

In Focus

Sun City Photography Club
April 2023

A Letter From

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*Sun City Photography
Club President*



Spring is here and that brings flowers and new plant life, birds nesting, more sunlight and more opportunities for getting outdoors and doing some stunning photography. I look forward to seeing what our members will be producing in terms of photographs this Spring. **We have one remaining Zoom meeting in 2023 and then all the rest of our meetings will be in person, starting with meeting at the Lakehouse on May 9th (note the change in location).** Remaining in person meetings will be at Hidden Cypress. **But for our April meeting, it is via Zoom and you can attend via the link below.**

[Join Our April Meeting](#)

This month, the Photography Club will be proudly presenting during the Earth Day events on April 22. Several of our Club members have volunteered

to show how photography and the environment go hand in hand. **We will also be doing two Saturday sales during April.** One will be the normal first Saturday and the other will be on Earth Day. And we will continue to have field trips, educational programs, competitions, open studio, critiques and more during the month of April. We offer our members complete support in your photographic ventures. **Please make use of what the club offers to advance your hobby and skill levels.**



Monthly Snapshot

Upcoming Events, Classes, and More

Lumix User Group

Wednesday, April 19th from 3:00-4:30 PM
in the Studio



Bring your Lumix! Topic will be shooting with the P Mode. This session will be focused on techniques including in-camera Multiple Exposures to create images inspired by John Barclay's presentation at the February General Meeting.

Not on the email list? **Contact Freddi** freddih@sbcglobal.net.



Celebrate
Earth Day
With the Sun City
Photography Club

Advance your photography skills with a 15-minute mini-class led by Sun City Photography Club members.

We will be collecting
donations for the Sun City
Butterfly Garden.

Saturday, April 22nd from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM
at the Pavilion, Sun City

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to participate in **Earth Day** on

Saturday, April 22nd from 11am- 2pm in the Pavillion and in the Studio
(selling works of art form individual photographers and our donated pieces).

The 15-minute mini-classes have been a HUGE hit with several "selling out" within minutes of being posted on The Sun City Friendly page and our own website – but there's still space in select mini-classes! We are asking people taking classes to meet outside our photography studio 5 minutes before the class starts. **Register using the link below.**

Register for Earth Day Mini-Classes

We could definitely use one or two more volunteers to help people who look confused as to where to go and what to do. We are making signs, so all you really need to do is stand and hold the sign (twirling the sign is not mandatory, but allowed). In case anyone was wondering why we are having participants meet in front of our studio is....to drive sales within the studio! We could welcome up to 100 new people to our studio, our Saturday sales, and our club.



Please consider donating a photograph (or two) matted or framed as a piece we will sell in the studio during Earth Day festivities on April 22nd to raise money for the butterfly garden.

Contact Lucy to arrange the pick up of donated artwork: (516) 410-0423

Phone Photography User Group

First Wednesday of Every Month, 2:00-3:30 PM via Zoom

The Phone Photography User Group is an informal forum for Phone Camera users to learn and share their knowledge about the capabilities of their camera.

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Email Sue Flynn at sueparkerflynn@gmail.com if you would like to join this group.

Shoot With Friends

We would like to connect members that are looking for someone to go out and photograph with. **If interested, please send the following information to Lucy at Lucy@smartmarketingcommunications.com:**

- Your name
- How you wanted to be contacted (your email and/or phone number)
- Type of photography interested in doing: Wildlife, landscape, street, any
- Type of equipment: Camera or phone

If there is enough interest, we will create a page on the website called "Shoot with Friends" and you will be listed as someone looking for a buddy to shoot with.



Photography History Exhibit Open Now

Now-May 21 at the Telfair Museum's Jepson Center

The Telfair Museum's Jepson Center currently has an exhibit on the first 50 years of last century's photography history.

[Learn More](#)

"Let's Shoot Together" Page is LIVE on Our Website!

We've added a page on the website called " Let's Shoot Together." It's under the "Member Resources" tab.

Please feel free to email Lucy at lucy@smartmarketingcommunications.com if you would like to be included on this page. Please include your interests and what your preferred method of shooting is!



Expert Category

- First Place: Sophia Schade
- Second Place: Tom Lehrer
- Third Place: Jody Paduch
- Honorable Mention: Corky Burt These

Advanced Category

- First Place: Barbara Reeves
- Second Place: Bob Kampwirth
- Third Place: Dianne Behm
- Honorable Mention: Sam Moschella

Intermediate Category

- First Place: Everette Denning
- Second Place: Linda Laird
- Third Place: Diane Brayden
- Honorable Mention: David Robbins

Novice Category

- First Place: Carol Fox
- Second Plac: Rick VanDette
- Third Place: Mary Jo Carlson

Competition Category Advancements

- Rick VanDette to Intermediate
- Everette Denning to Advanced

Winning images are now on display in the Photography Club studio window. Congratulations to All!



