2020 End of Year Review and Awards Presentation

Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

This has been a year of challenges and resiliency; many good times but some sorrow too.

- On January 20 we all suffered the loss of our friend Paula Miller.
- Paula was a shining light in the club and a wonderful presence in all our lives. I know we are all grateful to have known her. She is missed terribly, by many.

Paula Miller
1951-2020

We also faced our share of challenges felt worldwide from the Coronavirus pandemic.

- We were forced to suspend live meetings, outings, workshops, the critique group and the mentor program
- But with leadership from VP Ginia and Competitions chair Bob, our two main monthly meetings were moved to an online format and we didn't miss a beat.
- Webmaster Betsy devised a bi-weekly at-home photo challenge and Betsy and Carol kept the newsletter going unabated.

And there were still many successes this year and many good times of sharing our passions for photography

- In reviewing the year I have many people to recognize and thank
  - I hope I don't miss anyone!
- We also have award winners in the People's Choice competition, Photographer of the Year and the Megapixel Award

The Camera Club Success Story

CCCC is all about its members having fun and growing as photographers.

Membership growth continues

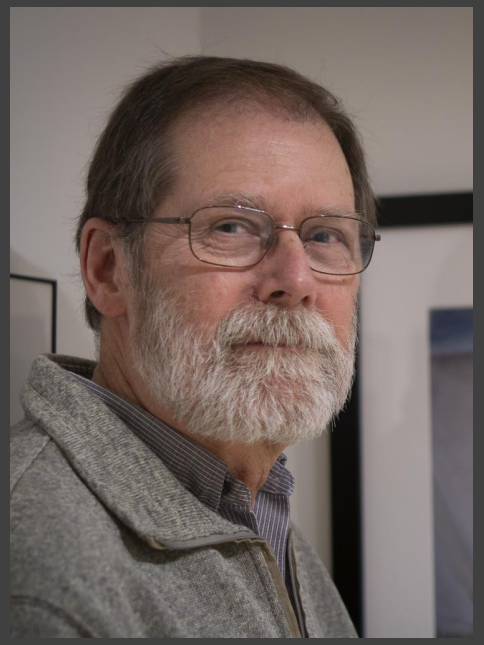
- 125 members
- 17 new members since September 1, 2019
- Thank you, Valerie Dunn!

Welcome to our new members!

- Larry Kraines
- Katherine Kinnard
- Dawn Hodson
- Denise Methlie
- Donald Paul
- John Dolph
- Yovenn Peignet
- James Albright
- Jean Ley
- Kate Salveson
- Patricia Bankes
- Mary Malinconico
- Joe Hare
- Susan Lowry Hare
- Jake Bittner
- Lois Mauro
- Shelby Wood

Workshops are going strong

- Led by Jim Wilson
- Committee: Peter Guman, Wayne Dixon, Jim Samanen and Connie Snyder
- Great fun in a learning environment – or is it great learning in a fun environment? Whatever!
- Thank you, Jim!



The Workshop Program Year in Review

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Thank you, Helen Wagner!

A YEAR OF GREAT WORKSHOPS!

- JUST ME AND MY CAMERA
- CREATIVITY AND YOUR CELL PHONE
- INDOOR CREATIVITY

JUST ME AND MY CAMERA

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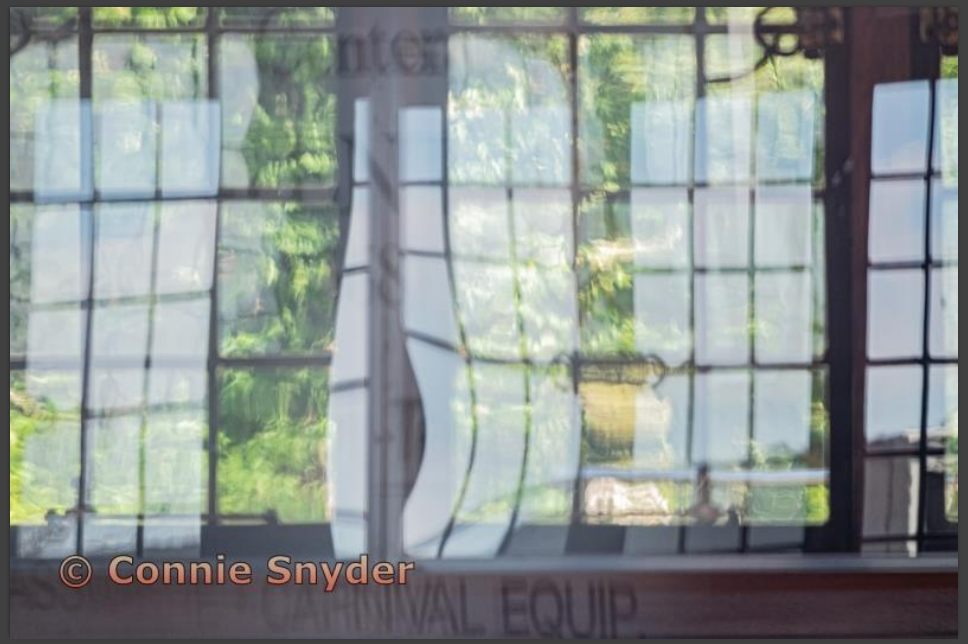
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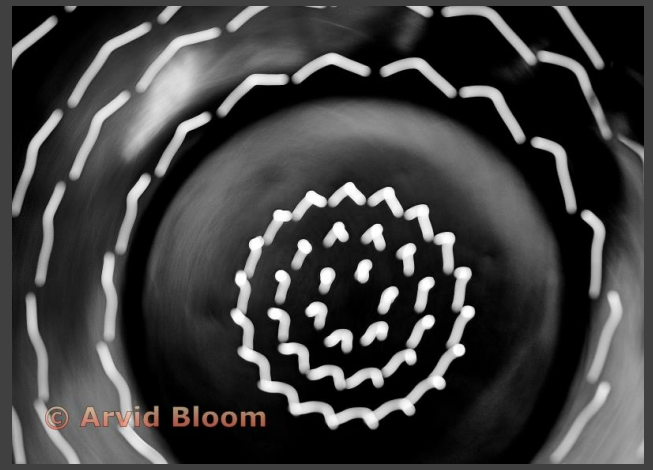
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Thank you, Helen Wagner!

