

I hope everyone has enjoyed a very happy holiday season with friends and family. I am honored to have been selected to lead our club for the next two years, and will keep us moving forward. I would like to thank Jim Smith, our past President, for his leadership and vision, and hope to continue his efforts to update and expand the services we offer to our members.

I would also like to thank Dale Methven for her years of dedication to our ever growing education program. Her successor, Cindy Fiano, will continue to add more options to this very popular offering. Our many classes offer instruction in basic photography skills as well as advanced skills. Many classes are open to phone users, and quite a few of our members have done very fine work with their phones. We do not, however, recommend coming to class with your rotary dial phone.

I particularly want to welcome all of our newer members, and remind them that our club motto ... "friends helping friends" ... is not just a slogan, it's how we function. We are dedicated to helping others, so please ask for help if you need it. Our orientation class, which is free, is a wonderful way to learn all about what our club offers.

Our big annual event is coming up shortly. February 2, 3, and 4 are the dates for Creative Vision. It will be the biggest yet, with partners from our club, Art, and Glasscrafters. It's open to all Sun City residents. We expect as many as 4,000 people to attend this amazing show.

So, welcome to 2024. We can look forward to more fascinating club trips, monthly competitions, guest speakers, classes and special interest groups. And a huge and well deserved shout out to all our dedicated volunteers. Our club could not function without the selfless service provided by our club volunteers. Thank you all!

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## Monthly Meeting

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, January 9 at 7:00 PM

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### Contest Entry Format: Digital

### Contest Theme: Eat!

**Deadline for Contest Submission: Midnight, Sunday, January 7, 2024** Please pay attention to detail when you enter. Complete information is included in Sections D and E in the [competition rules](#) found on the club website. Be on the lookout for a confirmation email that verifies your entry has been received.

### Guest Speaker: Ian Clark

Ian Clark will be speaking about “Photographing Critters in Your Neighborhood”

Getting started with wildlife photography doesn't require a huge effort or even travel. You likely have interesting critters coming and going through your yard, photographing them is a great place to start. This presentation will give you some tips on how to attract wildlife to your yard or to find critters locally, how to get them where you want them and tips on gear and camera settings. The show is designed for people with DSLR or digital mirrorless cameras.

Ian spent many years operating commercial photo labs and tackling technical photographic problems, including a stint as the Manager of the Photographic Section at NASA's Langley Research Center. He has a B.S. from the Rochester Institute of Technology and did his master's work at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University. He has been a news stringer off and on since 1975. For many years, he has traveled extensively to photograph railroads, focusing on our remaining steam locomotives. He is trying to retire and spend more time on nature photography.

Ian is a Juried Member of the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen, the New Hampshire Arts Association and the Vermont Hand Crafters, as well as being a member of a number of arts organizations.

## First Saturday Sales

A reminder our monthly First Saturday Sales event takes place on Saturday, January 6th, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the photography studio and is open to all residents of Sun City.

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## EDUCATION PROGRAM



Welcome to 2024. I look forward to my new role as the Education Director for the Sun City Photography Club. During the next two years it is my goal to work with the Education Committee to explore the diverse needs of our continually growing membership and provide educational opportunities to help our members develop into the photographers they want to become. With that said, the Education Committee has been busy putting together an exciting Winter Semester.

We are happy to announce these new classes:

- Travelogues with Sherry Conrad: Canadian Rockies and Alaska; The Alps of Southern Germany, Austria and Switzerland
- Fun with Flowers - improving your flower images with Gerry Fagan
- Experiment with Frozen Flowers with Dale Methven
- Simple Editing with your Samsung Galaxy Phone with Ward Litzenberg
- Macro with Long Lens with Amaury Cruz
- Photo Stacking with John Burrack
- Exploring Light - Blue Hour with Sophia Schade

Back by popular demand, and in case you missed them, we are offering:

- Fundamentals 100 for Cameras
- Add WOW to iPhone Images with these Simple Editing Steps
- Simple Steps for Taking iPhone Photos You Will Love
- LR Mobile Editing
- LR Camera
- Essential Lightroom Skills
- Making Friends With Manual Shooting Mode
- Expressive Photography
- Mindful Photography
- How to Love your Images
- Making Your Own Photo Cards
- Photographing Birds & Wildlife
- Samsung Galaxy Phone Camera-Getting Started

The Winter Semester classes are scheduled from February 1 through March 22. You can get a sneak peak at the schedule by reviewing the Club calendar. The course catalog and registration link will be emailed around January 15. Online registration for classes opens January 22.

