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## UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING.....January 14

### PROGRAMS

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### COMPETITIONS

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- Things with Wheels..... June
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### EXHIBITIONS

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## PRESIDENTS NOTES

*JIM BROWN*



**JIM BROWN**

Welcome to 2019 and a Happy New Year to the Sandhills Photography Club. I hope everyone had a safe and joyous holiday season.

My thanks to all those who helped with our annual end of the year social and holiday dinner at Pinewild last month. For 2019, I am looking for two club members who would like to organize the holiday dinner on December 9. This will include the venue, menu, cost, door prizes, announcements, flyers etc. This process should start in March or April. Please contact myself or a fellow board member if you are interested.

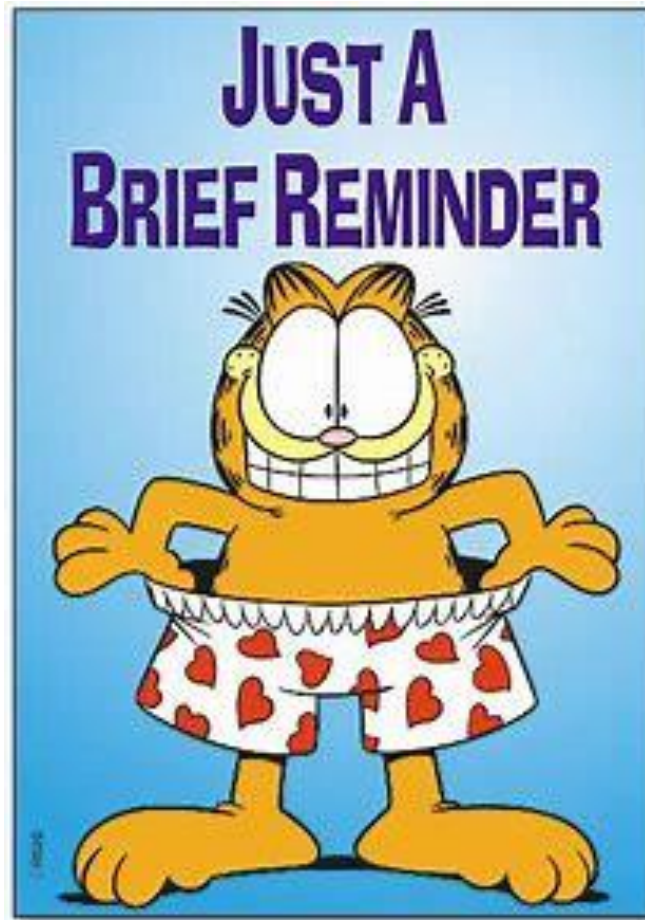
I have mentioned this a few times, but we are still looking for volunteers to fill the following positions: **Vice President / Program Chairperson; Exhibitions Committee; Additional Competition Committee member.** These three positions are still vacant and I would really like to see them filled early this year. As a side bar to this request: the board meetings will now be held the Thursday following our Monday meeting from 6:30pm - 8:00pm at the

Horticultural Center. This change was made in hopes to accommodate possible volunteers who were not able to attend the 2pm board meetings.

Our meeting on Monday, January 14 will consist of a walk through the SHPC website by John German, hints on uploading images for the bi-monthly competitions, metadata and why it is important, adding name and copyright to your images within the camera. Also - we have planned a workshop on Saturday, January 19, 8:30am - noon. Details for this were sent out last month via email and will be repeated mid January.

Looking forward to 2019 and all the wonderful images our members create.

Cheers.....Jim



**IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019**

Family Membership..... \$75  
Individual Membership....\$55  
Student Membership....\$20

(For those who plan to enter the competition in February, please make sure your dues are paid by January!)

**MAIL CHECKS TO:**

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## **SPRING FIELD TRIP: RICHMOND, VA; SUBMITTED BY MARILYN OWEN**

Save the dates **April 24-27**, Wednesday-Saturday, for our spring field trip to Richmond, VA. We will be staying at the Hampton Inn in Chester, VA for \$109 per night (comes to \$123 with taxes). Call the hotel at 804-768-8888 to make reservations. This is the middle of Virginia Garden Week, with special events happening on various days at different places.

Richmond has a variety of photo opportunities, from botanical gardens to current street photography downtown to historic street photography in Williamsburg to architecture to skylines to mansions to cemeteries to canal boat tours to...

The highlight of this trip for 12 photographers will be a 2-hour boat trip on the James River through an area populated by bald eagles all year long, plus the ospreys should be back by then as well. The cost of the trip will be \$50, and people will make their own reservations (details later). The 7 AM tours on Thursday and Friday have been reserved for us. If you think you might be interested, check out [discoverthejames.com](http://discoverthejames.com). It is about a 20-minute drive from the hotel to the launch site (providing you don't get lost). For the best shots, Brian Osborne's advice is to practice panning with your camera and a not-too-heavy lens before taking this trip.

