

Photography Club of Sun City - February Newsletter

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A letter from Stan Holz Sun City Photography Club President

First, let me congratulate all the members who took part in our January “Eat” competition. Ian Clark, our guest speaker, gave an excellent presentation and then selected the winning entries. Four of our members have now been able to advance to the next level. Jonathan Chase moved from Intermediate to Advanced, Dale Methven went from Advanced to Expert, Rick Vandette from Intermediate to Advanced, and Mary Jo left Novice and is now an Intermediate. Well done!

Assuming the role of Club President, I now have the privilege of working with an exceptional group of team leaders. We have six officers on our Board, but we also have 12 volunteers chairing nine committees. This core group keeps our club moving forward while dealing with the many technological and creative challenges we continually face. Our dedicated volunteers deserve our thanks. There is also

always a need for more volunteers. I encourage all members to not only participate in club functions, but also to offer their help to any of the committees that might interest you.

The Board has added two “Members At Large” positions to the Board. Both Ward Litzenberg and Doug Scott were nominated and have accepted these appointments. Both will now serve one year terms as non-voting members of the Board. Thanks for helping out.

Another easy way to have some fun is to join our monthly slide shows. On our website, PCSCHH.ORG, you can simply go to the Galleries tab and select Slide Show. You can sit back and watch, or submit one of your favorite shots for display.

Our upcoming February meeting will be a Zoom meeting, and will feature “From The Attic” as its theme. We return to an in person meeting for March, with “Reflection” as the competition theme.

The weather has been cold, windy and wet ... perhaps not the best conditions for getting out with our cameras and phones. Better weather is coming ... I promise!

Have fun and take pictures.

Stan Holz



Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 13 at 7 P.M.

Meeting Type: Zoom An email with meeting information or Zoom link will be sent to all members prior to the meeting. The slideshow will begin at 6:30 P.M.

Contest Entry Format: Digital

Contest Theme: From the Attic

Deadline for Contest Submission: Midnight, Sunday, February 11, 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: Cole Thompson

Cole Thompson will be our zoom speaker at this month's meeting. Cole claims that he is 'uniquely unqualified' to speak on photography. His real qualifications are his images and he will present his case that black & white is the perfect medium for any subject, and that vision is our most important tool.

Creative Vision Collaboration

Last year's 3-day Creative Vision event drew well over 3,000 who visited the exhibits, and we are hoping there will be even more visitors in 2024 for the event coming up this weekend on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. There are sixty photographers from our Photography Club this year whose photos inspired fifty-five artists and five glass artists. This is a collaborative effort with Sun City's All About Art Club and the Glasscrafters Club. Anyone who attends the exhibit is given a ballot to make their favorite choices on a photo, a piece of art, or glass piece. The Awards Ceremony will be at 1pm on Sunday. See the list below of all those who our President Stan Holz wants to thank for their contribution to this year's big event!

221 People to Thank for Creative Vision this weekend! Donors, Committee Chairs, and Others!

Our generous donors:

Pella Windows and Doors || The Great Frame Up || Tenet Health ||
Harbor Point Dentistry || Dan's Fan City || Porch Outfitters ||

Kyra Restaurant || Jack Frost Ice Cream || Capraro Associates, LLC ||
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Committee Chairs:

Communication and Pairings: John Burrack
Publicity: Sophia Schade
Graphic Designer: Barb O'Neill
Wall tags and bios: Ann Rotunno
Portraits: Corky Burk
Set up and take down: Bob White
Registration: Al Capraro
Hanging: Jan Urbanic
Cashiers: Marianne Bruno
Hosts: Diane Brayden
Opening reception/Hospitality: Susan Lange
Ballots and awards ceremony: Carol Jackson
End of show check out: Lin Hilts
Event photographer: Tom Mills and Bill McKinnery
Treasurers: Everett Denning and Marianne Bruno
Steering Committee: Stan Holz, Jane Capraro, Nancy Rast, Gracene Peluso,
Jan Urbanic, and Kate Mace

Sun City TV which did several segments to promote the event and Lifestyles and Sun City staff for their consistent and positive support.

