



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

May 2019 Newsletter

Wonderful Workshops

April was a busy month for the workshop committee! Two special and very different opportunities for members to learn in a hands-on environment were filled to capacity.



The Dance Workshop committee gets into the spirit as they set-up for the event. Pictured are Wayne Dixon, Jim Samanen, Susan Royce, Peter Guman, Jim Wilson and Paul "Stu" Stewart. A special thank you to these happy volunteers, and thank you also to Fiona Keyes and Betsy Wilson for their valuable assistance with the workshop.

Dance Photography Workshop

CCCC members teamed up with dancers from the Brandywine Ballet to learn and try their hand at dance photography. Led by Jim Wilson, participants had a chance to photograph in different staging and lighting conditions, including flash, studio lights and natural light. Kudos to Jim and all the helpers that coordinated the workshop and prepared the studio set-ups. And thank you to the amazing dancers at the Brandywine Ballet! Everyone came away with a smile on their face and memory cards full of great images. [Click here](#) to see more amazing images like this one by Stuart Edmonds.



Photo Essay Workshop



CCCC members Stephen Williams and Ted Goldman conducted a two-part workshop on creating photo essays. Both have created their own photo essays, and they designed the sessions to teach others how to create their own essay based upon the elements of telling a story with the camera and the participant's or their subject's words as a narrative.

The first session reviewed the basics and got everyone to start thinking about their own personal project. [Click here](#) for a pdf of Ted Goldman's presentation to workshop attendees.



The second session took place three weeks later, and each participant had the opportunity to share their project. Topics were quite varied - from Native Dance Celebrations, the Impacts of Trash, to a Dying Island. Workshop participant Peter Guman is pictured here sharing his project on Tattoos called "Ink Stories"

CCCC Members Make Equine Friends at Ryerss Farm



Apple chunks and cooked carrots were welcome treats for the beautiful horses at Ryerss Farm for Aged Equines. Ryerss Farm cares for aged, abused, or injured horses, providing a home where they can spend their golden years out to pasture. The horses were eager models but definitely need some posing lessons to learn to stand still for our cameras. But everyone was up for a photographic challenge! Eva Connor is sharing treats with a new friend, unaware of the horse behind her about to sneak up and try to grab her bag of goodies!

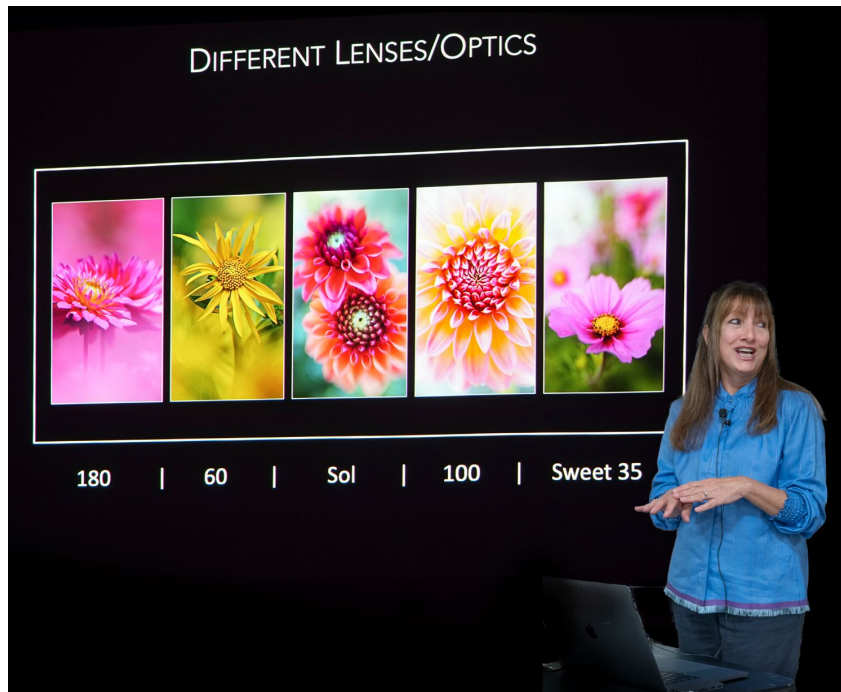
A rainstorm preceded our outing, preventing the horses from leaving their stall, but resulting in some fun water reflection shots on the farmlands. CCCC managed to get numerous shots of equine portraits, some fun silhouettes, detail shots and abstracts at the farm. Click [here](#) to view the wonderful gallery of images.



April Meeting - Floral Artistry and Stimulating Still Lifes

An offbeat presentation at the Members Forum in April by **Betsy Wilson** entertained members with "Still Life - beyond fruit bowls and flowers". Her unique perspective included a combination of traditional still life subjects, nature's fascinating still subjects, and a few whimsical and unusual creations. A pdf version of her presentation can be downloaded from the CCCC website under information / Documents to Download, or you can see the presentation by clicking [here](#).





Jackie Kramer, nationally and internationally award-winning floral photographer wowed the crowd with her presentation "Artistic Floral Photography". Jackie shared some of the many techniques she uses to create artistic floral images both in the field and in post-production. In addition to displaying many beautiful and creative images, Jackie shared her experiences and her "Live your Legacy" philosophy!

