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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING March 8

PROGRAMS

March 8 "Preparing to Capture
Captivating Images" David Culp
May 10 "The Beauty of Flower Photography"
Donna Eaton

COMPETITIONS

April Tools of the Trade
June B/W or Sepia NO COLOR
August Seaside & Beaches
October Golden Hour or Blue Hour
December Industrial (Online)

WORKSHOPS

April & May "Landscape Composition"
with Kate Silva
June/July Printing

EXHIBITS

September Arts Council

Virtual OUTINGS Texture

OUTINGS

March 16th NC Zoo

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

NEVA SCHEVE



Spring is coming. The temperatures may go up and down and the weather may be unpredictable, but I can feel a change in the air. Every year in mid-February it becomes apparent the days are getting longer and during the last week the birds have been showing up to my feeders in pairs.

It's been a hard year for everybody because of the pandemic, but the news is turning a bit more positive. Many of us have already received our vaccines and in the next few months more of us who want to will be able to receive them, too. As I am writing this, cases are starting to decline. Maybe there is light at the end of the tunnel.

In April, The New Normal Task Force will be submitting their suggestions for moving forward for the next months and year. In the meantime, Susan Bailey will be putting together some outdoor in person outings that we can do in March. If it ever stops raining!

We are also planning for our exhibit at the Campbell house in September. It's not too early to start thinking about it. Shari Dutton will be announcing exact dates and more information. We need a theme! In past exhibits, we have had themes that are broad enough that any type of photograph can be included. For example the last ones were "Beyond the Lens" at the Campbell House and "Chasing the Light" at the Hastings Gallery. Have an idea for a new theme? Send it to Shari and we will choose from the ideas submitted.

As we get out and shoot, think about what you might print for the exhibit. We have so many excellent photographers of all levels and experience in this club. I feel confident that after this long year, we can put together an amazing exhibit.

Keep shooting! **Neva**

MEMBERSHIP – JO ANN SLUDER

With March comes the excitement that Spring will soon be upon us. Birds singing, flowers blooming and a chance to spend some time outside; long walks, just you, your camera and God's canvas of beauty as it blossoms and grows.

Speaking of that, we also want to see Sandhills Photography Club blossom and grow! During this pandemic, it has been harder for people to seek us out and learn what we have to offer. This is where we encourage and challenge you, our membership, to get involved.



JO ANN SLUDER

Please **INSPIRE**, **INVITE**, and **INTRODUCE** your friends, family, and acquaintances to Sandhills Photography Club. There is no better way to get the word out than sharing and inspiring others through your first-hand experiences.

If you do not recall our e-mail blast of Sunday, Feb. 21st, please view the sandhillsphtoclub.org website, under Membership Only to see the guidelines for membership involvement.

We have received 75 renewed Memberships for 2021. We anticipate more that have probably overlooked submitting, but as you are aware, in order to participate in competitions, workshops and meetings, you must be a member. Please keep in mind, relatively soon we will be removing non-renewed members from the roster and you will no longer be receiving e-mailed announcements. So, if you have not renewed yet, please renew soon.

We look forward to seeing you March 8th on Zoom!

SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021!

- Family Membership- \$75
- Individual Membership - \$55
- Student (18 and over) Membership - \$20

There are two basic ways to pay your renewal dues:

- Mail a check to:

Sandhills Photo Club
P O Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388

Or

- Pay by Paypal which is a convenience– go to our website www.SandhillsPhotoClub.org and click links under Membership which is on the homepage. The website pages will instruct you.



Any questions, please contact:
membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org

PROGRAMS, *JACQUES WOOD*

March 8, 2021: “Preparing to Capture Captivating Images”

This program will be presented by David Culp who is a nature



photographer and photo instructor living near Asheville, NC.



JACQUES WOOD

David’s presentation will cover how “Preparation is Key” by demonstrating how to select locations, plan the logistics, adapt to Mother Nature, allow for fluidity, and work in some fun time while on your journey! He will go into detail how to identify the

best spots, times of day and even angles to photograph when venturing to a location for the first time.

David was recently named as one of 42 Awesome Photographers by Photoshelter and his work can be seen in multiple books, tourist promotions and magazines around the world. His love for travel has led him to 49 of our states as well as 33 different countries. David strives to deliver imagery that tells a story, immersing the viewer into the scene, while maintaining a realism that is often missing in today’s photography.