2024
**Creative
Vision**
COLLABORATION



*The Photography Club of Sun City
All About Art & GlassCrafters
join to bring you a*

**FREE EXHIBIT AND SALE OF
FINE ART, PHOTOGRAPHY,
and STAINED GLASS**

at Pinckney Hall

February 2, 3, & 4, 2024

SHOW HOURS:

Friday, Feb. 2nd
9:00AM-6:00PM

Saturday, Feb. 3rd
9:00AM-9:00PM

Sunday, Feb. 4th,
9:00AM-12 NOON

**“People’s Choice”
Award Ceremony**

Sunday, Feb. 4th, 1:00PM

*All Residents
& Their Guests Welcome*

First Saturday Sales

A reminder our monthly First Saturday Sales event takes place on Saturday, February 3rd, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the photography studio and is open to all residents of Sun City.

EDUCATION PROGRAM



The Education Program has started out the new year strong with 35 classes being offered during the Winter Semester. It is because of the 21 folks who stepped up to instruct a wide range of topics from getting to know your camera, including phone cameras, to technical aspects for both beginners as well as seasoned photographers to mindful or expressive photography that we were able to offer a variety of class selections.

As our club continues to see a healthy growth, our membership becomes more diverse in its photographic needs. With that said, I am encouraging members to send me suggestions for classes that they would like to see included in the Spring Semester, which will start sometime in April. On the flip side, I know that there are many folks who are knowledgeable in specific areas of photography that would be of interest to others. Please consider sharing that knowledge in a class-type session. When I first joined the photography club three years ago, I learned their slogan, “Friends helping Friends.” I hope we can not only continue this theme but grow it as our membership grows.

The Education Committee's goal is to offer opportunities that will assist you on your journey of stretching your imagination and developing a personal vision with more creative and expressive images. Email clfiano@comcast.net with any education questions or suggestions.

We still have some exciting classes available in February:

- W240207A - Travelogue: Canadian Rockies and Alaska (Free)
8 seats One Session: 02/07 from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
- W240207P - LR Camera
3 seats Two Sessions: 02/07 and 02/14 from 1:00 PM-2:30 PM
- W240208A - Lightroom Essentials for Beginners
1 seats One Session: 02/08 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- W240208P - Macro with Long Lens
3 seats One Session: 02/08 from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- W240210A - LR Mobile Editing
3 seats Two Sessions: 02/10 and 02/17 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- W240212P - Experiment with Frozen Flowers
5 seats Two Sessions: 02/12 and 02/19 from 1:30 PM-3:30 PM
- W240215P - Macro with Long Lens
7 seats One Session: 02/15 from 4:00 PM-5:00 PM
- W240221A - Travelogue: Alps Southern Germany, Austria & Switzerland (Free)
12 seats One Session: 02/21 from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM
- W240226A - Orientation (Free)
13 seats One Session: 02/26 from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- W240229A - Samsung Galaxy Phone Camera - Getting Started
5 seats Two Sessions: 02/29 and 03/07 from 9:30 AM-11:30 AM
- W240229P - Masking in Lightroom Classic
5 seats One Session: 02/29 from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM

[Register here](#)

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UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



The following are the current field trips currently scheduled in February, March, and April!



Savannah's Historic Squares and Buildings

February 19, 2024, from 7 AM to 1 PM

On the two routes planned for the Savannah trip, you will have the opportunity to photograph up to 17 of the city's historic squares, fountains, and parks. You will also be able to photograph many of the historic buildings that played a significant role in Savannah history. A group lunch is being planned.

To register, click on the Savannah's Historic Squares and Buildings banner above, or [click on this link](#).



Battle for Broxton Bridge

March 3, 2024, from 9 AM to 5 PM

The Battle for Broxton Bridge, stands as a pivotal engagement during the American Civil War on February 2, 1865. This re-enactment marks the crucial moment in the war, as Union forces clashed with Confederate troops that were trying to safeguard the Broxton Bridge over Salkehatchie River and impede the relentless march of the Union army. There is an entrance fee for the event.

