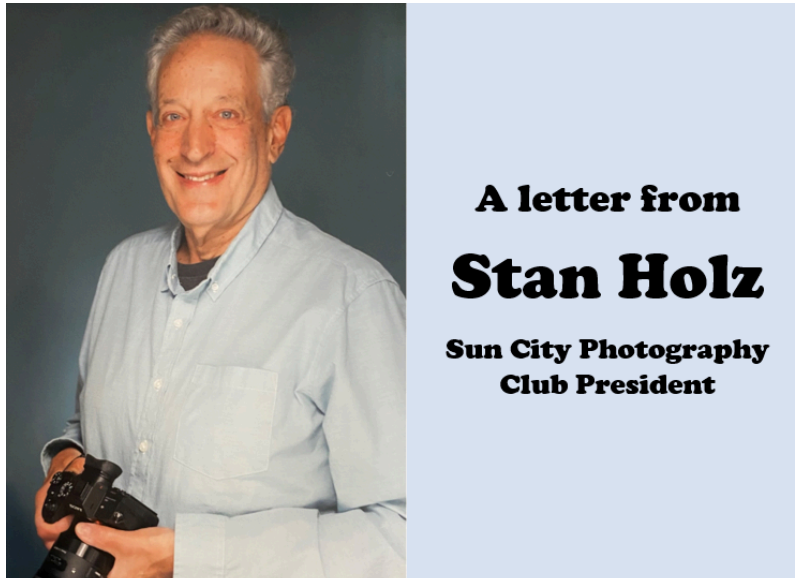


Photography Club of Sun City - April Newsletter

April 1, 2024



We're now closing out the first quarter of 2024, which hardly seems possible, and quickly heading towards our summer break. It's been a busy three months, with lots of classes, field trips, and competitions.

First, let me congratulate the following members whose wins in our last "Reflections" competition bumped them up in their club standings. Shashi Cooduvalli moved to Intermediate, Sue VanDette to Advanced, and Kathy Leonard went up to Expert. Good job!

I encourage all our members, regardless of skill level, to submit an entry for our upcoming "Black and White" themed competition. It's a digital competition, so an email submission is all that's required. No slaving over a hot printer ... just drop your picture into an email and off it goes. The entry details and requirements are right on our website at PCSCHH.ORG. Our website is a great source of information for all of us.

We have a huge number of classes now available for our spring session. Please look through the extensive list and find something you find interesting. All the classes are taught by fellow members and are always both informative and just fun.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday April 9th by Zoom only. The Zoom link will be sent before the meeting to all members. As always, the slide show starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts promptly at 7 pm.

As always, a big thank you to all our members who volunteer their time and expertise in helping make our club what it is ... a wonderful place to share our mutual love of photography. Thank you!

Stan Holz



Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7 pm

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

Contest Entry Format: Digital

Contest Theme: "Black and White"

Deadline for Contest Submission: Midnight on Sunday, April 7, 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.

Remove all identifying marks, initials and watermarks BEFORE you enter.

Be on the lookout for a confirmation that verifies your entry has been received.

Guest Speaker/Judge: Janice Koskey

Presentation Topic: Critique Night - Janice will not only judge our images, but also she will offer a critique of each one.

Janice Koskey had a long career in education in Lynn, Mass. Most recently her focus has been on contemplative photography and the connection between individuals and their art. Janice's basic photographic education has come from being a member of the Greater Lynn Photographic Association and has led a group called ARTISTIC VISION. Janice Koskey has traveled around the world and writes for the PSA Photo Travel Division online.

Studio News

Walk-in Mentoring Sessions - John Burrack would like to offer walk-in mentoring sessions during his previously scheduled PFW 100 class dates and times (canceled due to lack of registrations), subject to interest. The four sessions previously scheduled were April 4th, 12th, 18th and 25th (they remain on the club's calendar on these dates as Fundamentals 100 - All Cameras). John would be available from 9:30 - 10 am for an open Q&A session. After Q&A time, John will be available for one-on-one mentoring sessions for camera set-ups, photo editing, printing and/or mounting/matting photos. Walk-ins would welcome after 10 am through 11:30 am for mentoring or Open Studio support. Session times would be limited to 15 minutes if there are more than 2 people.

