

In Focus

Sun City Photography Club
March 2023

A Letter From

Jim Smith

*Sun City Photography
Club President*



Welcome to our Club's March newsletter. I also want to welcome all of our new members who have joined this year and over the past several months. Hopefully, you are finding your involvement in the Photography Club to be beneficial to you. We have a lot of great benefits that can not only help you to improve your photography but can also help you to showcase it in the best possible manner. So, please take advantage of the opportunities that we offer each member. Take some time to study our website at www.pcschh.org where you will find a wealth of information about the Club.

I also want to mention that while my picture is at the top of the newsletter and I write the initial article each month, this newsletter is really the brainchild and work of Lucy Rosen. It was Lucy's idea to do a monthly newsletter and she has been doing the work to make it happen. So, please thank Lucy when you see her.

March Meeting

Our March meeting will be back on schedule at 7 pm on Tuesday March 14 and it will be in person at Hidden Cypress.

Our speaker this month will be our very own Tom Mills who will be speaking on the Color Spectrum. This should be an interesting topic. Tom has given a class on Color in our Educational program in the past and he had a wealth of information to provide his students. I took his class myself and found it to be very beneficial.

March Competition

This month's competition is Tall Things: Looking Up and it will be a PRINT competition. Even though it's a print competition, digital copies of your photograph must be submitted no later than midnight on Sunday March 12. Submittal can be made to pcschh1@gmail.com. See the Club's website for all the rules pertaining to print competitions. The judge for this competition will be Al Heacox.

Creative Vision

Creative Vision 2023 was another successful Creative Vision. Now we are starting to meet to plan Creative Vision 2024. I will be serving on the Steering Committee for 2024 and John Burrack, who served on the Steering Committee for 2023, will continue to handle the Committee Chair assignments that he did for CV 2023, including Pairing and Communication. Our Club is still expected to provide a Co-Chair to co-chair with other Club co-chairs the overall event. Melanie Frank did that for us this past year and she did a fantastic job. She has agreed to mentor whoever from our Club agrees to to step up and take over as Co-Chair for 2024. So please consider doing so. We want to have another successful Creative Vision this next year.

Winners of ribbons in this year's Creative Vision were:

CV 2023 Ribbon Winners.

- Best in Show (1st Place):
 - (A) Teresa Brandt
 - (P) Tom Hanley
- Best in Show (2nd Place):
 - (GA) Anne Curran
 - (P) Kathy Leonard
- Best in Show (3rd Place):
 - (A) Linda Hilts
 - (P) Mike Davis

Most Creative Interpretation:

- (GA) Anne Curran
- (P) Kathy Leonard

Best in Show (ARTWORK):

- (GA) Anne Curran

Best in Show (Photographer):

- (P) Tom Hanley

[View the Competition Winners Gallery](#)

Open Studio

We are going back to having Open Studio one Saturday a month. It will be from 9 am until noon on the third Saturday of each month. Open Studio will have a Monitor but it is not the job of the Monitor to help people print or mat. For that, you still need to come into the Studio on Tuesday afternoons for the Help sessions. During Saturday Open Studios, you will be allowed to print or mat only if you have completed the required equipment training. No one is permitted to use Studio equipment without proper training.

Also, if you have a key for the Studio or you have the Code to access the Studio, please be aware that you can only be in the Studio during operating hours for Yemassee Craft Center, which is from 6 am until 10 pm. Also, anytime that there is an announcement of building closings, such as during a hurricane evacuation, we need to be mindful of that and not use the Studio.

And now for the rest of the newsletter,
Jim



Monthly **Snapshot**
Upcoming Events, Classes, and More



- **Landscape Photography: Covering the Landscape**, March 7th from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Studio.
- **Photography as a Healing Tool**, March 15th from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Studio
- **Using Composition to Tell Your Photo Stories**, March 20th from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM in the Studio

If you see that a class is full, you can still register for the class in order to be put on a Wait List. **Follow the link below to read a description of the classes and/or to register.**

[Register for Classes](#)

Remember, if you need to cancel, please notify your instructor and Julia Parrish (jlparrish11@gmail.com) at least 24 hours in advance.

Lumix User Group

**Wednesday, March 15th from 3:00-4:30 PM
in the Studio**

Bring your Lumix! Topic will be shooting with the P Mode. Plus, we always answer any questions you have about your camera or results.

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



Saturday, April 22nd from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM

at the Pavilion, Sun City

Earth Day plans continue to evolve. **If you would like to be a part of our committee, please reach out:**

Lucy@smartmarketingcommunications.com

If you are interested in selling your work in the studio that day, please email Everett Denning at: ETDenning@gmail.com

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. The group determines topics of interest for future meetings. We discuss both iPhone and Android phone cameras.

