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SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES – BONNY HENDERSON

Lots going on this month! The galleries for April's competition **Worm's Eye View (Get Low)** will be opening on March 9; a new activity called **The Brunch Bunch** will begin meeting at Panera on March 7; **New Member Orientation** is scheduled for March 20; the **Azalea Garden outing** on March 26; and don't forget about the **Heard Nature Photography Contest** and the **Coral Gables Garden Club Photography Contest** (more info in separate article in newsletter).



BONNY HENDERSON

Please consider getting involved with the club if you are not so already. As a member, you will benefit greatly by getting active in club committees and outings. Meeting and interacting with other members can be beneficial and helps you build relationships within the club. Attend meetings in person, go on a club outing, join a committee, enjoy the new gathering of the Brunch Bunch, or go on a field trip---these are just some of the ways you can get involved and get more enjoyment from being a club member! We have a number of members who serve on committees, and they don't live in our area. **Alison** prepares our monthly newsletter, and she lives in Louisburg, NC.; **Mike Sassano** is chairing the Competitions Committee from Nashville, TN; **Hilary Koch** lives in Maine and is chair of Publicity; and **Susan Mathews** is located in northern Virginia and also helps with publicity. They may not be able to attend local outings or join us at brunch, but they serve the club from a distance. I thank them for their hard work and their involvement in helping the club succeed, even if they don't live in our local area.

The Membership Committee is hosting an orientation session for new members on Wednesday March 20, 2024. Each club committee chairperson will talk about the activities of their committee. This is a great opportunity to learn more about SPC and may help you decide how to get involved with the club.

See you soon,

Bonny Henderson

2024 PROGRAMS

March 11 – “Architecture and Drama” – Henry Rinne



Henry will be with us at the Horticultural Center for this presentation so please come and enjoy!

.....So why do I photograph architecture? A building’s dramatic form narrates a story, and I look to reveal this narrative in the buildings I photograph. Some structures are simply monumental

forms—a monumentality that must be conveyed through the image. Other forms are mysterious. Their tales are present but elusive to our sensibilities. Something is hidden behind the facade, and contrast brings out the impact of the forms and their sensuality. Since structures are made to be used and provide



context to people’s lives, I try to create an image that resonates with the narrative of human life. The talk centers on my architectural photographs including a look at my process for creating the images in Capture One Pro (the same procedures can be applied in Lightroom/Photoshop).

Bio

In 2018, Henry Rinne retired as Dean of the College of Fine Arts at Jacksonville University in Jacksonville, Florida, after a forty-year career in higher education. Prior to his move to Florida, Henry was a dean and faculty member at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith for 35years. He earned his Ph.D. in comparative arts at Ohio.

May 13 – “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.



Susan Bailey

Programs, Continued:

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

Treasure's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$7,850.19
	Savings	\$4,026.36
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$11,876.55



Frank Lipski

HELP, please!

Public Photo Contest Coordinator - our photo contest in 2022 brought in some new members and profit for the club. We planned to do it every two years, but our coordinator is unable to lead it this year. We have six people doing different parts of the project and just need someone to make sure we stay on the deadlines. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the club and I will help with whatever you need. Please contact me if you are interested and we can go through the details!

Susan Bailey susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

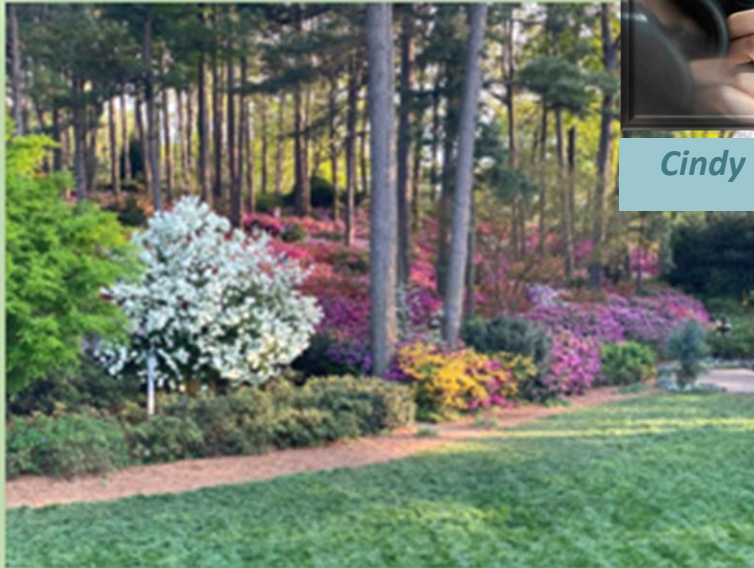
OUTINGS – CINDY MURPHY



Cindy Murphy

March Outings – Cindy Murphy

Our March outing will be to the WRAL Azalea Gardens in Raleigh. We are going to plan for **Tuesday, March 26**. We may have to change the date if the flowers aren't in full bloom or if it rains. We are going on a weekday, as the gardens are popular and crowded when the flowers are in bloom.



