



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

December 2019 Newsletter

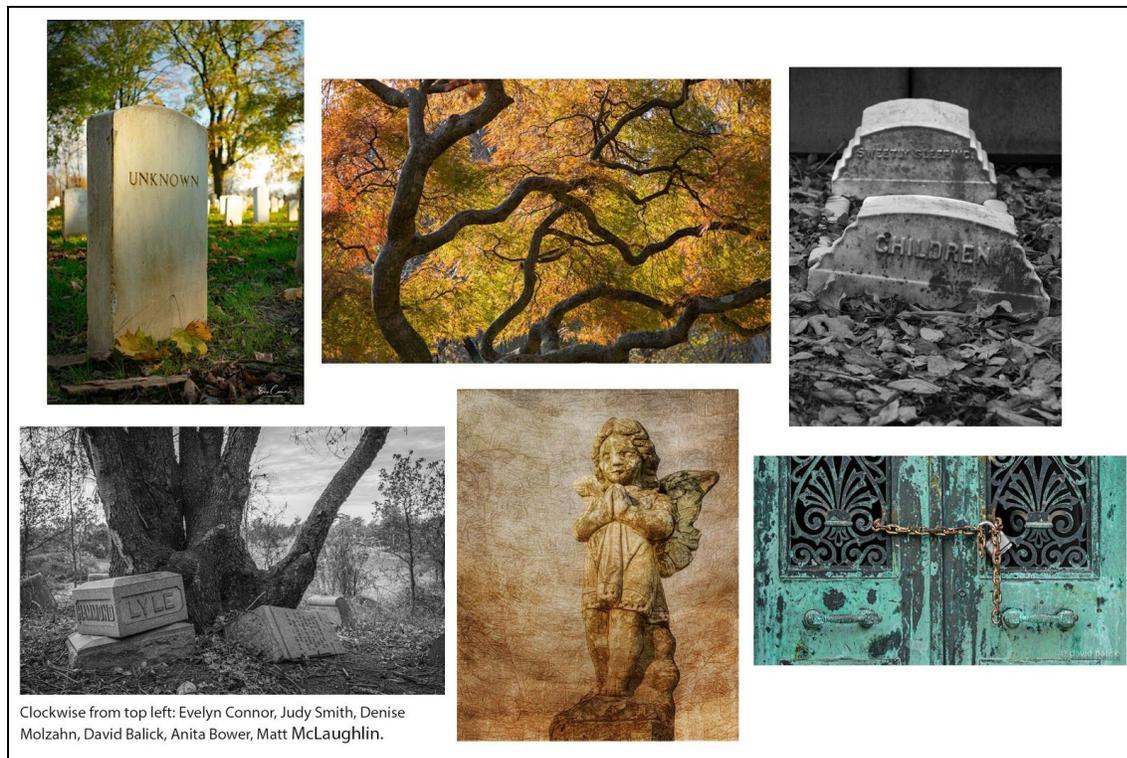
November Club Outings



Mount Moriah Cemetery

Mount Moriah is an abandoned cemetery on 200 acres straddling the Cobbs Creek Parkway - half in SW Philadelphia and half in Yeadon, Delaware County. Thanks to a docent from Friends of Mount Moriah Cemetery, we were able to get a guided tour of this cemetery on November 19th. We then had several hours to wander around and take photos on a beautiful sunny afternoon. 200,000 people are buried here with subsections that include two military cemeteries and a Masonic cemetery. There are also many graves of Civil War veterans. The cemetery was created in 1855 and officially closed in 2011. Many of the headstones had toppled over and were lying on the ground because only 50% of the property has been restored by the non-profit organization. - submitted by Judy Smith

A few images from Mount Moriah. Click [here](#) to see the entire gallery on our website.



Club Outings Update - Going with Plan B

-submitted by Judy Smith

It was a beautiful Saturday morning (November 23rd) and eight of us were looking forward to our mini-photo safari shooting animals at the zoo. But the traffic gods were not in alignment - they seemed to be throwing a curveball at our plans to get there. Every exit ramp and road leading to the zoo was closed due to the activities and route of a marathon in Philadelphia. After what seemed to be the sixth detour and re-routing on Waze and/or Google Maps, we decided to punt and chose another destination for our shoot - Mt. Laurel Cemetery on Ridge Pike in Philadelphia. Yes, the last club outing on November 19th was at Mount Moriah Cemetery, also in Philadelphia. Exploring two cemeteries in one month?



Duane Erdmann enjoying the autumn colors at Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Some people had not been to Mt. Moriah, and some had never seen Mt. Laurel, and the weather was good. So it proved to be a great opportunity. Best of all the outing gave us another chance to get to know each other better and share photography tips and inspirations.