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.





Special Announcements

Competition Category Advancements

The following members have advanced in our club's photography competition categories:

From February:

- Mike Davis and Jim Smith – From Advanced to Expert

From January:

- Judy Ferguson and Norm Wells – from Novice to Intermediate.
- Dianne Behm – from Intermediate to Advanced.
- Pat Webster – from Advanced to Expert.

For more information, contact John Hock, Competition Committee Chair, at hikers2@hotmail.com

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](#)

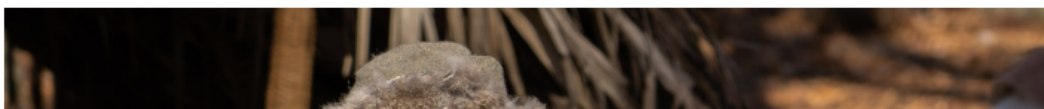
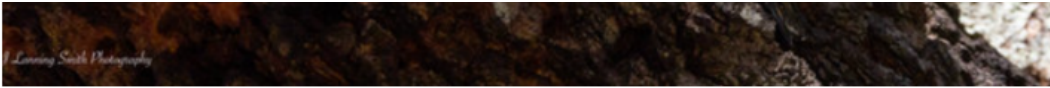




Photo by Stanley Holz





Yellow-Bellies Sapsucker at Pinckney Island – Photo by J. Lanning Smith



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A Warm Welcome to Our

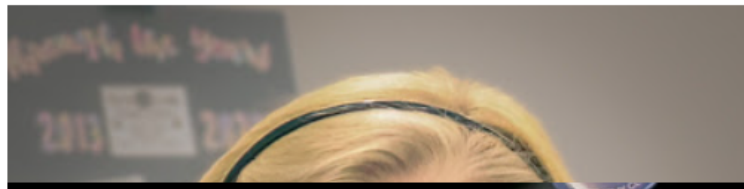
New Members!

Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 346 photographers:

- Carol Fox
- Claire Sosnowski
- Albert Capraro
- Allan Rudin
- Janice McMeekin
- Kenneth Rutledge
- Vernon Wehrung
- Howard Levine



Julia Parrish



How long have you lived in Sun City?

6 Years. I moved to Sun City in January 2017

Where are you from?

I am a native Virginian and lived exclusively there before moving to South Carolina.

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

During membership:

I joined the club in 2019. I am now on the leadership team as co-chair of Membership and I am providing technical support for Membership, Education, and other areas of the club.

What do you enjoy most about being a member?

Initially, I would have to say the many classes and SIGS, but over time, it is also the members and the mentorship the club provides. I find that club members are willing to share their knowledge and expertise freely with others providing support and encouragement and as result, I have learned both in and outside of the classroom. I have developed some very good friendships and I have a lot of respect for the talent that exists in this club.

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

I majored in Art History and appreciate all mediums of art. I always had an interest in photography but never had the time to pursue it when I was working. Once I moved to Sun City and retired, I decided to finally pursue my interest. I started Fundamentals in 2020 and then Covid shut us down after 2 classes. Eventually, we were able to complete the course on Zoom. I used Covid to my advantage as did the club. I attended classes and meetings on Zoom. I was able to get out of the house, explore the nature and wildlife of the low country and practice my shooting during the shutdown. Photography and the Photography Club really helped me to survive 2020!

What is your favorite "thing" to photograph? Why?

Wildlife. I enjoy the education I get from watching shorebirds, songbirds, insects, and all wildlife of the low country. I enjoy documenting the stages throughout the year as they change their colors and plumage. I enjoy watching and documenting their actions as they make their nests, raise their babies, and defend their food and family. It's fascinating to see the detail in the photographs, and I continue to be fascinated by them with every new shot.

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

There are so many, but I find myself going to Cypress Wetlands in Port Royal and Fish Haul Beach in Hilton Head often since there is usually a lot of activity there. I spent a lot of time at Savannah Wildlife Refuge in 2020 and look forward to their reopening.

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

I have a few wildlife subjects still on my bucket list to find and photograph, but I also want to get more experience in photographing flowers. I've taken some good courses and joined educational groups and its time to invest time and put what I've learned to practice. I also enjoy architecture and

invest time and put what I've learned to practice. I also enjoy architecture and would like to do a series on Charleston doors and windows.

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

I participate in several SIGS, but do not run any. I have helped organize the First Saturday Sales which is a great opportunity to advertise our art to the public and encourage people to join our club. We join with the other craft clubs at Yemassee Craft Center the 1st Saturday of each month from 10-12 and sell our prints, cards and more.

Julia's Parting Shot



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