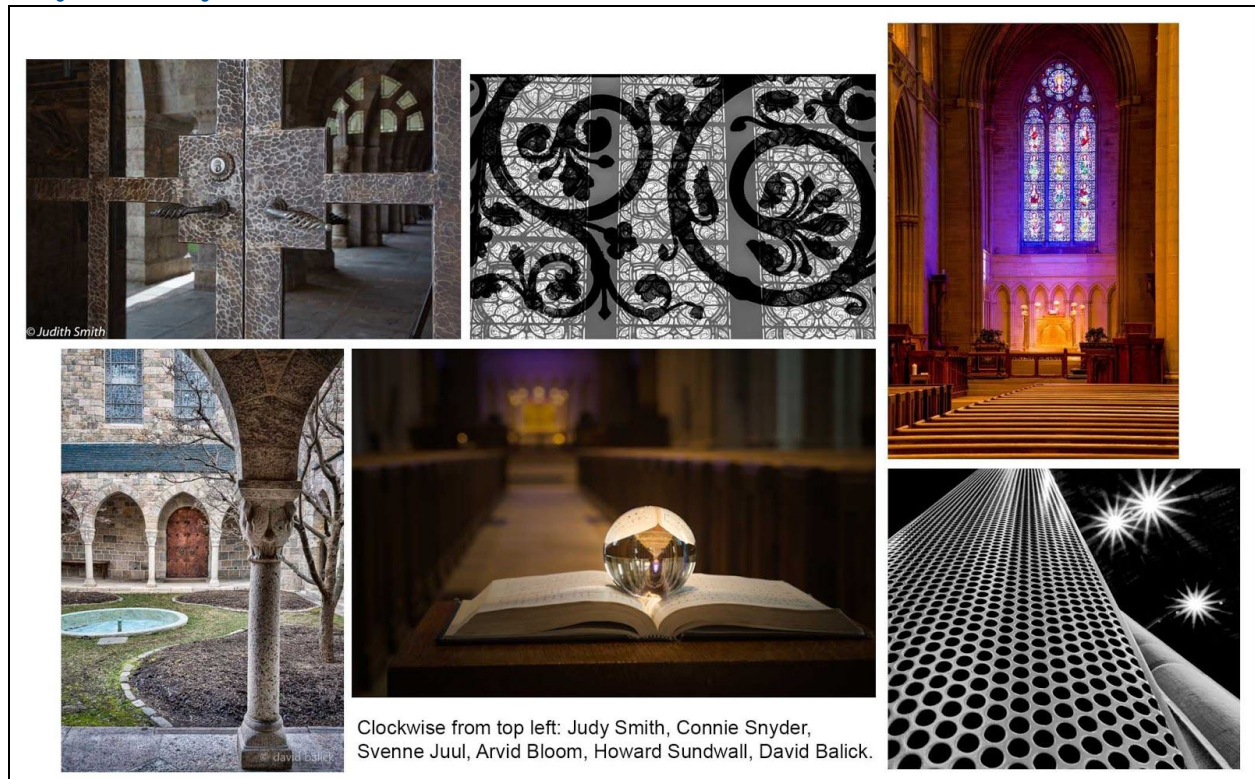
Splashes and flashes and lots of really cool photo techniques brought out child-like experimentation and delight for thirty CCCC members at the Feb 1 workshop. Led by Jim Wilson, Betsy Wilson and Mark Bergkvist, various stations such as bokeh shapes, oil and water, lightboxes, light tables and water droplets provided numerous opportunities for everyone to play with new ideas to help spark creativity during the cold winter months. Check out some of the images like this image

of strawberries by David Balick in the [Indoor Creativity Gallery](#).

To view the opening presentation and get some tips for trying these fun techniques at home, [click here](#).



Bryn Athyn Cathedral



This amazing cathedral looks as if it was plucked right out of the European countryside. It is elegant and majestic, featuring extraordinary architecture and gothic stained glass windows surrounded by beautiful grounds. CCCC Photographers enjoyed shooting both the interior and exterior of the elegant landmark. And thank you to Kayann for sharing her crystal ball! See many more images [here](#).



