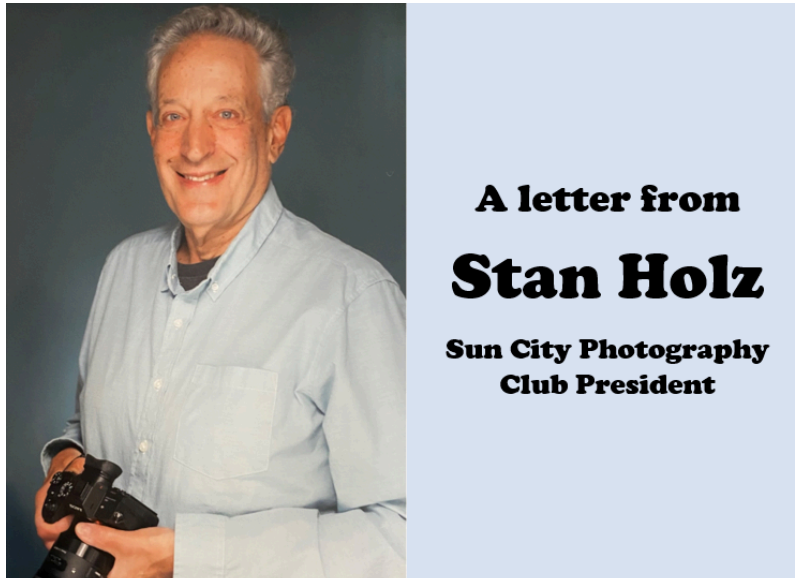


Photography Club of Sun City - February Newsletter

March 1, 2024



Our February meeting hosted guest speaker Cole Thompson. Although it was to be a 75 minute presentation, pretty long for us, Cole turned out to be one the finest guest speakers we have ever hosted. His discussion about finding one's own, and unique, vision was just fascinating. We started with 73 members on our Zoom meeting and, 75 minutes later, still had 73 members logged in ... and still awake! Kudos to our Programs Committee for finding such a prize.

Our Programs Committee has been led by Sophia Kalemkerides Schade for several years. Sophia has decided to step down from that position, turning it over to Doug Scott. I would like to thank Sophia for the tremendous effort and time she has devoted to finding talented speakers for us. A job very well done, Sophia. Thank you!

Our February "From the Attic" competition saw one of our participants, Doug "Train Guy" Scott, chug along from Intermediate to Advanced. Congratulations, Doug. The winners in all categories can be seen on our website, PCSCHH.ORG.

Creative Vision 2024 is now history, and it was the most successful ever. With a total of 120 entries, we sold 15 art works for \$3460, and 25 photographs for \$3304. The attendance was down, but sales were up significantly. Creative Vision made a net profit of over \$650. Thank you to all the many volunteers who helped make this annual community event such a huge success.

Our March meeting will be an in-person meeting, with a competition theme of “Reflections.” Entries, especially at the Novice level, are always needed, so get those cameras and phones out and let's see what you can do.

See you all in March.

Stan Holz



Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm (the slideshow will begin at 6:30 pm)

Meeting Type: In-Person!

Meeting Location: Hidden Cypress

Special Event: Raffle of donated camera equipment. Starting at 6 pm on March 12, the donated equipment will be available for inspection in the ballroom and raffle tickets will be distributed to Club Members only at the door - one ticket per person. Then, at 6:30 pm drawings will begin with the individuals holding the winning numbers selecting a single item of their choosing. The drawings will continue until 6:55 pm or all items are claimed.

Contest Entry Format: Digital

Contest Theme: “Reflections”

Deadline for Contest Submission: Midnight, Sunday, March 10, 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.

Image file size should be at least 1 MB. The 5 MB maximum size is no longer in effect. Current storage technology makes it possible to handle large files with no maximum size restriction.