We held all our competitions this year – five live and three virtual

- The Beauty of light
- Street photography
- Silhouettes and shadows
- Long exposures
- The Sky's the limit
- Macro
- Paths and trails
- Breaking the rules

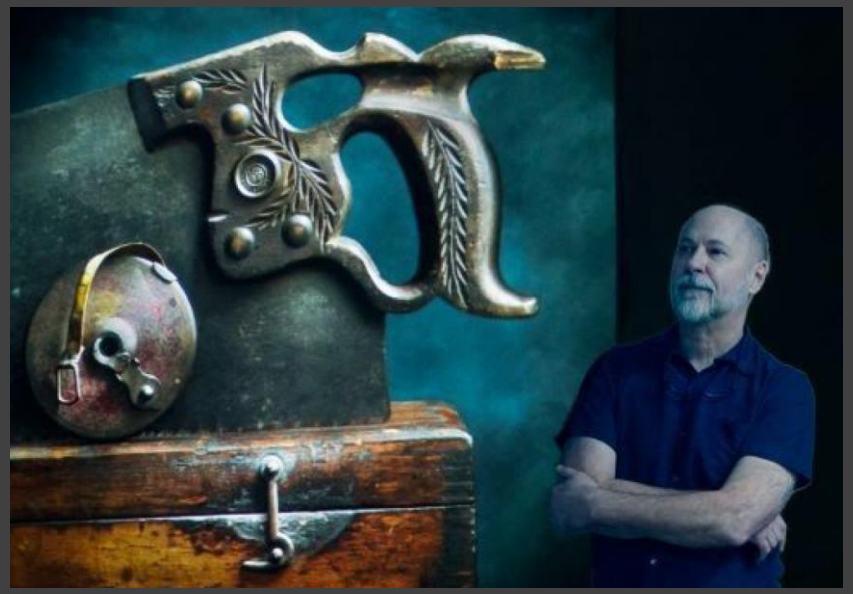
Thank you, Bob Kelly!

This year's Speakers Program was another winner

- Creativity: A conversation with Yourself – Sara Ascalon
- Wabi-Sabi – Lisa and Tom Cuchara
- Finding Inspiration – Loren Fisher
- Images of Africa – Buddy Eleazer

Speakers!

- Sculpting with Light – Harold Ross
- Pinhole Photography – Sharon Harris
- Lightroom and Photoshop – Matt Kloskowski
- Travel Photography – Frank Smith



Speaker Program – wow!

- Thank you VP Ginia Apostolacus!

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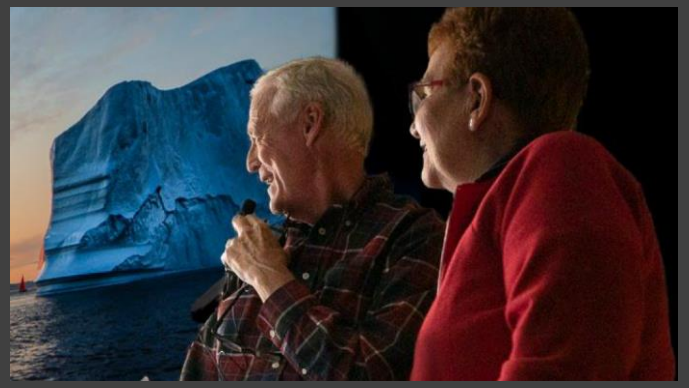
Members' Forum: members helping members

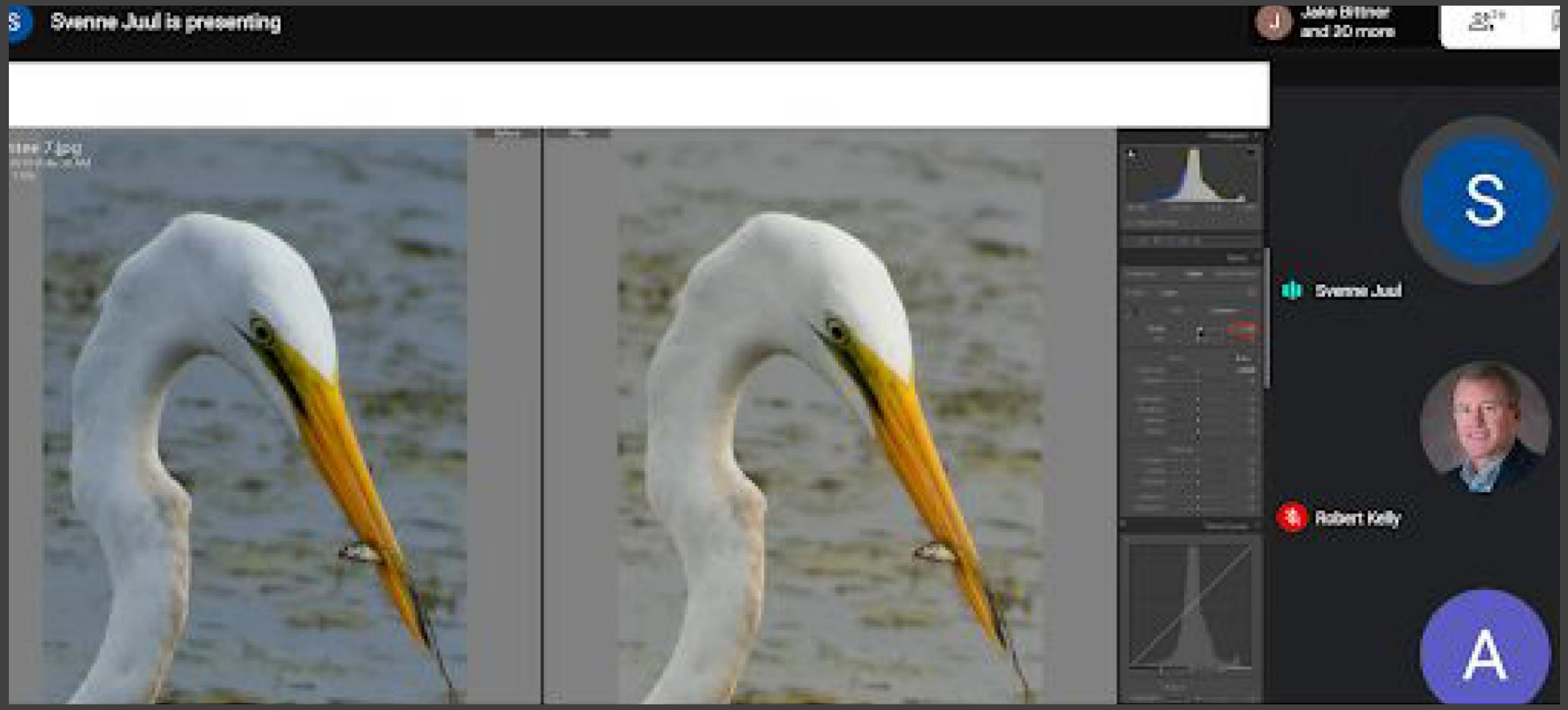
- Meet and Greet
- Everyone Edits
- A conversation about printing
- Home studios – Carol D. and Bob F.
- Photo essay by Ted Goldman
- Greenland photos by the Lokens
- Thank you, Anita Bower!