Traffic can be a little heavy, so we'll meet at 9:30 at the gardens (2619 Western Blvd. Raleigh). We'll plan for lunch at Sammy's (which is next to gardens) at about 11:30.

After lunch we can photograph some beautiful Romanesque Revival Architecture if the cathedral is open. If not, we can go to the JC Raulston Arboretum.

<https://wral-gardens.com/>

PLEASE send me an email if you plan to attend so I can be on the lookout for you!

Hope to see you there!

Cindy Murphy cindy.m.8012@gmail.com

Member images from the last Outing to the Airborne Museum in Fayetteville. See them further in the newsletter!

LINKS: [HTTPS://WRAL-GARDENS.COM](https://wral-gardens.com)
Cindy.m.8012@gmail.com

COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO

Congratulations to the winners of the Shapes and Patterns competition. Our judge, Tom Johnson, did an excellent job and his written comments have been sent to all members.

With her second-place win, **Bonny Henderson** has moved up to Tier 3. Congratulations, Bonny!

The next competition will be **April's Worm's Eye View (Get Low)**. The galleries will open at 4:00 pm on March 9 and will close at 4:00 pm on March 16. There is a 3-year time limit, and all metadata must be included. The definition of this topic is as follows:

Worm's eye view photography is when a photo is taken from a lower angle in relation to the subject. Since worms live on the ground, their perspective of the world is always looking up. Take a photo looking straight up or from a very low angle.

A link for entry will be sent out in an eblast on Wednesday, March 6. Please contact us at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org **if you do not receive this eblast**. We will be happy to forward you a copy of the entry link. Be sure to check your spam folder also. This email will come from Alison and not directly from the Competitions Committee.

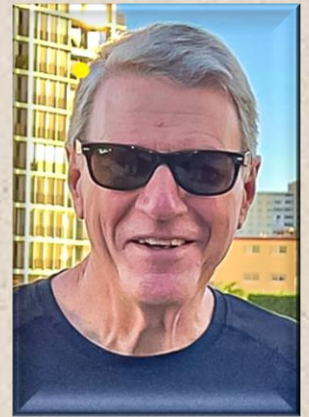
Upcoming competition topics are:

June	Go With the Flow (Moving Water)
August	Close-Up
October	Abstract
December	Rows of Things

If you are a new member and need advice or additional information about entering competitions, the Competition Manual is available on the SPC website or contact us for additional help.

Happy Shooting,

Mike



Mike Sassano

MEMBERSHIP – STEVE SORSCH

Membership

We currently have 107 members, consisting of 83 individuals, 24 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

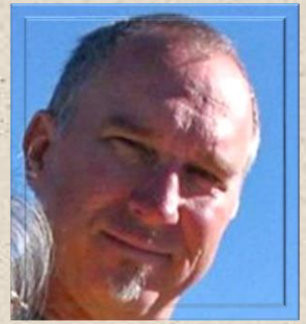
There were no new members this month.

Last Meeting's Attendance

At our February meeting, we had 25 members attending at the Ball Center and 18 members attending on Zoom. There were also 3 guests attending.

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.



Steve Sorsch

ATTENTION NEW SPC MEMBERS

All members who joined SPC since February 2023 mark your calendars for a New Member Orientation Meeting to be held **Wednesday, March 20, 2024**, starting at 7:00 PM EST.

This meeting will be on Zoom.

Whether you joined the Club a year ago or as recently as last week, this is your opportunity to learn more about all the activities your club offers. And to meet all the committee chairpersons.

Watch for your invitation coming next week in your email.

So please plan to join us on March 20th on Zoom!!

Membership continued next page

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.

