



# Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

July/August 2020 Newsletter

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## End of Year Recognition and Awards Event

Our annual Year-End Recognition and Awards Event is the culmination of our club year that we look to every spring, and this year was no different. While we were not able to mix and mingle in person and enjoy all the delicious food that always graces our buffet table, this year's event was a true testament to the creativity and versatility within our club. On Wednesday, June 10, many dedicated camera club members joined in a virtual event to celebrate our collective accomplishments and successes.

The evening began with outgoing club president, Howard Sundwall, welcoming everyone during these unprecedented times and then giving a heart-warming tribute to Paula Miller, an active, long-time member whom we lost suddenly during the year.

He then presented a "year in review" that highlighted our many activities and programs and thanked the folks responsible for making them happen. These included membership, workshops, mentoring, members' forums, speakers, outings, print critique groups newsletters, and party planners, Whew! We sure do have a busy club!



*A virtual toast to outgoing CCCC president, Howard Sundwall*

After introducing the new officers, it was on to the annual awards, which are all listed separately in the next section.

Some of you may be aware that Howard's been experimenting with some very exotic cocktails, and to help him in his quest for the perfect drink, the club presented him with a very appropriate parting gift of a gift card to Total Wine and another one to use for a future dinner at a restaurant of his choice.

Howard was surprised and honored with a special video compiled by incoming President Ginia Apostolacus that included many CCCC members thanking Howard with a virtual toast.

If you would like to see the presentation, [click here to download a pdf copy](#).

*“Thank you so much. Believe me, the friendships that I have had with all of you has been invaluable. I joined the club just as I retired as I wanted to take up a new hobby. I didn't realize that I would wind up with dozens and dozens of new friends and that's meant even more to me than the photography. Thank you again” - Howard Sundwall*



## Thank you to the 2019-2020 CCCC officers

Howard gave a special salute to the other officers of the CCCC:



Peter Guman and  
Jennifer Gidaro -  
Steering  
Committee

Stephanie Vacek,  
Secretary

Ginia Apostolacus,  
Vice-President

Helen Wagner,  
Treasurer

Bob Kelly,  
Past-President

## The People's Choice Awards:

Club members vote on their top three favorite images each year from among the first place ribbon winners in our monthly competitions. It's great to be awarded a ribbon in a competition, but it's truly an honor to be recognized by your peers.

*Third Place  
(tie)*

*"Golden Hour  
at Portree  
Harbor"*

by Valerie  
Dunn



*Third Place  
(tie)*

*"Breaking all  
Rules while  
Sculpting with  
Light"*

by Robert  
Friedman

*Second  
Place*  
“These Days”  
by Ginia  
Apostolacus



*First  
Place*  
“Solitude  
at Sea”  
by Betsy  
Wilson

## MegaPixel Award:



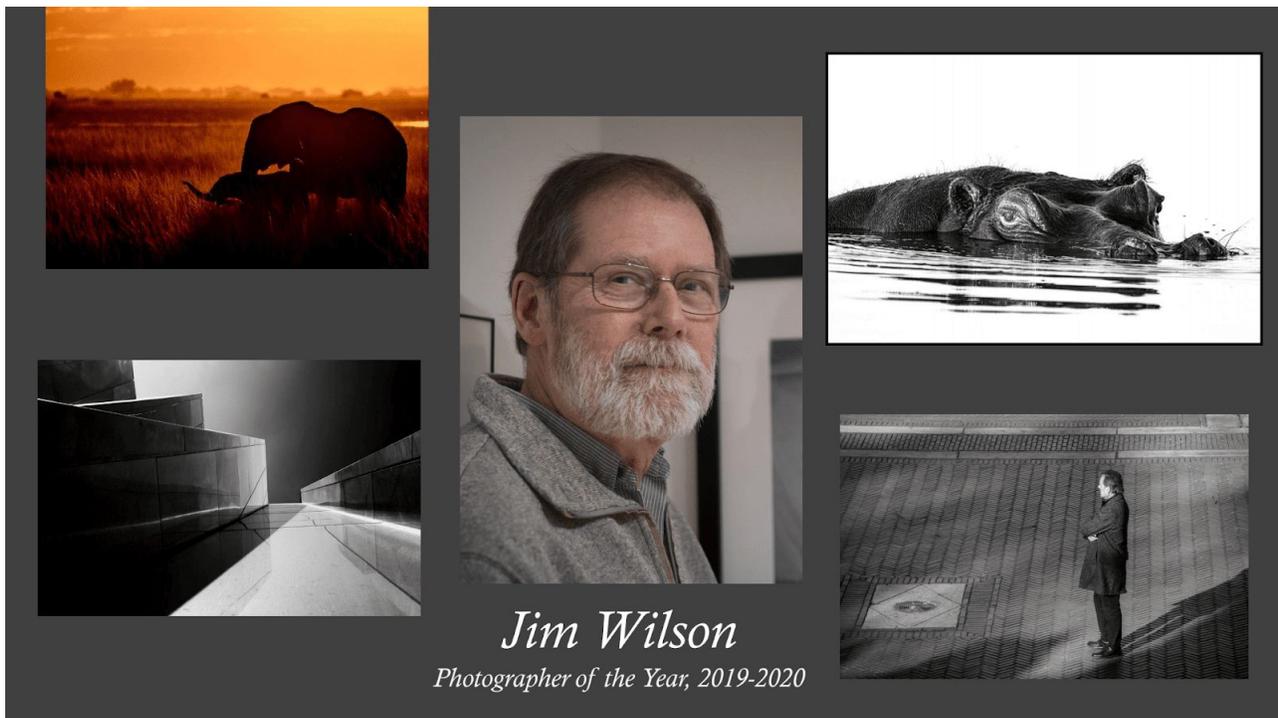
The MegaPixel Award, as its name might suggest goes to the member who “does the most for the most” and is always ready to help out in every area and is a natural leader, even without an official title.