To register, click on the Battle of Broxton Bridge banner above or [click on this link](#)

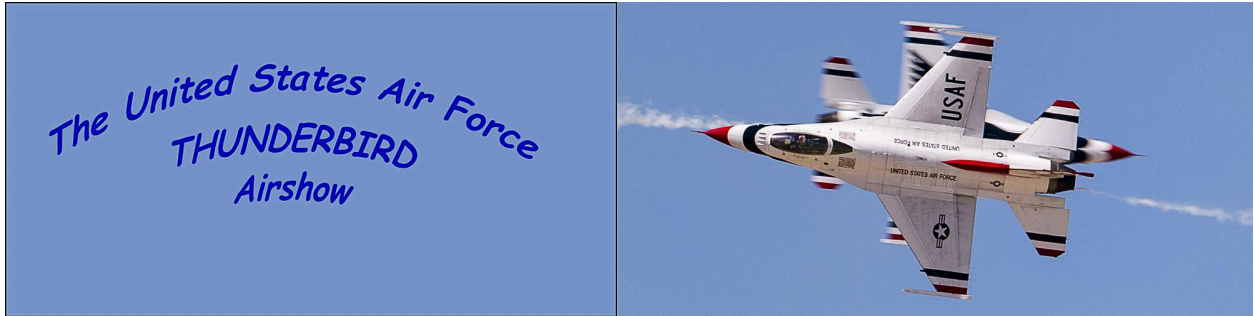


Charleston Historic Streets & Alleys 2024

March 27, 2024, from 7 AM to 3 PM

We'll be taking a trip back in time as we tour and explore the historic streets and alleys of Charleston! Some of the streets and alleys you will be exploring include Rain Bow Row, Philadelphia Alley, and Longitude Lane. These are just a few of the most photographed sites in Charleston! A Group lunch is being planned.

To register, click on the Charleston Historic Streets and Alleys banner above or [click on this link](#).



The USAF Thunderbirds Airshow at Joint Base Charleston

April 20 or 21, 2024, from 10 AM to 6 PM

Come join us in Charleston to witness one of our Country’s elite military air demonstration teams, The United States Air Force Thunderbird. There will be civilian air and stunt demonstrations leading up to the main attraction. Details and tickets will be sent out at a later date.

Registration is not open at this time.

If you need additional information, please contact Mike Laferriere at michaellaferriere62@gmail.com

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (SIGS)



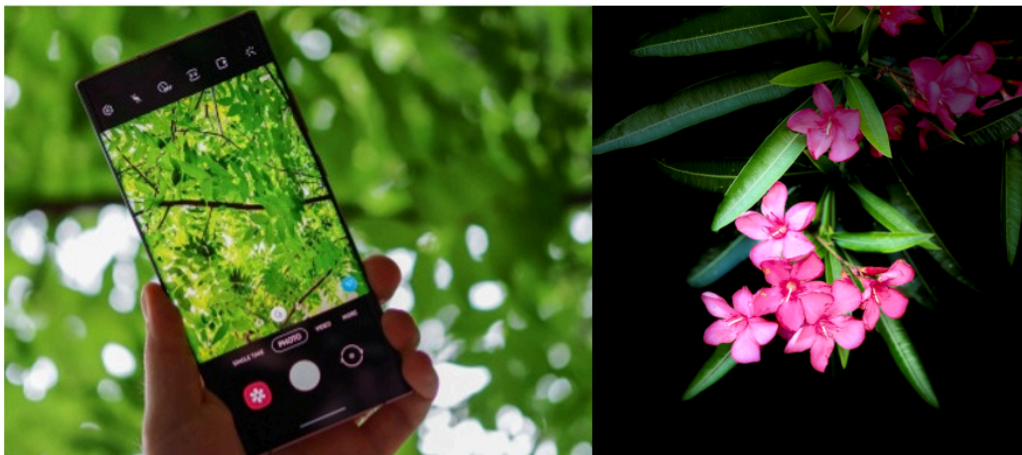
Canon R Mirrorless

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

Phone Camera



The Phone Photography SIG meets each month on the 1st Wednesday at 2pm on ZOOM. We discuss features of phone cameras to include both Apple & Android phones. Members also share information and demo various applications for editing our images. Each month we share and discuss photos with each other. To join this group email the facilitator Sue Flynn at sueparkerflynn@gmail.com