Philadelphia Zoo / Laurel Hill Cemetery

More images in the [website gallery](#)



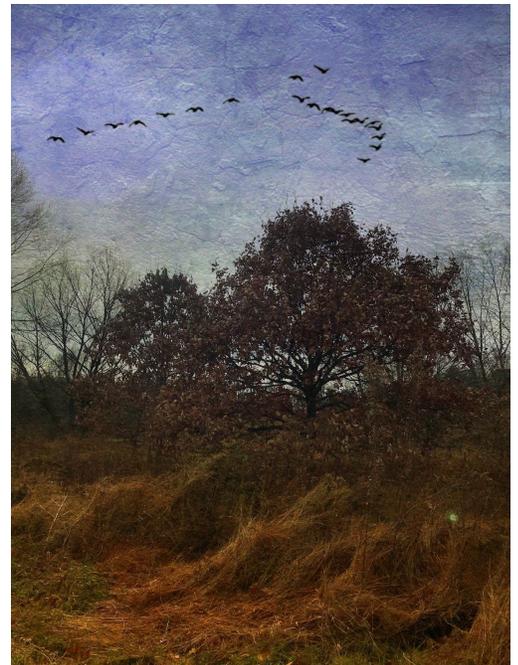
Left to right: Group shot by trip leader Dean Grantham, Laurel Hill image by Judy Smith, "Pensive" by Arvid Bloom, who managed to get into the Zoo before all the road closures!

More November Happenings:



iPhoneography Workshop

Fiona Keyes led an informative and entertaining workshop on cell phone photography. She demonstrated the use of a number of apps that she uses to create fantastic images from her phone. Twenty photographers were introduced to a new way of thinking about photography. Thank you Fiona!



Cell phone image created and edited by Evelyn Connor



Members' Forum and Meeting ~~~ November 13

A Conversation About Printing

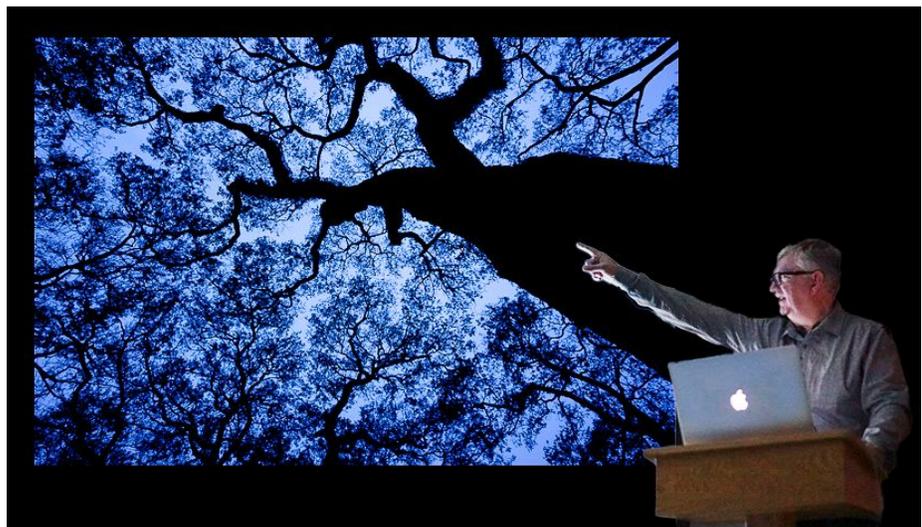


We had a very different and interactive Members' Forum involving a great deal of audience participation. Club members Jim Samanen, Anita Bower, and Dick Greenwood (shown at left) shared their tips and techniques about why and how they print their photographs. 2019 Photographer of the Year, Peter Neuschel, also a part of this panel but unable to attend, provided his insights and stressed how printing his images improved his photography. Hopefully this panel provided inspiration and has taken some of the mystery out of printing so we'll start seeing more prints in our competitions! Thanks everyone!

Loren Fisher

Finding Inspiration

Our guest speaker, New Jersey based professional photographer Loren Fisher, shared many of his personal experiences and focused on various ways to stay motivated and keep our creative juices flowing. The presentation was illustrated with a wide variety of amazing and inspirational images.



Upcoming Events:

Mentor Meeting ~~~ December 4

A new location for this one- West Chester Library. Bring your camera and/or bring your laptop and of course, bring your questions! Mentors are available to help Mentees answer questions about camera settings, file management, post-processing, or any photography-related question you may have. Let [Paula Miller](#) know if you wish to attend.