David spends much of his time teaching others the art of photography while still finding time to chase the light and provide inspiring imagery. His photography tours and workshops focus on finding unique locations in the US and around the world. He loves to inspire others to improve their skills and to expand their comfort zones and hopes you will consider joining him on one of his adventures.

You can learn more about his work, travels and tours at

www.Davidculpphotography.com

EXHIBITS, SHARI DUTTON**SAVE THE DATE!**

We have scheduled a photography exhibit with the Art's Council of Moore County for their September gallery exhibit. I hope all of you will participate! We will be voting on a theme/title for the exhibit at the next board meeting. If you have any ideas, please email me at shari.dutton@yahoo.com

**SHARI DUTTON**

We will provide more details soon, but here are some dates to make on your calendar:

- August 31: Delivery of photographs to the gallery.
- September 3: Opening reception from 6-8 P.M (depending on Covid restrictions at the time, this could be modified).
- September 30: Exhibit ends
- October 1: Pickup artwork at the gallery.

The Art's Council has requested that 90% of the artwork be for sale. This is a good opportunity to make a little money and provide support for a local non-profit organization that has faced challenges with the Covid shutdowns.

Fun Facts on the Black Bear:

- The black bear actually comes in an array of colors, including black, brown, cinnamon, glacier blue, blonde, and white.
- Claws are short, extremely sharp, and great for climbing trees.
- Black bears are important seed dispersers of the plants they eat.



See Susan Bailey's article on page 14 for information on how YOU can see a Black Bear!!!!!!

Congratulations

Neva



Tier 1 - Captive
3rd Place – Neva Scheve



*Third Place in the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association Members Choice
This is the image taken at the NC Zoo.*

WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

Would like to welcome **Mary Meier** to the Workshop Committee. Mary is relatively new to the club and has graciously agreed to help on the Workshop Committee.

Could still use additional help on the committee. If you would like to help shape the types of workshops, or interested in presenting or just help the logistics of the workshop please contact me via email lipski@charter.net

As we still must content with COVID and its restrictions, we will attempt to hold workshops online until we can safely meet in person. When practical the workshop will be 2 parts. A classroom portion, followed in a few weeks a "presentation" portion, where the attendees will show off what they managed to accomplish with the new skills. This will be attended by 10 members.

The two part "Using Flash" with Brian Osborne was held Monday Feb 8 where we learned some basic flash techniques. The participants were then given exercises to practice what they learn. A follow-up session was held on Feb 22 where they went over their pictures.

A "Landscape Composition" workshop with Kate Silva will be held April 20 and May 4th. Keep an eye out for more details in an e-blast. Check out some information about Kate at her website:

www.katesilviaphotography.com



Frank Lipski



A free three-part series on printing will be held on June 22, 29 and July 6 at 9:30. More details will be forth coming. Have been requested to attempt to schedule some workshops that are better suited for those members who still work fulltime. We will try to schedule some evening or weekend classes.

Workshops, continued:

Other topic being considered for this coming year:

- Use Phones for Photography
- Finalize the Street Photography Shootout
- Getting it right in the Camera

Let's hope we can begin meeting in person in the immediate future.



BONNY HENDERSON

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel

Congratulations to the winners of our February 2021 "Open" competition. Everyone agreed that our judge Aurora DeLuca provided helpful comments and valuable feedback. If you were not able to attend the competition, please go to the website and view the images. Our next competition will be in April. The topic is "Tools of the Trade" and the galleries will open mid-March.



JERRY KOZEL

Congratulations to **Shari Dutton** who has moved from Tier 1 to Tier 2. Great job, Shari!