First Saturday Sales: This event takes place on Saturday, April 6th, from 10 am to 12 pm in the photography studio and is open to all residents of Sun City.

Photo Studio Exhibit: The studio is now home to 36 new pieces of art by 24 fellow members. Stop by the studio to view this new exhibit - it will be available through October 2024.

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

EDUCATION PROGRAM



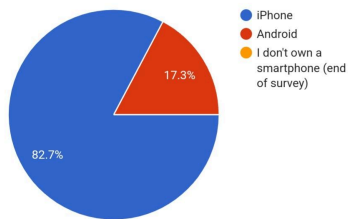
Welcome to the Spring Semester, which runs from April 2nd through June 14th. Registration for 30 classes opened on March 22nd, and almost 79% of the "paid seats" have already been sold. There are still many classes with openings. You can view the [course catalog here](#) and register for open classes using the [registration form here](#) - both are also available from the [Education page](#) of the club's website.

Of note, the last Photo Club Orientation class until the Fall semester is being offered on April 29th from 10:00 am to noon. This class is offered at no-charge and is geared toward new or newer members as a great way to learn about important details about your Photography Club. Some topics covered include field trips, competition tips and rules, educational programs, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), studio equipment and resources, as well as a review of the great features and information available on the club's website. There are seats still available. If you haven't already attended or want a refresher, submit your registration using the [registration form here](#). You won't be disappointed.

The results of the Smartphone Camera Use Survey are still being finalized! There were 139 responses representing a 35% response rate from our membership. Of those members who responded, 83% are Android users – April Fools - only 17% surveyed are Android users 😞, 55% use their smartphone camera as their primary camera and many of these are looking for the "next level" of training - not just the introductory level. Thank you to all who responded. We gathered a lot of great information that will help us put together future classes to meet your phone photography educational needs. We will be sharing more details in future newsletters as we drill down on the response specifics.

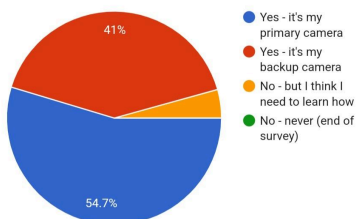
What Type of smartphone do you own?

139 responses



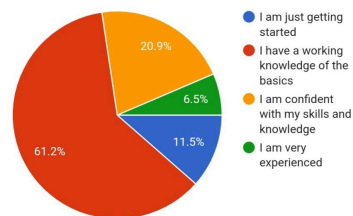
Do you use your smartphone camera for taking pictures?

139 responses



How do you describe your photographic skill using your smartphone camera?

139 responses



Finally, summer will be here before you know it. The Education Committee is thinking about the possibility of offering educational opportunities in the form of "pop-ups." Pop-ups are informal classes/meets for club members who remain in Sun City during those HOT summer months! Is there a class you might be interested in, or do you have something you would like to share with folks? Please send me an email at cindyfiano@gmail.com. The summer opportunities will not be included in a formal catalog. Information and registration information about pop-ups will be sent out via email. The process will be more informal, but the classes will be just as inviting and educational. Let's highlight "Friends Helping Friends" all through the summer.

There are sixteen exciting classes scheduled in April and thirteen in May. The six April classes listed below still have seats available - [sign up](#) today!

S240418P - Simple Steps for Taking iPhone Photos You Will Love

- Date & Time: One Session: Apr 18th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Seats Available: 1

S240419A - Apple Photos

- Date & Time: One Session: Apr 19th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Seats Available: 1

S240422A - Mat Cutting I

- Date & Time: One Session: Apr 22nd from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Seats Available: 3

S240424A - Travelog: Norway & Iceland (Free)

- Date & Time: One Session: Apr 24th from 10:00 - 11:00 am
- Seats Available: 15

S240427A - LR Mobile Editing

- Date & Time: Two Sessions: Apr 27th from 9:30 - 11:30 am and May 1st from 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Seats Available: 5

S240429A - Orientation (Free - last offering before Fall 2024)

- Date & Time: One Session: Apr 29th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Seats Available: 15

The other ten remaining classes are FULL, but you can still register any of them. If a class is full when you register, 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.

