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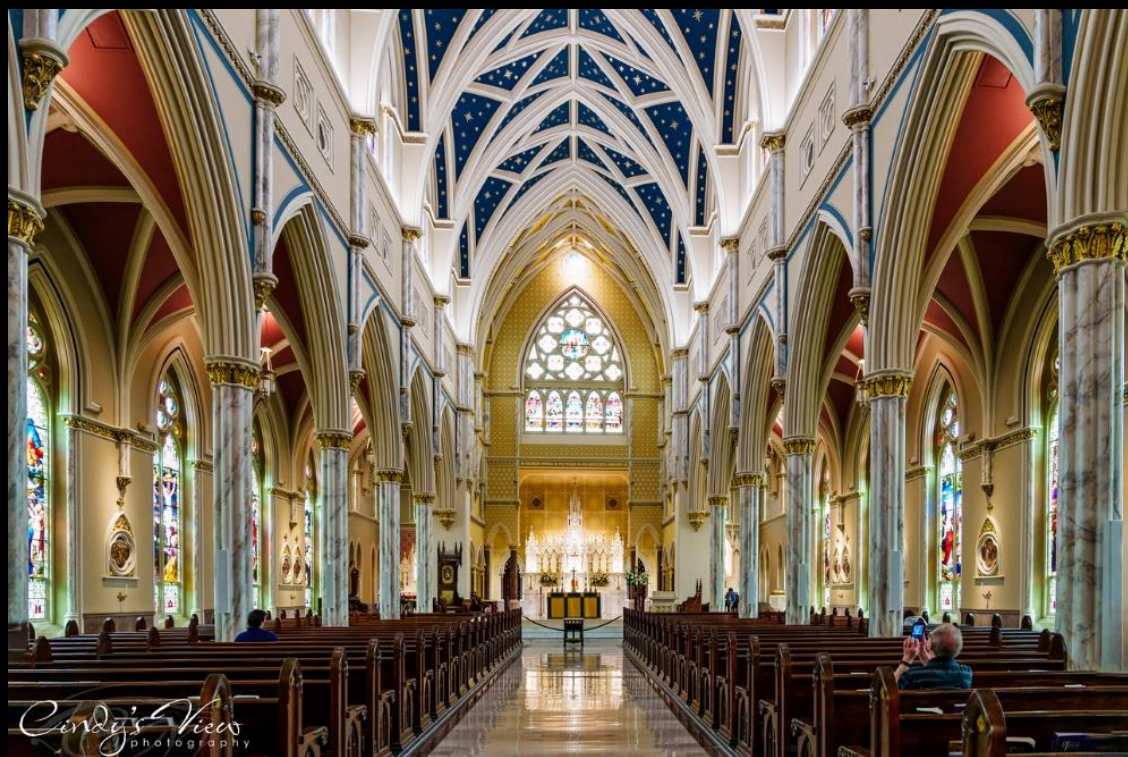
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Spring 2024
Field Trip to
Charleston, SC
Led by Deb Castle

Ravenal Bridge -
Dave Powers
Church - Cindy
Murphy

See more images on
our website:

[SPC Spring 2024 Field
Trip to Charleston, SC](#)





Susan Bailey

As you know, we lost one of our most wonderful members in April. **Bonny Henderson** had served on several committees over her many years in the club. She took on the role of President this year and did a remarkable job. We will miss her so much, but her enthusiastic spirit lives on.

Steve Sorsch has resigned as our Membership Chair due to illness. We wish Steve all the best and can't wait to have him involved again. Thank you, Steve, for a job well done. **Mei Kei McDowell** has stepped up to be our new Membership Chair. Mei Kei is an artist and photographer and happily accepted this role. You will see her at the registration desk each month. Please say hi and introduce yourself as she would love to know you all.

Pam Jensen has resigned as Workshops Chair due to personal time constraints and family obligations. If you are interested in organizing workshops, please let me know.