Middle Creek Snow Geese

Intrepid CCCC photographers bundled up and made the trek out to Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area in Lancaster County to photograph the snow geese and tundra swans. Every winter, tens of thousands of birds spend a few weeks here as they feed in the fields and sleep on the lake. The experience of watching and listening to thousands of snow geese take off and circle overhead is magical!

See the gallery of images [here](#).

Ephrata Cloister

And CCCC members enjoyed yet another outing in February - this time to the quaint and historic Ephrata Cloister. This woodland sanctuary was founded in 1732 to create a community of religious solitude and an escape from worldliness. Although only a fraction of the 18th century architectural heritage survives today, it provides wonderful photographic opportunities to capture images that represent the primitive and simple lifestyle of this "Holy Experiment" in the New World.



Photographers Navjot Hanspal and Gerald Koren enjoy photographing the rustic structures on a warm winter day.

This black & white image by Buzz Mossholder portrays the stark beauty of this restored 18th-century village. [Click here](#) to see more images of Ephrata Cloister.

Harold Ross Demonstration



More than fifty members and guests were treated to an informational and inspirational seminar on "Sculpting with Light" by photographer Harold Ross. Harold shared his step-by-step process of light painting that he has perfected over many years to create still life masterpieces. He light painted a still life, and demonstrated specialized masking and layering techniques to create the final image from multiple captures in Photoshop. Awesome presentation!



Members' Forum and Meeting ~~~ February 12



Members Forum: Club member Ted Goldman creates photo essays to tell important stories with pictures and words. At the February Members' Forum, Ted presented one of his favorites- "Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney: Leadership from the Heart". It was an eye-opening and heartwarming story about a leader's humanity. Thank you Ted!

Harold Ross - "Sculpting with Light"

CCCC members were transfixed during a special presentation by photographer Harold Ross on Sculpting with Light, a technique that he has been perfecting for almost 30 years.

Harold shared his vision and his method of light painting that transforms ordinary subjects into something extraordinary. This presentation preceded the six-hour seminar demonstration on Feb 29.



Mentor Meeting



Paul "Stu" Stewart gave some Lightroom instruction on how to do some basic batch edits. Attendees learned how to streamline the editing process, then broke into smaller groups to address questions by mentees. Thanks for getting us started Stu!

Have questions about your camera? Post-processing? Join us at the next [Mentor Meeting!](#)

Upcoming Events:

Print Critique Meeting ~~~ Sunday, March 1, and April 5

Join a small group of club members who gather in an informal setting to show a few of their printed photographs and receive constructive feedback from fellow photographers. The meeting takes place once a month at a member's house where participants enjoy some light snacks while sharing their images and discussing their vision. This is a gentle and fun atmosphere that promotes friendship and learning. [Click here](#) for more information.

Members' Forum and Monthly Meeting ~~~ March 11

Club members **Eric and Sally Loken** had an opportunity to visit Greenland this past summer. Join us for this unique [members' forum](#) as they share their experiences and photographs from this amazing trip



Our guest speaker this evening is [Sharon Harris](#) who will speak to us about Pinhole Photography. According to Wikipedia, a pinhole camera is a simple camera without a lens but with a tiny [aperture](#), a [pinhole camera](#) – effectively a light-proof box with a small hole in one side. Light from a scene passes through the aperture and projects an inverted image on the opposite side of the box, which is known as the [camera obscura](#) effect.

Artist statement: "Pinhole photography, the art of lens-less photography is an intuitive process which can consistently produce surprising results. This most unique and wonderful gift is the reason this medium holds such power over me. Through the Pinhole I can view the world not as I see it, but as I hope to see it; a curious, imaginative, and somewhat strange world."