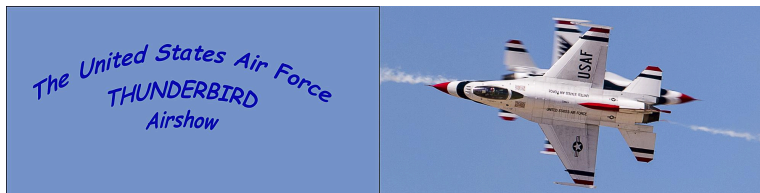
See you in Class!!!

Cindy Fiano
cindyfiano@gmail.com

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



We are on track to completing four field trips scheduled to date in 2024 with a total of 78 members and their invited guests participating! We are looking forward to seeing you on one of the Photography Clubs future field trips! Listed below are the field trips currently scheduled:



The USAF Thunderbirds Airshow at Joint Base Charleston - 2024

April 20, 2024, from 9 AM to 6 PM

The Charleston Airshow is a spectacular aerial event showcasing a variety of civilian and military performances, demonstrations and displays taking place at Joint Base (JB) Charleston on April 20th and April 21st. We have scheduled a field trip on Saturday April 20th from 9 AM to 6 PM. Come watch the “Heroes of Flight” show featuring one of this country's elite military air demonstration “The USAF Thunderbirds”! You will not be disappointed!

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. According to the Charleston Airshow website, Base Parking Passes are still available at this time!

There are a limited number of Base Parking Passes available for each show and are issued on a first come first served basis. 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](#).



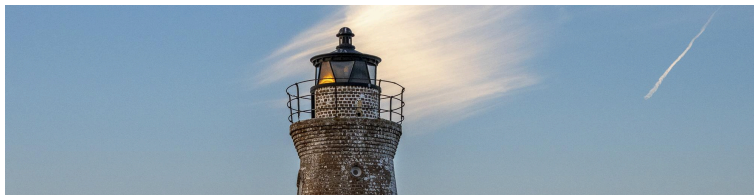
The Beidler Audubon Forest - 2024

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 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. To Pre-Register and purchase your ticket for the Beidler Audubon Forest, go to the Beidler Audubon Forest Website: <https://beidler.audubon.org/>

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



Sunset Dolphin Cruise and the Cockspur Lighthouse - May 2024

Date and Time TBA

Registration is not currently open at this time

We will be boarding one of Capt. Derek's Sunset Dolphin Cruise Boats to photograph the dolphins, in their natural environment, the Cockspur Light at sunset and more! The boat skipper implemented the ticket guarantee from our October 2023 cruise because he felt we did not see dolphins. The tripster's on the October cruise get to go on back for free. For all new registrations, there is a \$35 p/p fee plus tax for the Sunset Dolphin cruise. We will depart from Pinkney Hall parking

lot NLT 3:30. The dolphin cruise gets underway promptly at 5:15 and takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. After the cruise, we will gather at the Crab Shack on Tybee Island for a Group Meal. Sunset Dolphin Cruise Tickets Information on ticket purchases will be sent out at a later date. Please check your email for the field trip announcement!



Swan Lake and Iris Gardens May 2024

Date and Time TBA

Registration is not currently open at this time

We are returning to one of our favorite destinations in South Carolina, Sumter's Swan Lake Iris Gardens, home to the only public park in the United States to feature all eight swan species and some of the most intensive plantings of Japanese Iris in the United States.

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 on the first Wednesday each month from 1:30 - 3:00 pm on Zoom. We discuss features of both Apple and Android phone cameras. 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 April meeting 4/17 at 3:30 pm in the Studio will cover the post shooting focus selection function in ZS 100, ZS60 and FZ1000 ii models plus sharing for all members and practice on campus. There are three Lumix field trips planned for the spring.



Special Announcements

Note: If at the end of this email you did NOT see the "Friends Helping Friends" graphic and the standard message "You are receiving this email because you subscribed to the Sun City Photography Club's mailing list." then your email program probably truncated the newsletter. You may see a message at the bottom of the email, "[Message clipped]" with a hyperlink to view the entire message in a browser window, or simply a link to "Download entire message".