We had many activities in April which included a field trip to Charleston, South Carolina, led by **Deb Castle**. The group had a wonderful time, and you will see photos in the gallery set up for that trip soon. We also went to the WRAL Azalea Gardens and Cathedral in Raleigh. **Cindy Murphy**, Outings Chair, also planned the NC Zoo trip on April 25th. Brunch Bunch continues to meet on the first and third Thursdays of every month and we are having a good time. Please join in the activities the club offers that are outlined in the newsletter and the Upcoming Events document.

Summer is getting close and the gardens are blooming, the birds are singing, and little ones appearing with the ducks and geese! For nature enthusiasts, this is a magical time of year and I encourage you to get out there with your camera!

REMEMBER:



**MAY's SPC meeting has been
moved out to MAY 20th @7pm
(SCC needed the room on our night)
Zoom and LIVE on May 20th**



May 20th – “Shutter Up and Roam On” – Cal Rice
Developing A Travelogue That People Want To See

This presentation will discuss travel presentations that vary from, “here are my pictures of famous landmarks” to “this is my travel story”. The primary focus will be the planning, photographing, development and presentation of a story that people will enjoy hearing.



Cal’s Bio

Cal received his first camera for Christmas 1951. In 1956 he documented an 8-week project in the Pacific Northwest. During his 32-year career at IBM a “side gig” was photographing events and new computers for product announcements. In recent years he has done travelogue photography.



July 8 – “Concept, Vision, Passion” – Margo Pinkerton

<https://www.bcphotoadventures.com/>

<https://www.BC-FineArtPhotography.com/>

September 9 – “Minimalist Photography” – Judy Hancock Holland

www.jhhphotography.com

November 11 – “Macro” – Mike Moats

www.tinylandscapes.com



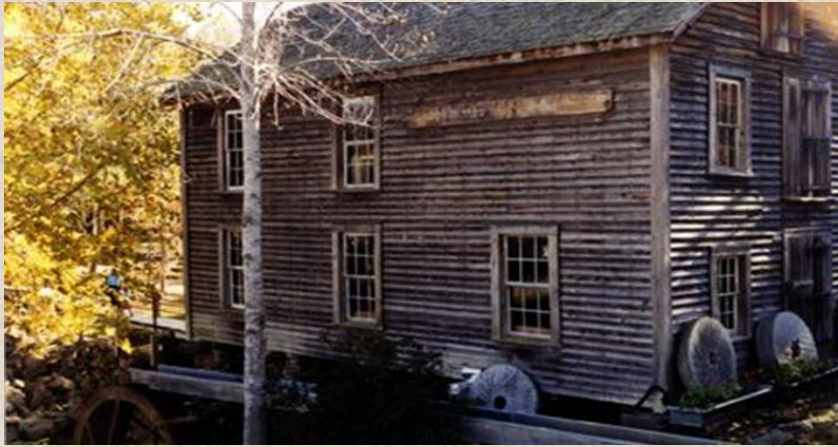
Cindy Murphy

May 18th Outing: The 43rd Annual Crank-Up

We will be going to the annual "Crank Up" of the Ole Gilliam Mill in

Sanford on

Saturday May 18.



We will see an old sawmill in operation, a "hit & miss" motor driven log splitter, and a variety of uses for "hit and miss" engines of all sizes. We can see a liquor still in operation and weaving demonstrations. In addition, we can

take a tour of the park behind a 1950's tractor, watch a blacksmith at work, eat some ice cream, or just listen to the music. The grist mill will be cranked up for demonstration and a limited supply of cornmeal and grits are available to purchase.

We can also walk over to see the longest covered bridge in NC.

4699 Carbonton Rd. Sanford, NC, United States, North Carolina

A food concession will be run by Stubbs BBQ.

Admission is \$5.00

Let's plan to meet at 10:00 am near where we buy our tickets.