Guest Speaker/Judge: Bob Speare

Presentation Topic: Adding More Interest to Your Photos

Bob grew up in New England and spent summers exploring the fields, forests and ponds of Western Massachusetts. Also at an early age, he was his grandmother's Brownie box camera when his interest in photography developed. Bob's professional career was as an educator with the Massachusetts Audubon Society where he taught a variety of outdoor topics, including field photography. Currently, Bob is living in the Lowcountry and works with Road Scholar and other groups, as well as individuals teaching birding and photography.

Special Programs Committee Request: Our MAY speaker will be discussing photography and Social Media and has asked for input from our membership to help him frame his presentation - he would like to know what interests you the most: social presence, becoming an influencer, selling you work? Please send comments to Deraildh2@aol.com

Creative Vision Wrap-up

THANKS TO ALL 60 PHOTOGRAPHERS FOR THEIR ENTRIES & ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR CREATIVE VISION'S 2024 SUCCESS!

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2024 Creative Vision Competition plus all those that submitted photos on display at the event! And importantly, many thanks to all the volunteers who contributed their talents resulting in another successful year for the Photography Club of Sun City's Creative Vision! We had 2,740 visitors who voted to select winners in all categories. Plus, many photographers sold their entries!

Photography Winners of Creative Vision 2024 (Photo Credits to Bill McKinnery)

Favorite Pairing:

Left to Right:

First Place Pairing All About Art Member Teresa Brandt and Photography Club Member Cork Burt for their entries titled "Serenity at Port Royal."

Second Place Pairing All About Art Member Janet Urbanic and Photography Club Member Jay Dorin for their entries titled "Grandpa Woodstock."

Third Place Pairing All About Art Member Lynne Drake and Photography Club Member Diane Brayden for their entries titled "Icelandic Fisherman."



Favorite Photography:

Photography Club Members (from right) First Place winner Doug Scott for "Nevada Northern 81," Second Place winner Steve Tate for "Forest King," and Third Place winner Tom Mills for "Iris: Goddess of the Rainbow."



“Random” shots from Creative Vision 2024:



Were You Inspired By Creative Vision Event?

Were you inspired by viewing all the Photography Club Member's photos paired with artwork and stained glass entries at this year's Creative Vision Competition and considering the possibility of entering next year's Creative Vision 2025? You may learn more about the process by attending a "Creative Vision Overview" presentation made by our President Stan Holz on Tuesday, June 5th, from 10 a.m. to noon. Mark your calendar!

Studio News

First Friday Sales: A reminder our monthly First Saturday Sales event takes place on Saturday, March 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the photography studio and is open to all residents of Sun City.

Printing Price Increases: Effective Mar 1st, printing charges will increase 20% to offset continuing increases for printing inks and printing paper from Epson?B&H. Prices for print mounting materials (Kool Tac) and mat boards will remain the same.

EDUCATION PROGRAM



It is hard to believe that our Winter Semester is almost complete. It has been a very busy semester with lots of offerings and lots of participation. In fact, there was so much interest that opening registration created many issues with inaccurate responses leading to duplicate registrations leading to false waitlisting. All of which we are addressing with the Spring Semester. Here is a quick summary of the Winter Semester. During the 7 week semester, 35 classes were offered with 20 of them full, 10 of these classes had waitlists. We are pleased with the response and hope to continue to meet your educational needs.

The Spring Semester will run from April 1 through June 14. You should be receiving the Spring Semester catalog on March 15 with registration going live on March 22. As some of our classes have become very popular, the Education Committee is going to implement the “Random Draw Registration” concept. What this means is that you will register for those classes identified as “Random Draw” between March 22 through March 25. On March 26, the computer randomly selects registrants who will participate in that class. If you are selected, you will receive an email letting you know. By incorporating this “Random Draw Registration” concept we are hoping to avoid the overload issues we had during the Winter Semester’s initial registration.

