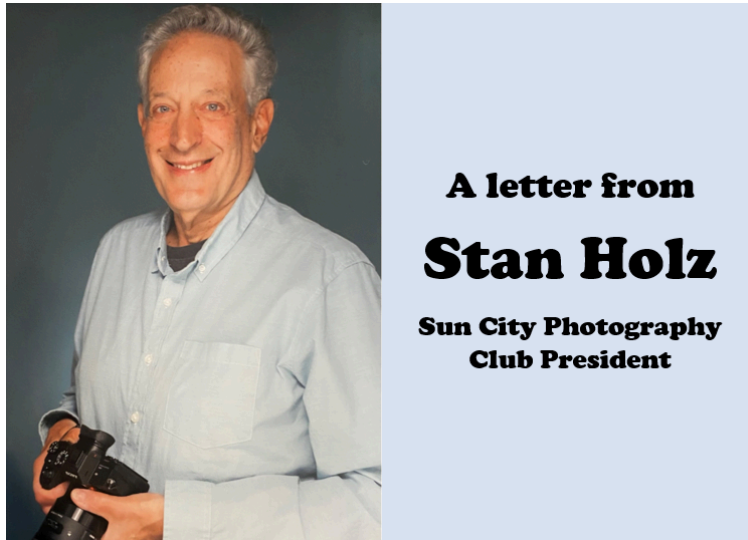


Photography Club of Sun City - May Newsletter

May 1, 2024



Well, another season is coming to an end ... goodbye spring and hello summer. Since many of our members travel during the summer, our club's May meeting will be the last one until we start up again in September. As of late June, our Tuesday open studio sessions will also be on hiatus. There has been some discussion about maintaining a limited schedule during the summer, but nothing has been decided yet, so stay tuned.

Two of our members have moved up in the competition rankings after winning ribbons at our April meeting. Congratulations to Keri Ricci and Fred Andrews, both of whom have progressed from Novice to Intermediate.

Our Tuesday, May 14th meeting will be in person, also known as non-Zoom, and will be held at our usual Hidden Cypress room. The competition will be a print one, so a print and a digital submission will be required. The theme is "Colorful," which allows for a huge range of creativity and interpretation. This should be fun.

Our guest speaker will be our own Lucy Rosen, who always provides an excellent presentation for her fellow club members.

So, have a great summer, take plenty of pictures, and let's all look forward to resuming a great variety of classes, trips, and programs for our fall season. Be safe and stay healthy.

Stan Holz



Monthly Snapshot

Upcoming Events, Classes, and More

Monthly Meeting

Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7 pm, slideshow starts at 6:30 pm

In-Person!

Meeting Location: Hidden Cypress

Contest Entry Format: Print - enter with your digital version and bring your print to the meeting.

Contest Theme: “Colorful”

Deadline for Contest Submission: Midnight on Sunday, May 12, 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: Lucy Rosen

Presentation Topic: Social Media For Artists AKA Photographers and how to get published.

If you want to go beyond Facebook and explore additional platforms for meeting new photographers, showing your work, learning new techniques, and more, Lucy will be giving a broad overview of social media do's/ don'ts and “how to”. The second half of this short program is how to get published. If you have a goal of a photo essay in a local, regional, or national publication, or maybe you want to

shoot for a local publication here in the Lowcountry, but don't know how to go about it, you will after this program!

Lucy Rosen is the founder and owner of SmartMarketing Communications, an award-winning 40-year-old Marketing/ Public Relations/ Graphic Design agency. She relocated to the Lowcountry in 2014 from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has loved every minute of living and working here. Author of several business books, Lucy has been quoted, featured, and mentioned in dozens of publications about creating business opportunities and networking. She is an avid bird photographer and spends most of her free time creating images.

Upgraded photo competition entry process is coming!

The current competition entry process is being streamlined and will be unveiled soon. Be sure not to miss all the details that will be announced in an email sent to all members. Additionally, these updates will be incorporated into the Competition Rules and Guidelines found on the club website.