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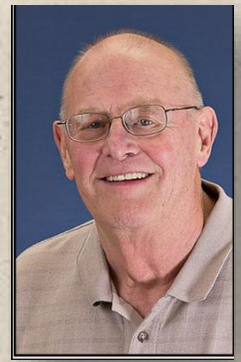
Please let me know if you will be able to join us.

cindy.m.8012@gmail.com

Cindy Murphy



As some of you may have heard, **Steve Sorsch** has decided to step away from being chair of the Membership Committee due to health reasons. We thank Steve for the time he spent and the contributions he made while chairing the Membership Committee. On behalf of all SPC, we wish Steve a speedy recovery and a healthy return.



JACK MATHEWS

Mei Kei McDowell is the new Membership chairperson.

Membership

We currently have 112 members, consisting of 82 individuals, 28 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members: **Steve and Mary Bonsall, A. J. and Karen Richard, Marshall Clark, John Pietkiewicz, and Stewart Smith**. When you see our new members at the Ball Center or outings, please greet and welcome them to the Club.

Last Meeting's Attendance

At our April meeting, we had 27 members attending at the Ball Center and 20 members attending on Zoom.

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@sandhillsphtoclub.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? 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 available at the Registration Desk.

Using your smartphone go to:

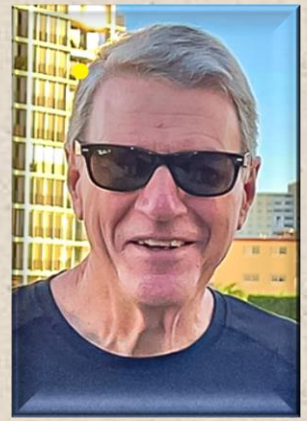
- Settings > Wi-fi > EZ Badge (Not a problem if you see No Internet Connection)
- Open your Browser (Safari, Google, etc.)
- Type in <http://ez.com> Brings up EZ Badge Registration Form
- Start typing your first name...It may automatically complete your name.
- Select either Member, Board Member, or 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

Just a reminder of our upcoming competitions for the remainder of this year:

JUNE	Go with the Flow (Moving water)
AUGUST	Close-Up
OCTOBER	Abstract
DECEMBER	Rows of Things



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@sandhillphoto.org. We're happy to help!

We are currently collecting suggestions for competition topics for 2026. Please email us with your suggested topics and a brief description, if needed. We will compile a list of topics and ask the membership to vote on topics next summer.

Happy Shooting!

Michael and the Competitions Committee

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Treasurer's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$8105.64
	Savings	\$4026.42
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$12,132.06

Frank Lipski



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

www.sandhillsphotoclub.org



John German

Website Notes for May 2024:

This month's featured member's website is by [Diane McKay](#). Click her name to view her website or the link to her website is on our website homepage.

Bonny Henderson

Click here for a ["Tribute to Bonny and her Art"](#)

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.

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.**

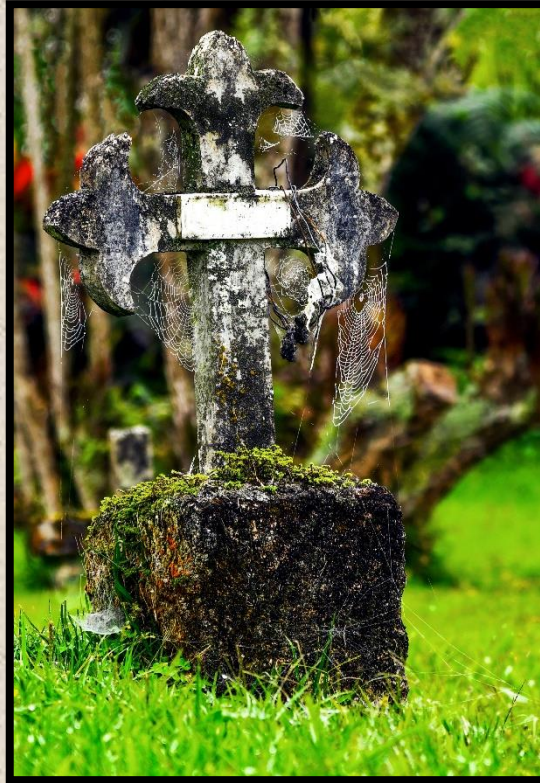
Member Websites

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.

