

InFocus

Sun City Photography Club
September 2023

A Letter From

Jim Smith

*Sun City Photography
Club President*



Welcome back from a very hot summer. I'm hoping that as we get into the Fall months, temperatures will start to cool off and we can get some nice Fall colors in some of our photographs. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and got some nice photographs to share with us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12th at 7 pm at Hidden Cypress. Don't forget to bring your prints for the Competition as well. September's competition on Flight will be a Print competition. It's going to be an enjoyable evening. Julia Parrish will start the evening off with her Showcase that she developed after visiting the Monet show at the Biltmore. There's a lot of material that is applicable to photographers from that show. Leslie Joseph will be talking to us about her abstract photography and I will be talking about photographs that make my heart sing. Sophia Schade will be summing up points made during the talks. And Kendra Natter, a local photography professional will be judging our competition. For Canon users or for new members who haven't yet settled on a camera system, there will be a

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drawing conducted by Tom Mills for some good Canon gear that was donated to the Club.

Earlier, I appointed Bob Kampwirth and Gracene Peluso to be our Nominating Committee for new Club officers in 2024. We are more fortunate than many Sun City clubs because we've never had trouble filling positions on the Board and this coming year is no exception. While I am prohibited from running again, most of our Board members have agreed to run for their positions again for 2024 and I believe our Nominating Committee has candidates for the two positions that will change. But any Club member can put their hat in the ring. So, if you are interested in any of the positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary or Education Chair), please let one of our Nominating Committee members know.

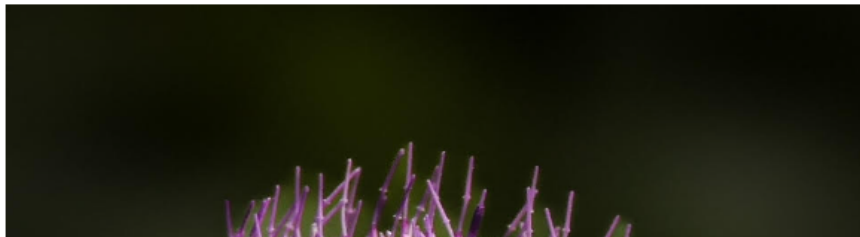
Regarding other positions, Doug Scott is taking over from Steve Tate as Programs Co-Chair with Sophia Schade. I think Doug and Sophia will make an outstanding team and I welcome Doug to the position. The Club is also in need of a Publicity Chair. **If you would be interested in contributing to the Club's success by being our Publicity Chair, please contact me at jlsmith.jim@gmail.com.**

My very best,
Jim Smith



Lumix User Group

September 20, 3:00-5:30 in the Studio





John Burrack will be our guest speaker then Bob and Freddi will assist participants with Lumix settings while practicing at the butterfly garden or in the studio if the weather requires.

Email Freddih@sbcglobal.net to be added to the group emails.



"Guess the Photographer" Contest

It appears that these members of the photo club want to fool all of you. Below,

you will see 11 photographs. Each one is numbered.









The photographers (listed in random order) are:

- Ward Litzenberg
- Tom Mills

- Lucy Rosen
- Rich Matheny
- Everett Denning
- Julia Parrish
- Stan Lituchy
- Dale Methven
- Susan Lange
- Sophia Schade
- Stan Holz

The first person to correctly identify which photo was taken by each photographer will win a \$40.00 gift card to Okatie Ale House.

Send your guesses to: Lucy@smartmarketingcommunications.com

Deadline: September 6, 2023

Between now and the 6th- will post "some" hints on our Facebook page.

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

Now **Members!**

NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 384 photographers:

- Doreen Murzycki
- Ginger Richards
- Chet Richards
- Michelle Byers
- Jean Randall
- Adam Weiss
- Ron Duponte
- Deborah Arnold
- Jennie Meistrell
- Diana Sull
- Penny Stanley
- Chris Moore
- Dean Moore
- Denny Anderson
- Sandy Budroe
- David Atterberry
- Cheryl Callaman
- Tony Callaman
- Dee Bitenieks
- Audrey Porter
- Leslie Balassone

Photographer **Feature**

This Month's Featured Club Member

Amaury Cruz





How long have you lived in Sun City?

I have lived in Sun City since July 2022.

What do you shoot with?

I have a Canon R5, Canon RP, and a Canon XTi.

What are your favorite photography subjects?

I have been into photography since 1965. I discovered it when I became the copy editor of my college newspaper and befriended the staff photographers, who taught me the basics of shooting and darkroom techniques. Then, I started reading every issue of Petersen's Photographic and acquired the Time-Life Library of Photography, as well as books ranging from "The Art of Photographing Women" by Grill and Scanlon to works by Alfred Stieglitz, Wynn Bullock, and Andreas Feininger.

When I married an actress, I became interested in theater photography and worked at several international theater festivals and as an editor for a theater magazine. I also trained in studio photography with a renowned portraitist and a master of boudoir photography. At one point, I gave up spearfishing and took up underwater photography, which I learned mostly at the South Florida Underwater Photography Society, whose members include some of the best underwater photographers in the world. I have learned bird and insect photography on my own.

Where is your favorite place to shoot in the Lowcountry?

I love visiting the Cypress Wetlands

Amaury's Parting Shot



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