Members' Forum and Meeting ~~~ May 8

The popular "**Let's See Your Best Shot**" is back after a few years with a new twist. Pre-selected camera club members will present one of their favorite photographs that is meaningful to them. They'll share why they chose it, how they captured and processed it, and what they hoped to achieve with the image. The audience will then have an opportunity to convey how the image affects them. Participating members are: Arvid Bloom, Richard Donham, Sally Riddle, Pat Rhubottom, Connie Snyder, Sarah Staub, and Paul Stewart.

Richard Donham will speak about his image shown here, *Waiting to Enter*, which was awarded a blue ribbon in the April competition.



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Lisa Cuchera, national, award-winning photographer and workshop leader from Connecticut will present ***“Focusing on the Details: Create Fine Art Photography from Urban Exploration.”*** Lisa will discuss the love for RUST and her approach to and experience with photographing historic and abandoned buildings, urban decay. This is great timing to learn some tips and techniques for the May competition theme, Decay/Decrepitude. Lisa and her husband, Tom have published a few books, and will have them for sale this evening for \$20 each, cash only. You can read more about Lisa and Tom and view their photographs at www.photographybylisaandtom.com

Upcoming Events

Harrisburg Camera Club's [9th Annual Light and Creativity Workshop](#) is coming up on June 8th and looks like a great way to spend a Saturday learning from four seasoned photographers. The entrance fee includes a great breakfast and lunch, and be sure to stick around to the end - they give away a lot of door prizes!

Upcoming Club Outings



Saturday, May 11

[Stoneleigh Gardens](#)

Join your fellow photogs on an outing that will be rich in history, culture, and beauty. This estate dates back to 1855 and its gardens, fields and architecture offer many photographic opportunities.



Saturday, May 25

[Cowtown Rodeo](#)

Heehaw! Grab your lasso -- we're going to the rodeo!

Annual Bus Trip - a terrific opportunity!

This year's bus trip will return to New York City's fabulous [Central Park](#) on June 15. You can join club president, Howard Sundwall, on a walking tour of the southern half of the park, or take a detour over to the amazing Metropolitan Museum of Art. This is one trip you won't want to miss! Contact Howard Sundwall at sundwall@verizon.net to register by the deadline of May 8th.



Mark Your Calendars!

- Sun, May 5 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, May 8 [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Sun, May 19 Competition deadline. The May assigned topic is "Decay/Decrepitude"
- Wed, May 22 [Monthly Competition](#)
- Wed, Jun 12 [Annual year-end party and Awards Celebration.](#)
- Sat, Jun 15 [Bus Trip to NYC!](#)

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

Members in the News

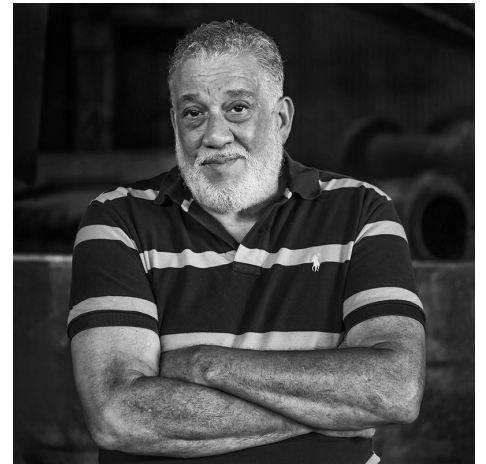


CCCC Vice-President **Carol DeGuisseppi** is honored to have one of her wisteria photos on the cover of a Longwood Gardens publication. Carol volunteers as a docent at Longwood and is also a member of the volunteer photography team.

Anita Bower and **Peter Guman** were part of a team that created a unique visual documentary that has been exhibited in multiple locations, and will be displayed at the Chester County Historical Society starting May 23.

The “I Am Coatesville Steel” documentary and environmental

portraits are the culmination of a year-long creative collaboration to capture the faces and stories of the last generation of the workers at the Lukens Steel Company (1810-1997) in Coatesville. The collection contains stunning black and white images including this one by Anita Bower which was awarded a first place in April’s club competition. Here’s the [link](#) to the exhibition at CCHS. There will be an [opening reception](#) Wednesday, May 22nd from 5-7 PM.



CCCC Treasurer Helen Wagner is honored to have her image included in *Florescence*, one of the nation’s largest competitive flower shows, which takes place in Houston. This image, called “Misty Sunrise”, not only received a blue ribbon, but was awarded Best in Show! In addition to being an amazing photographer, Helen is one of the talented horticulturists at Longwood Gardens. We recently found Helen at Longwood playing in the dirt with a giant smile on her face - she called it her “happy place”. Congratulations Helen!

Website Wisdom:

Photographer of the Year- Curious about this award? Every year, The member who has earned the highest point total at the end of the year is awarded Photographer of the Year. How is it tabulated? Go to the website under Club Information / Competition info / Year End Awards, or [click here](#). Want to see a list of past recipients of this award? It is under Club Information / CCCC History / Photographer of the Year recipients. Or, take the easy way and [click here](#).

Summer Challenge- What a great way to continue to enhance your photo skills and creativity during the summer months when the club doesn't meet. What is it all about? Announcements will come soon from Summer Challenge Leaders Anita Bower and Stephanie Vacek. To get an idea of the type of images (and fun) that come out of the challenge, look at last year's Summer Challenge galleries under Galleries / Club outings and Events / 2017-2018 club Year / Summer Challenge 2018, then click on the little arrow on the left to open up the scavenger hunt of topics. For a quick sampling, [click here](#) for the gallery to illustrate the topic "Repetition", or [click here](#) for "Lines".

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](#).