One of the issues we continue to encounter is emails from folks who have either forgotten which session they signed up for or are not sure if they are registered or on the waitlist. In order to avoid “no shows” and “walk-ins” an online Class List is being tested out on the remaining Winter Semester classes. All registrants, instructors and monitors will receive a link to the online Class List that identifies who is registered for each class as well as those registrants who have been waitlisted.

Finally, we are finding that many of our new members are phone camera users. In order to meet the photographic educational needs of those who are currently using their phone cameras or those who would like to start using one, a phone survey will be sent to membership to determine how we can best address their educational needs.

We still have fifteen exciting classes available in March - the four listed below have seats available still.

W240307P - Photographing Birds

- Date & Time: One Session: Mar 7th from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
- Seats Available: 7

W240308A - Exploring Light - Blue Hour

- Date & Time: One Session: Mar 8th from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- Seats Available: 2

W240313P - Simple Editing with your Samsung Galaxy Phone

- Date & Time: One Session: Mar 13th from 1:00 PM-3:00 PM
- Seats Available: 2

W240318P - 4K Video to Stills

- Date & Time: One Session: Mar 18th from 2:00 PM-4:00 PM
- Seats Available: 6

The other 11 remaining classes are FULL. If a class is FULL, you can still register for it, but you will be placed on a waitlist status and will not be able to attend unless someone cancels and you are notified that you can attend.

[Register here](#)

See you in Class!!!

Cindy Fiano
cindyfiano@gmail.com

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



The following are the current field trips currently scheduled through May.

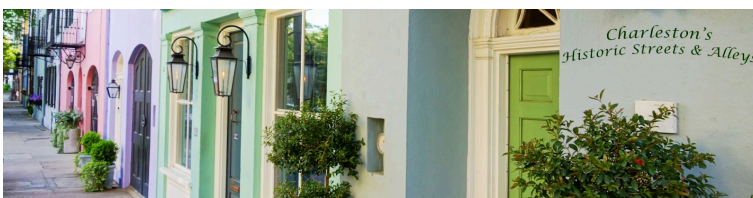


Battle for Broxton Bridge - 2024

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 Rainbow 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 - 2024

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

Come join us at the Charleston Airshow to witness one of our Country's elite military air demonstration teams, The United States Air Force Thunderbirds. There will be civilian air and stunt demonstrations leading up to the main attraction.

If you plan to drive, you will need a Base Parking Pass.

If you plan to drive, you must order a Base Parking Pass for your vehicle to get on base for the event. The parking pass is also your ticket for up to 4 people per vehicle to enter the Airshow.

There are a limited number of Base Parking Passes available for each show and are issued on a first come first served basis. This is how JB Charleston controls the available parking spaces for the event and not the number of people attending the event. When the max number of Base Parking Passes has reached capacity, a "sold out" notice will be posted and no more Base Parking Passes will be issued. The Base Parking Passes only limit the number of vehicles entering the base and not the number of people. So, if you get a Base Parking Pass, please consider taking 3-passengers in your vehicle.

There are two parking areas close to the flight line designated as the Blue & Red Parking lots. If available, select the Blue Parking area, then the group can park together if possible. Handicap parking is available for vehicles with Handicap Placards.

Important

The Base Parking Pass Must Be Printed & Ready to Be Scanned by Joint Base Charleston's Military Security Personnel at the entrance and they will not accept any mobile phone images of the base parking pass.

To order your Base Parking Pass, Click on the below to the Charleston Airshow:

<https://airshowcharleston.com/>

To register, click on the The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Airshow banner above or [click on this link](#).



Audubon

Beidler Forest
Audubon Center
and Sanctuary

The Beidler Audubon Forest - 2024

Friday May 10, 2024, from 7 AM to 3 PM

The Francis Beidler Audubon Forest, located in Harleyville, SC is an 18,000-acre bird and wildlife sanctuary that offers a beauty unsurpassed in the South Carolina Lowcountry. Beidler is the world's largest old-growth cypress-tupelo swamp forest and has a vibrant ecosystem untouched for millennia. Enjoy thousand-year-old trees, a range of wildlife, and the quiet flow of blackwater. You will have the opportunity to photograph Prothonotary Warblers, Barred Owls, Summer Tanagers, songbirds, reptiles and more. The Beidler Forest is unique because you will be high & dry above the swamp photographing from the safety of the 1.75-mile boardwalk!