The Print critique group also went virtual

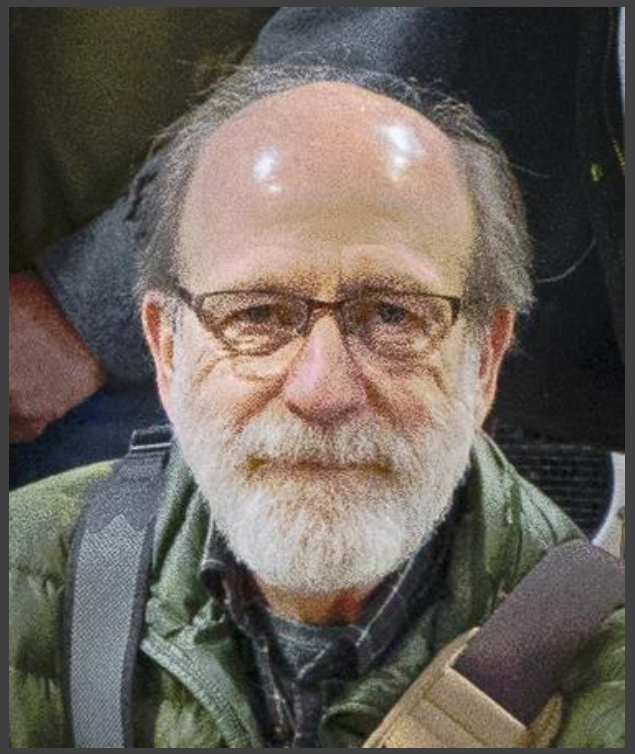
- Thank you, Jim Samanen

And so did the Mentor meetings, thanks to Bob Kelly and all the mentors!



Outings program

- CCCC's fabulous Outings program was in full stride until the Quarantine called a halt
- Planned and led to perfection By Dean Grantham and Svenne Juul



The Outings Program Year in Review

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Thank you, Helen Wagner!

MANY LOCATIONS –
EVEN FOR A SHORT YEAR!

RENAISSANCE FAIRE ~ MONARCH MIGRATION

WEST CHESTER AT NIGHT ~ STEEL STACKS

SCARECROW WALK ~ MT MORIAH CEMETERY

PHILADELPHIA ZOO ~ MT LAUREL – RR MUSEUM

WATCH & CLOCK ~ TATTOO CONVENTION

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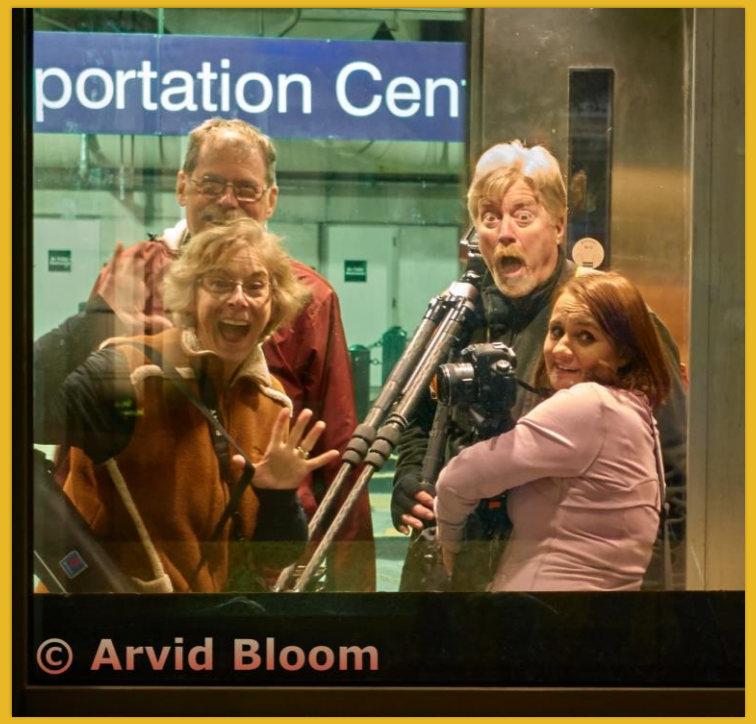

