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MEMBERS PHOTOS FROM NEAR OR FAR

APRIL: LANA REBERT

Genie prowls Raleigh in Wake County. She is Lana's Niece's cat!

NOTE: taken with Lana's CELL phone and a macro app!!!!

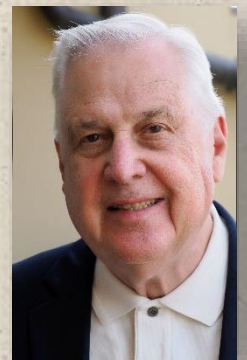


PRESIDENT'S NOTES – *JACQUES WOOD*

I want to inform you about plans for the Sandhills Photography Club.

SPC Plan Goal No. 2: Improve Member Satisfaction

To that end, the Board held a brain-storming session on March 21. During that session 105 ideas were generated addressing growing membership, retaining existing members and developing potential revenue sources other than dues. The next step will be evaluation, then deciding which ones to develop and implement. I will keep you informed about this initiative.



JACQUES WOOD

Partnering with Moore County

SPC has been asked by Moore County to submit photographs for possible utilization on the new County of Moore website. After the County confirmed that ownership rights will be retained by the submitting photographer, the Club agreed to partner with Moore County on this endeavor. The requested submission date is June 1, 2023. There will be a special message next week with details about suggested photo topics, photo requirements and club collection process.

Summer Social Event Scheduled

The Club has reserved space at the Talamore Country Club for an informal social event on Saturday, August 19, 2023. That day, World Photography Day, is an appropriate time for us to celebrate, so save the date. Details on activities, time and cost are coming soon.

Lots going on for SPC, so keep on shooting (especially in Moore County),

Jacques



Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne

PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

The following presentations are scheduled for the remainder of this year. Suggestions for future programs are welcome; email me at: vicepresident@sandhillsphtoclub.org



BOB MOBSBY

May 8, 2023: Finding Inspiration in our Photographic Lives by Kas Stone



Do you sometimes struggle to find inspiration? Are you stuck in the photographic doldrums? Do you ever worry you won't see anything that will inspire you to pick up your camera again? You are not alone! Join Canadian photographer Kas Stone on a quest for inspiration in our photographic lives. You can view Kas' work at <http://kasstone.ca/>

July 10, 2023: Astrophotography - Deep Space Photography by Larry Pizzi

Larry Pizzi, a resident of Seven Lakes, will discuss how he became interested in astro/deep space photography, the gear and the techniques he uses to produce his striking images of our universe. You can view some of Larry's work here:

