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**Celebrating 40 years in 2023**

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Throughout this year we will be Celebrating SPC and Honoring 40 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward. Our 1<sup>st</sup> Page will contain images, taken by our members of things both NEAR & FAR....Step out your backdoor or around the world



**John German**  
Taken out my backdoor

**John German**  
Blue Ridge Mountains

**NEAR**



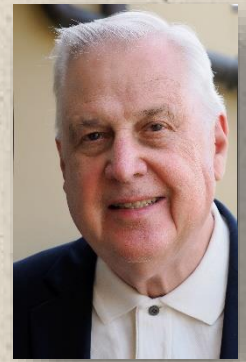
NOTE: we will be using RUBY for our front page, which is the official stone for a 40<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.

*John German*  
Photography

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES – *JACQUES WOOD*

I am honored to serve as the thirty-fifth President of the Sandhills Photography Club in the **fortieth year of the Club's history**. Our Club's first regular meeting was called "to order at 7:30 PM, December 6, 1982." The Club was founded on that date with a mission to:

- Provide for the exchange of photographic knowledge at all skill levels in a friendly, supportive atmosphere.
- Expand members' technical and creative understanding of photography.
- Foster members participation in Club programs, events and operations.
- Promote public interest in the art of photography.



JACQUES WOOD

There are challenges and exciting opportunities for the Club in 2023. The three most prominent challenges are:

- Integrating the 23 members who joined in 2022 into the fabric of the Club.
- Continuing to support the photographic growth and interest of all members.
- Celebrating and publicizing the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### Plan in Progress

I am fortunate to come into office with dedicated and experienced Officers and Board Members. With input from all Board Members, the Officers are developing a 2023 Strategic Plan. While this plan is a "work-in-progress", here are some of the preliminary action items:

1. Develop and implement a new member Zoom orientation session coordinated by the Membership Committee.
2. Creation of a new board position, **SPC Ombudsperson** (filled by **Neve Scheve**), responsible for among other things ascertaining "the concerns ... and ideas of SPC members."
3. Designating Saturday, August 19, 2023, "**World Photography Day**" as the target date for the celebration of the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you have ideas or suggestions about the above challenges or actions, please send them to me at: [president@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:president@sandhillsphtoclub.org). You can also send them to the Club Officers or Board Members; their email addresses are listed on page 18 of this newsletter.

I look forward to welcoming you to the January 9<sup>th</sup> program, "Introduction to Pet Photography by Lisa Miyamoto". I will be greeting you on Zoom from the capital of Costa Rica, San Jose. I will have just arrived in this city on the first day of a week-long photography workshop in that country.

This coming year is a time to both honor our Club's heritage and to build upon its founding principles.

Jacques

## PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

### January Meeting Program: Introduction to Pet Photography

Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens

This program will be presented by **Lisa Miyamoto**, owner of Makana Photography LLC, a full-service commercial photography studio in Cameron, North Carolina. Lisa will discuss her work, how she got into pet photography, her gear, and additionally:



**BOB MOBSBY**



- How to prepare for taking a pet portrait
- How to connect with the animals
- Setting up the shot (camera settings, framing the image, props, etc.)
- How to freeze action shots (animals that are moving)
- Examples of images and Lisa's inspiration for them



You can see examples of Lisa's wonderful images at her website:

[makana-photography.com](http://makana-photography.com)



I'm looking forward to hearing Lisa's presentation on January 9th. I hope you will attend either in person or online via Zoom.

**Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs**

MEMBERSHIP – *FRANK HOLT*

# Happy New Year!!!!

As the year of 2022 was winding down, we hope all SPC members had a heartwarming celebration of the Christmas holidays with family and loved ones. The Club concluded this past year's activities with fifty-five members and guests attending our Holiday Dinner held at the Pinewild Country Club.



FRANK HOLT

We close the year 2022 with 110 members. We are pleased to report many of you have submitted your 2023 membership renewals. For those who have not yet renewed, the January due date is upon us. Plans for 2023 are well underway to provide programs, competitions, and activities for a full year's calendar of events. We do not want anyone to miss out on all the opportunities to join your fellow SPC members in all activities.

Please review our website, [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org) which will provide you details on options to pay by PayPal or check.

Welcome goes out to our newest members to the SPC.

**Susan Mathews** favorite photography subjects are people, landscapes, and travel. Susan writes that she is looking forward to more opportunities to learn and share ideas.

**Patti Cifelli** favorite photographic subjects are nature and horse sports. She's interested in expanding her knowledge of using shutter speeds and aperture to get sharp focus. Patti's also interested in traveling to different places to shoot and is very interested in the club outing to the Pungo area.

The Membership Committee is currently developing a comprehensive page to be added to the Club's web site specifically for new members. This site will provide Next Step information for new members to get involve in club activities/events. This new web page will be on-line by the end of January 2023.

We are also developing an orientation package to be offered by Zoom to New Members. Chair Persons will give brief presentations on the various Club activities. Followed by a Q & A session. We plan for a mid-February release.

As we enter 2023 we extend many thanks to Jo Ann Sluder for the outstanding job and leadership she provided this past year as Club President and welcome Jacques Wood as the new Club President.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!