Questions? Email [CindyFiano@gmail.com](mailto:CindyFiano@gmail.com). The Education Committee hopes these classes continue your journey of stretching your imagination & developing a personal vision with more creative and expressive images.

Cindy Fiano

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## UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



Happy New Year!

Thank You for making the 2023 Field Trip season memorable and look forward to making 2024 even better!

Currently we have three trips on the calendar with more to be scheduled

January 28-31

Florida Wetlands & Cape Canaveral Rocket Launch

[REGISTER HERE](#) >

March 2

Battle of Broxton Bridge Reenactment

Registration NOT OPEN

April 20

USAF Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Team at Joint Base Charleston

Registration NOT OPEN

The Field Trip Committee is working on excursion destinations through May. Here are some of the potential Field Trips on the on list:

- Savannah Historic Squares and Buildings in February or March
- St. Augustine Alligator Farm and the San National Monument in February or March
- Charleston Historic Streets, Alleys and Buildings in March or April

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- Charleston Plantation (Magnolia or Boone) in March or April
- Sunset Dolphin Cruise and the Cockspur & Tybee Island Lighthouse in May

If you have a field trip destination you would like the Field Trip Committee to consider, send me an email at: [michaellaferriere62@gmail.com](mailto:michaellaferriere62@gmail.com) with the information and we will look into it.

### Self-Directed Field Trips

The Field Trip Committee regrets that the WORMSLOE COLONIAL FAIRE & MUSTER field trip will not be scheduled for the weekend of February 2nd. The crown jewel event for the Photography Club, CREATIVE VISION, is being held that weekend. But you can go on your own “self-directed” field trip. If you would like more information regarding the Wormsloe Colonial Faire & Muster, click on the following link:

[Colonial Faire and Muster](#)

### 2024 Field Trips Information & Registration

Florida Wetlands & Cape Canaveral Rocket Launch – January 28th -31st.

Our first Photography Club Field Trip of 2024, will be to the Titusville FL area, where we will be visiting and photographing at some of our favorite birding and wildlife destinations, along with some new ones to explore. As a bonus, a rocket launch is scheduled on January 29th (time TBD) from Cape Canaveral.

We will be arriving in Titusville just as the Space Coast Birding and Wildlife Festival (SCBWF) wraps up their 5-day event at noon on Sunday the 28th. The SCBWF draws nearly 2000 people to the area for birding, photography and seminars. Hopefully, this is good news for our trip and the birds and wildlife will stick around after the SCBWF folks leave town! We will be back in time, before the Creative Vision events begin on Thursday for set-up.

### Hotel and Meals

We will be making the hotel and group meal arrangements for our stay. We expect to stay at the Hyatt Place Hotel, the same hotel as last year. We plan to have group meals during our stay in Titusville.

If you have not been on one of our Florida Wetlands Photography Field Trips before, you will not be disappointed! Black Point Drive as well as the other locations should have a wide variety of birds and wildlife to photograph. We added the Orlando Wetlands Park to the trip’s itinerary. They have a new half mile long Cypress Boardwalk that takes you over the wetlands and they recently completed the sites new Visitor Center.

### This is a list of our tentative excursion destinations planned for 2024:

- Black Point Wildlife Drive and the Cruickshank Trail
- Merritt Island Wildlife Refuge
- Cape Canaveral National Seashore Area
- Bio Lab Road/Mosquito Lagoon
- Orlando Wetlands Park
- Blue Heron Wetland Drive

### National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass

Like many of our field trips, we go to National Parks, and many have entrance fees, or you can use a National Parks and Federal Recreational Land Pass to get in. If you do not already have a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, this would be the time to purchase one. The following is information from their website:

#### Senior Pass

- \$80 Lifetime Senior Pass
- \$20 Annual Senior Pass

Available for: US citizens or permanent residents ages 62 or over. Applicants must provide documentation of age and residency or citizenship.

Another option is a pass for free entrance to national parks, wildlife refuges and other public lands for our military veteran members and Gold Star Families.

