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SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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PRESIDENT – CAL RICE

The SPC Board, at its August meeting, voted to establish a new award. It will be called the **Bonny Henderson SPC Contribution Award**. The honoree will be determined by the President with input from the Board. The award will consist of a framed certificate and a \$50 cash honorarium. Every year there are many members who give of their time, expertise and energy. Awards, like this, are always difficult to select. However, I hope over a period of time, we can honor many of our major contributors.



Cal Rice

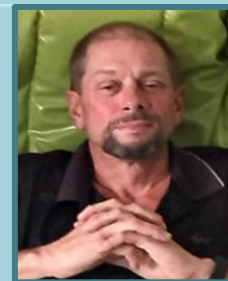
Cal Rice

Next Meeting: September 9th

Treasure's Report – Financial Report 2024

TOTAL FUNDS

	Checking	\$6,908.69
	Savings	\$4,206.54
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,935.23



Frank Lipski

PROGRAMS – SUSAN BAILEY

September 9 – “Minimalist Photography” – Judy Hancock Holland

www.jhhphotography.com



Susan Bailey

Minimalist Photography with Judy Hancock Holland



In any genre of photography, we aim to include in the frame only those elements that contribute to the story or theme portrayed by the image. Minimalist photography carries this to the extreme, simplifying the frame dramatically and distilling the subject down to its essence. Join us for this inspiring presentation by Judy Hancock Holland, and learn to see and photograph your subjects in ways you may never have considered.

Bio

Judy Hancock Holland’s photographic work has been exhibited in Canada, the US, and Europe. She’s an award-winning photographer and lifelong educator who loves to coach and mentor others. While she is best known for her minimalist work, she enjoys a variety of other genres including macro, abstracts and floral photography. Judy's website is JHHphoto.com and you can also find her on YouTube.



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



<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.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@sandhillsphtoclub.org. We're happy to help!

2024 Remaining Events

	<u>Entries Open</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Results Event</u>
ABSTRACT	4pm EST	4pm EST	7pm EST
	9/14/2024	9/21/2024	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)

	<u>Entries Open</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Results Event</u>
ROWS OF THINGS	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

We will be having another **Street Photography Team Challenge on September 14**. This year we will have 4 teams, as we have so much interest in this fun and popular event. As well as Southern Pines, Pinehurst, Aberdeen, we are adding Sanford. The teams are already full, but if you are interested, please contact Susan Bailey (susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com) to be put on the waiting list. At our monthly meeting on October 14, each team's slideshow will be shown, and the award will be presented.



Cindy Murphy

Here are examples of Street Photography from the French Quarter in New Orleans:



Membership – Mei Kei McDowell



Mei Kei McDowell

Hello Friends! School has officially started for many of our young children and grandchildren, educators, school administrators, transportation workers, parents, and grandparents... and all! Here begins the bustling start of the Autumn and Winter festivities to come. (Am I writing on this topic too soon? Does anybody else have a love for PUMPKIN EVERYTHING in the Autumn months, like me, that you're getting out your pumpkin mugs out the 1st of September?!) I know many of us are at least very excited for the cooler weather and the fun seasonal colors to add to our photography compositions over the next few months. Just be mindful of your timing — the colors can change quite quickly and drastically in a matter of a week sometimes depending on your destination!

Membership

With the addition of FIVE new members joining our club in August, our Sandhills Photography Club humbly has grown to 121 members, consisting of 91 individuals, 28 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our following new members:

Bill and Barbara Ainsley

Karen Donaldson

Benjamin White

Patricia Scheil

Bill and Barbara have been such a pleasant, positive new presence at our meetings and at our recent “Camera and Coffee” outing hosted in Whispering Pines in August. We enjoyed learning not only about our cameras but about some of the engineering/science behind cameras that Ainsleys could share. (Do YOU know what CMOS stands for? Ask Bill next time you see him!)