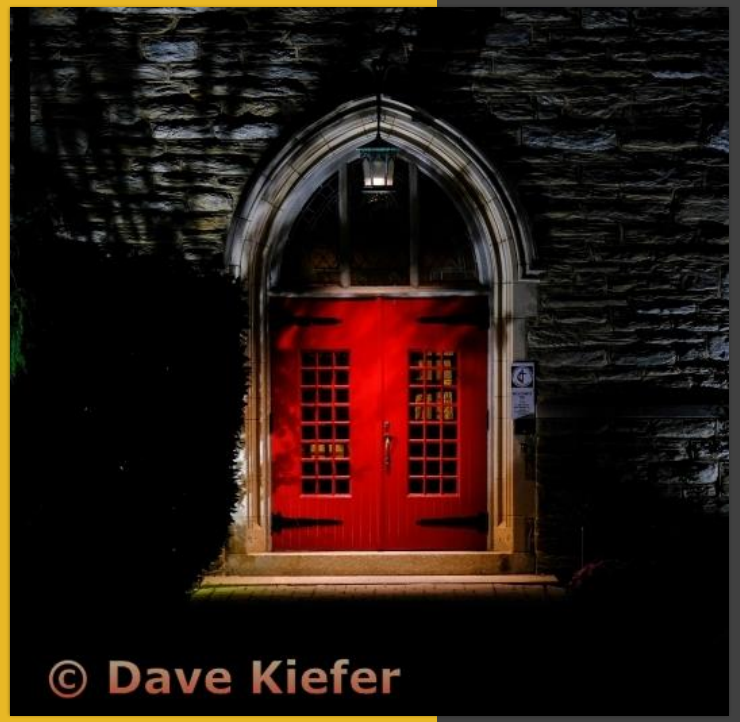

West Chester at Night

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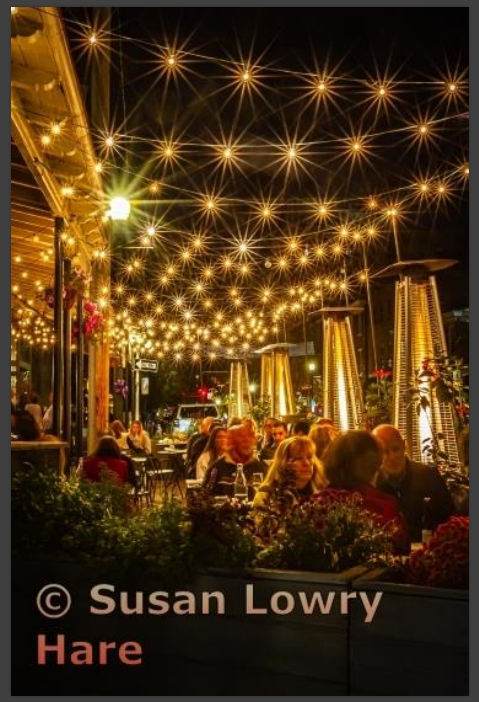
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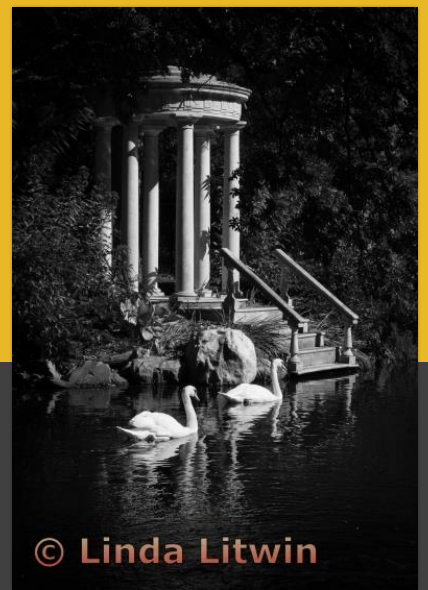

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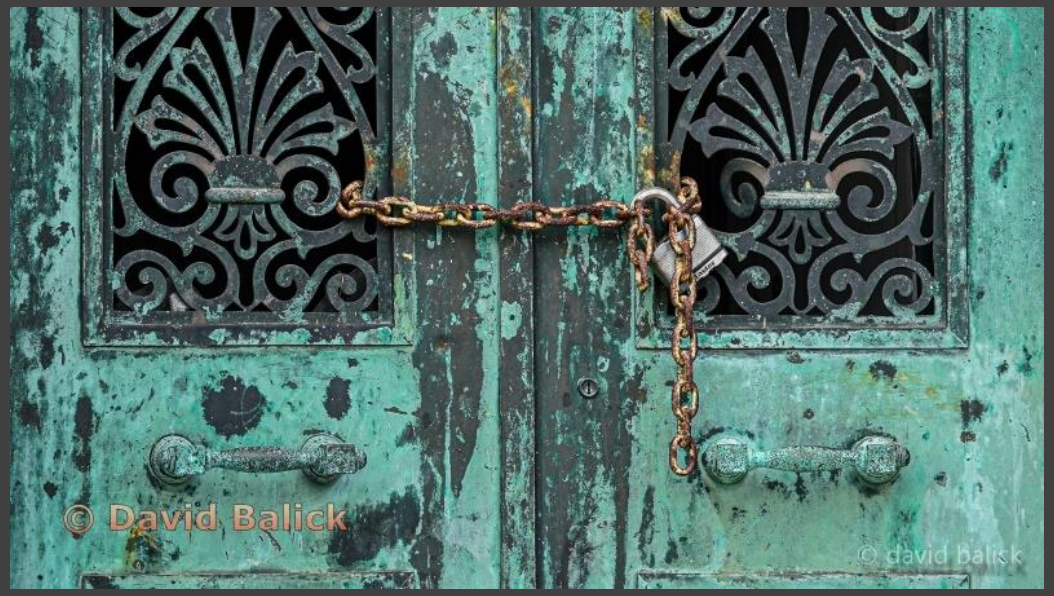

ANNIE SMALLE FLEMING
BORN DECEMBER 24, 1826
DIED AUGUST 8, 1894
"BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD"
SAMUEL FLEMING
BORN APRIL 6, 1814
DIED MARCH 11, 1894
"ASLEEP IN JESUS"
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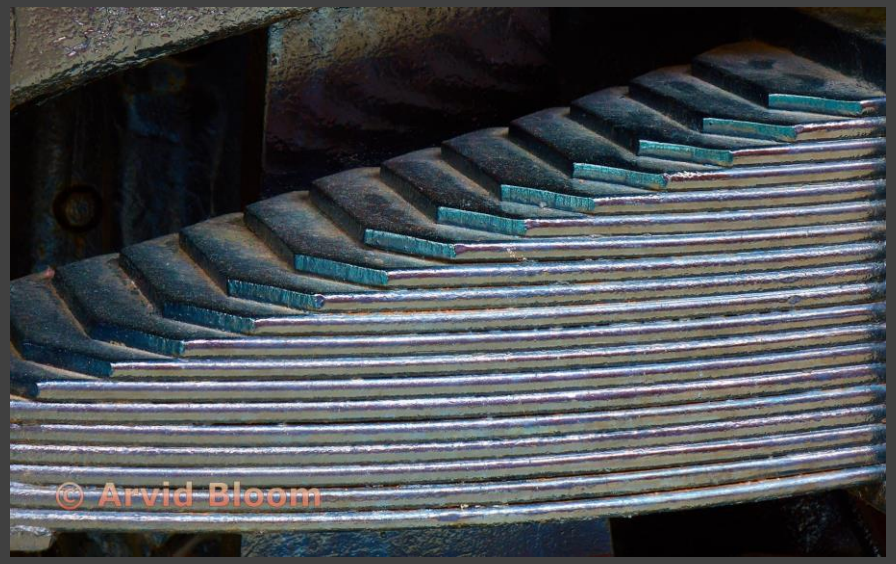
PHILADELPHIA ZOO ~ LAUREL HILL CEMETERY

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA



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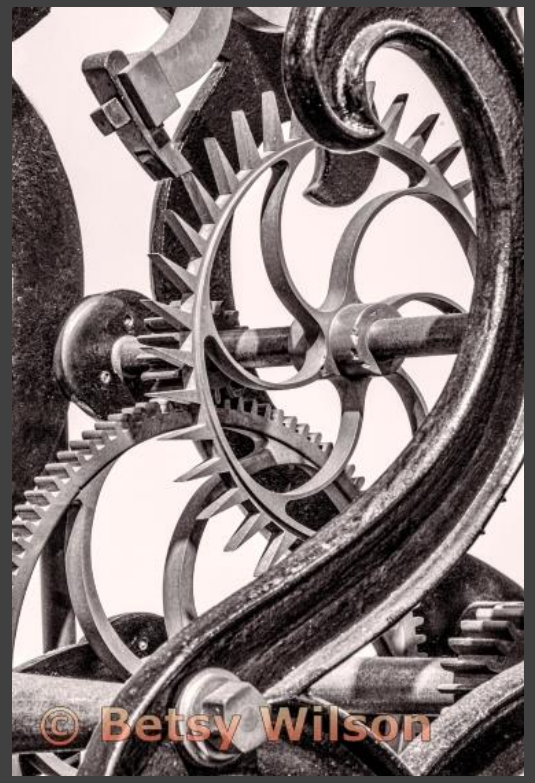