2025 Photo Competition Themes

January - Wildlife

February - Have a Drink

March - Signs

April - Close Up

May - Photo of a Person

September - Slanted/Incline

October - It Gives Me the Creeps

November - Open. No time limit on entries

December - People's Choice

Feature Article

Summer Snaps: Where to Capture Stunning Shots *by Joe Turino*

As the days stretch longer and the golden hour glows warmer, it is time for us to load our gear and set our sights on new horizons. Summer, a season synonymous with vivid adventures and picturesque landscapes, beckons us outdoors - not only for vacationing, but for capturing that perfect shot. Whether you are a seasoned shutterbug or an eager newbie, our community does not need an excuse to explore the viewfinder's potential.

On Earth Day, during our special event "Saturday Sale," several members shared their prized locales for capturing compelling images. It is clear our members have an eye for the spectacular, and they are generous with their insights!

Barbara Reeves, alongside Julia Parrish who recently instructed a spring class titled "Focus on the Subject," highlighted some enchanting spots. Barbara recommends Forsythe Park in Savannah for its vibrant street life and expressive portraits waiting at every corner. Not to stop there, the Savannah Historic District and Charleston are her go-tos for architectural elegance and lush garden vistas. She also praises Magnolia Plantation for its floral beauty and the lively fauna at Bonaventure Cemetery, where each monument tells a silent story, begging to be told through your lens. Julia, with her extensive list, is all about the wild side. She suggests the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge in Titusville, Florida, for breathtaking wildlife shots. Other notable mentions include Swan Lake and Iris Gardens in Sumter, SC, and Cypress Wetlands in Port Royal, SC. For those looking for a wide array of local treasures, Julia recommends visiting our club's website under 'Member Resources' and exploring the 'Local Photo Sites' section. Here, you will find a curated list of spectacular spots, each promising unique photographic opportunities.

Doug Scott, our locomotive enthusiast, frequents Ashland, Virginia, to chase the thundering charm of trains - a niche yet thrilling subject. He also ventures to Folkston, Georgia, and Bear Mountain in New York for those majestic rail shots.

Rich Mattheyny turns his lens towards the melodious world of songbirds and the striking red cockaded woodpeckers at James Webb in nearby Hampton County, SC. Meanwhile, Corky Burt finds his muse among the scaly inhabitants and the avian subjects of the Alligator Farm in St. Augustine, Florida, providing opportunities to refine photographic techniques.

Everett Denning, a devoted wildlife photographer, ranks Merritt Island in Florida as his top three locations for capturing nature in its rawest form, with Sylvan Heights Bird Park in Scotland Neck, North Carolina also making his list.

This summer, let us challenge ourselves to not only visit some of these recommended spots but to also discover new ones! With our cameras as our faithful companions, every destination offers a chance to freeze a moment, tell a story, or simply celebrate the beauty of our world. Grab your gear, set your aperture, and let us make this summer unforgettable through the art of photography. Happy shooting!

Studio News

First Saturday Sales: This event takes place on Saturday, May 4th, from 10 am to 12 pm in the photography studio and is open to all residents of Sun City.

EDUCATION PROGRAM



Classes: We are midway through our Spring Semester. There has been lots of enthusiasm over the information our instructors have shared. But it's not over yet! Following are classes that still have seats available:

S240503P - Masking in Lightroom Classic

- Date & Time: One Session: May 3rd from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
- Seats Available: 10

S240504P - Precut Mats

- Date & Time: One Session: May 4th from 1:30 - 3:30 pm

- PERFECT timing for those of you who need to get your PRINT ready for the May “Colorful” competition!
- Seats Available: 4

S240508A - Fundamentals 100 for Cameras

- Date & Time: Four Sessions: May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd and May 29th from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Seats Available: 5

S240511A - Composition Guidelines for Novices

- Date & Time: One Session: May 11th from 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Seats Available: 5

S240605A - Introduction to Creative Vision (Free)

- Date & Time: One Session: June 5th from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- Seats Available: 13

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.

