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Morning light on Sky Top

These wonderful images are of the Hudson Valley in New York State. Hopefully this will help you realize that not all New Yorkers are from New York City!!!

On clear days, Sky Top Tower offers views in all directions of up to six states. It is hard to imagine the Shawangunk skyline without Sky Top Tower — a landmark that many of us look for whenever we pass by...

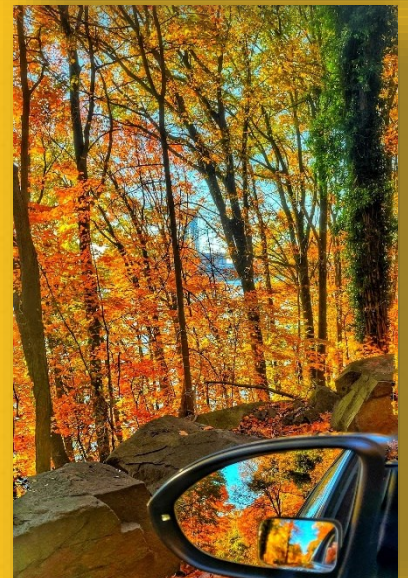
Images by
Grant Scully
a wonderful Contributor with The Hudson Valley group on Facebook and kind enough to allow me to share these with you.



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PRESIDENT – CAL RICE

President's Column, October 2024



Cal Rice

A dynamic vibrant organization has many characteristics. Three important ones are:

1. Knowledgeable committed leadership
2. Programs and activities which meet the needs and desires of the members
3. Members who actively take part in the organization's functions

I will share more on these topics in future months. Right now, I want to concentrate on the third item.

Some members were concerned about this month's competition wondering whether people really understood "Abstract" and would they submit images.

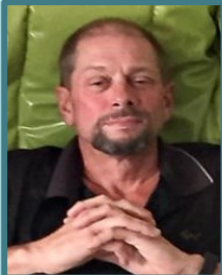
The Competition Committee has informed me that we have 53 entries with seven members entering a competition for the first time. They also indicate the judge will have a real challenge selecting among the excellent entries.

I have not seen the images yet, but I commend and thank everyone who, by entering, contributes to the excellence of the Sandhills Photography Club.

Cal Rice

Next Meeting: October 14th 7pm

Treasurer's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$4,027.55
	Savings	\$7,064.04
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$11,091.59



Frank Lipski

COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO

<https://www.sandhillspgphotoclub.org/competitions>



Mike Sassano



If you are a **new member** and you need help with entering a competition, there are two resources: the Competition Manual is on our website and offers many tips for sizing and other technical specifics; and you are welcome to email us with any questions at competitions@sandhillspgphotoclub.org. We are happy to help!

2024 Remaining Events

ABSTRACT	Results Event
	7pm EST
	10/14/2024

Abstract photography is defined as a style of photography where the subject in the image is not immediately identifiable or there is no subject at all. By zeroing in on the color, texture, line, shape, geometry, or symmetry of a subject, the photographer warps the perception of the real world and familiar object (3-year limit).

Judge: Charles Needle – Charles Needle Photography (Longmont, CO)

ROWS OF THINGS	Entries Open	Entries Close	Results Event
	4pm EST	4pm EST	7pm EST
	11/9/2024	11/16/2024	12/9/2024

Photograph a number of things arranged in a line (3-year limit)

Judged via online voting by SPC members

NOTE: Mark your calendars with the dates above. Look for email reminders the week before the competition. The link for each competition will be sent to you just before the competition begins.

When you receive the email, please be sure to proceed as follows:

1. **Click on the link**
2. **Complete the form and upload your image**
3. **You must hit the SUBMIT button in order to receive a confirmation that the photo was sent to us.**

Finally, you will receive an **acceptance** email from us within 24-48 hours after submitting your image. If you don't receive an acceptance email within 48 hours please check your SPAM folder or contact the committee.

OUTINGS – CINDY MURPHY/SUSAN BAILEY

Let's Photograph the Fall Colors!

Thursday October 24.