Any questions, please contact our Membership Team @ membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org

Steve Sorsch



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://sandhillsphtoclub.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

Charleston SC Field Trip 4/16-4/18

We have 19 people signed up so far with 10 rooms left. When you click on the hotel booking link on the site below, once you put in the dates you wish to reserve our SPC pricing appears automatically. **Deadline is March 15th**, so please make your plans soon!

<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/field-trips>



Deb Castle

Holiday Inn Express, Johnnie Dodd's Blvd., Mt. Pleasant, SC (\$129 per night)

CURRENT ITINERARY - * MAY CHANGE BASED ON WEATHER AND/OR GROUP SIZE

Monday, 4/15 (if arriving early)

Activities as you desire

Lunch/Dinner on your own

Tuesday, 4/16

Boone Hall Plantation (appx. 6 miles from hotel) - if enough people interested will tour as a group

USS Yorktowne (1 mile from hotel)

Sullivan's Island, Fort Moultrie and Sullivan's Lighthouse (appx. 5 miles from hotel)

Fort Sumter (ferry from Patriot's Point)

Ravenel Bridge - Sunset Photo Shoot (1/2 mile from hotel)- if enough people interested will enjoy as a group

Dinner - Orlandos Italian or Page's Okra Grill

Wednesday, 4/17

Water Taxi to Downtown from Patriot's Point

Walking Tour of Historic Charleston - Only Group item if we have guide

Charleston City Market

Various Museums

Late Lunch/Early Dinner in Downtown Charleston - Hyman's, Fleet Landing or Amen St. Fish & Raw Bar

Thursday, 4/18 (morning or all day if staying)

Avian Conservation Center, Birds of Prey, Awendaw (appx. 12 miles) possible Group Tour after checkout, Flight Demos at 10:30 a.m.

Sewee Outpost - General Store, Awendaw (mentioned in recent Garden & Gun Magazine)

Activities as you desire

Lunch/Dinner on your own

If attending, PLEASE RSVP TO DEB CASTLE, FIELD TRIP CHAIR at 937-409-1582 cell (call or text) or email debcastle@live.com



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



John German

Website Notes for March 2024:

This month's featured member's website is by new member [Barbara Curry](#). Click her name to view her website or the link to her website is on our website homepage. Thank you, Diane, 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.

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



U.S. ARMY AIRBORNE & SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM



Cindy Murphy

Cindy's Views
photography



Linda Piechota



John German

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Cindy Murphy



Jacques Wood



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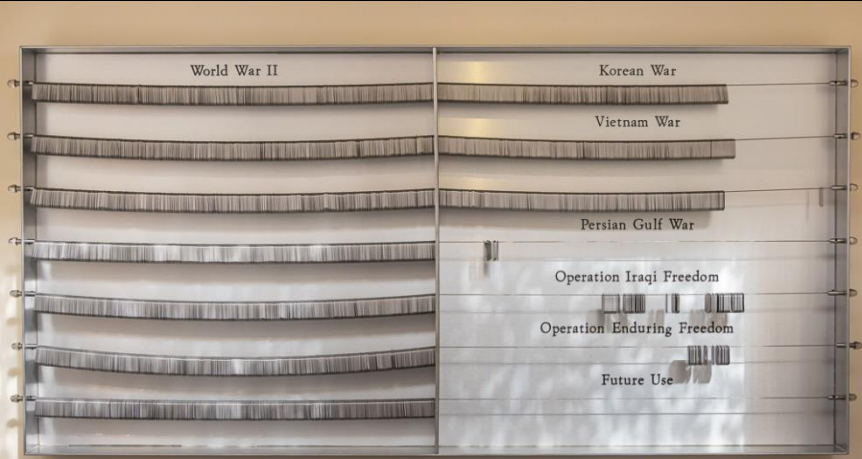


Frank Lipski



Historical Milestone
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Linda Piechota