Holiday Photo Contest ~~~ Deadline is Sunday, Dec 8

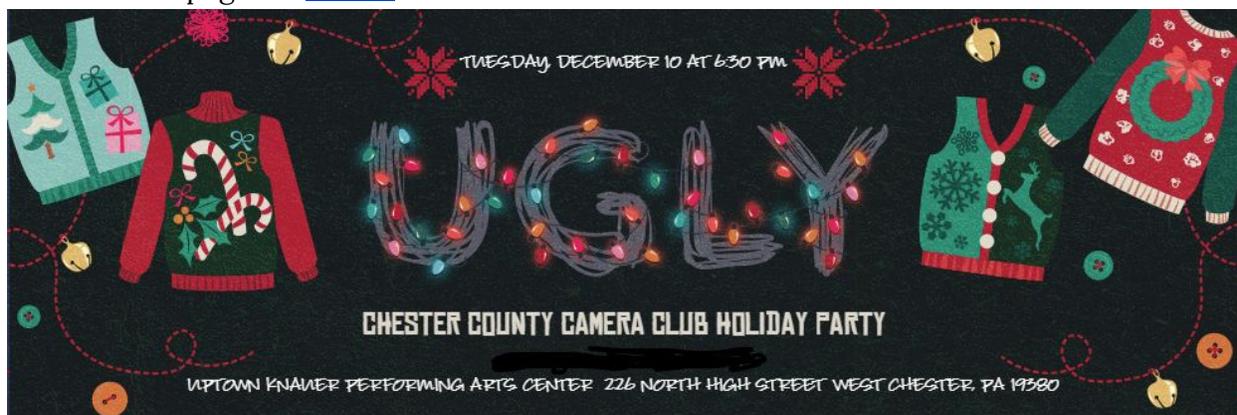
Please join in the fun and submit one or two of your favorite holiday or seasonal images. Voting will be done by attendees at the holiday party and prizes will be awarded for the top three favorites! You do not need to be present at the party to enter, but you won't want to miss it! To enter, follow the easy instructions [here](#).



Last year's winners of the Holiday Contest. First Place - A Christmas Shed by George Chiodo, Second Place - "Santa's Coming!! Santa's Coming!!" by Robert Friedman, Third Place - Winter in Yellowstone by James Samanen.

Annual Holiday Party ~~~ Tuesday, December 10

If you haven't already responded "YES" for the **Annual Holiday Party**, do it now! You should have received an e-vite in mid-November. You won't want to miss all the fun, festivities, excellent food, and camera club camaraderie. In addition to the very popular Holiday Photo Contest, this year's party will also feature an Ugly Sweater Contest. Check our schedule page for [details](#).



Upcoming Outings:

Railroad Museum of PA

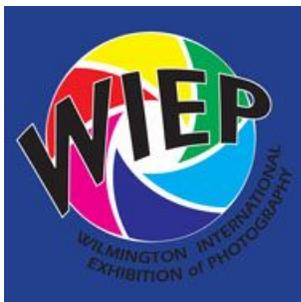
If you loved trains as a child, are fascinated with the bygone era of train travel, or just like to photograph old things, this is the outing for you! [The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania](#) features a world-class collection of more than 100 historically significant locomotives and railroad cars as well as a collection of more than half a million photographic images and documents, and over 17,000 smaller artifacts, including tools, uniforms, tickets, station signage, telegraph and signal equipment, works of art, and many other items used to build and operate railroads serving the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.



Upcoming Exhibits

The [16th Annual Scenes of the Schuylkill](#) is happening now through February 7th at Montgomery County Community College West Campus North Hall Gallery in Pottstown. The address is 16 W. High Street. It's **FREE** and open to the public.

Opportunities to Show Your Work



The 87th Annual Wilmington International Exhibition of Photography is now accepting submissions for their 2020 show. Don't miss this opportunity to have your work displayed locally with photographers from around the world!

<http://www.wilmingtoninternational.org/>

If you plan to submit images for display at the **2020 Philadelphia Flower Show**, do it now. While submissions are being accepted until January 3, 2020, some of the classes are already full. Here's a [link](#) with all details.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sun, Dec 1 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Dec 4 [Mentor Meeting](#)
- Sun, Dec 8 Club Outing - [Railroad Museum of PA](#)
- Tues, Dec 10 [Holiday Party](#)
- Sun, Jan 5 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Jan 8 [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Sat, Jan 11 Club Outing - [National Clock and Watch Museum](#)
- Wed, Jan 15 [Mentor Meeting](#)
- Sat, Jan 18 Club Outing - [Villain Arts Tattoo Convention](#)