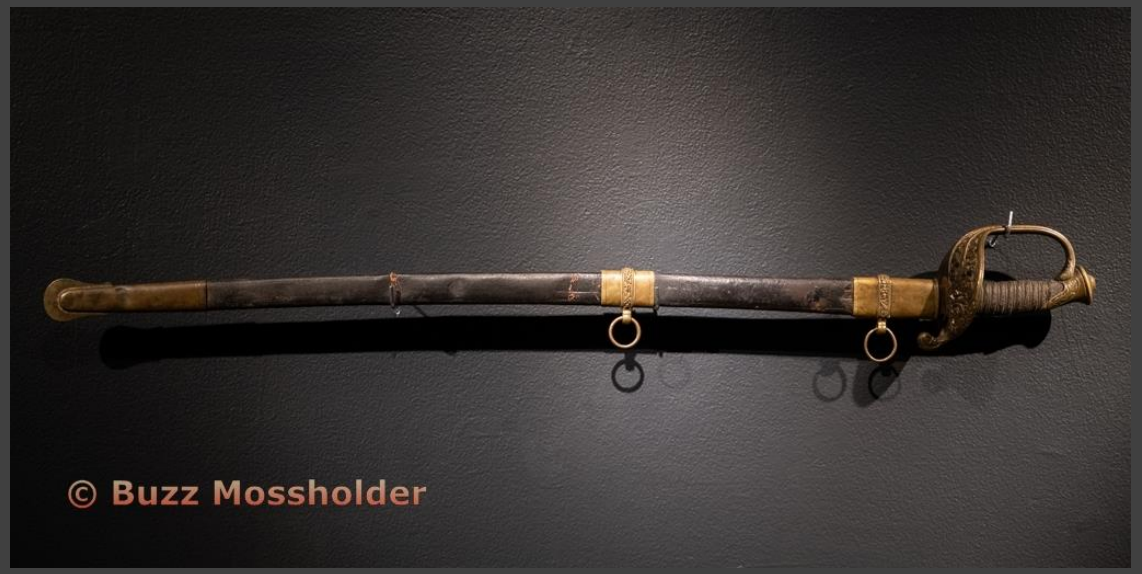

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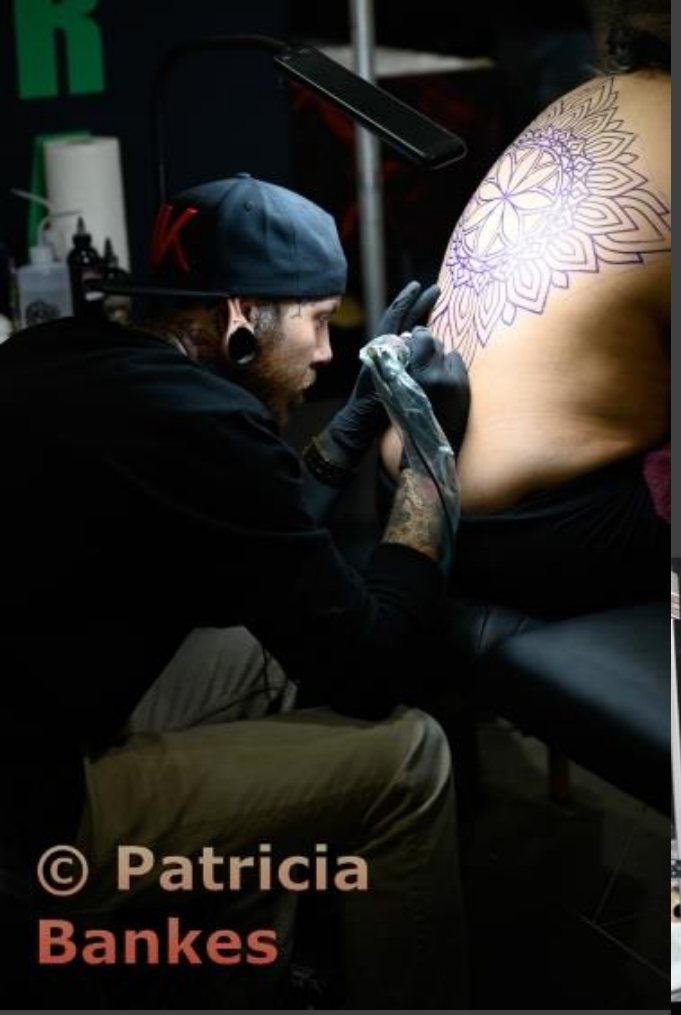
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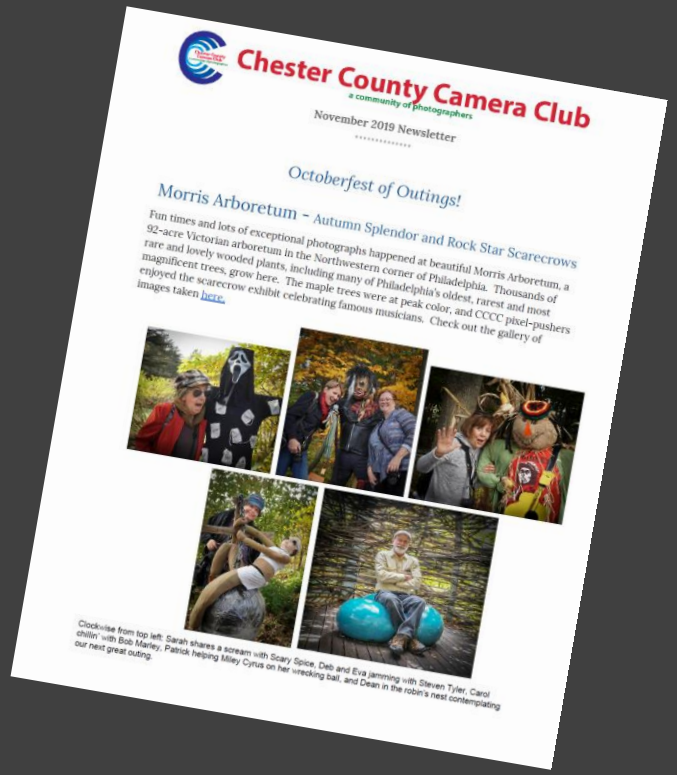
THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED –

AND CREATED AMAZING IMAGES!!

Thank you, Helen Wagner!

Newsletter

- The second year of the newsletter continued to report on all the ‘doings’ of the club, even under quarantine! No fake news here!
- Thank you, Carol and Betsy!



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November 2019 Newsletter

Octoberfest of Outings!

Morris Arboretum – Autumn Splendor and Rock Star Scarecrows

Fun times and lots of exceptional photographs happened at beautiful Morris Arboretum, a 92-acre Victorian arboretum in the Northwestern corner of Philadelphia. Thousands of rare and lovely wooded plants, including many of Philadelphia's oldest, rarest and most magnificent trees, grow here. The maple trees were at peak color, and CCCC pixel-pushers enjoyed the scarecrow exhibit celebrating famous musicians. Check out the gallery of images taken here.