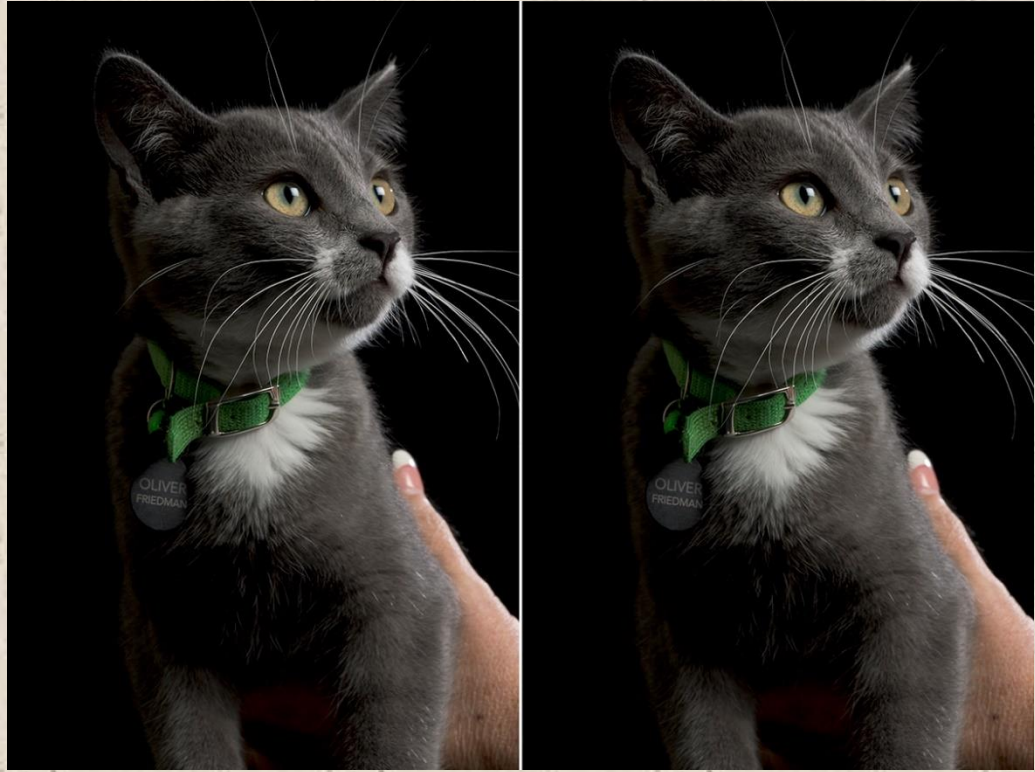
<https://shop.larrypizzi.com>



Programs continued next page

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

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.



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

November 13, 2023: Compelling Landscape Photography by Joseph Rossbach



Master landscape photographer Joseph Rossbach will discuss some of his outstanding landscape photographs and give advice on how you can improve your own landscape shots. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

www.josephrossbach.com

Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs



BONNY HENDERSON

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

BONNY HENDERSON AND JERRY KOZEL



JERRY KOZEL

Our upcoming competition will be held on Monday April 10 at the next meeting. The topic is "Solitude" and we received 60 entries. We tried using the new form and it seems to have been successful. We were able to identify each photo and successfully accepted all entries.

Our upcoming competition topic will be Leading Lines and the definition is:

Leading lines is a compositional technique in which lines are used in a photograph to direct the viewers' attention to a specific area of the image. Leading lines can be naturally occurring such as a river or a tree line or they can be artificial line shapes found in manmade structures like bridges, roads, and fences. Use leading lines in your image. (3-year time limit)

The competition will be held in June, but the galleries will open May 13.

The remaining topics for 2023 are:

- August- Something Involving Water
- October- Animals on the Move
- December- Sports

We are still asking for topic suggestions for 2025 competitions. You can always go back and review topics from years ago on the website and see if you find something interesting. We will have the members vote on the topics in the near future so send in any suggestions you may have. Email us at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org.

AND, we are still looking for new committee members for next year. If you would like to join the exciting world of competitions, email us at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org.

Bonny & Jerry

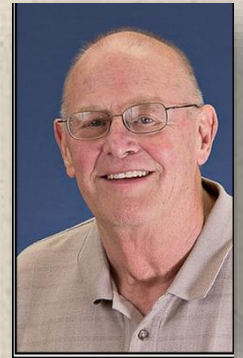


MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

Currently, our membership stands at 98 members strong.

During the month of March, we welcomed four new members to our Club:

We are happy to welcome back **Walter Morris** after several years of being away. Walter was one of the earliest members of the Sandhills Photography Club. In fact, he was the Club president in 1984.



JACK MATHEWS

Mei Kei McDowell joined shortly after attending as a guest at our March meeting. Mei Kei writes “I am an artist who paints animals and nature scenes and I have often scoured the internet for beautiful photographs to work with, for reference. I purchased a Sony a7c last year and two "beginner" lenses to attempt to take my own reference photos so that I could have better control of my compositions and feel more fulfilled in creating my work in its entirety. But even if I do not use my photographs for my artwork... I just love taking photographs anyway!” To learn more about Mei Kei and view her artwork please visit her website <https://www.missmeikei.com/home>. She likes to be called “May Kay”.