Our October outing will be to **Morrow Mountain State Park** to photograph fall colors. Morrow Mountain State Park provides a myriad of photographic opportunities from the summit of the namesake mountain, along the banks of the Yadkin River State Trail, and to the shores of Lake Tillery. The mountain is a study in geologic wonder — with Native American artifacts made of rhyodacite to argillite mined by the Civilian Conservation Corps to create many of the park's structures.



Cindy Murphy

<https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/morrow-mountain-state-park>

We will meet in the **main parking lot at 10am.**

For lunch we will go to the **Sweet Tee Grille in Troy.**

<https://sweettea.hrpos.heartland.us/menu>



Please let me know if you can join us: cindy.m.8012@gmail.com



NOTE FROM CINDY:

I have been informed that there is a Pow Wow that may be of interest to some. We are not going as a group, but some people may like to know about it.

Historic Badin Hardaway Pow Wow 2024

October 26, 2024 - October 27, 2024

Downtown Badin

29 Falls Road, Badin, NC, 28009

2024 STREET PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM CHALLENGE - *submitted by Susan Bailey:*

24 Sandhills Photo Club members set out on September 14th to capture street scenes of Aberdeen, Pinehurst, Sanford, and Southern Pines. Six photographers were on each team, and it seems everyone had a great time. We learned, we laughed, and we lunched!

Our images will be shown at the **October 14th meeting** along with the winning team announcement. There will be a beautiful trophy awarded to the winning team!

THE TEAMS

SANFORD TEAM



Cindy Murphy, Captain, Dee Williams, Diane McKay, Neva Scheve, Lynn Goldhammer and Marti Derleth

SOUTHERN PINES TEAM



Susan Bailey, Captain, Jo Ann Sluder, Barbara Ainsley, Bill Ainsley, Diane McCall and Susan Capstick

PINEHURST TEAM



Shari Dutton, Captain, Susan Batts, Tom Batts, Pat Schiel, Jean Antholzner and Cathy Locklear

ABERDEEN TEAM



Dave Powers, Captain, Lana Rebert, Frank Lipski, Mary Bonsall, Tom Grant and Linda Piechota

PROGRAMS – SUSAN BAILEY

On a personal note: Please WELCOME: **Zoe Bailey Rhoden** was born on August 3rd and lives in Whispering Pines with her parents Greg and Amy (Susan Bailey's daughter) and siblings Alexandra and Aaron.



Susan Bailey

November 11 – “Macro” – Mike Moats www.tinylandscapes.com

The Properly Equipped Macro Photographer



Being a properly equipped macro photographer is not just about the equipment, but also equipping yourself with the how-to knowledge of macro photography. Mike will cover the most important equipment for macro photography, how to control depth of field, composition, and finding character in your subjects.

Bio

Mike Moats is an international award-winning full-time pro macro photographer from Michigan. He is a Tamron Image Master, Vanguard Pro, and his articles and images have been published in many photo magazines for over 17 years. He has a Macro Photo Club online with over 2,800 members, from 28 countries. Mike teaches online workshops and speaks at photo conferences throughout the US.



Membership – Mei Kei McDowell



Mei Kei McDowell

Hello Friends! The gray, blustery, wet weather of late here in September is ushering in October with the promise of clearer, cooler, Autumn skies and grounds full of color. Fortunately, we seem to have avoided the worst of the recent hurricane here on the East side of our North Carolina. With gratitude, with the Flutterby Festival of Pinehurst and upcoming holiday markets, with leaves and pine needles falling like glitter around us, we are witnessing another cheerful transition of our landscape into this holiday season. We are looking forward to discovering and sharing our Autumn and Winter 2024 photographs we collect in these next few months!

Membership

With the addition of new members joining our club this summer, our Sandhills Photography Club humbly gathers a total of 123 members, consisting of 91 individuals, 30 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

Please note that “Benjamin White” we welcomed in our last newsletter goes by **Alex White**, in fact.

When you see our new members at the Ball Center, luncheons, outings, or events, please greet them and give them a warm welcome to our Sandhills Photo Club!