North Carolina Casualties - Gone, But Not Forgotten

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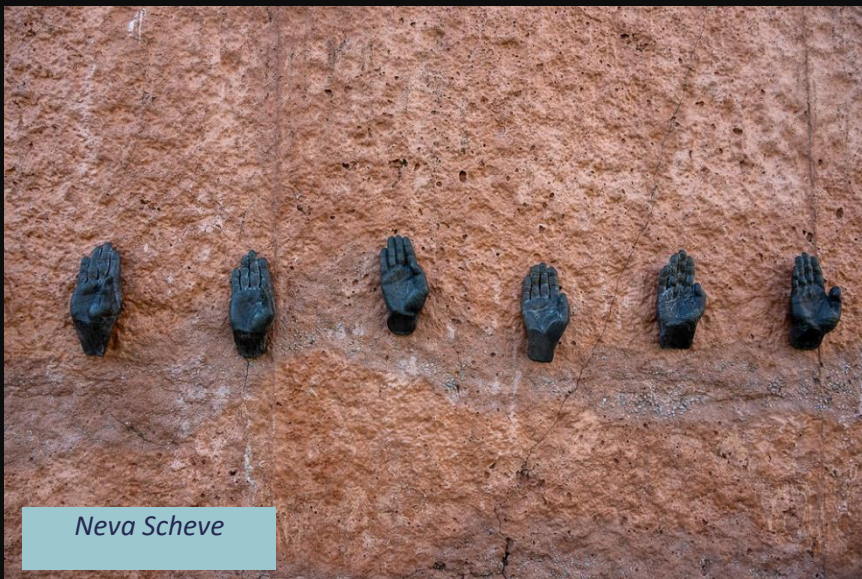
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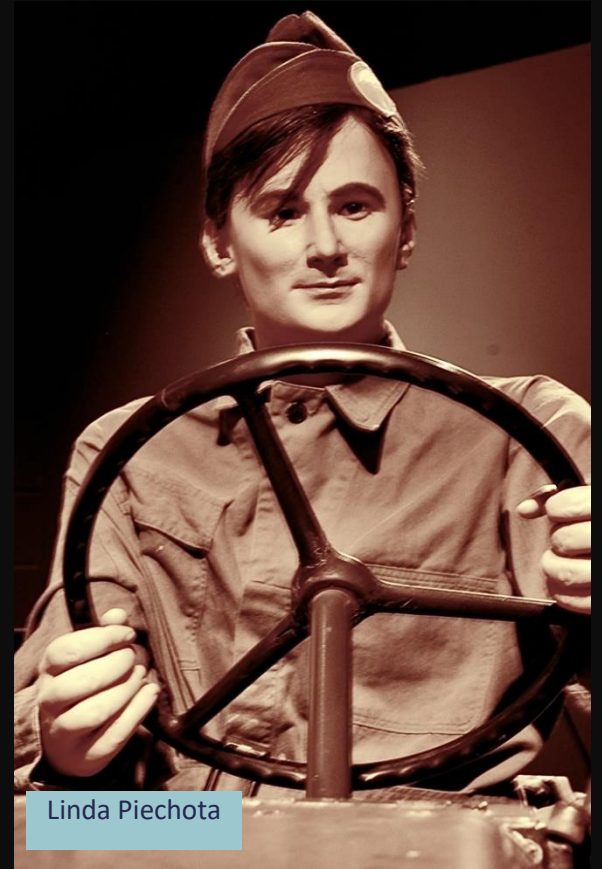
Neva Scheve



Frank Lipski



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EXTRA, EXTRA, EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

WE'VE BEEN INVITED TO JOIN 2 OUTSIDE PHOTO COMPETITIONS!!

CORAL GABLES GARDEN CLUB

The Coral Gables Garden Club is hosting its 4th annual **AS I SEE IT Juried Nature and Wildlife Photography** competition. Please pass the information along to your club members to submit their best images. Submissions open on April 1st, 2024. The **AS I SEE IT** juried photo competition aims to increase our appreciation for the natural environment by highlighting outstanding nature and wildlife photography. This is an anonymous juried competition with three recognized judges. This year we are including Christopher Baker, the grand prize winner for our 2023 contest, who is the President of the Huntsville Photographic Society in Alabama. Our Grand Prize is \$1000, with over \$3000 in additional cash prizes for 1st and 2nd place for each of our ten categories. The money we raise from this competition goes to projects such as restoring native habitats, planting mangroves along our coastline, planting trees in public green spaces, and planting pollinator patches in schools. The mission of the garden club has been, for the last 99 years, to educate our members, our youth, and the public in gardening, horticulture, environmental issues, civic beautification, and the art of floral design. You can learn more about the contest by visiting our website at www.coralgablesgardenclub.org/photocontest. Subscribe to get the latest updates.



**46th Annual
Heard Nature Photography Contest**



<http://www.heardnaturephotographers.com>

Youth and Adult Divisions
Wide choice of nature-related categories
\$100 cash prize for Best of Show in each division
Certificates awarded for all winners

Submit your images between March 23rd and April 13th

More Information: <https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-2024>



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