For more information on how and where to purchase a National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass, or obtain a veterans pass, please click on the following link: [U.S. National Park Service Entrance Passes](#)

### QUESTIONS???

If you have any questions regarding this field trip, contact me via email at: [michaellaferriere62@gmail.com](mailto:michaellaferriere62@gmail.com)

### Field Trip Committee Volunteer Opportunity

We are always looking to add to the Field Trip Committee! If you recently joined the Photography Club and would like to get involved, the Field Trip Committee is a good place to start. If you would like more information on the Field Trip Committee, email me at: [michaellaferriere62@gmail.com](mailto:michaellaferriere62@gmail.com)

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Michael Laferriere  
Field Trip Chairperson & Field Trip Coordinator

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)



### Lumix

Meets the third Wed. 3:30-5:30 in the studio. Each meeting includes a presentation, practice and individual questions. January 17th we will prepare for a field trip to the Savannah Wildlife Refuge where 25% of all waterfowl who winter in SC gather each year. We are honored to have Rich Matheny, a Master Naturalist and a highly recognized nature photographer and PCSC teacher, as our guest speaker. He'll cover best practices at the SNWR for this winter plus the mating season for wading birds and spring migration. Mark your calendars for a field trip on Wed. January 31, 2-5:30 PM. We'll gather in the Lake Somerset parking lot at 2 pm. If you do not receive the Lumix UG emails, please email the facilitator, Freddi Hoffmann, [freddih@sbcglobal.net](mailto:freddih@sbcglobal.net)



### Canon R Mirrorless

Meeting Dates/Time: 4th Tuesday every Month in the Studio at 4 - 5:30pm

This group is open to all PCSCHH members who have/use Canon's "R" series Mirrorless cameras and lenses. Any Club member who is considering getting this series is also encouraged to attend meetings to gain information related to our experiences.

To get on the User Group's notification list contact John Burrack: [John.Burrack@me.com](mailto:John.Burrack@me.com).



## DECEMBER MEETING NEWS

President Jim Smith completed his 2-year term of office at the December meeting by announcing the ribbon winners for the "People's Choice Best Of 2023 Competition" and presenting special recognition awards.

Members voted on winning photos from all the 2023 monthly competitions in expert, advanced, intermediate, and novice categories to determine the "People's Choice Best of 2023" ribbon winners. "Best of Show" for the year went to Gerry Fagan for his winning intermediate category photo "Life at the Beach." He also received a ribbon in the advanced category for "Caddo Trees."

Sophia Schade won the top spot in the expert category for "Bull by the Horn," and Carol Fox was the winner in the novice category for "Varena."

Jim also presented special recognition awards to three members for helping him achieve goals he made when he became president of the club. The

recipients included Barbara Reeves, Julia Parrish, and Everett Denning. He also thanked all members of the club. The final meeting of the year included a presentation by Ruth McCully on her trip to Antarctica and was preceded by an ice cream social for all members attending.

## People's Choice 2023 Winners

Best Novice - Carol Fox, "Varenna"



Best Intermediate - Gerry Fagan, "Life at the Beach" and Best Advanced - Gerry Fagan, "Caddo Trees"



Best Expert - Sophia Schade, "Bull by the Horn"



Best of Show - Gerry Fagan, "Life at the Beach"



President Jim Smith with Gerry Faqan who received 3 ribbons in The People's Choice Competition. His "Life at the Beach"

photo won Best of Show and was also winner in the intermediate category. His third ribbon was for his photo titled "Caddo Trees" won in the advanced category.

Congratulations to all!



President Jim Smith presents a special recognition award to Everett Denning for helping Jim achieve goals he set for his term as president.



President Jim Smith presents a special recognition award to Julia Parrish for her contribution in helping him achieve goals he set for his term as president.

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## A Warm Welcome to Our New Members!

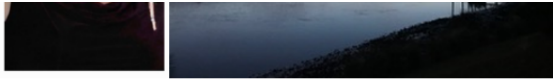
Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 459 photographers:

Joe Puceta  
Marie Gursky  
Donna Howell  
Bob Howell  
Joseph Ricci  
Jack Longberry

### New Member Profiles:



*Martha Girardi*



Hello! My name is Martha Girardi. I have lived in Sun City for 7 months and joined the photography club 2 months ago. I am from New York State including The Bronx, Westchester County and Dutchess County. An interesting fact about me is that despite growing up in New York City, I had the opportunity to live my dream of traveling the country in an RV, including a 2 month caravan to Alaska and Western Canada. I joined the Photography Club because of my interest in developing the skills that will allow me to photograph some of the abundant natural beauty of the Lowcountry. I am just getting started in my photography journey. I usually use my Cell Phone for pictures - my primary cameras are Canon Rebel XSi SLR and iPhone 13. I currently enjoy Nature photography, but would like to try Wildlife, Landscape, People and Street photography. This is one of my favorite photos that I've taken.