Hoping for a great response!

### **EXHIBITS, SUBMITTED BY MARTI DERLETH**

Sandhills Scenes, our exhibit with the Artists League of the Sandhills, will be March 1 through 28. 20 pieces of artwork will be accepted from each organization. The artwork must be created within the past 3 years and depict a scene in the Sandhills. Entry fees are \$20. Entry forms and fees will be collected from the January meeting through the February meeting, with the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 accepted on a first come, first served basis. We will be sending an email early January with more detailed information and the entry forms. This is the first time we are collaborating with the Artists League for a show in their gallery in Aberdeen. We hope to quickly fill our 20 spots and look forward to the opening reception Friday, March 1 from 5 to 7.

## CAMERA SETTINGS WORKSHOP – COFFEE AND CAMERAS

January 19, 2019



NOTE THE UPCOMING DATE

Did you get a new camera for Christmas and you are confused about all those settings in the menu? Or, have you had your camera for a while, but you aren't sure you have your camera set for the best performance? Or, are you fairly confident you know enough to share your knowledge with those who don't?

Have you ever wondered: What is the best focus setting to maximize the shot? How do I create a custom shooting menu? What is Active D Lighting? How do I use the HDR function? How do I set the camera for back button focus? And more....?

We are combining the Coffee and Camera get together with a workshop to go over all those menu items and figure them out together as a member project. We will break into separate Nikon, Canon, and mirrorless groups. Each group will have a "leader" to guide the conversation. **We realize not everyone knows everything, but everyone knows something!**

So far, we have some more experienced members to lead the Canon and Nikon groups. **John German, Donna Ford, Jim Brown** for Canon. **John Patota, Neva Scheve**, and hopefully, **Matt Smith** for Nikon. We need some people who can help out with the Mirrorless group. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. [nevaks@centurylink.net](mailto:nevaks@centurylink.net)

This is a total member sharing event. No matter what your experience, come join us. Free for members.

- Date – Saturday, January 19, 2019
- Place – Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center
- Time – 8:30 for coffee and donuts  
9:00 am – 12:00 workshop

Bring your camera with a charged battery and your manual. We will go through the menu items and discuss the best settings for each one.

## COMPETITIONS: *Gisela Danielson, Lana Rebert & Dennis Snipes*

**Wow! 2019 has arrived.** As you reflect on last year's competitions, how did you do? How can we help you in 2019? Suggestions are *usually* helpful. So, let us have them. \

**Congratulations to the three Stoffel Award winners for 2018: Matt Smith in Class A; Kathryn Saunders in Class B; and Donna Ford in Class C.** Kathryn has now moved up to Class A. For all who voted in the Movement competition, you were very helpful.

Speaking of **reflections**, it is the first competition of the year. Although February 11th is the competition night, **SmugMug links will open for entries on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm and close on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm.**

**Remember this: You submit your entries on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday the month before the competition.** Our competitions are February, April, June, August, October & December. **However, your photos have to be submitted January, March, May, July, September & November.** Maybe that is why the competition sneaks up on you and you are scrambling?

Reflections photography, also referred to as mirror photography, is the art or technique of using reflective surfaces to capture beautiful and unique images. Common surfaces used for reflective photography are bodies of water, windows, and mirrors, but other surfaces such as metal, cars, raindrops, etc. can be used. Reflective surfaces can be a great way to create an abstract image or dramatically affect the feeling and mood by creating a surreal sense of duality.



This challenge is about using reflections in the composition of a shot. Any form of reflection is valid. You can submit photos of the reflection or compose an image with the reflected scene. The source of the reflection may or may not be in the image. **No Time Limit for this Competition.** We are looking forward to having the judges, Keith & Tiffany Briley, back from Charleston, SC. Check out their website: <https://www.charlestonphotographytours.com>

**Don't forget to send us your back to front photos.** Start thinking of topics for future competitions. We will be asking for your input again. If you want a laminated card listing the 2019 & 2020 competition topics, ask for them at the meetings. The card is helpful to have in your wallet or camera bag. When you are out with your camera, the card is a helpful reminder to look for and capture the perfect image for an upcoming competition. **Big thank you to Jill Margeson** for getting them made. We still need an extra hand on the competition committee this year.

Thank you and congratulations to all the winners in the movement competition. (See winning photos next pages) Send questions, suggestions & back to front photos to [competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org).