Welcome, **Shanna Roberts**. Shanna earned her BS & MBA at Auburn University. War Eagle! She is certified in Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, and Dreamweaver. And teaches the Adobe Academy at Southern Lee High School in Sanford. She is looking forward to connecting with advanced professionals and enhancing skills that she can use in the classroom; spending time with others who see life through a lens- it's not what you see but how you see it. Her favorite photographic subjects are beaches and landscapes.

Bradly Dick is the newest member who recently joined SPC.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The Membership Directory now has a new look. The new Directory includes not only the member's photo but also their contact information. Please take a few minutes to verify that your information is correct. If not, forward your correction to membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org. The new password to the Members Only section and to the Membership Directory was sent to you via email on March 17th. If you would like to have your photo added to the Directory or change the one you already have, just send a favorite to website@sandhillsphtoclub.org.

Jack



Susan Bailey

APRIL OUTING

➤ North Carolina Zoo

Date: Saturday, April 22
Where: 4401 Zoo Parkway,
Asheboro, NC – 800-488-0444

Time: meet at 10am just
inside the ticket booth
area at the North
America entrance.
We will plan to stay for
lunch and then stay as
long as you want. The
Zoo is open until 4pm.

Rates: Adults over 62 - \$13,
Adults under 62 - \$15
– you can purchase
online or at the gate

Parking Free – North America
and Africa are open in April

<https://www.nczoo.org/>

The trams are only running between
the two entrances and Junction
Plaza, approximately in the middle.
There is a lot of walking, and it is hilly
so wear your best walking shoes!

Manual Wheelchairs and Electric
Convenience vehicles (ECVs) are
available for rent from the Gift
Shop at the entrance.

L – there are 4 restaurants open in the zoo with salads, burgers, pizza, etc. There is no
u picnicking allowed inside the zoo but you can certainly bring snacks and drinks.
n There are also snack shops along the way.

c PLEASE RSVP so that I know who to look for! susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com
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**See Sandhills Gardens Outing Photos
From March 22 starting on Page 10**

WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

iPhone Workshop, Part 1 and 2

Would you like to learn more about taking photos with your iPhone? We'll show you how to take pictures with the iPhone using the latest camera features. You'll learn how to optimize iPhone settings for taking the best photos. You'll experiment with focus and exposure.



Frank Lipski

John Patota will lead a two-part workshop. John is a renowned local Pinehurst Golf photographer and teaches an iPhone class at Sandhills Community College.

Part 1 of the workshop will be via Zoom on **April 12 at 7pm**. This will go over basic features and necessary iPhone setup.

Part 2 will be a live class and walk-around photoshoot. This will be on **April 19 at 10am**. The class will meet for about 1 hour of final instructions, followed by a photo-shot walk-around, where the different techniques presented will be exercised. An optional lunch will follow the walk-around. Tentatively the class will be held at Embers on Broad St in Southern Pines, with a Southern Pines walkaround. Lunch will be at Embers.



All this for only \$15 (lunch not included). Checks can be made out to Sandhills Photographic Club – note iPhone workshop on memo line. Checks can be mailed Sandhills Photography Club PO Box 763 Southern Pines, NC 28388

From <https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/work-shops> at the bottom of the page is a link to pay via Paypal.

Much like cameras, each phone has very different interfaces and menus, so this workshop is limited to **iPhone users only**.

Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$ 6,479.45
	Savings	\$ 3,916.03
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,395.48



JUDY.NAPPI



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



Website Notes for April:

This month's featured member's website on the club website is [John German](#). Click his name to view his website or the link to his website is on our website homepage.

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.