Clockwise from top left: Sarah shares a scream with Scary Spice, Deb and Eva jamming with Steven Tyler, Carol chillin' with Bob Marley, Patrick helping Miley Cyrus on her wrecking ball, and Dean in the robin's nest contemplating our next great outing.

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May 2020 Newsletter

Something Different

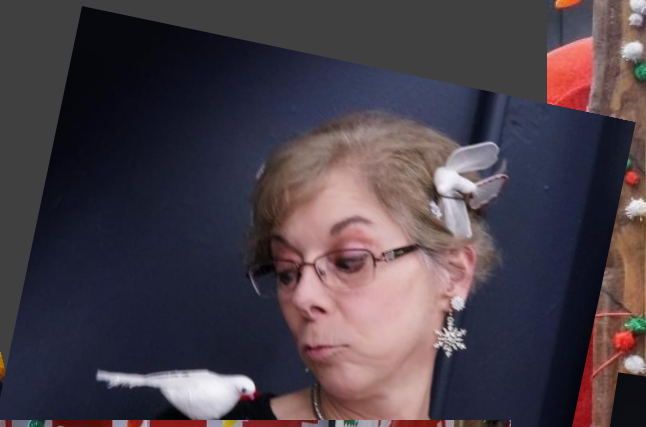
Well that sums up not only our current state of existence, but also the most recent "Stay-at-Home" challenge to keep us all motivated to learn and create new photo masterpieces! This topic was suggested by long-time member Jim Dougherty who posted this fun image to the gallery. Makes us wonder..... Jim - how did you take this shot? More images in this newsletter from members who have had a lot of fun with this challenge.

Recognizing Our Volunteers

Anyone who has ever been involved with a non-profit organization realizes the value of active and engaged volunteers. In a group like CCCC, which is entirely run by volunteers, their effort and assistance is of utmost importance as they are the backbone of the organization. We currently have a few volunteers who are leaving their post at the end of this year and we'd like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication.

Stephanie Vacek, CCCC Secretary, has been dutifully recording the minutes of every meeting for the past six years. If you are ever curious to know about announcements from any past meeting, they are all available on the website (under News/Meeting Notes) thanks to Stephanie. In addition to her annual world travels, Stephanie enjoys photographing just about anything, but specializes in unique portraits of her furry friends, including adorable angora rabbits. She also enjoys and

2019 Holiday Party!

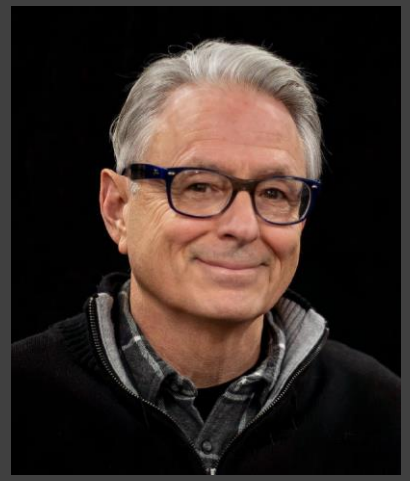


They know how to throw a party!

Thank you, Party Planners!

- Carolyn Mead
- Ginia Apostolacus
- Connie Snyder
- Pat Rhubottom

A very big thank you to the fabulous 2019-2020 officer team!



And congratulations to the new team!

Another thank you to my “PAC”
The Presidential Advisory Council

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Now on to the awards!

- The People's Choice Awards
  - Third, Second and First Place winners
- Megapixel Award
- Photographer of the Year Award

The Prizes

- Berg's Canvas Gallery – two free prints (12x18 and 8x10)
- Helicon Focus – four software keys for Helicon Focus Software
- Mark Bergkvist's Photography Workshop – four $25 gift cards
- Topaz Labs – 15% discount off all software
- Frame Destination – 20% off custom framing

Plus gifts from the club

- Gift cards for B&H

People's Choice Awards

- First, Second and Third place awards voted on by the club among the First Place Ribbon Winners of the year

People's Choice Award – Third Place

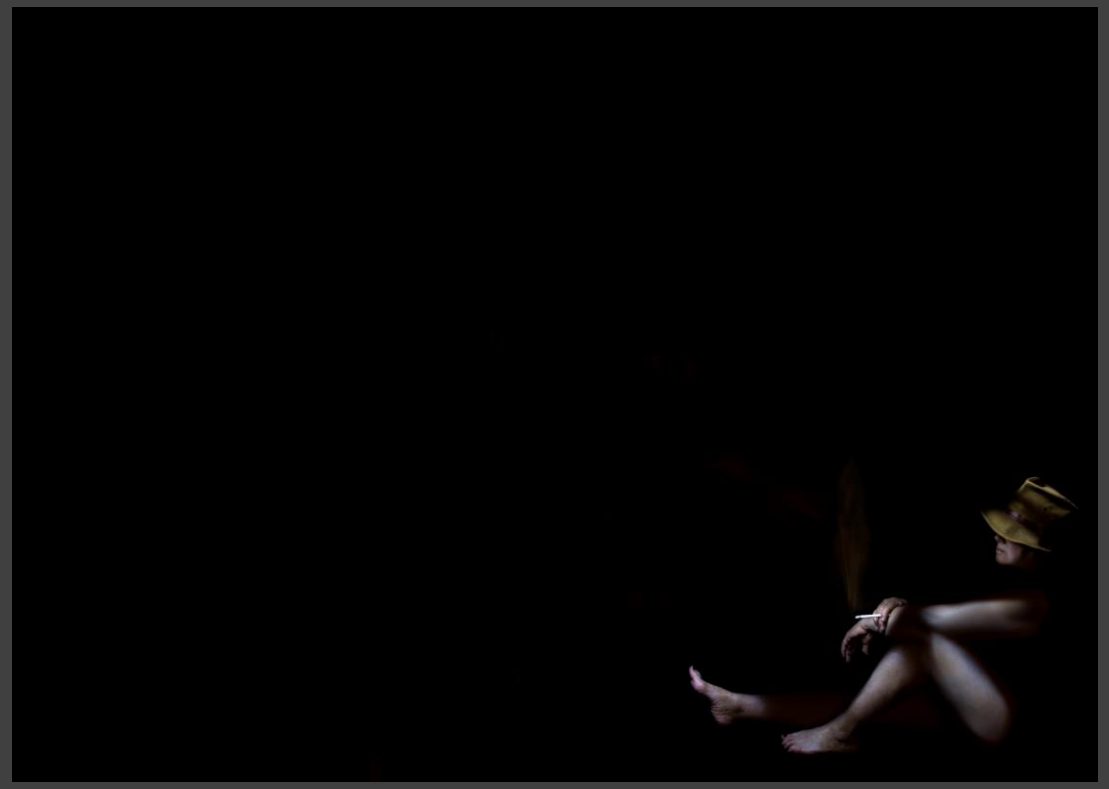
- This doesn't happen often but we have a tie for third place.