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

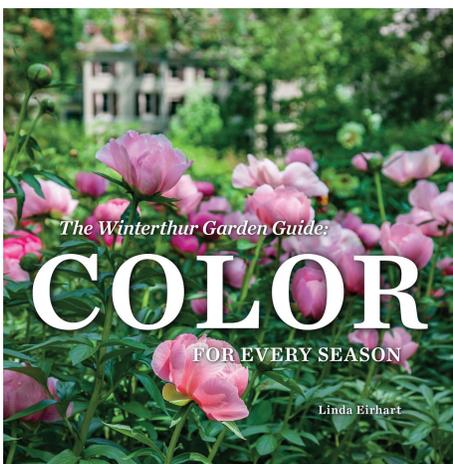
Members in the News

Remember the outstanding ballet workshop from last year? We have seen many images in competitions, and now one has been published! Brandywine Ballet chose this image by **James Samanen** to promote their 40th season.

And Jim Samanen is certainly keeping busy with his photography in December; he will be displaying and selling his images at two different venues. Arts and Crafts shows are a great way to spend a weekend day - you may even pick up a few presents! You can get details about each below:

[The Kimberton Waldorf Art & Craft Fair, December 6-7](#)

[Reading Fine Arts & Crafts Festival, December 14-15](#)



Lois Mauro, a new CCCC member, is a volunteer photographer at Winterthur and several of her images are featured in this just-released book, including this beautiful cover photo! Congratulations, Lois, and welcome to the club. We look forward to seeing many more of your photographs.

Congratulations to **Fiona Keyes** on this award winning image in the Transformations Exhibit at the Pennsylvania Center for Photography in Doylestown. "Sunny" took 2nd place in the Unlimited Exhibition category.



These two photographs by **Jason Arthur** were selected to be displayed in the 16th Annual "Scenes of the Schuylkill Art & Photography Show" at Montgomery County Community College West Campus Art Gallery from November 20 through February 7. Congratulations, Jason!

Chester County Camera Club now on 'Meetup'



'Meetup' is a service used to organize groups that host in-person events for people with similar interests. CCCC is now using 'MeetUp' to make it easier for members and outing-coordinators to find, participate in and run outings using mobile apps and/or web.

Any member can post last-minute opportunities for photo shoots. Svenne Juul recently invited others to join him at Conowingo Dam to photograph the bald eagles. And Jim Wilson posted about the fun Cyclocross event at Ludwig's Corner.



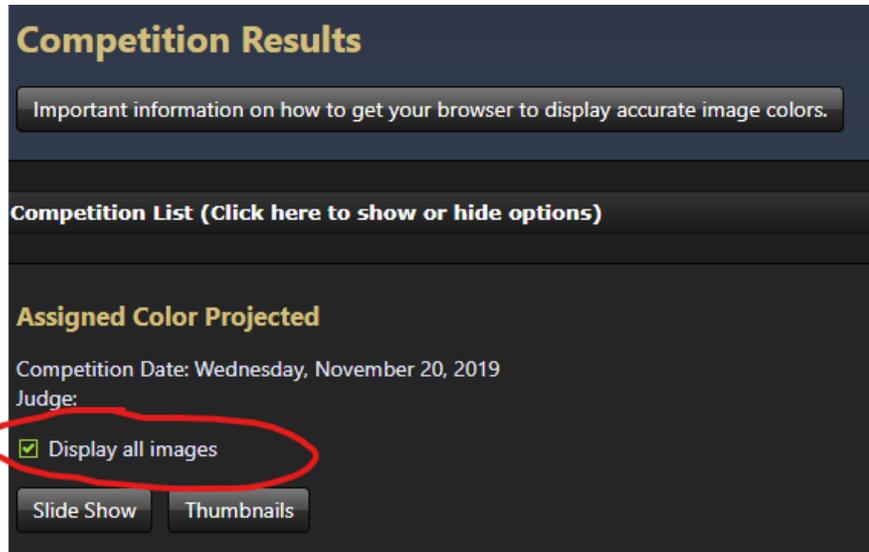
Joining the 'Chester County Camera Club'-meetup group is easy and free for members of the Chester County Camera Club. Become a member of 'Meetup'. Signing up is free at www.meetup.com

Website Wisdom

To view galleries.....An existing alternative when viewing a gallery in its default state is simply to mouse-click the image being displayed. This will display the image in full size with a white border including the image title. You can advance through the images using the arrow keys on the keyboard or arrows on the screen.

For an even better view press [F11] to put your browser into full- screen mode (which hides all the browser tabs and menus)

Want to see all entries into a recent competition? Curious as to who created a particular image? Go to Competitions / Competition Results then select the date and category you wish to view. To see all entries, you must check off “Display all images”



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 DeGuseppi](#) or [Betsy Wilson](#).