1st Expert: "Looking into the Heavens" by Sophia Schade

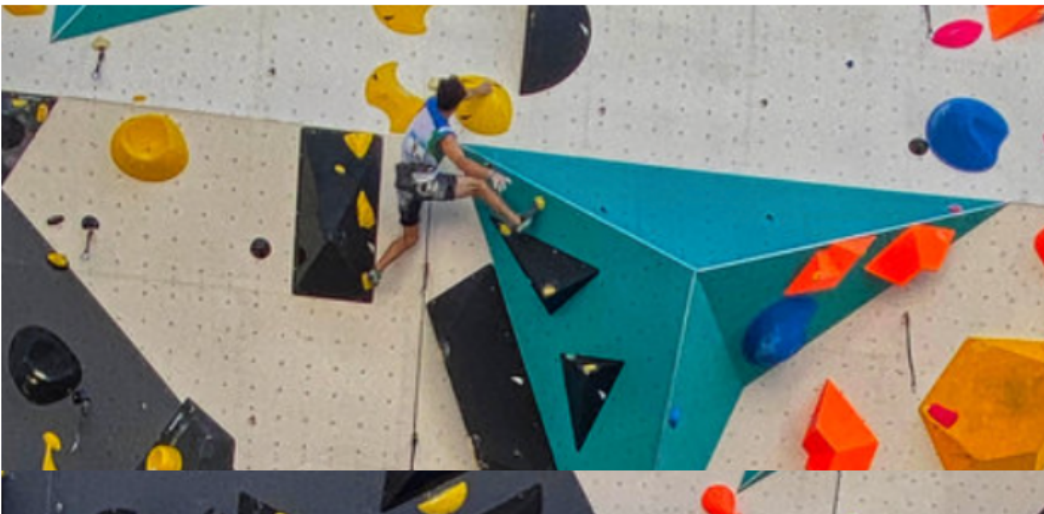




1st Advanced: "Inside the Smokestack" by Barbara Reeves



1st Intermediate "The Knife-Edge Pass" by Everett Denning





1st Novice: "Almost to the Top (Climbing World Cup)" by Carol Fox

[View Full Gallery](#)

What You Should Know About April Photo Competition

Because April 11 will be a Zoom meeting, all entries will be digital versions. **The theme is Open with NO TIME LIMIT.**

Deadline for entering is midnight on Wednesday, April 5. For more information about April and any future months, please go to the photography club website.

[Visit Our Website](#)

What's Happening In Education

Thank you to all instructors, assistants, and monitors who made the Winter session so successful!

We're putting the finishing touches on the Spring semester April 17 - June 16. If you would like to teach, please contact Dale at dalemethven@aol.com. Stay tuned for an April Education announcement for Spring registration, as well as monitor opportunities.

We Want to Feature Your Photos on Our Website

Don't forget to send your favorite photo from February to the Monthly Slideshow. **Email your photo to monthly-slideshow@yogile.com** and add the photo title (title - your name) as the email subject and once it is approved, it will be added to the current month's slideshow on our club website.

Don't forget to check out the new Member Showcases under Member Resources on the website! **Email your portfolio locations to PCSCHGGallery@gmail.com to have your portfolio included.**

[View The Monthly Slideshow](#)



A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 352 photographers:

- Lillian Maldonado
- Margaret Cuddy
- Debra Brescia
- Bev Kauffman
- Bob Seltzer
- Rich Koncicki



Photographer Feature

This Month's Featured Club Member

Sophia Schade



How long have you lived in Sun City?

Eight years.

Where are you from?

Athens, Greece moved here from Atlanta, GA

When did you join the photography club? Have you held any offices during membership?

Communications, Program Chair, and teaching classes

What do you enjoy most about being a member?

Learning from my mentors and teaching and watching the club evolve.

How long have you been a photographer? What's your (short) backstory on how you discovered photography?

Born in Athens Greece, I spent my teenage years in Maryland. I traveled throughout the US and abroad with my job. My husband Dennis and I retired to Bluffton, South Carolina in 2015 and I quickly found my passion in photography.

My interest in Photography expanded when we moved to Sun City. I was photographing the beautiful birds and wildlife of the Lowcountry. As a wildlife photographer, my goal is to capture the beauty around me and create memories that preserve the moments to last a lifetime. I try not to just take photos; I like telling stories with my images. I'm on a constant journey of discovering the natural world flooded with beauty. I am grateful every day to have found such a fulfilling hobby. I am a member of the Sun City photographers club, the Beaufort Camera Club, the Hilton Head Camera Club, CNPA, PSA, and now GNPA.

What is your favorite “thing” to photograph? Why?

Birds, because they are always different based on the season. From picking and attracting a mate, building a nest, mating and raising their young...Each one of them is special. Embrace the situation and have patience. Endless possibilities the photos are never the same. Birds can be fun and challenging.

Where is your favorite place in the Lowcountry to venture to in order to photograph?

It is all based on the season, Fish Haul, Beidler, and Savannah wildlife refuge.

Do you have a passion project for 2023 involving photography? Care to share?

Write small stories and get them published. I love telling stories through my photos and I love to share them with everyone. I also want to become a better photographer. My goals are to continue to follow the light and have a clean background.

Tell us about the SIGS event you are running. How can others get involved?

As the program chair for the club, I have worked very hard to bring speakers that will educate and inspire our members. As the publicity chair for creative vision, I worked hard to inform everyone of the fantastic event. I teach hands-on classes. This year I am helping Rich with the Critique SIG.

Sophia's Parting Shot





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