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**PHOTOS FROM NEAR AND FAR
SEPTEMBER: JACQUES WOOD
KAUAI, HAWAII
AUGUST 2023**



Summer Social Success



Former Presidents (L-R)
Linda Piechota, Gary Magee, Jim Smith, Neva Scheve, Jo Ann Sluder

Forty-eight SPC members and guests celebrated World Photography Day on Saturday, August 19 with a “summer social” at Talamore Golf Resort. Such a good time was had, should this summer casual social be an annual event? All seemed to enjoy the live background music, a cold beverage and the time to chat and gab about camera settings, photos, editing tools, etc with no pressures from agendas or presentations. And, by the way the food was really outstanding. Special thanks go to **Gary Magee** and **Neva Scheve** for organizing and coordinating this successful event. Thanks also to **Marti Derleth**, Club Publicity Director and her two volunteer photographers, **Susan Bailey** and **Cal Rice**, for placement of the event photos in the “Out and About” section of the August 27 edition of The Pilot.



JACQUES WOOD

“Travels Near and Far” Exhibit

Marti also placed an article about SPC exhibit at the Campbell House in the Pilot’s August 27 edition found on Page B3. Two things about that exhibition. First, **Shari Dutton**, Club Exhibit Chair, needs volunteers to prepare cookies/brownies and to serve for a half-hour at the beverage/appetizer station at the opening night of the reception. Second, I hope to see you at that reception which will be held from 6 to 8 pm on Friday, September 8, at Campbell House in Southern Pines.

Moore County Project Completed

SPC members offered 250 photographs for Moore County to use on their new website. Kate Ingram, County IT Director, told us that the County “was excited to showcase ... some of [these] amazing photos “on its new website. Well, it is now up and running, giving the following credit to SPC and contributing members:

“The Sandhills Photography Club has supplied the county with many of the photographs shown throughout the website. Moore County would like to thank them for their generosity in supplying the photographs and allowing the county to use them on this website. Below is a list of the photographs that are being used throughout the website.”

Finally, I hope to see you at our next general meeting on Monday September 11 for the “RAW vs JPEG” presentation by Gary Friedman. I vote for shooting in RAW!

Till then, keep on shooting!!

Jacques

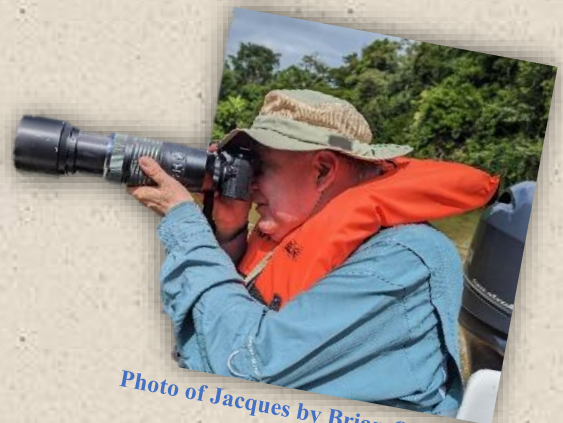


Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne



SPC 2023 Officers

(I-R) Jacques Woods (President), Bob Mobsby (Vice President/Programs). Susan Batts (Secretary)
 Missing: Judy Nappi (Treasurer) **NOTE OUR NEW SIGN TOO**



PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

September 11, 2023: RAW vs. JPG: Where the Anti-JPG Bias Came From, by Gary Friedman



BOB MOBSBY

Everyone knows that shooting RAW is the path to the very best image quality. But did you know that much of that common knowledge is no longer relevant? In this unusual talk, professional photographer and writer Gary L. Friedman explains why photojournalists and others can afford to shoot JPG only, and why some of the most innovative features your camera offers only work when shooting JPG. It's a religious discussion that will open your eyes and change a few minds about these long-held beliefs.

In this talk, Gary (<https://www.friedmanarchives.com/>) will go over:

- * The differences between RAW and JPG
- * The benefits of shooting RAW
- * The (surprising) benefits of shooting JPG
- * Challenging you to detect the difference in real life

This presentation includes the opportunity for audience participation: You be the judge! Look for an email, subject line: **FRIEDMAN**.



Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs
vicepresident@sandhillsphtoclub.org



BONNY HENDERSON

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

BONNY HENDERSON & JERRY KOZEL



JERRY KOZEL

Our **Animals on the Move** competition was held at the meeting of August 14. Congratulations to the winners! Julie Countryman of Grey Bird Designs from Surprise, Arizona was our judge. This was our first competition which allowed only one entry per person instead of the usual two entries. We had forty entries and all who wanted to compete were able to enter. Be sure to go to the website and view the winners if you were unable to attend the meeting.

Steve Long won second place in Tier 1 and he has now moved up to Tier 2. Hooray for Steve-great work on all your wins!

The voting for the 2025 competition topics was extended and we had 55 voters. The topics selected are:

- Reflections
- Old Barns/Buildings
- M is for
- Churches/Graveyards
- Color Red

We will add an "Open" category to round out the 2025 topics. This list of topics is not listed in monthly order yet-these represent the top five topics as chosen by the members and will be ordered accordingly by month in the near future.

The next competition will be held in **October** and the topic is Something Involving Water. The definition is:

This challenge involves water--bodies of water found in nature or photograph any use of water in daily life. A river or a glass of water-your choice. (3 year time limit, 1 entry per member)

The galleries will be open **September 9-16**, so get your entry ready!

Our final competition will be held in December and the topic is Sports. There will be member voting and no judge will be hired for writing comments or choosing winners.

Finally, here is a list of the 2024 topics. Keep these in mind as we head into the busy fall and holiday season!