Survey Update: Some additional tidbits from the Smartphone Camera Use Survey are coming to light. As a refresher, there were 139 responses representing a 35% response rate from our membership. Of those members who responded, 83% were iPhone users and 17% were Android users and 55% stated they use their smartphone camera as their primary camera. This month we dive a little deeper into the question “How do you describe your photographic skills using your smartphone camera?” and “Do you use your smartphone camera for taking pictures?”

For the question, “How do you describe your photographic skills using your smartphone camera?”, 6% responded “I am very experienced”, 21% responded “I am confident with my skills and knowledge”, 61% responded “I have a working knowledge of the basics” while 12% responded “I am just getting started”.

How do you describe your photographic skills using your smartphone camera?	Android	iPhone	Survey Total
I am very experienced	1	8	9
I am confident with my skills and knowledge	4	25	29
I have a working knowledge of the basics	18	67	85
I am just getting started	1	15	16
Survey Total	24	115	139

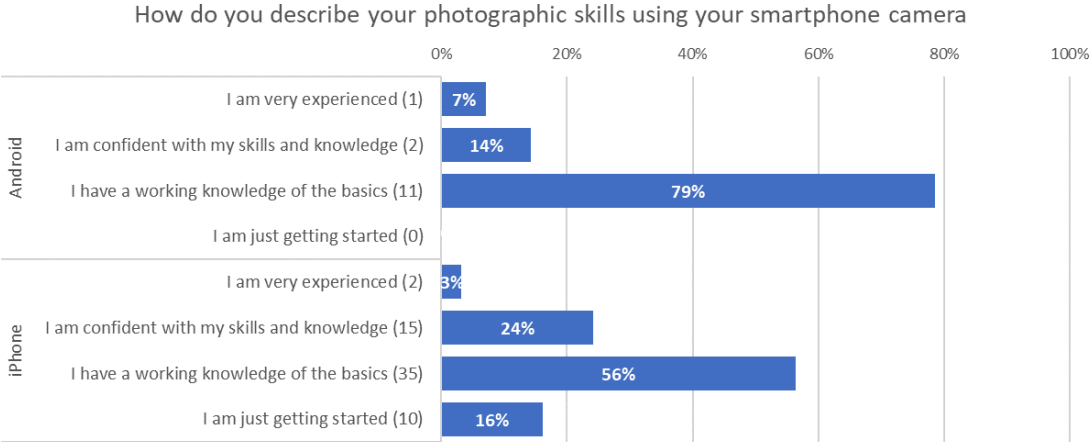
When asked “Do you use your smartphone camera for taking pictures?”, 55% responded that the smartphone was their primary camera, 41% responded that it was their backup camera and 4% responded that they don’t take pictures with their smartphone, but think they need to learn how.

Do you use your smartphone camera for taking pictures?	Android	iPhone	Survey Total
Yes - it's my primary camera	14	62	76
Yes - it's my backup camera	8	49	57
No - but I think I need to learn how	2	4	6
Survey Total	24	115	139

The responses broken out by camera use, photographic skill and smartphone type were informative.