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

**Sandhills Gardens Outing Photos with Susan Bailey
March 22, 2023**



Diane McKay

Neua Scheve



Diane McKay





Neva Scheve



Linda Piechota

Susan Bailey



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Dee Williams





Diane McKay Photography

Diane McKay

Dee Williams



Cindy's Views
Photography

Cindy Murphy

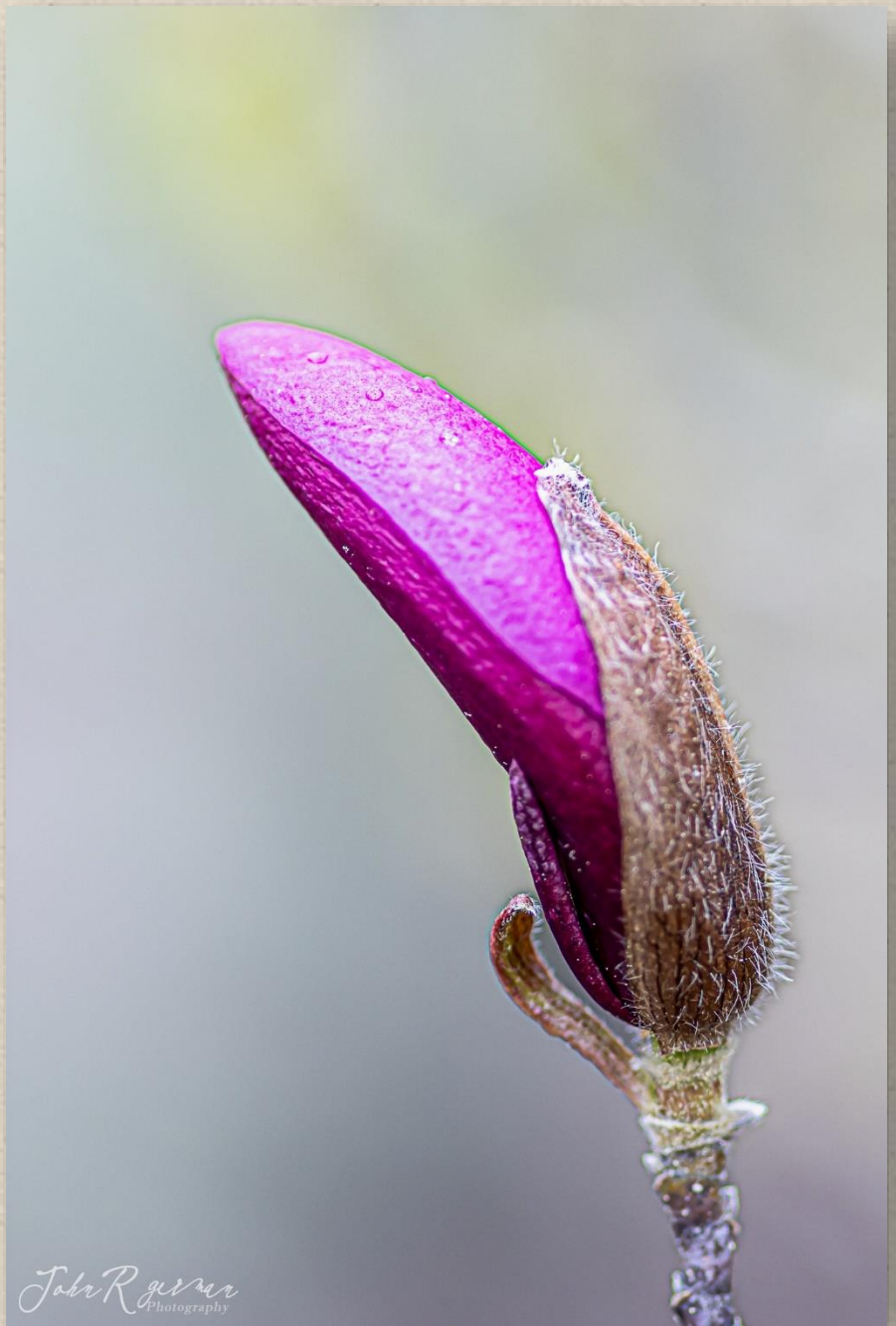


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