Head for the treetops! This is a beautiful location and is worth the visit! A group lunch is planned!

There is a \$12.00 per person entry fee and it is recommended to pre-register for the date.

For more information and the Beidler Audubon Forest Website, Click on the following link: <https://beidler.audubon.org/>

To register, click on the Beidler Forest Audubon Center and Sanctuary banner above or [click on this link](#).

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



Wed. March 20 Lumix UG 3:30-5:30 pm in the studio. A presentation on Composition Guidelines and tricks on your Lumix for good composition. Also we will be planning spring trips for the group and, as always, bring your camera and any questions you have on settings. If you do not get emails from the UG wish to join us, email Freddih@sbcglobal.net



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FEBRUARY MEETING NEWS

Results of February Competition

Theme: From the Attic

NOVICE



1st Place - Keri Ricci "Back in the Light of Day"
2nd Place - Sandy Holz "Purse-onality"

INTERMEDIATE



- 1st Place - Sue VanDette "Early QWERTY"
2nd Place - Linda Laird "Paw's Cash Register"
3rd Place - Doug Scott "Former Attic Dwellers"
Honorable Mention - Barb Puceta "Grammie's Lamp"

ADVANCED



- 1st Place - Jonathan Chase "Let's Roll"
2nd Place - Randy Grundleger "Fannie & Louis"
3rd Place - Kathy Leonard "Ghostly Nightgown"
Honorable Mention - Rick VanDette "Nightmare's Roost"

EXPERT



1st Place - Tom Mills “Those Who Preceded Us”

2nd Place - Tom Lehrer “Yesterday Once More”

3rd Place - Sophia Schade “Forgotten Piano”

Honorable Mention - Barbara Reeves “Granny’s Favorite Hat”

Competition Category Advancements

Linda Laird and Doug Scott move from Intermediate to Advanced



Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 393 photographers:

Kathy Kennedy (new member feature below)

Lisa Armbruster (new member feature below)

John Armbruster (new member feature below)

Joan Whan

Reese Burns

June Burns

Gregory Cataldo

Joselito Vivar (new member feature below)

Michael Principe

Ruby Murray
Patricia Gonzales Reynolds
Judy Petrucci (new member feature below)

New Member Profiles:

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New Member

Rosario Garcia



Hello! My name is Rosario Garcia . I have lived in Sun City for 7 years and joined the photography club last September. I moved here from Fredericksburg VA. An interesting fact about me is that I am a gym rat who is passionate about fitness and working out. I was raised in a bicultural home where my dad from Hanover, Pennsylvania and mom from Spain came together to create a diverse environment that taught me the value of embracing different cultures. I joined the Photography Club because of my love of taking photos. I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography and usually use my smartphone (Samsung S22 Ultra) and Nikon Coolpix P510. The picture above is the picturesque Casas Colgadas in Cuenca, Spain dating back to the 14th century and are seemingly carved out of the rock face. The layers of wooden balconies create a dramatic effect as they jut out over the steep defile of Río Huécar. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape, People, Street, Travel, and Black and White photography, but would like to try Macro, Sports, Fine Art, Abstract, and Intentional Camera Movement.