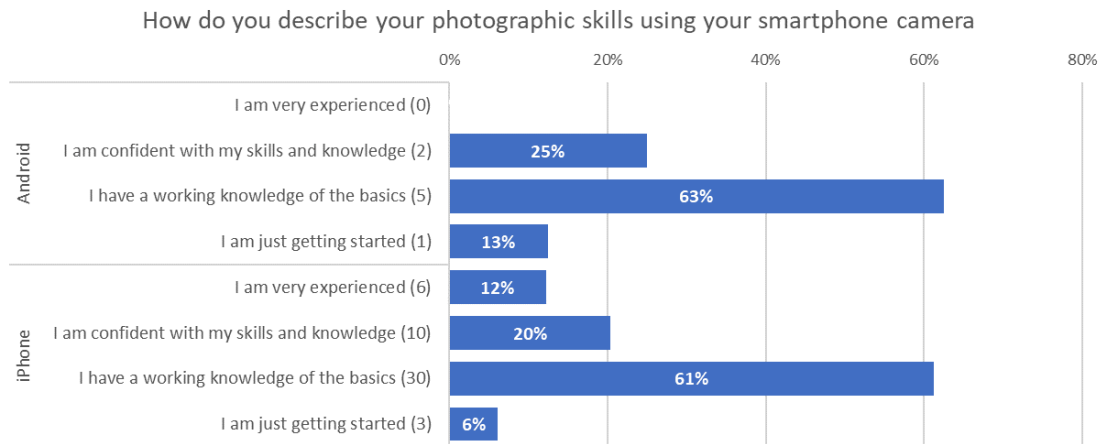
Of those who stated that the smartphone was their primary camera, 21% of Android and 27% of iPhone users were either very experienced or confident in their skills and knowledge, 79% of Android users and 56% of iPhone users had a working knowledge of the basics, and 16% of iPhone users were just getting started (no Android users).

“Yes - it’s my primary camera”



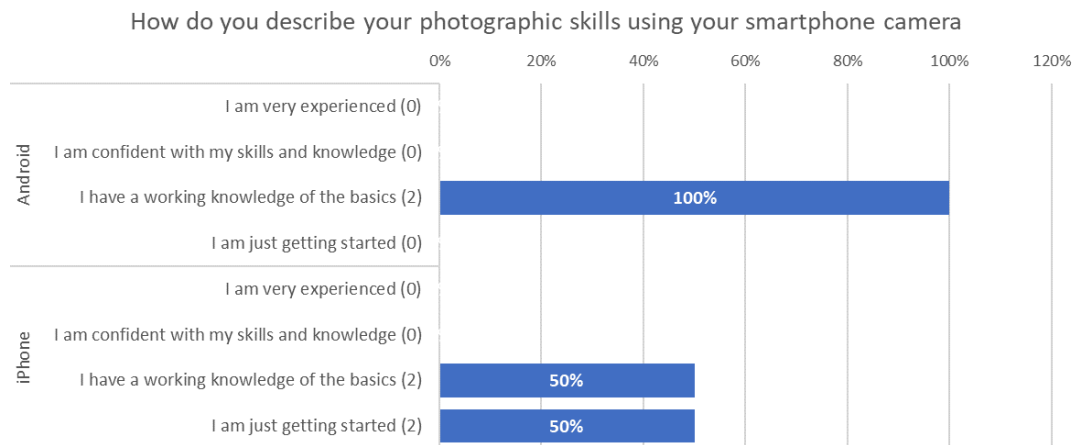
Of those who stated that the smartphone was their backup camera, 25% of Android and 32% of iPhone users were either very experienced or confident in their skills and knowledge, 63% of Android users and 61% of iPhone users had a working knowledge of the basics, and 13% of Android users and 6% iPhone users were just getting started.

“Yes - it’s my backup camera”



Finally, of those who stated that they don't take pictures with their smartphone, but think they need to learn how, no Android or iPhone users were either very experienced or confident in their skills and knowledge, 100% of Android users and 50% of iPhone users had a working knowledge of the basics, 50% iPhone users were just getting started (no Android users).

“No - but I think I need to learn how”



Stay tuned for more insights from the Smartphone Camera Use Survey data as we dig deeper into the details.

Upcoming: As mentioned in the April Newsletter, the Education Committee is thinking about the possibility of offering summer 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.

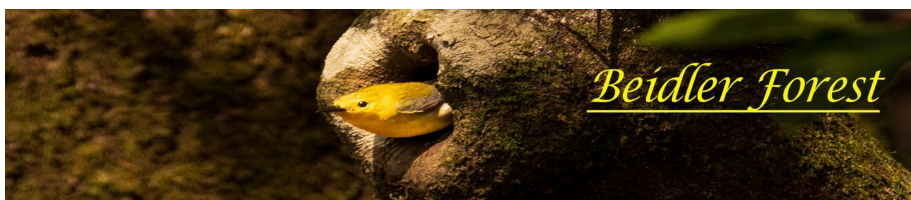
See you in Class!!!