Upcoming Outing:



Sleepy Hollow MX - Sunday March 22

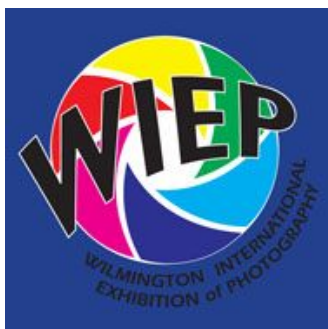
Experience the thrill of Motocross Racing up close! Thrilling, action-packed images are just waiting for you to push the shutter button! Want to practice some motion photography? Be sure to attend this exciting outing to the [Sleepy Hollow MX!](#)

Upcoming Exhibits:



This is the second year that the long-running [Philadelphia Flower Show](#) will feature a photography exhibit. Several of our club members will have images on display, so hop on the train and head into the city for a day of flowers, fun, and fotos! The show runs through March 8.

Odyssey is returning to The [Pennsylvania Center for Photography](#) with an opening reception on Friday, March 20 from 6-8 PM. CCCC proudly boasts that twelve of our members are represented! The exhibit will be on display March 20 - April 5 in Doylestown.



The 87th Annual [Wilmington International Exhibit of Photography](#) (WIEP) runs from March 15 - 22 and features both print and digital images by photographers around the world, including some of our own members. Although you can enjoy the print exhibit anytime, the best time to visit is during one of the Sunday receptions when they will be displaying a slideshow of the digital images, Sunday March 15 noon - 5pm and Sunday, March 22 noon - 4pm.

Conferences and Learning Opportunities

The Harrisburg Camera Club's [10th Annual Light and Creativity Conference](#) will be held on April 4th. This full-day conference, with breakfast and lunch included, has a great line-up of speakers and topics. And they have terrific door prizes!



Check out the upcoming classes taught by club member, Mark Bergkvist of [The Photography Workshop](#). No matter your interest or skill level, there's something for everyone!

Opportunities to Show Your Work

The Oxford Arts Alliance is having their [1st Regional Juried Photography Exhibition!](#) The theme is "What Is Your Photographic Passion" so the options are unlimited! All artwork will be juried in person on March 13-14 and the opening reception is March 20th from 5-8 PM.

Mark Your Calendars!

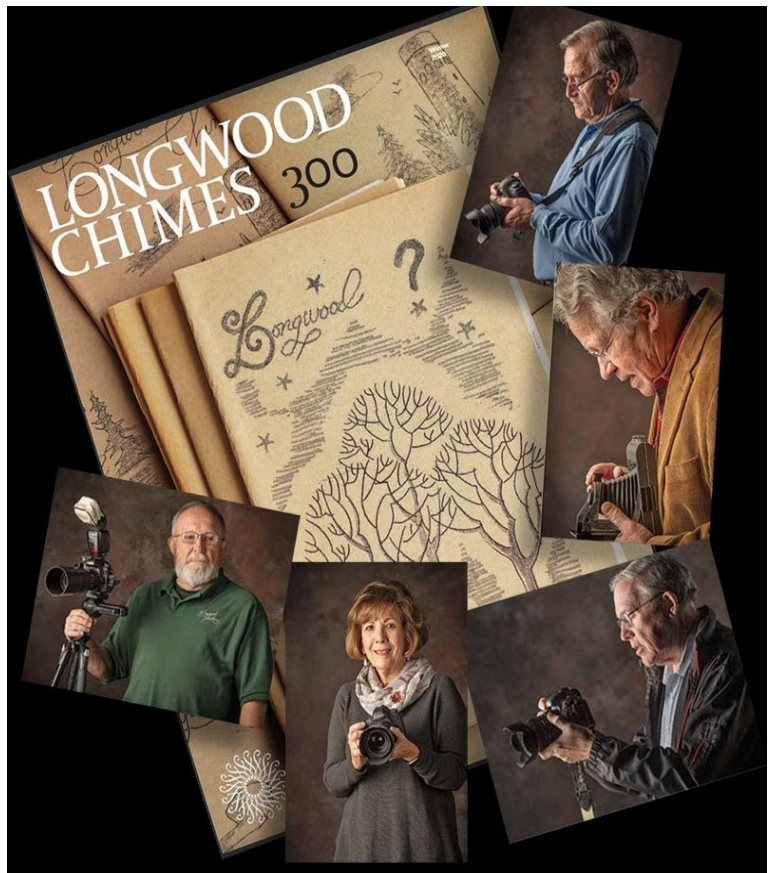
- Sun, Mar 1 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Mar 11 [Members' Forum](#) and [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Wed, Mar 18 [Mentor Meeting](#)
- Sun, Mar 22 [Sleepy Hollow MX Motocross](#)
- Wed, Mar 25 [Monthly Competition](#)
- Sun, April 5 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Sun, April 5 [Schuylkill Crew Regatta](#)
- Wed, April 8 [Members' Forum](#) and [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Wed, April 15 [Mentor Meeting](#)
- Sat, April 18 [Lighting and Portrait Workshop](#)
- Wed, April 22 [Monthly Competition](#)