- Feb 2024 – Shapes and Patterns
- Apr 2024 – Worm’s Eye View (get low)
- Jun 2024 – Go with the Flow (moving water)
- Aug 2024 – Close-Up
- Oct 2024 – Abstract
- Dec 2024 – Rows of Things

Stay cool and happy shooting!

Bonny & Jerry

TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR EXHIBIT
Sept. 8 – Oct. 2, 2023
ARTS COUNCIL AT THE CAMPBELL HOUSE



Shari Dutton

Our "Travels Near and Far" exhibit is right around the corner!

If you have any questions, please email me at shari.dutton@yahoo.com or call 910-585-2037.

I hope to see all of you on September 8th!

Shari Dutton
Exhibit Chair
shari.dutton@yahoo.com
910-585-2037

TRAVELS NEAR & FAR
 Sandhills Photography Club
 & Linda Dalton Pottery

Opening Reception: Friday, September 8, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
 Exhibition Dates: September 8 - 29, 2023
 Weekday Gallery Hours: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Weekend Hours: Sat., September 16, 2 - 4 p.m.

Reception beverages courtesy of:
 James Creek Cider House
 Southern Pines Brewing Company

Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$6,961.60
	Savings	\$3,916.18
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,877.78



JUDY NAPPI

**Pilot Mountain
FALL FIELD TRIP**
October 31 – November 2



Gary Magee

Hotel: **Hampton Inn and Suites Shelton Vineyards**

Dobson, NC
336-353-9400

Rate: \$130 per night

Group name: **Sandhills Photo Club**

**ROOMS ARE RESERVED, SO
GET YOUR RESERVATION NOW!!**



Contact Gary Magee with questions at garymagee86@gmail.com

Subjects: Fall Color, Mt Airy sites and more!

Schedule: Tuesday: arrive by 1pm for afternoon outing and dinner
Wednesday: Pilot Mountain Day and dinner
Thursday: on your own

Extra day on your own – Stone Mountain State Park (32 minutes), Blue Ridge Parkway for Doughton Park and Brinegar's Cabin (about an hour)

Gary Magee

Field Trip Chair

garymagee86@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

The Club membership remains at 109.

Some Loose Ends and Reminders

Attending Monthly Meetings

We like to maintain an attendance record of the number of members attending either in-person or via Zoom monthly meetings.

For obvious reasons, it is easy to know who is attending in-person. Particularly for those members who have checked in at the Registration Desk prior to the meeting. But occasionally some people may not have checked in or arrived after the meeting starts. If that happens to you, please let me or Bill Buss know.

If you are attending a monthly meeting via Zoom, we can see who has signed onto Zoom. But if you are watching on someone else's computer, we will miss knowing that you were in attendance. If that is you please email the Membership Committee by the next day at [Membership Committee](#) to let us know you were in attendance.

If You Change Your Directory Information

One of the responsibilities of the Membership Committee is keeping the membership database updated. So, whenever you change any of your contact information such as address, telephone number, or email please notify the Membership Committee at [Membership Committee](#). We will update your information in the database and notify the other committees of your changes.

Membership Directory

We are still missing a few photographs of members for the Directory. If you have not yet provided your photograph, please forward your selected one to John German at website@sandhillspgphotoclub.org.

Do-It-Yourself Meeting Registration and EZ Badge

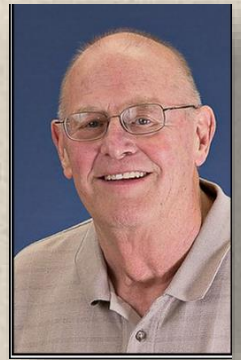
At our next meeting, want to avoid waiting in line at the Registration Desk and help the Membership Committee at the same time? Follow the Do-It-Yourself procedure outlined below. There will be copies of this procedure available at the Registration Desk.

NOTE: to Use EZ Badge you MUST be in the building at Horticultural Center.

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.



JACK MATHEWS

Jack Mathews

SEPTEMBER OUTING

TRAIN PHOTOS AND RIDE



Susan Bailey

Date: Saturday, September 9
Time: 10:30am – lunch and 1pm train ride
Where: New Hope Valley Railway
3900 Bonsal Road
New Hill, NC 27562

Website: [Triangle's Train | New Hope Valley Railway \(trianglestrain.com\)](http://trianglestrain.com)

Fee: you can photograph for free all you want, but lunch and the ride are extra
What: Photograph old trains, enjoy lunch and then take a one-hour train ride (optional)
Lunch: 12pm [willandpops](#) food truck

Brew 'n' Choo TRAIN RIDE (Optional)

GET YOUR RIDE TICKET NOW AS THIS SELLS OUT!!

Diesel Adult \$14 up to 59 years old

Diesel Senior \$13 for 60 and over

Times: 1pm Diesel ticket

[Brew 'n' Choo Train Ride Tickets | New Hill, NC | New Hope Valley Railway \(etix.com\)](#)

PLEASE RSVP TO susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com and indicate whether you are going on the ride.

Thank you!

Susan

OUTINGS ASSISTANT – If you want to do something fun, then join me on the Outings Committee. Bring your ideas and occasionally organize an outing. Please let me know if you want to discuss being part of the team!

SEPTEMBER OUTING AND PHOTOS FROM HOUSE IN THE HORSESHOE OUTING.



Frank Lipski



Frank Lipski



Diane McKay



Frank Lipski



Frank Lipski



Frank Lipski



Frank Lipski



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Website Notes for September:

This month's featured members' gallery on the club website is by **Eugene Cottrell**. Click his name to view his gallery or the link to his gallery is on our website homepage. Thank you, Eugene, for providing your work!!

Club Directory

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. If you need the password, please email me and I will provide it. It hasn't changed and has gone out in an email blast to the membership. It and the Member's Only page are the same.

Members' 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.

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



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