Karen Donaldson, who has a past connection to Robin Frye and Bob Mobsby, is already a fellow member and friend of our photography club. She considers herself a complete beginner and so has joined right in to engage in our meetings and our Camera and Coffee outing as well. She is looking to learn more about her Canon T7i as she is interested in taking in landscapes, animals, and portraiture as her subjects. Karen describes herself as a life long horse person and spent many years in the hunter/jumper/dressage and CT disciplines from NY to FL (including MD, VA, and the Carolinas). She's spent 16 years in the real estate business specializing in horse farms, homes with acreage, historic homes, and single family homes. She loves animals and the outdoors; though, indoors, she has spent many years in musical comedy, theater, opera study, and home renovation. As if you cannot tell she loves music, she tells us of her love for her Knabe baby grand piano. While she has been widowed for many years, she has one daughter and two grandkids. She really would love anyone to meet her to teach her more about photography — to create images rather than just taking pictures!

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Patricia Scheil likes to go by “Pat”! She attended one of our meetings recently and was delighted to join our club shortly after that. She had first become interested in photography after she found a little “brownie” camera — the size of a 3” x 3” cube — in her parent’s close as a child and found the shutter sound it made to be very musical! She enjoyed taking photos of her family and dog and comments how cameras have come such a long way since the days of working a roll of wide film to catch the other side of its mechanisms!

Benjamin White had joined our club at the end of July of this year and we are looking forward to getting to know him and sharing our love of photography with him too!

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

Last Meeting’s Attendance

At our August meeting, we had 49 members in attendance as well as 2 guests! We are so grateful for the return to our hybrid meeting format capabilities. As always, we have much gratitude toward Dennis Snipes, Josh Simpson, and all those who helped make sure our hybrid setup work for both Zoom and in-person communications: another positive meeting experience! While 25 members joined us via Zoom, 24 members joined us in-person at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens Center, and 2 guests checked in in-person as well.

Membership Directory

Our Membership committee requests a few photographs to update our password protected Membership Directory since we had several new members in the last few months join 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.

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



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



John German

Website Notes for September:

This month's featured member's website on the club website is **Eugene Cottrell**. 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**

FIELD TRIPS - *DEB CASTLE*

Sandhills Photography Club **WELCOMES** Deb Castle **BACK**. While she still has several surgeries ahead of her, she has let us know she is working on a **SPRING FIELD TRIP** and hopes to have some information out in the new few months! Stay tuned.....as we continue to wish her well.



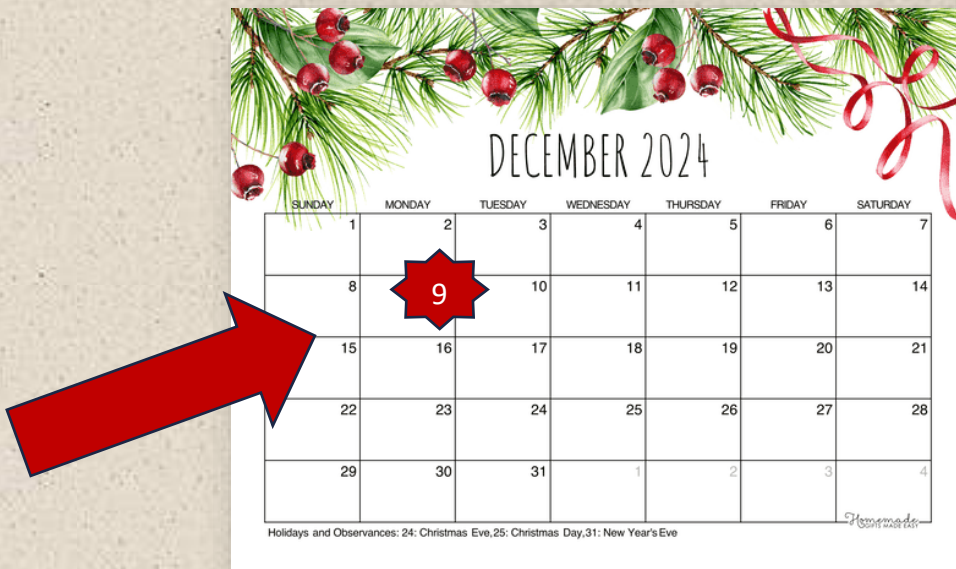
Deb Castle

SAVE THE DATE: ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER – *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.



Jo Ann Sluder



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