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

Worm's Eye View Competition Winners

FIRST PLACE



*Tier 1 - Donna Sassano
God's Acre*



*Tier 2 – Pam Jensen
Hazardous Hoofs*



*Tier 3 - Donna Ford
Going Up*

**SECOND
PLACE**

*Tier 1 - Eugene Cottrell
Poppy*



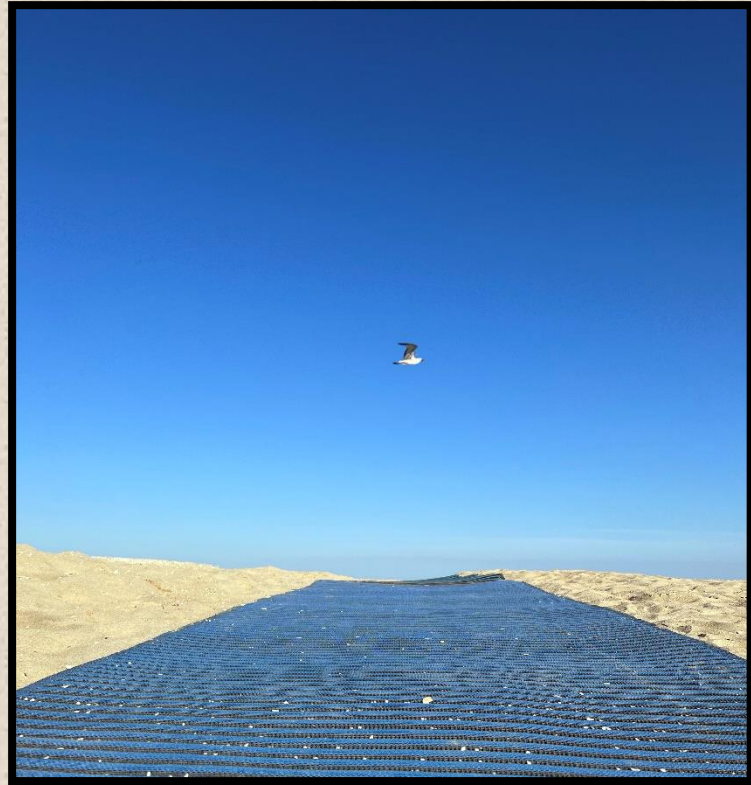
*Tier 2 – Mary New Wheaton
Forest Umbrella*

*Tier 3 - Dave Powers
Life As Perceived by Downtrodden*



**THIRD
PLACE**

*Tier 1 - Susan Mathews
Slim Pickens*



*Tier 2 – Dee Williams
Tiny Umbrellas*

*Tier 3 -Lana Rebert
Collision Painting*



[CLICK HERE FOR MORE PICTURES:](#)
SPC OUTINGS - WRAL AZALEA GARDENS AND CATHEDRAL



Thanks to:
Cindy Murphy
Susan Bailey
John German
Gisela Danielson
Dee Williams
Linda Piechota

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2024 is going to be an active year for Sandhills Photography Club. We will have Spring and Fall Field Trips and many local outings throughout the year. These along with many other activities will provide you the opportunity to promote our club through your participation. Another good way is wearing some of the SPC logoed Apparel while attending these events. If you have not yet purchased a shirt, a hat or any other items consider it! You will enjoy the look and promote the club at the same time.



Check out this Web site to see all the possible items you could purchase.

(By the way your club gets a portion of the revenue through these sales)

<https://sandhillsphtographyclub.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Support YOUR Club!!!!



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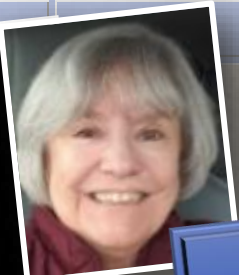


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