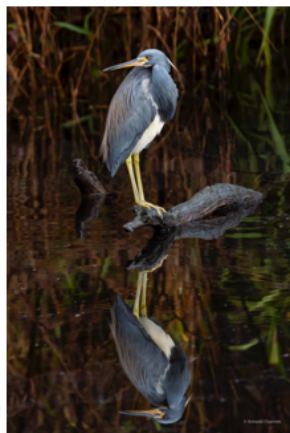
MARCH MEETING NEWS

Results of March Competition

Theme: Reflections

The judge had his work cut out for him this month. There were 75 entries. This may be a record. 28 were from Novices, 14 from Intermediates, 18 from Advanced, and 15 from Experts. These images will be on display in the studio window until after the April competition.

NOVICE



1st Place - Ron DuPont "Early Morning Reflections"

2nd Place - Shashi Cooduvalli "Autumn"

3rd Place - Nancy McKnight "Birch Tree"

Hon. Mention - Keri Ricci "It's All an Illusion"

INTERMEDIATE



1st Place - Sue VanDette "STOP"

2nd Place - Dave Robbins "Reflections at Bow Lake"

3rd Place - Barb Puceta "Music Man"

Hon. Mention - Mary Jo Carlson "Hampton Lagoon"

ADVANCED



1st Place - Kathy Leonard "Double Doodling"

2nd Place - Gerry Fagan "At the Gallery"

3rd Place - Doug Scott "Craig Mtn Lumber"

Hon. Mention - Marilyn Santiago "Rain Reflection"

EXPERT



1st Place - Julia Parrish "Black Skimmer"

2nd Place - John Hock "Maybe Someday I'll Be the Queen"

3rd Place - Pat Webster "Over the Bridge"

Hon. Mention - Corky Burt "Riverbend Reflections"

Competition Category Advancements

Club Members Zoom Into New Levels With "Reflections"



Kathy Leonard
to Expert



Sue VanDette
to Advanced



Shashi Cooduvalli
to Intermediate

We reached out to these members to speak with them after they advanced to the next level in competition.

Kathy Leonard, who advanced to the Expert level, moved to Sun City in the fall of 2017 and is from Ames, Iowa. Kathy says, "I knew I wanted to pursue photography after retirement, and the fact that Sun City had a Photography Club was an important factor in my decision to live here." She joined the club a few months after moving to Sun City and, "I immediately started participating in as many classes as possible." Her first competition was at the novice level in January of 2018. "So you can see it was a long road for me to advance to the expert level," she said. Kathy says in her early competitions, "I remember being in awe of the

photos produced at all levels, and especially those taken by the experts. I must admit that I am a bit apprehensive about now having to compete at that level, but excited at the same time to see how my photos measure up to those of the veteran photographers.” She encourages those who feel comfortable entering competitions to do so, adding “It’s a fun way to see how your photography measures up to others in your level of competition.”

Sue VanDette, moving up to Advanced level, has lived in Sun City for about three years and is from Buffalo, New York. Reflecting on how she got involved in the Photography Club, she said, “We (she and her husband Rick) went to a cell phone seminar that the Photography Club put on for all Sun City Residents back in late 2022,” and she went on to say, “We were impressed.” Sue described it as a “great meeting” where they received valuable cell phone tips, motivating their decision to join the Photography Club at the beginning of 2023. Sue recalls Guest Speaker John Barkley at the February 2023 Photography Club meeting inspired her when he spoke about “finding joy in your photography,” and “taking photos of what makes your heart sing.” She hung on to those words and said there are many things she loves about the club, “Classes have great value and have been a real treat to me.” February 2023 was also the first competition that Sue and Rick decided to enter. She said, “We jumped in with both feet and I don’t think we’ve missed a competition since. Being a part of the competition helps sharpen your skills and provides great feedback from the judges.” Sue continued, “It helps you become a better photographer by entering the competition.” Sue only shoots with “the best camera I have,” and that is her cell phone, the iPhone 14 Pro. To her, the club’s motto of “Friends Helping Friends,” says it perfectly as to what the Photography Club is all about.

