

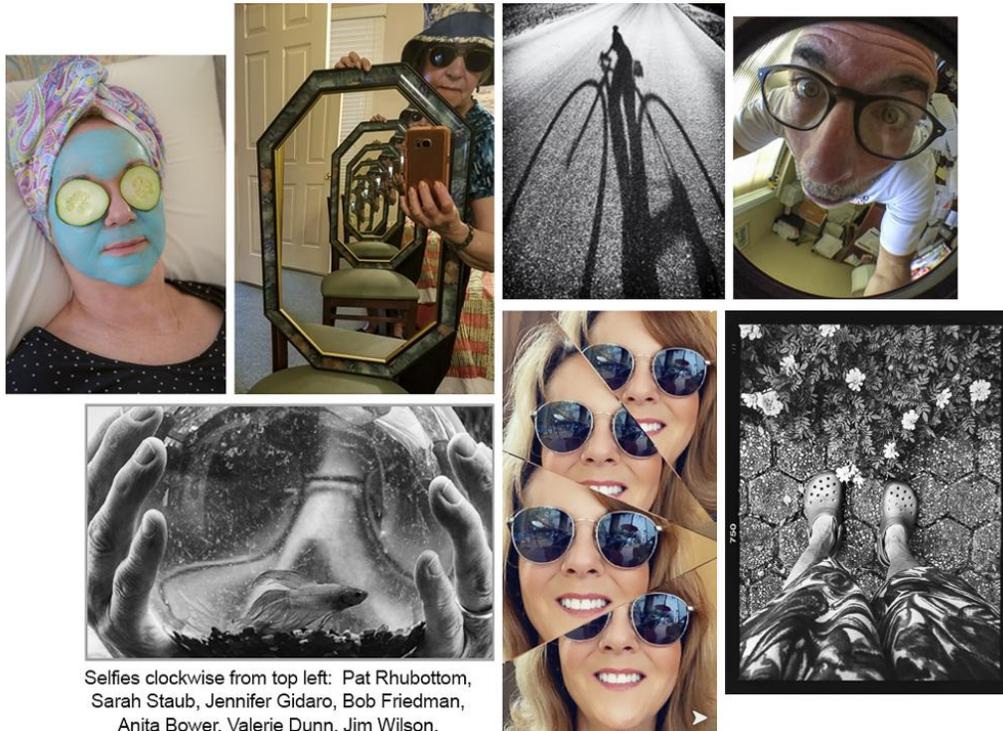


Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

June 2021 Newsletter

Summer in the City (County)



Selfies clockwise from top left: Pat Rhubottom, Sarah Staub, Jennifer Gidaro, Bob Friedman, Anita Bower, Valerie Dunn, Jim Wilson.

Hot town, summer in the city, back of my neck getting dirty and gritty..... Many of us can remember singing these lyrics along with the Lovin' Spoonful in the summertime of 1966.

Well, it's not 1966, and we don't live in a big city, but it is summertime in Chester County and that means it's time for the Summer Challenge!

Anita and Stephanie have once again planned an exciting and challenging topic to keep us busy throughout the hot and lazy, hazy days of summer! So, take that mask off (if you're fully vaccinated) and get outside and shoot! There are no competitions and the only rule is to have fun while enjoying and improving your photography. The challenge topic this year is "ISO-lation - The Year That Was" and, as always there is a selfie category that generates some very creative images like the ones shown above.

Two group outings with dinner and drinks afterwards are planned in June and July. The grand finale will be a potluck supper and slideshow in August. The email announcement has already been sent, so if you haven't already, be sure to let Steph or Anita know that you'll be participating! Hope to see you at the Summer Challenge!

May Highlights:

Members' Forum -

"Show Us Your Best Shot" - *a chance to share meaning and feeling, not skill.*



Full Moon Fireworks by Nima Marsh, **In Flanders Fields** by Joe Hare, **Modest But Elegant** by Ted Goldman

The ever popular "Show Us Your Favorite Shot" Members' Forum included a nice variety of images submitted by members. Each photographer shared why they selected the image, why they took the shot, what they were trying to achieve, how it was processed, and what it means to them. The stories were honest and revealing; sometimes humorous, sometimes somber. There was quite a bit of audience participation and wonderful conversation about why we create our photographs and what they really mean to us. Here is a [gallery of the images](#), and here is a [link to the video](#) Zoom presentation.