Last Meeting’s Attendance

At our September meeting, we had 38 members in attendance as well as 1 guest! While 26 members joined us via Zoom, 12 members joined us in-person at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens Center, and 1 guest checked in in-person as well.

Additionally in attendance to present outstanding photographs and information on Minimalist Photography was Judy Hancock Holland — zooming in from Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada. With the help of **Josh Simpson** running the technology for our hybrid meeting setup this last month, we successfully launched yet another set of Zoom and in-person communications for an educational, interactive meeting experience!

Membership Directory

Our Membership committee has met recently and continues to request a few photographs from current members to update our password-protected Membership Directory. Since we had several new members in the last few months join us, please look out for reminders from Membership Committee member **Patti Cifelli** toward updating your profile with us. If you have not yet provided your photograph, please forward your selected one to John German at website@sandhillsphtoclub.org and he will gladly integrate your chosen photo in your profile on our Membership Directory page.

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Membership; continued:

Do-It-Yourself Meeting Registration and EZ Badge

Our Membership team continues to offer an efficient way to sign in at our in-person meetings without having to wait in line at the entrance. Once you are in the Ball Gardens Visitor Center lobby, follow the Do-It-Yourself procedure outlined below. There will be copies of this procedure and/or perhaps signage available at the Registration Desk to assist you!

Using your smartphone go to:

Settings > Wi-fi > EZ Badge (Not a problem if you see No Internet Connection)

Open your Browser (Safari, Google, etc.)

Type in <http://ez.com> Brings up EZ Badge Registration Form

Start typing your first name...It may automatically complete your name.

Select either Member, Board Member, or Guest

Select Print Badge

Select Finish

Your stick-on EZ Badge will be ready for you at the Registration table.

Turn off or Silence your phone before entering the meeting room.

Mei Kei McDowell

FIELD TRIPS - DEB CASTLE



Deb Castle

Planning a SPRING FIELD TRIP.

More information coming!



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



John German

Website Notes for October 2024:

This month's featured member's website on the club website is [Frank Dalmau](#). Click his name to view his website or the link to his website on our website homepage.

Club Directory

You may view the club directory at: [Club Directory](#). You will need the password from Alison's Upcoming Page sent in conjunction with this newsletter. 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@sandhillsphotoclub.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.

Member Websites

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@sandhillsphotoclub.org

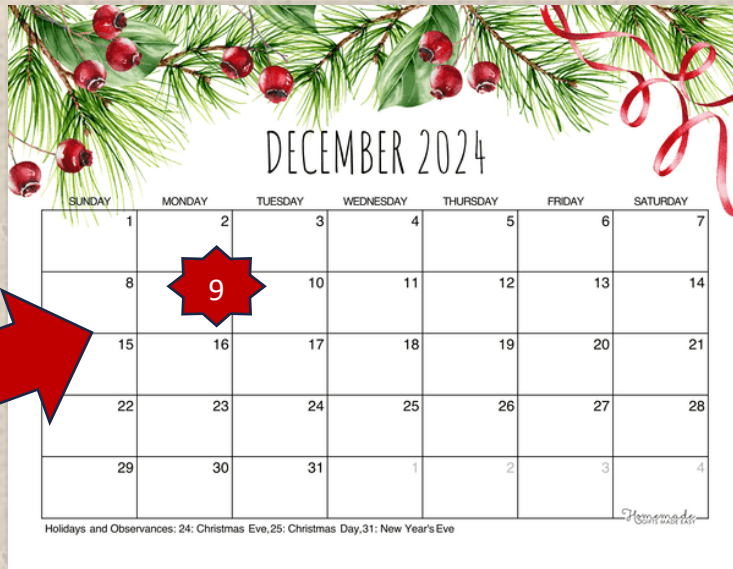
SAVE THE DATE:

ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER – Jo Ann Sluder



Jo Ann Sluder

Mark your Calendar for
Monday evening December 9th, 2024, 6:00pm
to attend our Annual Holiday Dinner
Detailed invitation to follow in coming months
You do not want to miss it: mix, mingle, cocktail time,
competition awards and dinner meeting.



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