



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

September 2018 Business Meeting and Club Report

Howard Sundwall, President

Welcome back!

Has anything changed since our last meeting?

The Big Changes

- Much you already know
- In June we lost our meetings space in the Nurses Building at CCH
- Searched all summer: churches, community centers, universities, country clubs, etc.
- Tried hard to keep us on Tuesday nights and to find something affordable that would not require us to raise dues. Ultimately only achieved one of those two goals.
 - I had a Tuesday night meeting at the Uptown! Theater, but parking was not ideal and you voted overwhelmingly to solve the parking problem by moving to a different night....

So Here We Are

- Westminster Presbyterian Church, the Choir Rehearsal Room
- Second and Fourth Wednesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
 - All meetings will be starting at 6:30. (Gather from 6:00 to 6:30)
- If you had a problem finding the place, turning in, parking, etc. – you know that won't last long.

Some adaptations

- 9:00 pm has become a hard stop, because the church custodian locks up the building at that time.
- So we're adapting in several ways:
- Starting all meetings at 6:30 pm, shortening the break to 5 minutes
- Abbreviating club announcements and relying on a monthly newsletter and the website to communicate to the members
 - Kudos to Betsy and Carol for a fabulous job on the newsletter
 - cccameraclub.org

Things you can get used to, really

- Parking, entering and driving to/from the church
- Staying on time during meetings
- Using the newsletter and emails to learn about club programs

What hasn't changed?

CCCC's mission to be a community of photographers that offers the fellowship of others who share our hobby/vocation, in a fun and supportive environment in which we can all learn and grow as photographers.

How do you get the most out of the club?

- Renew your membership (There's a form and a \$45 check involved)
- Volunteer
- Support the club financially by contributing to the Patrons Program
- Use the newsletter and website to learn what's going on and find opportunities
- Participate in our many programs!
 - And I urge you to try something new this year.

Competitions

- Bob Kelly, committee chair
- Second meeting (Fourth Wednesday of the month)
- Topics: Food, Water, the Human Body, Trio, Pictorialism landscapes, Triptych, Portraiture, Decay
- Rules on the website: Club Information/Competition Info/Competition Rules
- Rules changes this year

Monthly Speakers

- Carol DeGuisseppi, vice president
- First meeting (Second Wednesday of the month)
 - Marvin Gerstein - Capturing Emotion
 - Chris Karfarkis - The History of Photography
 - John Barclay - Contemplative Photography
 - Larry Hinson - Sports and Action Photography
 - Matt Cannon - Night Photography and Drone Photography
 - Lisa Cuchura - Focusing on Details
 - And lots more!

Outings

- Dean Grantham, committee chair
- Approximately 15-17 outings per year
- September 29: Fort Delaware & Pea Patch Island
- Bondsville Mill, Morris Arboretum, WCU Homecoming football game, National Dog Show competition, PA State Capitol Building
- And lots more!

Workshops

- Wayne Dixon and Peter Guman, co-chairs
- Chester County Hospital, Finance Building, the Parlor Room
- “The Art of Toy Photography” Sat Sept 22, 9:00-noon
 - Space is limited. There is a signup sheet and a small fee; see Wayne
- “Macro Photography” Sat Jan 12, 9:00-noon

Mentorship

- Paula Miller, committee chair
- Chester County Hospital, Finance Building, the Parlor Room
- Third Wednesday of the month. 7:00 to 9:00 pm
 - October 17
 - November 21
- Sign up as a mentor or mentee!

Members Forum

- Anita Bower, committee chair
- First monthly meeting, prior to the guest speaker
- Tonight: “Meet and Greet”
- “Triptychs, preparing for the March competition”
- “Everybody Edits”
- “Show Your Best Shot”

Outreach

- Helen Wagner, committee chair
- Seeks opportunities for members to participate in shows, competitions and programs outside the club, to enhance our reach and be more connected with the wider world of photography.
- We are honored to again be invited to have an exhibit devoted solely to the members of the Chester County Camera Club, which will take place at Penn State Great Valley Campus in Malvern.
- Opening is scheduled for early January 2019.

Ginia: PSGV Gallery and Show

- An entry fee of \$10 for 1-3 images per photographer is required.
- Payment and entry form must be received before the photographer will be given access to the submission gallery.
- Checks must be made payable to Chester County Camera Club.
- Check and entry form to CCCC, P O Box 5, Exton, PA 19341 or deliver in person to Helen.
- All images must be matted and framed according to guidelines provided by the Outreach Committee. See website for details
- Submission gallery opens: September 13, 2018
- Submission gallery closes / images to jurors: October 12, 2018
- Jurors decisions communicated to entrants: November 5, 2018
- Images delivered to The Henry Gallery: December 15, 2018
- Gallery Open House: TBD

Print Critique Group

- Jim Samanen, committee chair
- Each month a small group of club members gather in an informal setting to show a few of their printed photographs and receive constructive feedback from fellow photographers. The meeting takes place 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. Let Jim Samanen know if you are interested and he will put you on the mailing list - jamessamanen@gmail.com.

So many programs, so little time!

- No one can participate in every opportunity, but the quantity and quality of the offerings are pretty special.
- I urge you to
 - Get involved
 - Help where you feel you can
 - Try something new
 - Grow as a photographer and have fun doing it!

Many Thanks

- Thank you for your attention tonight
- Thank you for having the confidence in me to be your president
- Thank you to the MANY volunteers who make this club work, many of whom I did not have time to name tonight