

InFocus

Sun City Photography Club
May 2023

A Letter From

Jim Smith

*Sun City Photography
Club President*



As I write this column, we are finishing a very successful participation in Sun City's Earth Day activities. I want to thank Lucy Rosen for heading up our Earth Day activities and Everett Denning for leading our photographic sales during Earth Day in addition to the countless number of members who volunteered to make it a successful event, both in the Pavilion and in the Studio. And through the donations of our Club members, we were able to collect a significant amount of money to donate to the Butterfly Garden. Thank you to all who made it a very successful event.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 9 at 7 pm and it is in the Lakehouse Ballroom. Please note that that is not our usual location. We hope to see everybody at the meeting. Sandy Dimke will be speaking on doing photography projects, which can be a great thing to work on over the summer months.

Speaking of the summer months, **there are no meetings in June through**

August and this will be our last newsletter until September 1 when we welcome everybody back. We do this for two reasons. One, a lot of residents leave during the summer months and so attendance becomes lighter. But more importantly, we want to give our volunteers a break. It takes a significant amount of energy to keep a Club as large and diverse as ours running. So, this is a well-deserved break for our volunteers.

Members staying here can continue to work on your photography in some of the local venues. For wildlife photography, try Cypress Wetlands, Donnelly, Bear Island, Fish Haul Beach, maybe even Savannah National Wildlife Refuge if it opens up. For street photography, go into Savannah or up to Charleston. For gardens, try Magnolia Plantation, Savannah Botanical Gardens or the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens. Check out Ft. Pulaski and Tybee Island. Just grab your camera and a friend and get out and shoot this summer. Find some new and interesting places to come back and tell us about. See you in September!

My very best,
Jim Smith



Monthly Snapshot

Upcoming Events, Classes, and More



**The following Spring Semester classes have openings.
Take advantage of these rich learning experiences.
All classes are in the Studio.**

- 4K Video to Stills – Photographing Birds in Flight, May 4, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- Street Photography with Your Cell Phone, May 8 & 15, 1:30 – 3:30 pm
- Simple Steps for Phone Camera Photos You Will Love, May 9, 10 – Noon
- Adding WOW to Our Photos, May 11 & 24, 9 – Noon
- Lightroom Camera App on Your Phone, May 13, 10 – Noon
- Mat Cutting 1, May 15, 9 – Noon
- Mindful Photography, May 18, 10:30 – Noon
- Photography Fundamentals Workshop, May 25, 9 – Noon (Follow-ups on June 1, 8, 15)
- Butterflies and Moths of the Lowcountry, June 8, 1 – 3 pm
- Simple Editing Steps to Add Wow to iPhone Images, June 13, 10 – Noon

Click the link below for a description of each class and to register.

Register For Classes

After you register, you should receive a “Thank You” confirmation that replicates the registration forms. Scroll down past all the Class Descriptions to the Class List. There should be a checkmark in the box next to the class or classes for which you registered. If you need to confirm the date and time of the class, go back up and find the class description. **If you do not receive the confirmation email, contact Dale Methven (dalemethven@aol.com).**

If you see that a class is full, you can still register for the class to be put on a wait list.

And remember, if you need to cancel, please notify your instructor and Julia Parrish (jlparish11@gmail.com) at least 24 hours in advance.

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

We have created a page on the website called "Shoot with Friends" and you will be listed as someone looking for a buddy to shoot with. Click the link below to find the page.

Find Friends 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](#)



EXPERT

- 1st place: Tom Lehrer, "Fledgling Flight School"
- 2nd place: Sophia Schade, "I See You"
- 3rd place: Vicky Levy, "Misty Morn"
- Honorable Mention: Rich Matheny, "New Furniture for You My Love"

ADVANCED

- 1st place: Kathy Leonard, "Waiting for a Kiss"
- 2nd place: Amaury Cruz, "Peeping Mandarin"
- 3rd place: Toni McQuair, "Gullah Storyteller"
- Honorable Mention: Julia Parrish, "Ambrosia"
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INTERMEDIATE

- 1st place: Gerry Fagan, "Life at the Beach"
- 2nd place: Leslie Joseph, "Turbulent Times"
- 3rd place: Judy Hardie, "Moss Curtains"
- Honorable Mention: Rick VanDette, "Squeezebox Maestro"

NOVICE

- 1st place: Carol Fox, "Varenna"
- 2nd place: Carol Jackson, "Frozen Focus"
- 3rd place: Jonathan Chase, "You Forgot Dinner"
- Honorable Mention: Barbara James: "Phantasmic"
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ADVANCEMENTS

Carol Fox and Jonathan Chase have earned enough points to move from the Novice to the Intermediate competition category.



1st Expert: "Fledgling Flight School" by Tom Lehrer





1st Advanced: "Waiting for a Kiss" by Kathy Leonard



1st Intermediate: "Life at the Beach" by Gerry Fagan



1st Novice: "Varenna" by Carol Fox

[View Full Gallery](#)

What You Should Know About the May Photo Competition

Details

- Last competition until September!
- Please Note the Location: Lakehouse Ballroom
- Meeting Time and Date: 7:00 PM Tuesday, May 9th
- Type of Meeting and Place: In-Person - Lakehouse Ballroom
- Entry Deadline: Midnight, Sunday, May 7th
- Theme: So Southern/South Carolina
- Type of Entry: Digital

Important Information

- You must be a paid-up member of the Sun City Hilton Head Photography Club to enter.
- All watermarks, signatures, initials or other identifying marks must be removed.
- Enter by sending an email, attaching your JPEG image to: pcschh1@gmail.com.
- Name your attachment this way: Your level – photo title – your name
- You must be present to enter. For how to request a waiver, please see A. Participation, paragraph 2, Competition Rules on the Photoclub Website.
- See Club Website for more details.
- **Questions? Contact John Hock, Competition Committee Chair.**
Email: hikers2@hotmail.com

[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** PCSCHHGallery@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 365 photographers:

- Joseph Turino
- Roy Austin
- Kevin McManus
- Tom Wainwright
- Robert Fagan
- Marsha Nolan
- Flora Masciadrelli
- Keri Ricci
- Arnold Baker

- Doreen Scott
 - Susan Quinn
 - Mark Quinn
 - Sybil Sodoma
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Photographer **Feature**

This Month's Featured Club Member

John Hock





How long have you lived in Sun City?

12 years.

Where are you from?

Born and raised in Iowa. Lived in Wisconsin for 24 years. Also 4 years each in Colorado and Ohio.

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

Joined earlier, but no entry until 2014. Currently Competition Committee Chair.

What do you enjoy most about being a member?

Working with the talented people in our club. They inspire me to learn and get better.

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

I've been a photographer since the mid-1950s. Goes back to my mother's "Brownie" box camera in the mid 50's. She let me use it to my heart's content. In H.S., I bought from a Marine coming home a used Argus C4 as my first "serious" 35mm.

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

I like to include people whenever possible. I think people add viewer interest.

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

No favorite place. Just enjoy going to different places to discover.

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

Realizing how much I don't know, I plan on trying to increase my skill level with study, classes, maybe a workshop or two and lots more practice.

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.

John's Parting Shot



"Corner Pocket" by John Hock



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