



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

September 2019 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Message from Howard Sundwall, President:

By the time you read this, I hope the heat waves and the monsoon season will be behind us, and we'll all be ready for some cool fall weather. And what could be cooler than the pursuit of our favorite hobby, photography? The 2019-2020 club year is poised to begin on Tuesday September 11, at 6:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. I look forward to getting together again with all my camera buddies (I know you do too) as well as making some new friends, which I always do within the club community.

Don't miss our first meeting, and I invite you to bring a friend or significant other, just to get the year started out right. Whether you've been shooting all summer, or if you gave yourself a break, now is the time to get back into it. Those next great images are out there!



Pictured are the elected officers of the Chester County Camera Club for the 2019-2020 club year. Left to right: Secretary Stephanie Vacek, Member-at-large Jennifer Gidaro, Vice-President Ginia Apostolacus, Treasurer Helen Wagner, and President Howard Sundwall. Not pictured is Member-at-large Peter Guman.

Summer Challenge!

Special thanks to Anita Bower and Stephanie Vacek for planning the annual Summer Challenge so we didn't let our photographic skills get rusty during the hot and humid months. About 45 members accepted the challenge of capturing ten monochrome images in these categories: [If Walls Could Talk](#); [Bird's Eye View](#); [Upside Down](#); [Street Photography](#); [Small Towns](#); [Big Cities](#); [Staircases](#); [Humans and Their Pets](#); [Unusual Perspective](#); and a [Selfie\(without showing your face\)](#)! Here is a sampling of some of these amazing photographs. To see more images from the challenge, click on the categories above.



Clockwise from top left: "Imitating a Horse", Street Photography by Anita Bower, If Walls Could Talk by Lynn Greenfield, Small Town by Maureen Mulloney, Big City by Yijiun Chen, "Tattoo Guy" Upside Down by Nima Marsh, Unusual Perspective by Stephanie Vacek, "Waterfall Stairs" Staircases by Valerie Dunn, "Rise and Shine" Selfie by Jennifer Gidaro, "Goose on the Loose" Bird's Eye View by Connie Snyder, and "My Buddy" Humans and their Pets by Diane Busz.



Summer Challenge participants enjoying good food and drink at Black Powder Tavern in Wayne.

Participants of the Summer Challenge enjoyed two meetups during the summer - One at the small town of Marshallton, and the other at Valley Forge Park. Photographers became quite thirsty and hungry after all that shutter-clicking, so they ended each outing with some good food and drink and conversation. And then the group wrapped up the challenge with a potluck dinner and slide show at the home of Helen Wagner. Lots of great food and creative images were shared during a fun evening - thank you to Helen for her gracious hospitality.

Renew Your Membership Now!

Our first meeting is Wednesday September 11, 6:30 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church. To streamline the renewal process for everyone, please fill out the [membership form](#) in advance and mail it to the address shown on the form. Dues are \$45 for the year and \$30 for a second family member (but please fill out a separate form). We accept checks made out to the “Chester County Camera Club.”

Members' Forum and First Meeting ~~ September 11

You won't want to miss our welcome back evening! After a brief welcome and overview from President, Howard Sundwall, we'll participate in an interactive Members' Forum planned by Anita Bower involving chocolate! We'll discuss a few photographic topics, one of which is creativity in photography. You don't have to bring anything this year other than yourself, your photographic enthusiasm, and your willingness to let others know you better.

All this will be followed by our guest speaker, [Sara Ascelon](#), who will speak to us about “Creativity-A Conversation with Yourself.” Here is just a taste of her creative images!



Exciting Workshops planned!

The workshop committee has five workshops planned for the new camera club year, providing lots of hands-on opportunities to learn and improve your photography skills. The first workshop will be **Sunday, September 22** (date to be confirmed) from 11am-3pm. Join workshop leader Wayne Dixon for “**Just Me and my Camera Workshop**”. After an introductory session, participants will head outside for some photography practice, then back indoors for a lively discussion of everyone's images. Details [here](#)

Upcoming Outings

Outings Co-chairs Dean Grantham and Svene Juul have a jam-packed outings schedule planned - be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss any of these terrific photo opportunities!

