



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

June 2020 Newsletter

End of Year Recognition and Awards Event

This year is one that will be remembered for a long time - for many different reasons! Everyone's creativity and flexibility has been put to the ultimate test, from working at home, to virtual zoom meetings and competitions, our members have risen to the occasion and now it's time to celebrate!!

Join fellow club members on Wednesday, June 10 for THE social event of the season, our annual Year-End Recognition and Awards Event - virtually of course! So, grab your favorite food and drink, sit wherever you please, and get ready for the show of the year! This is a great way to close out the year and watch as Howard presides over his last event as president. He will re-cap all the wonderful events and activities that happened thanks to all our wonderful members. Lastly, the suspense will end as he announces the "Photographer of the Year" and the results of the "People's Choice" Awards.



This is one you won't want to miss! Be sure to submit your vote for "[People's Choice](#)" by [Sunday, June 7](#) as directed in the recent email from Robert Kelly. Specific details and a link to join the June 10 Year-end meeting will be sent closer to the date.

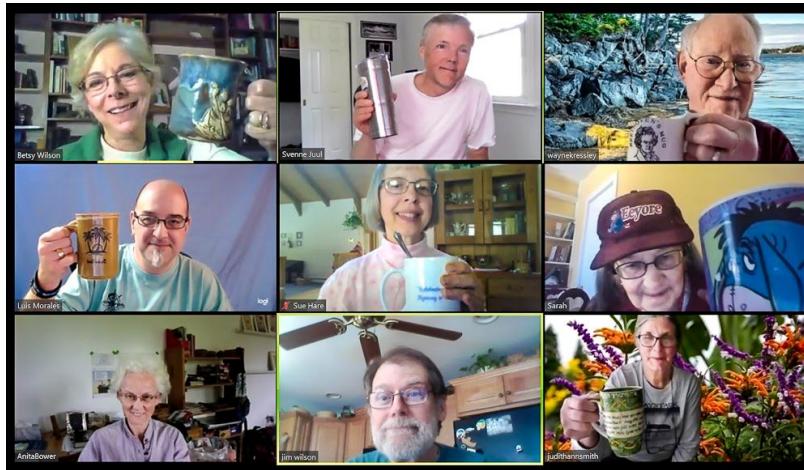


The Results are In!!

Thanks to all who exercised your right to vote! It should come as no surprise that all candidates won by a landslide! We'll recognize them formally in our September newsletter, but here are the results: President - Ginia Apostolacus, VP - Carolyn Mead, Treasurer - Helen Wagner, Secretary - Pat Rhubottom, Members at Large - Paul Stewart and Steve Whitney

May Event Highlights:

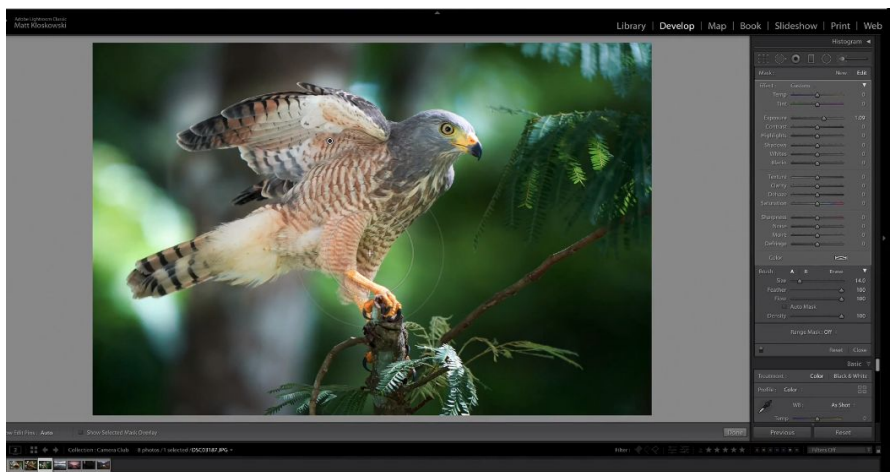
Print Critique Group - not missing a beat



Participation has been stronger than ever for the CCCC print Critique Group. For the May 3 meeting, organizer Jim Samanen split the attendees into three separate groups who shared and discussed their images in a friendly Zoom room. In addition to Jim, the other two groups were hosted by Buzz Mossholder and Betsy Wilson. The next [print](#)

[critique meeting](#) will be held Sunday, June 7. Those participating in the group will receive instructions via email from Jim Samanen. Thank you to Jim for keeping this vibrant group going virtually until we can again safely meet in-person and share prints.

Matt Kloskowski Webinar ~ May 6



What a great opportunity to learn from one of the best! Matt Kloskowski is the founder of Matt Kloskowski Photography and Training, and he invited Chester County Camera Club to a free, 90-minute webinar on Lightroom and Photoshop. He took us through demonstrations of some basic adjustments that result in dramatic improvements to images. A great big Thank You to Matt!