People's Choice Award – Third Place (T)

- "Golden Hour at Portree Harbour"
- Valerie Dunn

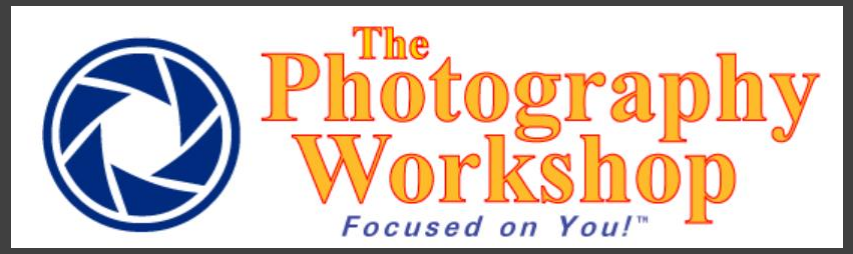
People's Choice Award – Third Place (T)

- "Breaking all Rules While Sculpting with Light"
- Bob Friedman



People's Choice Awards for third place

- One Lifetime License for Helicon Focus Lite ($115 value)
- One $25 gift card for Mark Bergkvist' Photography Workshop
- One $25 gift card for B&H Photo
- A discount of 15% on all Topaz Labs products



People's Choice Award – Second Place

People's Choice Award – Second Place

- "These Days"
- Ginia Apostolacus

People's Choice Awards for second place

- One Lifetime License for Helicon Focus Lite ($115 value)
- One $25 gift card for Mark Bergkvist' Photography Workshop
- One $50 gift card for B&H Photo
- A discount of 15% on all Topaz Labs products

People’s Choice Award – First Place

People's Choice Award – First Place

- "Solitude at Sea"
- Betsy Wilson

People's Choice Awards for first place

- One Lifetime License for Helicon Focus Lite ($115 value)
- One $25 gift card for Mark Bergkvist' Photography Workshop
- One $75 gift card for B&H Photo
- A discount of 15% on all Topaz Labs products

CCCC Megapixel Award

- For the club member who does ‘the most for the most’ – who is always ready and willing to help out in every area of the club and is a natural leader even without an elected office.

Bob Kelly

Megapixel Award Winner receives

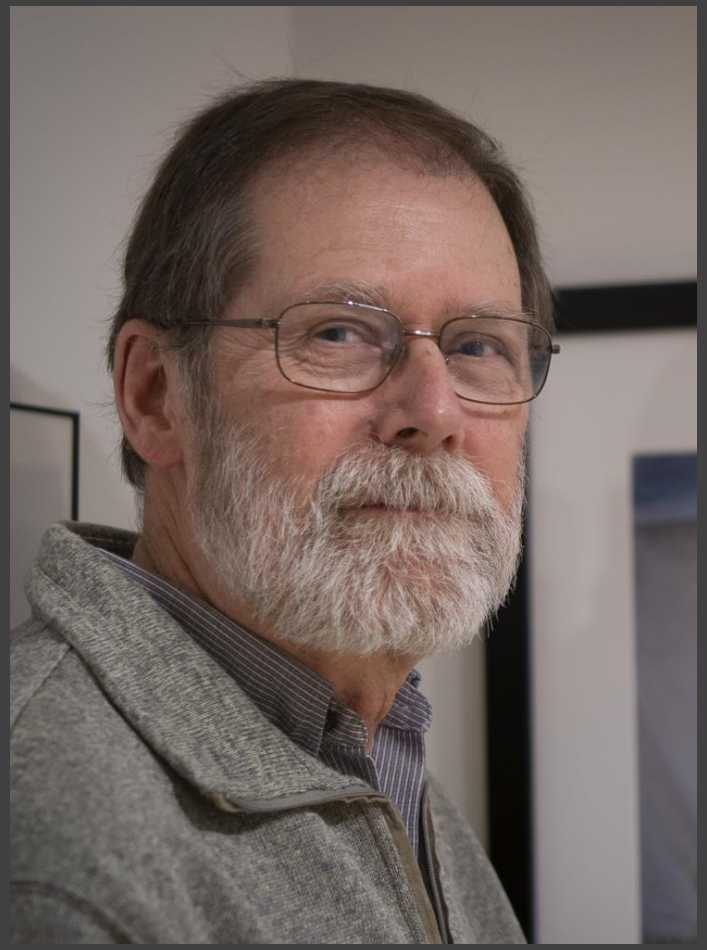
- One free 8x10 metal print from Berg's Canvas Gallery
- A 20% discount on products from Frame Destination
- A $100 gift card for B&H
- A discount of 15% on all Topaz Labs products

Megapixel Award
2020
Presented to
Bob Kelly
Chester County Camera Club

And this!

Photographer of the Year, 2019-2020

- For the club member whose accumulated competition results over the course of the year, puts him or her at the forefront of our pursuit of photographic excellence.