# MOVEMENT WINNERS



1st Place - Debra Regula - Feather Rinse Repeat

Class A



2nd Place - Math Smith - Portal



3rd Place - Pat Anderson - Zoom Zoom



3rd Place - Jim Davis - Silver Star



1st HM - Pat Anderson - Fishing



1st HM - Dale Jennings - Night Lights



2nd HM - Bill Bower - Down the Chute



2nd HM - Bill Matthews –  
Look Out Below



2nd HM - Tobe Saskor – Got it, Partner



1st Place - Joe Owen - Coming At You



2nd Place - Kathryn Saunders - Hummingbirds



3rd Place - M Stevens - I Am Outa Here

**Class B**



1st HM - Diane McKay - Airs Above The Ground



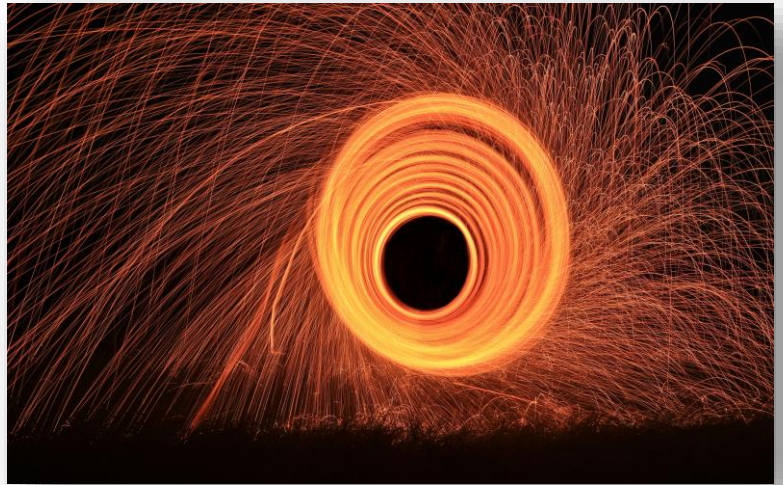
2nd HM - Kathryn Saunders - Shake, Shake, Shake





1st Place - Donna Ford - Splish Splash

Class C



2nd Place - Donna Ford - Ring of Fire



3rd Place - Lana Rebert - Lumbee Powwow



## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

[WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG](http://WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG)

### Website

When uploading to Smug Mug for our various activities, you may click done in the upper right-hand corner of the screen to see the gallery. This will **not** be true for competition galleries.

### Notes

This month's featured gallery on the club website is for **Jill Margeson**. Click the feature button on the home page for her gallery.

View the Christmas in Pinehurst Day Trip (really night) with button on the home page of the website or click this link:

#### **Christmas in Pinehurst Day Trip**

View the Christmas Slideshow with button on the home page of the website or click this link:

#### **Christmas Slideshow**

There is now a "Subscribe Now" button on the home page to subscribe to the club's monthly newsletter. As of this month we have 42 subscriptions from non-members. Former member John Reckless just subscribed.

### Member Galleries

**Members who would like a personal gallery** should let me know at [website@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto: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.**

**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](mailto:website@sandhillsphotoclub.org)

## HOSPITALITY, *Neva Scheve*

January	Jim Brown
February	Paula Taggart
March	Janice Huff & Diane McCall
April	Frank Dalmau
May	Pot Luck A-L
June	Open
July	Linda Piechota
August	Dave & Cheryl Powers
September	Open
November	Pot Luck M-Y
December	Christmas Dinner

The calendar for refreshment volunteers is filling up, but I still have June and September to fill. Since we had such an abundant pot luck spread at the November meeting, I have decided to split the membership alphabetically in half and have it two times during the year.

For those who haven't done it before, volunteering involves bringing several light snacks and drinks to the meeting for our social time after (NO alcohol). We currently have donated cups, plates, and napkins available to use in the club cabinet. Often, people team up to do it together. If you want to volunteer for June or September, contact me at [nevaks@centurylink.net](mailto:nevaks@centurylink.net).

Neva Scheve – Hospitality

### WILDLIFE WORKSHOP AT THE NC ZOO

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019** will be an all-day wildlife workshop with Bill Lea at the North Carolina Zoo. The cost of the workshop will be \$65 per member, ***not including*** the entrance fee for the zoo or lunch. Reservations/registrations can be made at the January meeting or by mailing your check to the treasurer. The group will meet at a designated place at 9:00 (when the zoo opens), and the workshop will last until the zoo closes at 4. If you need to leave earlier than that, just be sure to let someone know. Bill will be presenting a program on photography of bears at the March meeting the night before.

Check out Bill's gallery on his website at <http://www.billlea.com/galleryIndex.html>.

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