Shashi Cooduvalli, who advanced to Intermediate, moved to Sun City in June of 2022 and is originally from State College, Pennsylvania. He says he joined the Photography Club last fall mentioning, “I’ve taken a few classes. It’s a new beginning for me.” He submitted photos to the competitions in October and November of 2023 and again this March. Shashi began photographing with his iPhone but has recently acquired a Sony camera, now using both. He has an incredibly positive personal perspective on the competition regarding encouraging others to participate. He says, “If you don’t submit, you don’t win. I am not so keen on competitions.” And he says he “doesn’t take it seriously. It’s a learning experience.” He feels, “I’m truly a novice,” and is looking forward to improving in “different areas of photography,” though he is leaning towards landscape photography, Shashi remains undecided on a specialty.

Article by Joe Turino

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 406 photographers:

Dennis Kitchen
Linda Paulsen
Bruce Marshall (new member feature below)
Patricia Marshall (new member feature below)
Myron Yakely (new member feature below)
Cynthia Houpt
Martin Kelinsky
Paul Wehner (new member feature below)
Cynthia Phillip
Patti Lee
Carl Klein
Ruth Standlee
Jan Ross

New Member Profiles:

HELLO I am a		
<i>New Member</i>		
<i>Robert (Bob) Yakely</i>		

Hello! My name is Robert (Bob) Yakely. I just moved to Sun City in Jan and joined the photography club this month. I am from Denver, CO and I have camped, hiked and photographed Colorado's mountains every year since 1969 when I moved there to start my Urology Residency at the University of Colorado's Health Sciences Medical Center. The picture above is from the Snowmass Maroon Bells Wilderness area outside of Aspen, CO. An interesting fact about me is that I lived on a 45 ft

sailboat in the Caribbean during the winter months for 10 years. I joined the Photography Club because it has been a hobby of mine since I was a Boy Scout so I have a working knowledge of the basics. I usually use my Nikon D5300 and my Samsung S22 for taking pictures. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape and Travel photography, but would like to try People, Macro, Sports, Street, Fine Art, Abstract and Intentional Camera Movement photography.

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Paul Wehner



Hello! My name is Paul Wehner. I have lived in Sun City for 11 and a half years and joined the photography club in March 2024. I am originally from Maryland, but lived in Tennessee for 34 years. I joined the Photography Club because of my interest in photography - I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography with the Nikon Z6II as my primary camera. The picture above is of Yosemite Falls that I took a few years ago when we were visiting Yosemite. At the time I was using a Nikon D50 camera. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape, People and Travel photography.

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Patty & Bruce Marshall



Hello! We are Patty and Bruce Marshall. We have lived in Sun City for 15 years and joined the photography club 1 month ago. We are from Montreal, Canada, have lived in France and moved to Sun City from New Jersey. We speak and understand French, having grown up and lived our first 41 years in Quebec and then Paris in the 90's. Bruce enjoys playing guitar, running, and golf. Bruce has

run in 56 full marathons (26.2 miles) and is the past President of SC Strummers

and SC Striders. Patty joined the Photography Club because she enjoys photography and wants to improve her skills and learn from experts. She has a working knowledge of the basics of photography with the Nikon Coolpix P 950, Canon Powershot SX60HS, Pentax K100D and iPhone 12 as her primary cameras. Bruce joined the Photography Club to get inspired and to improve his photography skills. He has a working knowledge of the basics of photography with the Canon EOS 7D as his primary camera. Patty took the first picture recently at the Hidden Cypress 18th Hole rookery, a Great Egret showing off his plumes, while Bruce took the second picture from our back patio - "Xmas Lights on the Lagoon". We both currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife and Landscape photography. Patty would like to try People, Macro, Black and White, Fine Art, Abstract and Intentional Camera Movement photography, while Bruce would like to try Sports, Street and Black and White photography.



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 April Photographer of the Month is Pat Webster. Go to pcschh.org and access this exciting feature from Home/Announcements or from Galleries on the main menu. Meet Pat Webster and view a showcase of some of her favorite photographs.

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 pcschgalleries@gmail.com to have your portfolio included.



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