Cindy Fiano
cindyfiano@gmail.com

UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS



We have three field trips remaining through the end of May! To date, a total of 46 members and their invited guests have participated on the four field trips! We are looking forward to seeing you on one of the Photography Clubs future field trips!



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 2024

Thursday May 16, 2024, from 3:30 to 9:30 PM

Let us fill the boat! We have 32 registered for the field trip. 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!

After the October 2023 cruise, the boat skipper implemented the ticket guarantee because he felt we did not see dolphins. Based on this ticket guarantee, the tripster's from the October cruise will get to go on back for free. For all new registrations, there is a \$40 p/p fee (tax included) for the Sunset Dolphin cruise. We will depart from Pinkney Hall parking lot NLT 3:30. We will gather at the Crab Shack on Tybee Island around 5 pm BEFORE the cruise. The dolphin cruise gets underway promptly at 7:15 and takes approximately 90 minutes to complete. Additional details on the Sunset Dolphin Cruise and information on Ticket purchases are included within the sign up form.

To register for the Sunset Dolphin Cruise and the Cockspur Lighthouse 2024 field trip, click on the Cockspur Lighthouse banner above or [click on this link](#).



Swan Lake and Iris Gardens

May 30, 2024, 7:00 am to 3:30 pm

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.

To register for the Swan Lake and Iris Gardens field trip, click on the Swan Lake 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

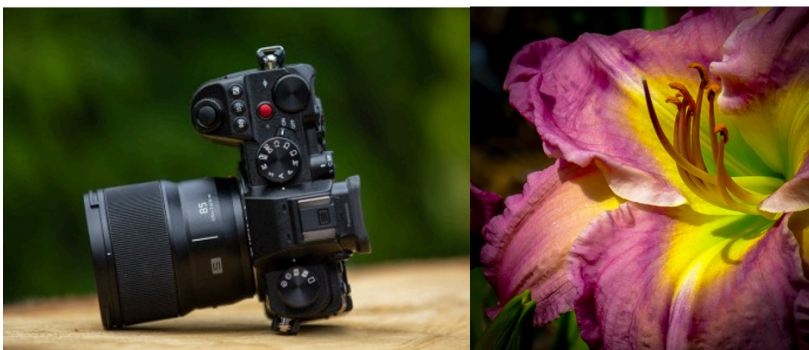
Phone Camera



The Phone Photography SIG meets TODAY, May 1st from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Zoom. The June meeting will be held on May 29th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm on Zoom. This will be the final meeting until we resume in the fall on Sep 4th.

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



Lumix UG has two upcoming field trips. May 8th to the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens with a late lunch at Sweet Potatoes and May 18th walking the Point in Beaufort with lunch at Q on the Bay. Bob Kampwirth will present “tips on using

your Lumix you will love” at the May meeting May 15th at 3:30 pm in the studio. For more details, contact Freddi Hoffmann 860-841-8586 freddih@sbcglobal.net.



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APRIL MEETING NEWS

Results of April Competition

Theme: Black and White

Judge: Janice Koskey

The judge had her work cut out for her last month. There were 77 total entries. 25 were from Novices, 15 from Intermediates, 21 from Advanced, and 16 from Experts. These images will be on display in the studio window until after the May competition.