Saturday, September 14 Renaissance Faire in Manheim, PA

Enjoy an afternoon of medieval costumes, food, theater and fighting at the Renaissance Faire in Manheim PA.

Staff and many visitors are fully committed to their medieval personas with matching costumes. Wearing costumes is optional, but for those who want to blend in, costumes can be rented on-site. A convenient carpool will leave from Exton. For details on this fun excursion, go to the schedule page on the website, or click [here](#).



Saturday, September 28 Monarch Migration in Cape May, NJ

Monarchs and photographers make good partners. Join us in Cape May for a fun day photographing the unique architecture and ocean scenery of beautiful Victorian Cape May, a National Historic Landmark. And an annual highlight is the monarch migration - hundreds of thousands of Monarch butterflies migrate through Cape May, an amazing phenomenon.

Click [here](#) for all the details.

CCCC Meetup Group!

We have a new exciting way to share even more information about upcoming outings. Be sure to join the CCCC Meetup Group at Meetup.com. Simply register as a member of Meetup.com, then search for [Chester County Camera Club](#) and ask to join our group. Most posts will be closed to the public and will only be viewed by our members, providing a safe forum to communicate with other members about an upcoming event.

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sun, Sept 8 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Sept 11 [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Sat, Sept 14 Club Outing to the [Renaissance Faire](#)
- Sun, Sept 22 [Workshop - Just Me and My Camera](#) (date to be confirmed)
- Wed, Sept 25 [Monthly Competition](#). Assigned category is “The Beauty of Light.”
- Sat, Sept 28 Club Outing to Cape May for the [Monarch Migration](#)
- Sat, Oct 5 Club Outing - [West Chester at Night](#)
- Sun, Oct 6 [Print Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Oct 9 [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Wed, Oct 16 [Mentor Meeting](#)
- Thurs, Oct 17 [Steel Stacks](#) with optional Lehigh Valley Camera Club Meeting,
- Wed, Oct 23 [Monthly Competition](#). Assigned category is “Street Photography.”
- Sat, Oct 26 Club Outing to **Morris Arboretum**, details to follow.

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

Upcoming Events

Kristi Odom - Nikon Ambassador “The Passion of Wildlife Photography”

September 19 at Lehigh Valley Photography Club, Bethlehem, PA

A special event - open to the public! Join Nikon Ambassador Kristi Odom as she takes you on a journey to see beauty in wildlife both near and far from home. She'll give you tips and tricks on how to get more emotion in your wildlife photography to create a more impactful image. She'll also teach you how to bring drama into your landscapes and capture motion in a still image. From East Africa to the bugs in local parks, she will show that beauty is truly all around. More info [here](#).

Nature Visions 2019, November 1-3

Three days of workshops and speakers focusing on nature photography take place in Manassas, VA. This is the premier photography expo in the Mid-Atlantic region, composed of a juried exhibit of nature photography, lectures and classes on all aspects of photography, vendors, a Friday all-day seminar and our Saturday keynote address. More info on their [website](#).

Members in the News

CCCC member **Steve Whitney**'s talents go beyond photography. Most of us know of Steve's photographic talents and his love for the style of Andrew Wyeth. But he also is becoming quite the thespian! He has now had an acting role in "Sweeney Todd", and most recently played a television show host from the 1960's in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"



Website Wisdom:

Competition Questions? *Everything you have wanted to know about competitions but were afraid to ask...*

Want to know how to enter a competition? Watch this brief [video tutorial](#) prepared by Bob Lott about how to export your image from Lightroom or Photoshop and upload it to our website. And there are other videos to walk you through the process step-by-step on the CCCC website under [Help/Videos](#).

Need clarification on the monthly assigned topic? For a complete description with links to websites with examples, check out the Assigned Topic List under Club Information/Competition info, or by [clicking here](#). And more information about Competitions is available under Membership Information/Documents to Download/Competition info. Want to see past winning images of monthly competitions? Click on Competitions/Competition Results and check the date and category you wish to see. Then click the little box at the top left to see *all* images entered.

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](#).