**HELLO**  
I am a

*New Member*

*Mark Weiss*



Hello! My name is Mark Weiss. I have lived in Sun City for 3 months and joined the photography club 2 months ago. I am from Raleigh, NC. An interesting fact about me is that I have been a full-time traveler for the past 4 years. I visited 20 countries and took over 4000 pictures that need post processing. I joined the Photography Club because I have always loved the art/science nature of photography. I know the club can help me improve. I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography and I usually use my Camera for taking pictures - my primary cameras are Sony Alpha 7 III and Samsung Galaxy S23 Ultra. I currently enjoy Nature, Landscape, People, Travel and Black and White photography, but would like to try Macro and Street photography.

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*Kay Wise Denty*



My name is Kay Wise Denty, and my husband (Glynn) and I moved to Sun City last year and joined the photography club within the past year. After a year of unpacking, I am ready to get involved, so I joined the SCHH Photography Club to meet other photographers. I'm self-taught, but I've been taking pictures since I was a teenager (about 50 years ago). My uncle gave me an old Polaroid, had throwaway cameras for family trips, and numerous "point and shoots" until I finally bought a Nikon D5600 about 8 years ago, after we moved to Asheville, NC.

We had a 1940's stone cottage with beautiful landscaping, mostly natural, with some enhancements by a previous owner. It was truly my dream house on the side of a mountain, with a fish pond surrounded by old hardwoods. There was never a lack of photogenic subjects. I would just step outside and there would be daffodils, wild violets and crocus. Then dogwood, azaleas and rhododendron. I planted tulips, peonies, hydrangea and sunflowers. And I was always outside in Fall photographing the exquisite colors of the mountains!

I was having a glorious time playing with my camera. While I have an eye for composition, I lack the technological comprehension. But I was successful with landscapes and flowers. Then one day a friend asked if I would take pictures of her godchild during the spectacular Autumn season for her high school pictures. I told her that I'd been a hobby photographer all my life, but I am not a professional. I agreed anyway. Well, the pictures came out lousy, and all three of us were very disappointed. I actually took better shots of her with my iPhone (12). I told her there must be something wrong with the settings on my camera. That was 3 years ago, and I was so devastated, I put my camera down and haven't picked it up since. I do take pictures with my iPhone, and they often come out quite nice, but I am ready to try again to capture the exquisite flora and fauna here in the LowCountry. I look forward to talking to club members to get their ideas and share our experiences. I currently enjoy Nature Wildlife Landscape Travel photography, but would like to try People Macro Sports Street Black and White Fine Art Abstract Intentional Camera Movement.



**HELLO**  
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*New Member*

*Debi Boccanfuso*



Hello! My name is Debi Boccanfuso. I moved from Norwalk, CT to Sun City four years ago and joined the photography club 3 months ago. I've enjoyed Sun City in countless ways, but an interesting fact about me since moving here is that I was in Creative Visions last year. I was selected to be part of the trio - I made the stained glass Eagle. I decided to join the Photography Club because of Creative Visions and a free lecture I went to about using your cell phone for photos at Hidden Cypress last year. I am just getting started in my photography journey and use my older cell phone for pictures. I currently enjoy Nature, Landscape and Travel photography, but I am excited to widen my scope to include Wildlife, People, Street, Black and White, Fine Art and Abstract photography.



## “Friends Helping Friends”

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### Monthly Slideshow

Don't forget to send your favorite photo from last month to the Monthly Slideshow. Email your photo to [monthly\\_slideshow@yogile.com](mailto: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.

### Member Showcases

Don't forget to check out the new Member Showcases under Member Resources on the website! Email your portfolio locations to [PCSCHHGallery@gmail.com](mailto:PCSCHHGallery@gmail.com) to have your portfolio included.

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