There were no surprises when Howard awarded this honor to Bob Kelly! Bob stepped up to the plate during unexpected transitions and kept the Mentor Meetings going and seamlessly migrated our speaker and competition meetings to a virtual format.

Congratulations, Bob! We know we can always count on you.



## Top Award - Photographer of the Year:



*Jim Wilson*

*Photographer of the Year, 2019-2020*

The prestigious Photographer of the Year Award goes to the member with the greatest number of points accumulated from winning images in our monthly competitions. To achieve a high number of points, the photographer has to have consistently submitted images of the highest quality. This year’s award goes to Jim Wilson who has certainly done just that. Congratulations, Jim on your well-deserved recognition.

## Summer Challenge

The Summer Challenge participants enjoyed the first of two planned outings this summer. After meeting on the courthouse steps in West Chester, these masked members dispersed and wandered the streets in search of SHAPES, this year's challenging topic! Members have 10 shapes to find and photograph. Several images are already posted in our website [gallery](#), (the first listing under Club Outings / 2019-2020 club year) so be sure to check them out! Their next outing is scheduled for July 22 in St. Peter's Village.



When we hear descriptive words like smiling, perky, active, creative, engaging we tend to think of this month's featured volunteer, **Anita Bower!!**



Anita has been a member of the club for several years and has been involved with many volunteer activities, including assisting with the sorting and displaying of prints submitted for monthly competitions. Currently she is responsible for identifying topics and speakers for our excellent Members' Forum program each month. Since she doesn't like to be idle during the summer when the club is on hiatus, she and Stephanie Vacek work together to plan and organize the very popular Summer Challenge.

Anita enjoys many types of photography and is a master at applying textures to her images. She likes to print and frame her images for occasional showing in local community exhibits. She lives with her husband and cat on 15 acres of meadow, woods, and a pond in southwest Chester County, where she enjoys growing flowers, planting and nurturing trees (as well as fighting exotic invasive plants), reading and napping.

## Upcoming Outings

Our new outings coordinator, Svenne Juul, has been busy working on a schedule that will ensure we can continue our outings in a safe and responsible manner. They are all posted on the schedule page of our website and we'll highlight each one as we get closer to the date. Here's our first that was postponed from the spring:



### [Chester County Balloon Festival](#)

Saturday, September 12

## Dates to Remember

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

- Wed, July 22 Summer Challenge Meetup
- Sun, Aug 2 [Print Critique Group](#) (virtual)
- Sun, Aug 30 [Print Critique Group](#) (virtual)
- Wed, Sept 9 First meeting of the new club year - details in the Sept. newsletter
- Sat, Sept 12 Club Outing - [Chester County Balloon Festival](#)
- Sun, Sep 20 [FDR Skatepark](#) - Philadelphia

## 2020-2021 Competition Assigned Categories

As announced at our year-end event, here are the competition themes for next year. We're kicking off the year with a time-appropriate theme in September, "The World at Peace." Thanks to Svenne and Dean, our outings and competition chairs, for working together so outings coincide with competition themes to provide members with timely photo opportunities. But don't wait - get started now! Links to websites with explanations and examples of each theme can be found [here](#).

- September - The World at Peace
- October - Machinery
- November - People at Work
- January - Stars in the Sky
- February - Surrealism
- March - Ruins
- April - Stop Action
- May - Product photography

## Members in the News

Jim Samanen's image "Misty Morning Wait for the Ferry" was accepted into the [Artist's Equity](#) 71st Annual Spring Show. Due to the closure of galleries during the Covid-19 pandemic, the show was online as a virtual gallery through July 15. – check it out at the link provided!

## Opportunities to Show Your Work



The Oxford Arts Alliance has two upcoming juried exhibits planned for September and October and has announced a "Call for Artists" to submit their work. There is also a members only non-juried exhibit planned for August, so if you happen to be a member, here is a great opportunity to show your work. You can get details on all three by visiting their [website](#).

## Learning Opportunities

New on-line opportunities are listed in the [forum](#), including one with John Barclay, a guest speaker at CCCC, one with Harold Davis, a well-known floral photographer, and another series of youtube video tutorials in LR and PS by Adobe Evangelist, Terry White.

In addition to using this forum to find **Online Training Opportunities** established by member **Peter Guman**, 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.

### Online Training Opportunities

Public Forum

Members can share links to training videos, You-Tube tutorials, photography websites, etc. And feel free to comment about training videos or websites that you found beneficial.

View Topics

## *Competition Tips and Techniques*

Check out the competition themes listed and get out there and start shooting! 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.

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