Frank Smith Presentation ~~ May 13



Olympus Visionary, Frank Smith, shared his photographic passion with 66 camera club attendees in the comfort of our own homes. Frank is an experienced traveler having had the opportunity to photograph in places around the world, and he amazed us by showing many of those images, along with helpful insights as to his

thought process when capturing the image. This was a great presentation by Frank as his travel images focused on people, architecture, landscape and cultures, telling a story through his photographs.

Mentor Meeting in May

The May meeting featured Buzz Mossholder sharing his expertise on the adjustment brush feature in Lightroom. He demonstrated several techniques as he walked us through the steps to transform an image using only the adjustment brush tool. Bob Kelly once again put his skillful and entertaining skills to the test as he moderated the event, and again did a great job hosting the meeting in our new virtual world. We ended with mentors sharing “dumb” things they’ve done that they’ve hopefully learned from



and a general Q&A session. Thanks again to everyone who helped ensure the success of our Mentor Meetings; they will resume in the fall.

May Virtual Competition



CCCC president Howard Sundwall opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and made announcements about the upcoming Summer Challenge and the End-of-year Recognition Ceremony. Competitions Chair Bob Kelly introduced our judge for the evening, Jon Cox. Jon is an assistant professor in the Department of Art at the University of Delaware and has travelled the world using the power of his photography to create social change at the local and global level. Jon stayed on the virtual call after judging to field some questions and engage in more conversation about his thought process while judging.

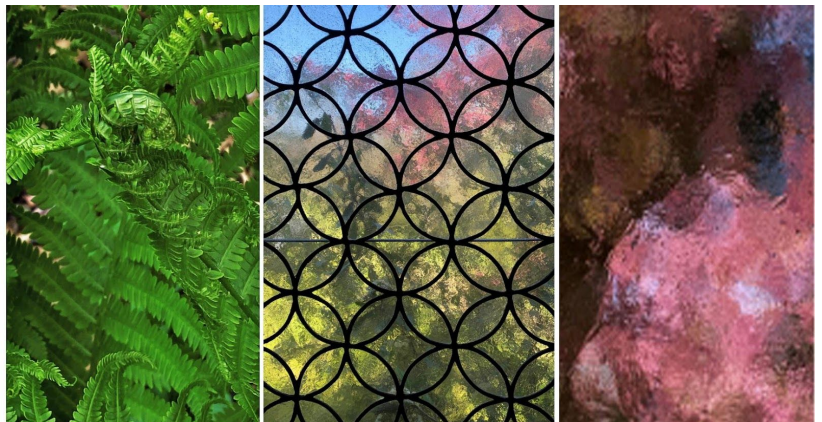
Stay-at-Home Photo Challenges

New topics have rolled out every few weeks while our meetings are in hiatus, and members have used their creativity and imagination to create photographs of the topic to share in a gallery with other club members. Let's continue to have some fun, and hopefully, learn more about our cameras, composition and processing. Think of this as a "virtual outing". For instructions on how to post your images, [click here](#).

This will soon be replaced with the annual “Summer Challenge”, however, these galleries remain open for more images - so keep shooting!

“Home Sweet Home”

Dean Grantham found plenty to shoot around his own Home Sweet Home, and we created a triptych of images he posted to the gallery.





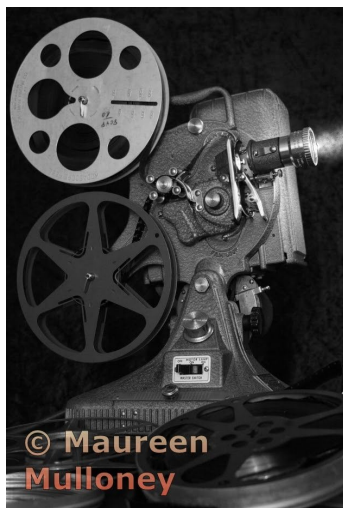
“Why we can’t make the bed” provides a beautifully captured moment of humor presented by Anita Bower in the “Home Sweet Home” category. And “Forever Home” by Diane Busz tugs at our heartstrings. [Click here](#) to see other images in the Home Sweet Home Gallery.



“Patterns”



So much creativity in our club!! Susan Hare was “Tickling the Ivories” while Connie Snyder zenned out with “Jewels by the Pond” and Arvid Bloom contemplated the “Hub of the Honda”. Check out all the images submitted to the [gallery of “Patterns”](#).



“Something Old or Unusual”

A few antiques were brought out of attics and put to good use as photo subjects, like this 16 mm Movie projector by Maureen Mulloney and this Classic Singer by Jim Dougherty.

[More images here.](#)



We wouldn't be the best camera club around without the tireless energy and dedication of our amazing volunteers! This month we are happy to feature Connie and Val!