LUMIX



The February Lumix User Group will meet 2/21 3:30 PM in the studio and will cover the Creative Control Mode with 17 options. Some very interesting ones such as One Point Color and selecting the position and size of the light source or the size and number of star filters may be new to you. We will have props to use for practice, but please do not eat the food treats until folks try out the modes. As always, meetings will also include critiques of member's recent photos and answering all technical questions.



JANUARY MEETING NEWS

Results of January Competition

Theme: Eat!

NOVICE



- 1st Place - Mary Jo Carlson, "Chocolate"
2nd Place - Bob Lawner, "A Hearty Breakfast"
3rd Place - Fred Andrews, "Finger Lickin' Good"

INTERMEDIATE



1st Place - Rick VanDette, "Syrupy"
2nd Place - Jonathan Chase, "John's Diner"
3rd Place - Barb Puceta, "Smell the Sausage"
Honorable Mention - Linda Laird, "Catch - 22"

ADVANCED



1st Place - Dale Methven, "Mangia"

2nd Place - Kathy Leonard, "Multitasking Mom"
3rd Place - Steve Tate, "Golf Course Bandit"
Honorable Mention - Lucy Rosen, "Competitive Eating"

EXPERT



1st Place - Freddi Hoffmann, "Olive & Lemon Stall in Fez Souks"
2nd Place - John Burrack, "Snack Time"
3rd Place - Sophia Schade, "Food for the Young"
Honorable Mention - Julia Parrish, "Fish Dinner"

Competition Category Advancements

Mary Jo Carlson - Novice to Intermediate
Jonathan Chase - Intermediate to Advanced
Rick VanDette - Intermediate to Advanced
Dale Methven - Advanced to Expert



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 379 members:

James McGaughan (new member feature below)

Raymond Fausel

Cathy Harris

Mary Rosenstein

Lynne Miller

Linda Linner

Steven McCaw (new member feature below)

New Member Profiles:

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Jim McGaughan

I am a casual photographer who is just beginning to move forward to mirrorless photography and post processing of raw files.

I joined the club to try to learn how to get the most out of my mirrorless camera. Frankly, there are more buttons and menus than I can comprehend. In addition, I want to learn how to use Lightroom Classic and Photoshop. My past experience is basically shooting semi-automatically (jpeg only) and doing post processing in Photoshop Express.

I joined the club to get educated on Lightroom CC/Photoshop and get my act together on my new hardware.

As for pictures, I take them on our trips. I have no plans or desire to show my work. The enjoyment I get is from documenting our family trips.

Have a great day,

Jim



Hello! My name is Steve McCaw. I have lived in Sun City for 6.5 years and joined the photography club in January. I am from New England. An interesting fact about me is that I am a big, gruff sort of guy but play classical piano - people are shocked by this. I joined the Photography Club because I wanted to make better use of iPhone Camera (15 Pro) and Apple photos. The picture above is one I took of Three Gorges Reservoir, Enshi, Hubei, China. I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography. I currently enjoy Nature, Landscape, People and Travel photography, but would like to try Wildlife, Macro and Intentional Camera Movement photography.



“Friends Helping Friends”

Club Website: <https://pcschh.org>

Be sure to visit our club website frequently for up-to-date information on trips, education, club meetings and competitions. View past competition winning photos as well as photos from past club trips. Newsletters and minutes from club meetings are archived there for your convenience.

Do you have ideas for things you'd like to see on the website? Email pcschhwebsite@gmail.com with any suggestions.

Monthly Slideshow

Make sure to participate in the monthly slideshow that features our members' best photo from the prior month. Email your favorite photo to monthly-slideshow@yogile.com and put your Name and Photo Title in the subject line of the email. Only 1 photo per member please. All others will be deleted.

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 to have your portfolio included.

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