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Lisa and Joe Armbruster



Hello! We are Lisa and John Armbruster. We have lived in Sun City for over seven years, but only recently joined the Photography Club a month ago. We moved to Sun City from Albany NY. Lisa grew up in East Greenbush in the Albany area, and

John in Brooklyn NY. Lisa enjoys gardening, reading and cooking. An interesting thing about John is that he was the Neighborhood Rep for Stratford Village for four years and has since passed the baton to a new NR. John is hoping to use his newly found free time taking photos. Lisa joined the Photography Club because she loves seeing other's photographs, and wanted to learn to print her own. Lisa is just getting started in her photography journey and she usually uses smartphone for pictures. Back in the day, John was active taking 35mm film pics, so he has a working knowledge of the basics of photography. He has been using his smartphone (iPhone 11) generally for vacation "snapshots". John would love to be able to have his "snapshots" become creative photos he'd be pleased to display at home. We are amazed with the talent in Sun City on display at Creative Vision each year. We would love to be half as good. Lisa currently enjoys Nature, Landscape, People, Street and Travel photography, but would like to try Wildlife, Fine Art, Abstract and Intentional Camera Movement photography. John currently enjoys Landscape, People and Travel photography, but would like to try Nature, Wildlife, Macro, Sports, Street and Black and White photography.

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Jose Vinar

A portrait of Jose Vinar, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark t-shirt, looking directly at the camera. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a wall with some framed items.

Hello! My name is Jose. I have lived in Sun City for two years and joined the photography club in January. I am from Chicago. I joined the Photography Club because of the knowledge and expertise that resides within the members of the club. I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography, usually using both my iPhone and Canon E30 for taking pictures. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape, Street, Travel and Black and White photography, but would like to try People, Macro, Sports and Intentional Camera Movement photography.



Hello! My name is Carlos Ramos. I have lived in Sun City for 6 Yrs in December and joined the photography club 2 months ago. I am from New Hyde Park, NY. An interesting fact about me is that I joined the Photography Club because of Interest in Real Estate Photography. I recently purchased several Vacation Rental Properties on Hilton Head Island and I'd like to develop my skills in Real Estate photography to be able to post optimally attractive interior photos on the VRBO and other websites and use LightRoom for editing. I am just getting started in my photography journey and I usually use my iPhone 14 for taking pictures. I currently enjoy taking pictures of my Dogs and their furry friends at the dog park. The picture "Mylo's World" is of our two year old 75 lb. Boxer, Mylo. He loves playing with smaller dogs at the Dog Park each morning. He enjoys having me (and other dog parents at the park) kick his ball, as he plays goalie, blocking the ball from getting past him.



Hello! My name is Kathy Kennedy. I have lived in Sun City for three years and joined the photography club one month ago. I am originally from Pittsburgh PA. An interesting fact about me is that I love dogs. I got my first dog when I was 45 and have always had a dog (or two) in my life from that point on. I now have a puppy by the name of Gus. Gus is a cockapoo/poodle mix and is a little over a year and a half old and is pictured with me above. I am known in my neighborhood, not as Kathy, but as Gus's Mom. ;-) I joined the Photography Club because I would like to learn how to capture some of the beauty around me in photographs. I am just getting started in my photography journey. I use my iPhone 14 to capture pictures including one recent photo of a spider web on a bush in front of my house next to the picture of Gus and I. I would like to try Nature, Wildlife, Landscape,

People, Macro, Street, Travel, Black and White and Fine Art photography. I'm looking forward to learning how to take more interesting photos!

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New Member

Judy Petrucci

Hello! My name is Judy Petrucci. I have lived in Sun City for nine months and joined the photography club last month. We moved here from Kirtland, Ohio. An interesting fact about me is that I joined the Photography Club because I would like to learn how to take better pictures with my iPhone (13 Pro) - I am just getting started in my photography journey. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape and Travel photography, but would like to try People, Macro, Street and Intentional Camera Movement photography.



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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 pcschwwebsite@gmail.com with any suggestions.

Photographer of the Month

Our February Photographer of the Month is Rick VanDette. Meet Rick VanDette and view a showcase of some of his favorite photographs. Go to

pcschh.org and access this exciting new feature from Home/Announcements or from Galleries on the main menu.

If you would like to be considered for a future Photographer of the Month, please email pcschwwebsite@gmail.com

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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