Our "Open" competition was comprised of 64 images, which is a respectable number of entries, but we are noticing a drop in participation from Tier 1 members. If you are a new member or you have never entered a competition, please haul out your cameras, screw up your courage, and ENTER! A competition should be viewed as a great learning experience, not a cut-throat rivalry. This is not the Hunger Games. We employ judges to give us their feedback and make constructive comments on each image so we all may learn and improve. When we entered our first competitions, almost everyone got butterflies when the judge critiqued our first entries. But, don't forget that you're operating in total anonymity. No one knows which member has submitted which entry. Until the winners are announced, no one will put a name or a face to a specific image. The judges are generally positive and helpful. No one will pick on you, no one will embarrass you, no one will care if your image has flaws. We know it's scary, but don't be afraid to put yourself out there. Once you've participated in a couple of competitions, you may find yourself looking forward to what the judge will say about your image and everyone else's. The butterflies are still there, but not as strong, and you will learn a lot of basics for improving your photography. If you make a habit of entering the competitions, your photography will improve, and your club experience will be more fulfilling. If you've entered competitions and you haven't won anything, keep trying! Judges are people, too, and their choices are subjective, but they do present valuable information to back up their choices. We guarantee you'll learn basic rules and improve your photography even if you don't win any ribbons. If your photography improves and you're happier with your images, you've already won.

Whether you are a new member or a member who hasn't entered a competition, if you have questions, please contact us. We will be glad to help you sort out any confusion and hopefully give you a shot of confidence. We strive to have participation from everyone and we'll do our best to help you. Email us at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org.

Keep shooting,

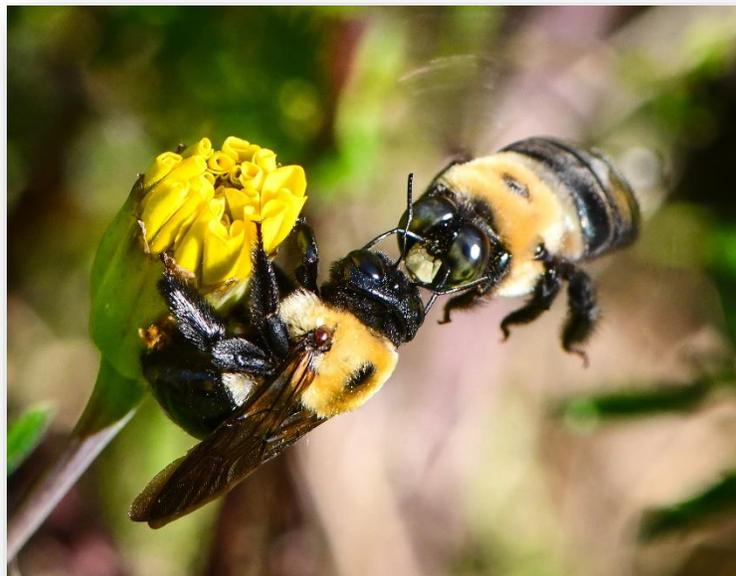
Bonny & Jerry

February OPEN Competition

Tier 1



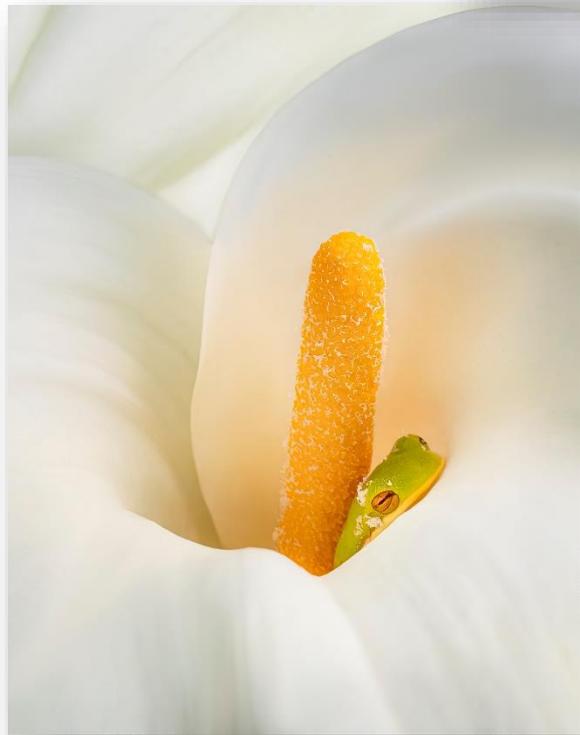
1st Place: Shari Dutton
Frozen Reflection