NOVICE



1st Place - Fred Andrews, "Your Average Barbershop"
2nd Place - Keri Ricci, "The Storm Cometh"
3rd Place - Marilyn Wahl, "Misty Moonlight Serenity"
Honorable Mention - Mark Weiss, "A Night in Budapest"

INTERMEDIATE



1st Place - Susan Lange, "Nature's Natural Black and White Beauty"
2nd Place - Joyce Fowler, "Aegean Breeze"
3rd Place - Dolly Jankord, "The Rose"
Honorable Mention - Michael Laferriere, "Man in the Mirror"

ADVANCED



1st Place - Steve Tate, "This Old Horse"
2nd Place - Everett Denning, "Crayfish for Lunch"
3rd Place - Randy Grundleger, "Rainy Day in NYC"
Honorable Mention - Doug Scott, "Street Running"

EXPERT



1st Place - Tom Mills, "Gliding Along Burkes Beach"

2nd Place - Stan Lituchy, "Weaver of Sweetgrass Baskets"

3rd Place - Kathy Leonard, "Gentle Hands"

Honorable Mention - Julia Parrish, "Water Lily"

Competition Category Advancements

Fred Andrews - Novice to Intermediate

Keri Ricci - Novice to Intermediate



Please join us in welcoming the Sun City Photography Club's newest members, bringing our membership count to 415 photographers:

Donna Hock

Alan Houpt

Dennis Jandik (new member feature below)

Gregory Cunningham (new member feature below)

Philip Hupcher

Susanne Hupcher

Myriam Ruiz-De-Castilla

Rosemary Yakely

Lawrence Ostrowski

New Member Profiles:

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Dennis Jandik



Hello! My name is Dennis Jandik. I have lived in Sun City for 4 months and joined the photography club several weeks ago. My wife Sandi and I are from Minneapolis Minnesota where we also have a residence so we can remain close to our three children and two granddaughters during the summer months.



I completed a photography class in college and enjoyed both taking and developing pictures. I have continued shooting pictures over the years mostly of family and friends and some wildlife and landscape views. I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography, primarily using my Canon EOS Rebel but also my smartphone camera. I was excited about joining the Photography Club to expand my knowledge of picture composition and other more advanced photography skills. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife and Travel photography, but would like to try sports/action photography and black and white photography.

The picture above was shot in the backyard of a residence we owned in Sarasota Florida. The eagle had just landed and attempted to take a fish away from a crane at the edge of the pond. He failed and took flight.

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Greg Cunningham



Hello! My name is Greg Cunningham . I have lived in Sun City for 2 years and joined the photography club this month. I grew up in Illinois but lived in Fort

Myers Florida before moving to SCHH. An interesting fact about me is that after doing about 5 years of Wedding photography, I spent the next 20 years barely touching a camera. Looking forward to focusing on the Art of Photography. I joined the Photography Club because I am interested in the realm of high definition digital photography following a 35 year pause. Having done lots of film photography, I have a working knowledge of the basics of photography. I usually use my Nikon D850 w/ Nikon 28-300mm zoom. I currently enjoy Nature, Wildlife, Landscape, Macro and Travel photography, but would like to try Street, Black and White and Abstract photography.

Above is a picture of my wife and I in The Badlands National Park and a picture of the “Mormon Barns” on Mormon Row in the Grand Tetons which we visited last year.

HELLO
I am a

New Member

Ruth Standlee

Hello! My name is Ruth Standlee. I have lived in Sun City for 4 years and joined the photography club in March. I was born in Syracuse, NY, lived in south Jersey, Chicago and Siesta Key, FL. An interesting fact about me is that I joined the Photography Club because of my need to learn how to operate my camera better. I intend to do some traveling this year and have pulled my LUMIX out of storage to finally learn how to use it or perhaps replace it. I am just getting started in my photography journey so I need some basic camera lessons and hope to attend classes at the Club. I would like to learn more about Nature, Wildlife, Landscape, Macro and Travel 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 pcschhwebsite@gmail.com with any suggestions.

Photographer of the Month

Our May Photographer of the Month is Doug Scott. Go to pcschh.org and access this exciting feature from Home/Announcements or from Galleries on the main menu.

Meet Doug Scott and view a showcase of some of his favorite photographs.

If you would like to be considered for a future Photographer of the Month, please email pcschhwebsite@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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