Monthly Presentation -Jim Christensen

Using Photoshop to Make Better Images

Jim Christensen shared his tips to open up a whole new world of ways to transform images from ordinary to extraordinary. He talked about using Photoshop to

improve your images and he gave a live demonstration of some ways to do it, emphasizing a technique called "compositing". Jim Christensen is a photographer, teacher, and speaker from the New York City area. To learn more, check out his [website](#), or watch the [zoom presentation](#).

Mentor Meetup in Valley Forge



The Mentor/Mentee meeting headed to Valley Forge for an outing. For those of us still just starting to learn about photography and how to use all those crazy buttons and menus on our cameras, what better way to learn than to have one on one instruction with a mentor. Group leader Buzz Mossholder matched up mentors and mentees and off we went to explore around the Washington Chapel.



Mike Keba discusses focus tracking with Linda Litwin, Sue Hare and Denise Keba before they all took a shot at focus panning as cars and bicycles zoomed by. [Click here](#) to see some images taken that day.

If interested in participating, mentees (those who want to learn) should email Mike Keba at m.keba32@gmail.com. Mentors (those interested in teaching) should email Buzz Mossholder at buzzmossholder@gmail.com

Club Outing: Birds and Beautiful Marshes at Bombay Hook



Great Blue Heron by Richard Maynard, Photographers at work - Evelyn Connor and Deb Charpentier by Linda Litwin, White Heron by Patrick Fleury.

A great day at Bombay Hook in Delaware presented CCCC photographers a terrific opportunity to improve their bird photography skills - and the birds cooperated! In the club gallery, we see quite a variety including oyster catcher, great egret, yellow warbler, red-winged blackbird, eastern kingbird, snowy egret, laughing gull, various ducks and geese, and a muskrat, a snake and a bald eagle - Wow! Check out the [gallery](#).

Club Outing: Mt. Cuba Center in Delaware



Looking cool and nicely posed, these intrepid photographers enjoyed the late afternoon, hot, and humid outing at Mt. Cuba Center Botanical Garden. Mt. Cuba's mission is to inspire an appreciation for the beauty and value of native plants. See the [gallery images here](#).

May Competition - "Product Photography"



This month's guest judge was Rick Davis, a commercial photographer specializing in still life, product, corporate, healthcare, medical device and pharmaceutical photography.

The assigned topic of Product Photography sparked a lot of creativity among our members, who came up with unique concepts with some fun styling.

First Place for Product Photography" went to Vicki Jauron for this tantalizing image entitled 'Refresh! Congratulations Vicki!



Congratulations to the other blue ribbon winners - Robert Freidman in the assigned category *Fruit of the Loom - For the Man*, Eric Loken for open color category for his beautiful image *The Warbler and the Cherry Blossoms*, and to Dan Vacek in the open monochrome category for *The Umpteenth Time is the Charm*.



Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Group - June 6

Share your photographs and receive constructive feedback in a small group setting. This friendly and fun atmosphere exclusively for members, promotes camaraderie and learning. This month, please let [Betsy Wilson](#) know if you are interested in participating, as Critique Group leader Jim Samanen is away on a well-deserved vacation.

Year End Awards and Recognition- June 9



Join us for what will hopefully be the last *virtual* end of the year bash! If we were meeting in person, we would be enjoying a potluck smorgasbord of pure deliciousness! This event is always a fun evening with a recap of the year showcasing all we've done and accomplished. The many committee chairs and volunteers are recognized and the prestigious Megapixel, People's Choice, and

The Photographer of the Year Awards are announced! So, grab your favorite foods and beverages, make yourself comfortable, and get ready to zoom in for the fun!

Bonus Presentation - June 10

Making the Most of Focal Lengths and Ratios- Guest speaker, Nick Hanson

We're ending the season with an extra presentation! Professional landscape and nature photographer, Nick Hanson, will zoom in all the way from Scotland to share his tips on making the most of a wide range of focal lengths. You can get a preview of his amazing work [here](#).

Nick's photo courtesy of Konrad Borkowski





Members' Forum - June 16 - Bonus Session!! "Art in Photography - The Search for Impact"

And yet another bonus as we end the "regular" season with an additional Members' Forum moderated by Jim Samanen, Ted Goldman and Navjot Hanspal. They will share examples, encourage audience participation, and lead a discussion of the subjective nature and elements of impact in our photography.

