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A long-time member of the **Sandhills Photography Club**, Betty was a valued member; both as a wonderful photographer and artist, and definitely as a friend. She was kind and helpful to all. We will miss her and her smile.

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Honoring
Betty Hendrix
December 1939 - August 2023



Reminder: This Saturday, October 28th there is a Celebration of Life for Betty:

- ❖ Saturday, October 28, 2023
- ❖ Whispering Pines Country Club
- ❖ 2 Club House Boulevard, Whispering Pines, NC
- ❖ From 12 noon to 3pm for appetizers & beverages provided

Hope to see you there to share fond memories of her life with all of us.



In Betty's own words from Sandhills Photography Club's Honored Members Remembrances. InFocus Newsletter, December 2021 Issue:

"We moved to Pinehurst in January of 1989. Dave's retirement package included fees for classes to enhance retirement. So, I took a photo course with Bill Stoffel at the college right away. He drew me into the club (Sandhills Photography Club) in no time. My dad was an avid photographer, and I had a Brownie at the age of 8. Dad loaned me his 35mm when I was in high school and went to NYC & Washington DC. When my boys were little, I even did demos for Polaroid. I was anxious to try to do more with 35mm and different lenses. I went to a pawn shop in Fayetteville & bought a Minolta camera with several lenses and used that for 11 years.

The club was small back in those days, and I became active immediately. My first job was the newsletter which went out monthly – by typing, printing, copying, stamping, mailing..... I have been President (don't even remember what year that may have been*). I was exhibition chairman for many years which involved finding places to show our prints (on photo paper by a print source – no control over improvement) and hanging many shows. I competed in our slide competitions (again the only control was how you set the camera and what you selected). I was on the board for about 15 years and truly enjoyed all the people in the club. Most of us went on field trips. Digital was just beginning in 2000 & I bought a point & shoot thinking it would be handy for snapshots. I never dreamed how fast the field of photography would change.

I still enjoy the club meetings and seeing what others are doing and what I might learn from them. While I do not participate in the competitions these days, I still do a lot of photography. All my artwork is done from my own photo images. I use several different cameras for a variety of needs. I have one I love for shooting birds which have become a favorite subject the past few years. I have a wonderful long lens – but compact and light weight -- and have learned how to shoot and follow birds in action or far away. I love playing around with images on the computer also, but mainly to stretch my own interpretation of a scene."

*President's note: Betty was President in 1996

Linda Piechota at the Artists League Memorial for Betty



Thoughts from another long-time member and friend of Betty's, *Linda Piechota*:

"Betty Hendrix and I became friends in 1989 when we both moved to the Sandhills, and both had joined Sandhills Photography Club. Betty and Dave settled in Pinehurst and Fran and I went to Whispering Pines. Later, Betty and Dave moved to Whispering Pines.

Betty and I always talked about how our lives paralleled. We both left the business world, were close in age, both were artists, and photographers.

She taught art and I taught photography. Betty also taught workshops to help Photography Club members learn how to properly mat, frame, and wire photos for exhibition.

I became President of Sandhills Photography Club and she also became President. Both of us served in other board capacities for years.

Betty was a very talented artist and photographer and was one of the founders of the Artists League of the Sandhills. She remained very dedicated to the League until her death. She worked in watercolor, colored pencil and pastel and won awards locally, in surrounding cities, states nationally and internationally. She had an honorable mention in American Artist magazine and recently was featured in the local Sandhill's Magazine."

For several years Betty and I photographed the major golf tournaments held in Pinehurst that were to be used for publicity in golf publications.

We also took photos of entries in monthly art shows at Campbell House for their records.

On a more personal note, we both lost our husbands too soon and we enjoyed catching up by going out to dinner often. I will miss my talented friend very much. "

Pictures of Betty and some of her many friends in SPC



Trip to Murrells Inlet, SC



More from Betty:
“Whenever I talk with folks about photography and/or art -- I recommend our photography club. It is a wonderful mix of levels, interests, and styles. Sandhills Photography Club has enriched my life immensely!! I cannot believe it has been 32 years! Thank You All for being a part of my life!!!”