More upcoming events are listed on the [CCCC Home page](#) and a full calendar is listed on the [Schedule page](#).

Members in the News

For those of you planning to attend the *Philadelphia Flower Show*, be sure to check out the photography exhibit. Included in the show are **Nima Marsh, Valerie Dunn, Betsy Wilson, Carol DeGuiseppi, Jim Wilson and Ginia Apostolacus.**

The Winter issue of Longwood Chimes, the quarterly publication of Longwood Gardens includes a feature celebrating the volunteer photographers, of which many are CCCC members. Delaware photographer, Carlos Alejandro, created beautiful portraits to introduce readers to the volunteers whose images help tell the story of Longwood Gardens. In addition to the talented CCCC photographers pictured here which are **Bob Doerr, Richard Donham, Joe Hare, Carol DeCuisseppi and Duane Erdmann**, CCCC boasts many other members involved with Longwood Gardens, either on a professional or volunteer basis. Read the entire issue of Longwood Chimes by [clicking here.](#)



Wow! Twelve members have been accepted into the Odyssey Exhibit sponsored by The Pennsylvania Center for Photography . **Ginia Apostolacus, Carol DeGuisseppi, Sally Loken, Eric Loken, Stephen Williams, Jim Wilson, and Betsy Wilson** will have their prints displayed. And there will be a digital exhibit of images by **David Balick, Valerie Dunn, Robert Friedman, Dean Grantham, and Fiona Keyes.**



Jim Samanen's artwork is on display at Louette's BYO restaurant on Bridge Street in Phoenixville. Jim said that Chef Steve Howells has a great thing going there and the food is excellent and inventive! Have dinner and view Jim's work at Louette's - reservations are recommended.

Three of **Bob Kelly's** iconic Chester County scenes grace the walls of Chester County Hospital in West Chester. If you happen to be at the hospital visiting someone (hopefully you're not a patient!) be sure to look for them. They are located in the main hallway connecting the new wing to the original hospital. From the new main lobby, go up the stairway to the right and behind the guard desk, then turn left. It will bring you to this lobby and Bob's fabulous images!



Wayne Dixon had two of his images accepted into the Wayne Art Center's annual "Expressions of Radnor" exhibit. The Center is located at 413 Maplewood Avenue in Wayne and the show runs through March 22, 2020. Stop by to view Wayne's images along with works by many other talented artists.

Competition Tips and Techniques

Macro photography is the assigned topic for March! Macro is a fun and unique form of photography that involves photographing small objects to make them look life-sized or larger in the photo. The usual subjects include flowers and small insects, which we don't normally get to see up close with the naked eye, but regular subjects found in your home, or just about anywhere, can be very interesting too! Pictured is "Curly Fern" one of last year's First Place images by Anita Bower.

Here are two links to help you better understand the science of macro photography. You can also find these and more on our [website](#) under Club Information / Competition Info

<https://photographylife.com/macro-photography-tutorial>

<https://expertphotography.com/macro-photography-tips/>



Be sure to regularly check the [CCCC Homepage](#) for news and updates, as well as links to galleries from recent outings.

If you have any information you would like considered in an upcoming monthly newsletter, please contact newsletter editors [Carol DeGuisseppi](#) or [Betsy Wilson](#).