Jim Wilson

Photographer of the Year, 2019-2020

Going Solo

Baby Mine

Nobska Lighthouse

Hungry, Hungry Hippo

Go Fly a Kite

Something's Coming

Waiting

Night Rider

Twilight Zone

Awards for the Photographer of the Year

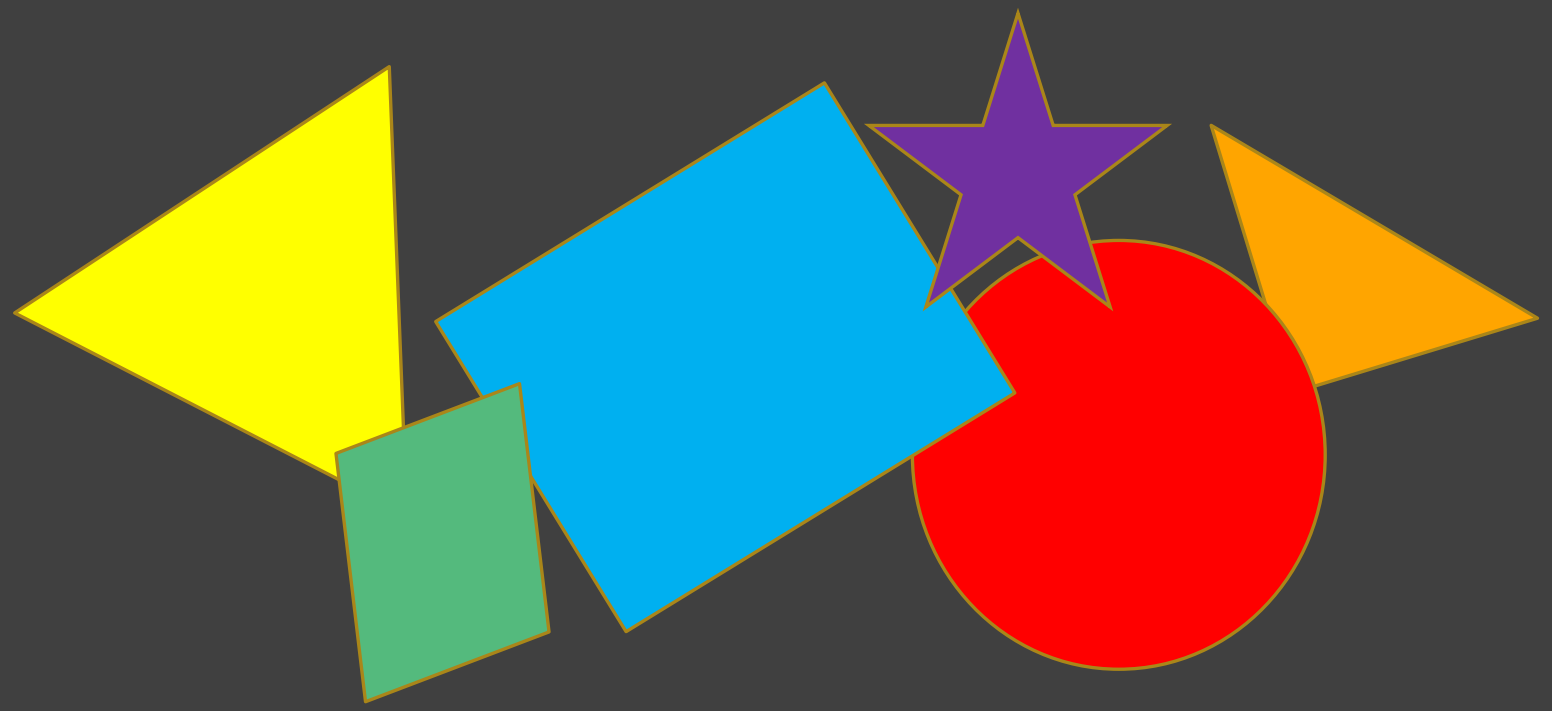
- One free 12x18 metal print from Berg's Canvas Gallery
- One free lifetime license for Helicon Focus Pro ($200)
- A discount of 15% on all Topaz Labs products
- One $25 gift card for Mark Bergkvist' Photography Workshop
- One $100 gift card for B&H

And now for the coming attractions.

Here's what's ahead in the coming year for the club…

Summer challenge: Shapes

- Stephanie Vacek and Anita Bower will once again give us plenty to do over the summer months by providing a theme to follow and opportunities (hopefully!) to get together socially.
- Forty members are already signed up.
- Contact Anita and Stephanie if you wish to be in on the fun.



The Outings Program will return with a great new lineup

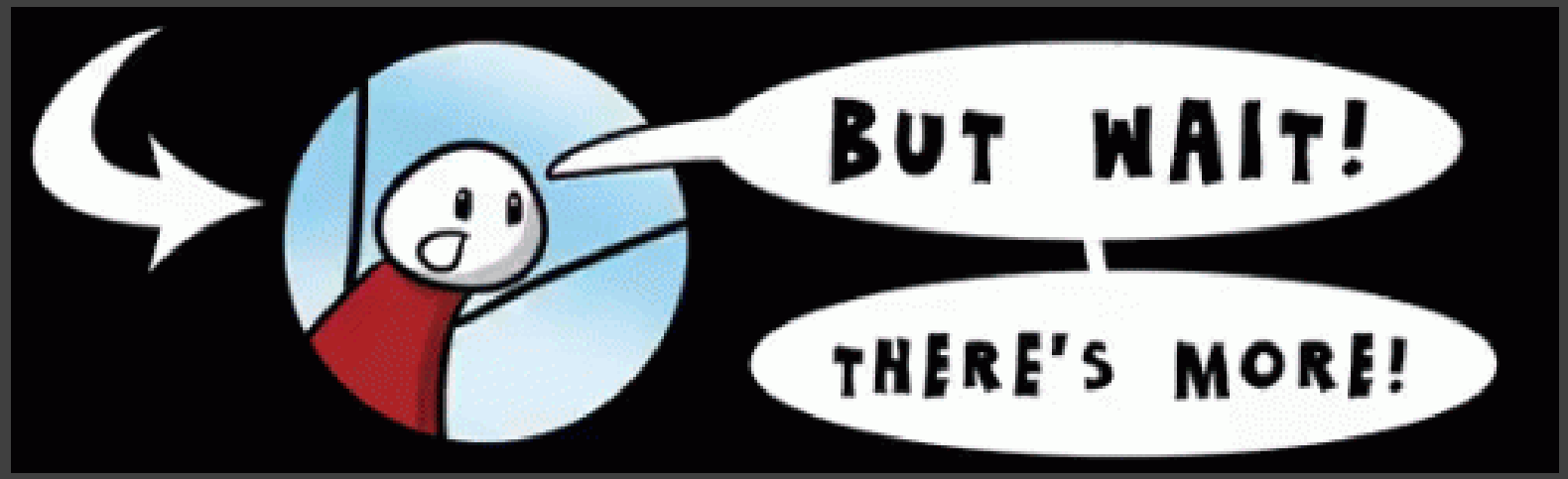
- This from Outings Director Svenne Juul:
- The fall schedule will feature 'social-distancing-friendly' events. Mostly outdoor, plenty of space, not 'too' densely crowded. Examples: Grounds for sculpture, Eagles at Conowingo, Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site, Street Photography
- Winter will include indoor events where we can expect un-crowded venues. Examples: helicopter museum, automobile museum, maybe an aquarium if we can get an un-crowded time-slot and tripod permission.
- Spring 2021 will include all the events that were cancelled for spring of 2020.
- And an overnight trip to photograph star trails at Cherry Springs State Park!

Announcing the 2020-2021 competition categories

- The world at peace
- Stop action
- Surrealism
- Machinery
- Ruins
- People at work
- Stars in the sky
- Product photography

Next year's Speakers Program

- From VP-elect Carolyn Mead:
- Small landscape Photography with Sarah Marino
- Artist Earth - impactful nature photography with David DesRochers
- The Art of Printing with Peter Hewitt
- 19th Century Processing with Laurie Peterson
- Snow flake/Macro photography with Don Komarechka
- Mastering Your Craft and Honoring your Vision with John Barclay
- Mobile Phone Raw Photography with Drew Rad
- Compositing Images with Jim Christensen



- Members Forums
- Workshops
- Print critique group meetings
- The Mentor Program
- Shows and exhibits
- Newsletters to read, galleries to ogle
- Fun, fellowship – and Parties!

And as your outgoing President, I offer a warm welcome to Ginia Apostolacus!

The key to the Oval Office

(Well, actually it's the CC PO Box)