June Outing:

Valley Preferred Cycling Center - June 19

Here's your chance to practice action photography at its finest! Whether your goal is to stop the action or blur the motion, bicycle racing has opportunities for everyone! Previously known as the Lehigh Valley Velodrome, it started as an initiative in the early 1970s and has undergone many renovations and improvements since then to evolve into the state of the art cycling center it is today.



More Upcoming Outings:

Here's a sneak-peek at some of the early fall outings. Keep an eye out for more information in emails and on the schedule page as it becomes available.

- Chester County Balloon Festival (September)
- The Race of Gentlemen in Wildwood, NJ (October)
- Hawk Mountain (October)
- Sultana Downrigging (October)

To receive regular updates of new outings in your email, sign up for the CCCC Meetup page! Signing up is easy and free at www.meetup.com

Dates to Remember

In-person gatherings will continue to be replaced with virtual and socially distant options until further notice. Be sure to check the [Schedule page](#) regularly for updates.

- Sun, June 6 [Monthly Critique Group](#)
- Wed, June 9 [End of Year Awards and Recognition](#)
- Thu. June 10 Special presentation - [Nick Hanson on Focal Lengths](#)
- Wed, June 16 Bonus [Members' Forum](#)
- Sat, June 19 Club Outing - [Valley Preferred Cycling Center](#)
- Wed, June 23 Summer Challenge Outing (Rain Date 6/30)

This month the spotlight is shining on VP, and Program Coordinator extraordinaire, Carolyn Mead!



Carolyn joined CCCC in May of 2018, and became involved rather quickly. Her first (and still active in this) volunteer gig was as a member of the newly formed Party Planning Committee that is responsible for planning and organizing the annual Holiday and End-of-the-Year Parties.

She just completed her first term as Vice President, where she has done an exceptional job in a very challenging year. As VP, she is solely responsible for recruiting and sourcing guest presenters for our monthly meetings. The line-up this year has been outstanding with well-known, seasoned professionals from around the US and Canada; our next speaker is Zooming in from Scotland! If there was a silver lining to the past year, it's that Carolyn was able to get these amazing speakers, some of whom would not have been possible without virtual meetings. She was

recently reelected for a second term in what she calls *"a very dubious election - no secret ballots or official count over Zoom. I'm just waiting for a recount request!"*

Carolyn fell in love with photography in her early adolescence after going to a Henri Cartier Bresson exhibit at the MOMA on a school trip. She credits her early infatuation with street photography for her current love of taking photos of people in their natural environments. Even though she enjoys being outdoors and appreciates the beauty of nature, she's drawn to trying to capture the continually surprising and unique aspects of people interacting in the world around them.

As an introvert, Carolyn's never been a big joiner of clubs, but decided to try CCCC in order to improve her photographic techniques. She was amazed not only with the collective knowledge of the CCCC members, but also by their willingness to share that knowledge and their incredibly welcoming nature. She distinctly remembers how the Wilsons went out of their way to make her feel welcome on her first summer outings and how Anita traveled

miles to meet her at a Starbucks during a rainstorm to show her how to apply textures in photoshop. To sum it up, she says “she’s been inspired by the amazing creativity and generosity of the CCCC members!”

In her previous life, Carolyn was a securities lawyer specializing in the creation and ongoing governance of mutual funds and ETFs. Her previous volunteer activities revolved around her children’s rowing events throughout high school and college, which mostly involved feeding the crew teams and their families at regattas!

Carolyn spends an inordinate amount of her free time fighting the entropy of her 100+ year-old house, which doesn’t leave much time for hobbies other than photography, but she does enjoy reading and traveling. In the past, she also enjoyed rowing and yoga and hopes to get back to exercising on a regular basis.

Opportunities to Show Your Work

Valley Forge Park Alliance 2021 Spring/Summer Photo Contest

Grab your camera, head to Valley Forge, and create some magic in one of these three categories: Wildlife, Landscapes and Structures, and Signs of Spring! Submit your images by June 15 for a chance to have your image featured on their official holiday card, and more. Get all the details [here](#).