2nd Place: Trish Dooling
Buzz Buss

Tier 2

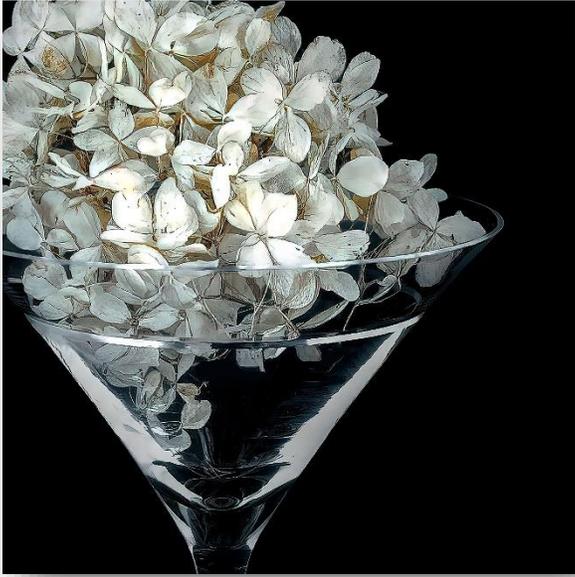
1st Place: Jim Brown
Furman Tower



2nd Place: Dee Williams
All Snuggled In



3rd Place: Dee Williams
Infinite Blue



**1st HM: Lana Rebert
Dry Martini**

**2nd HM: Lana Rebert
Shelter Within**



**3rd HM: Mary New
His Lover's Rose**





1st Place: Neva Scheve
Morning Fisherman

Tier 3



2nd Place: Diane McCall
Rocky Mountain High



3rd Place: Bill Matthews
Little Bird on a Big Rock



**1st HM: Donna Ford
Lost in Thought**

**2nd HM: Jim Davis
Home Builders**





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Website

Notes

This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is for [Ira Miller](#). Click his name to view his gallery.

You may view the club directory at: [Club Directory](#). If you would like to have your photo added to the directory, or change the one in the gallery, just send a favorite to me at [John German](#). I will add it to the gallery.

Member Galleries

Members who would like a personal gallery should let me know at website@sandhillsphtoclub.org, and I will send an upload link for their use. See the website "Member Galleries" page for instructions on sizing, etc. **This link will continue to work but if you wish to change images, I must delete the old ones. You can upload at will. If you have lost your link, just let me know and I will resend it to you.**

If you have a personal website, please let me know and I can provide a link on the "Member's Galleries" page for you. Please view the member's websites & galleries on this tab on the club website.

Thank you,
John German

PS: Please email any errors that you may notice on the website. I will correct them as soon as possible. website@sandhillsphtoclub.org

TREASURER'S REPORT - FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

TOTAL FUNDS		
Checking		\$6,125.42
Savings		\$888.19
CD		\$4,045.23
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$11,058.84



JUDY NAPPI

2021 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY

We have been taking images expressing Motion in February. Upload your two favorites until February 28 with the links provided in the email for the Photo Challenge. Voting will take place the first week of March on those entries.

In March we will be posting images showing Texture. You can use any subject you want: dog fur, bark, close up of a piece of cake or most anything!

Please post your Texture images on Facebook and/or upload to the website. We will have a challenge and voting again. If you are not on Facebook and want your images to be considered for the newsletter, to me at: susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com



Textures - Smooth



Susan Bailey

please send them

BIG NEWS!! We are planning some real outings!

Tuesday, March 16th
10am -12pm or later

NC Zoo
4401 Zoo Parkway
Asheboro, NC



Back Bear - NC Zoo



Textures - Sand

Tickets must be pre-purchased for a specific entry time (10am) - \$15, \$13 over 62
This entry time must be used between 10am and 10:30am.

<https://www.nczoo.org>

Park in "North America" parking and we will meet inside the ticket between 10am and 10:30am. Masks are strongly enforced in all areas of the zoo.

You need to be able to walk the paths from North American towards Africa as the Tram is only running in the reverse direction so they can clean it. If you have not been to the zoo, please be aware there are many hills. Walk up food is available, but I would suggest you bring your own food and drink.

All indoor habitats are closed – check the NC Zoo website for other information.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND AND HAVE PURCHASED YOUR TICKET.

susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

**SEE SOME OF OUR MOTION
PICTURES ON THE NEXT PAGE....**



Motion Images:

- 1 John German
- 2 Carroll Williams
- 3 Wendall Dance
- 4 Shari Dutton
- 5 Mary New
- 6 Neva Scheve
- 7 John German
- 8 Diane McKay
- 9 Diane McCall
- 10 Cathy Locklear

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