Volunteer Spotlight

Connie Snyder



Connie joined CCCC in 2017 and has been a valuable asset to both the Workshop and the Party Planning Committees. In addition to her activities with us, she also volunteers with Canine Partners For Life, and enjoys socializing service dogs in training, and photographs their events when graduates are partnered with their dogs. She is a fan of the Fuji mirrorless camera and loves street photography and capturing multiple exposures. In addition to photography and dog

training, she also enjoys furniture refinishing. Currently she is sheltering in place in West Chester with her husband, two dogs and 12 big koi who keep her very zen and provide many at-home photo opps!

Valerie Dunn

Valerie may very well be the first person you see when you arrive at our meetings (that is BVM , Before Virtual Meetings!) She is the smiling face welcoming members and guests and reminding you to take your name tag. Valerie has been a CCCC member since 2015 and joined the Membership Committee the following year. Val is currently managing all aspects of membership and also sits on the Steering Committee. As an accomplished florist, it was only natural for Val to gravitate towards flowers when she caught the photo bug; she also shoots with a Fuji mirrorless and enjoys landscape and macro photography. Val is employed by West Chester University. In her spare time she enjoys gardening, listening to music, and traveling to Europe and the UK as often as possible.



Upcoming Events

In-person gatherings will continue to be replaced with virtual options through the end of the club year. There is one remaining outing scheduled for the end of June that is tentative, based on restrictions being lifted in PA. Details will be communicated as we get closer to the date, and also be sure to check the website regularly for updates.

- Sun, June 7 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, June 11 [Year-End Recognition and Awards Program](#)
- Sat, June 27 [Chester County Balloon Festival](#) (tentative)

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

Summer Challenge



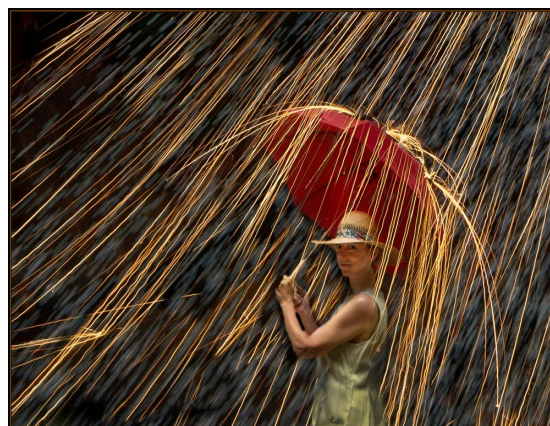
Are you ready for some challenging summer fun? Ready to break out of that cocoon where you've been hiding for the past two months? If so, then you'll want to join the Chester County Camera Club Summer Challenge! This summer's theme is **Shapes!** Anita & Stephanie, the hostesses with the mostesses, are once again co-chairing this ever-popular summertime event. Refer to your recent email invitation for all the fun details!

Members in the News



While the Advent Lutheran Church in West Chester continues their weekly service on YouTube and via live zoom, the pastor chose this image by **Sarah Staub** to promote it on facebook and in a newsletter to all church members. He told Sarah it was incredible and fabulous. It is the sign that all pass as they leave the church in West Chester.

As many camera clubs like CCCC are switching to Zoom presentations, **Betsy Wilson** has been asked to do some virtual presentations. In May she presented "How did you get that shot?" to the Bristol Photographers Club and to the Photography Workshop.

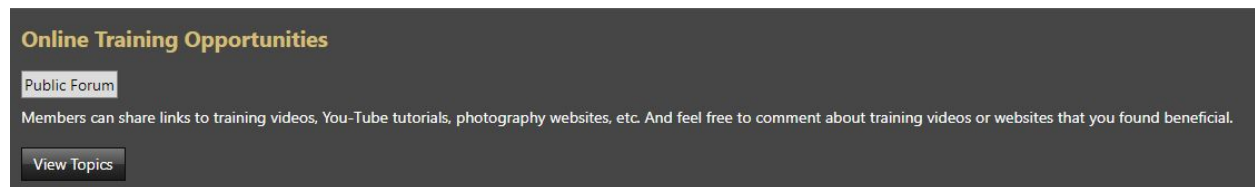




Congratulations to **Sue Page Jordan**, whose image “Surf Meets the Sky” is displayed at the beach entrance S 5th ST South Bethany!

Learning Opportunities

Some new digital learning opportunities have recently been added, so be sure to check out the new CCCC Forum on **Online Training Opportunities** established by member **Peter Guman**. In addition to using this forum to find learning opportunities to help improve your photography, members can post links to online training they have found to be helpful that they would like to share with others. Want to receive an email when a new opportunity is listed? It's easy - just click on one of the forum topics and then click on Edit Subscription. Discussion Forums are on the website under [Club Information](#)/ Forums.



Competition Tips and Techniques

While we can take a break from competing over the summer, that doesn't mean we can't start thinking about the topics for the next club year. Themes will be announced at our Year-End Event, and we'll begin posting tips and techniques again in the September issue.

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

The next newsletter will be a combined July/August edition. If you have any information you would like considered in an upcoming monthly newsletter, please contact newsletter editors [Carol DeGuseppi](#) or [Betsy Wilson](#).