PA Center for Photography TRANSFORMATIONS Exhibit

- call for entries

If you’ve ever dreamt of having your photography on display in New Hope, one of PA’s premier arts towns, here’s your chance! Transformations is back and it’s LIVE this year! Submissions are being accepted through July 8th. You can find the details on the PA Center for Photography [website](#). CCCC members have been accepted into this show in the past, despite tough competition from clubs from all over Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

THE 6TH ANNUAL
TRANSFORMATIONS
EXHIBITION

WE'RE BACK AND GOING LIVE IN NEW HOPE!
AUGUST 13 - SEPTEMBER 6TH

THE CALL FOR PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOW OPEN!

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA CENTER
FOR PHOTOGRAPHY & THE NEW HOPE ARTS CENTER

Take your photography & art to the next level!

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WWW.NEWHOPEARTS.ORG

Members in the News



Congratulations to new member, **Vicki Jauron!** Her image, “At the Watering Hole,” captured at the Mana Pools in Zimbabwe, has been accepted into the top 100 and is in the running for a spot in the next volume of the Remembering Wildlife series celebrating the African Wild Dog. Vicki is thrilled for the opportunity to support a cause she believes in and encourages us to explore the [Remembering Wildlife](#) books, which are simply stunning!



Congratulations to CCCC members for their acceptance into the Photography Exhibit at the Philadelphia Flower Show. **Ginia, Apostolacus, Carol DeGuisseppi, Nima Marsh, and Betsy Wilson** all have images in this juried show. The Flower Show is outdoors this year at Philadelphia’s FDR Park, and will run June 5 - 13.

Congratulations **Nima Marsh** for being awarded 1st Place and Best in Show for her image in the Garden Workers Garden Club photo competition this past winter. Garden Workers is a member of the national Garden Club of America (GCA)



Sarah Staub’s image shown here is a finalist in the annual Chester County in Bloom Photo Contest. It is included in the June issue of County Lines Magazine, and it will be featured on [County Lines Magazine’s Facebook Page](#) on June 11. You may have to “like” the page first before you can see and vote for the submissions. Check it out and vote for Sarah!!

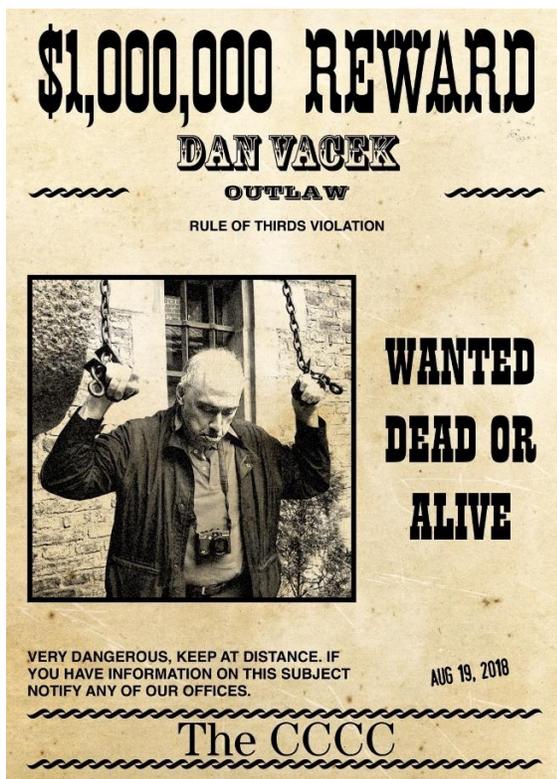
Learning Opportunities

[You Tube Videos by Anthony Morganti](#). This gem of an opportunity was shared by Mike Keba at the recent Mentor Meetup. An amazing library of training videos that will help you learn Lightroom and Photoshop, in easy-to-handle ten or twenty minute segments. And, they are FREE!

Website Wisdom

Not sure how to upload images to a club outing gallery? Everything you need to know is on the CCCC website under Club Information / [How to Upload Images to Outings Galleries](#). And there is never a deadline to upload images, so if you have some shots that you got around to editing from a past event, and would like to share, please do! To see all the images posted to club outing galleries, go to Galleries / Club Outings and Events (click little triangle to expand) then choose the year and the outing to view. You also can choose between “Tiled View” to quickly browse them all on one screen, or “Slide Show” for a larger view of one image at a time.

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



And the last laugh goes to...

Dan Vacek

Armed with a camera and guilty of breaking all rules.

Wanted for taking questionable selfies for the Summer Challenge!