**Bill Buss, Dennis Snipes, Frank Holt, and Jack Mathews**

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

### BONNY HENDERSON AND JERRY KOZEL



BONNY HENDERSON

Congratulations to our winners of the December competition “Round Things.” Members voted for their favorites and the winners are:

- Tier 1:** 1st Place-Cindy Murphy  
2nd Place-Bill Buss  
3rd Place- Bill Buss
- Tier 2:** 1st Place- Shari Dutton  
2nd Place-Mary (New) Wheaton  
3rd Place(tie)- Jacques Wood & Susan Bailey
- Tier 3:** 1st Place(tie)- Donna Ford & Gisela Danielson  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Diane McCall  
HM(tie)- Lana Rebert & Neva Scheve



JERRY KOZEL

All of the entries are posted on the website, so visit and see all of the images of Round Things.

And more celebration and congratulations for our **2022 Stoffel Award winners:**

- Tier 1: Bill Buss with 17 points for the year**
- Tier 2: Shari Dutton with 12 points for the year**
- Tier 3: Gisela Danielson with 20 points for the year**

What do these three winners have in common? They entered most of the competitions and Gisela entered every one of last year’s competitions. You can’t win if you don’t enter, so look over the topics and plan your competition entries now! The topics for 2023 and 2024 will be included in this newsletter. We are still working on the definitions of the 2024 topics, but they’re pretty self-explanatory so go ahead and get a head start on the 2024 competitions. The 2023 topics and definitions are complete and are included.

#### **IMPORTANT NEWS IF YOU PLAN TO ENTER THE FEBRUARY 2023 OPEN COMPETITION!**

Because the competition topic “OPEN” has been extremely popular in previous years, we are limiting the number of entries for this competition. We have come to realize how unfair and overwhelming it is for the judge to study, comment, and choose winners for 80 or 90 images; therefore, we will only be accepting 60 images for this competition. **ONLY THE FIRST 60 IMAGES SUBMITTED WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS COMPETITION!** There is a three-year time limit and you may still submit two images. *There is no need to hit the panic button!* Our average number of entries is typically 53 per competition, so we are allowing some wiggle room. However, a word of caution: **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY AT 3:45 PM TO SEND IN YOUR IMAGES.** You may be sadly disappointed if you have waited until the last moment and we have already reached our maximum number of entries. There is no minimum or maximum number of entries per tier: first come, first accepted, no matter which tier.

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The galleries will open at 4:00 pm on Saturday January 14 and will close at 4:00 pm on Saturday January 21. Do not attempt to send entries any earlier than 4:00 on January 14. We will not accept any entry before the galleries have officially opened. An email with the links and titling information will be sent on Wednesday, January 11. If you have any questions or need help with competition entries, contact us at [competitions@sandhillsp Photoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsp Photoclub.org).

One last item for your consideration: 2023 will be our last year as the Competitions Committee. We are seeking members who would like to fill our positions. No previous experience necessary. Please let us know if you are interested in serving on the next Competitions Committee.

*Bonny & Jerry*

### 2023 Topics with Definitions

(FEBRUARY) **OPEN**– Any subject (3 year time limit)

(APRIL) **SOLITUDE** – Solitude is defined as the state of being alone or remote from others; the state of being secluded or uninhabited; the state of being lonely or loneliness. Let your image reflect one of the three states of solitude. (3 year time limit)

(JUNE) **LEADING LINES** – 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)

(AUGUST) **ANIMALS ON THE MOVE**- Animals move in many different ways: some climb, some run, some swim. Capture an image of an animal in motion. (3 year time limit)

(OCTOBER) **SOMETHING INVOLVING WATER** – This challenge involves water--bodies of water found in nature or photograph any use of water in daily life. A river or a glass of water-your choice. (3 year time limit)

(DECEMBER) **SPORTS** – Sports photography is the art of documenting sports, athletic activities, and athletes. Submit an image of players or sports people in an athletic activity. Capture the action. (3 year time limit)

### 2024 Competition Topics

(FEBRUARY) **SHAPES & PATTERNS (3 year limit)**

(APRIL) **WORM'S EYE VIEW (GET LOW) (3 year limit)**

(JUNE) **GO WITH THE FLOW (MOVING WATER) (3 year limit)**

(AUGUST) **CLOSE-UP (3 year limit)**

(OCTOBER) **ABSTRACT (3 year limit)**

(DECEMBER) **ROWS OF THINGS (3 year limit)**

~ Winners of the ROUND Competition Follow ~

# Winners of Our ROUND Competition YOU voted, they won!

Tier  
1



1<sup>st</sup> – Cindy Murphy  
Greenhouse Goodies



2<sup>nd</sup> – Bill Buss  
Round & Round



3<sup>rd</sup> - Bill Buss  
Wheel



Tier  
2

1<sup>st</sup> – Shari Dutton – Fruity



3<sup>rd</sup> TIE – Jacques Wood  
Circle of Faith



2<sup>nd</sup> – Mary Wheaton - Mushrooms in Orange



3<sup>rd</sup> TIE – Susan Bailey - Perfect Putt





1st TIE - Donna Ford - From the Sea

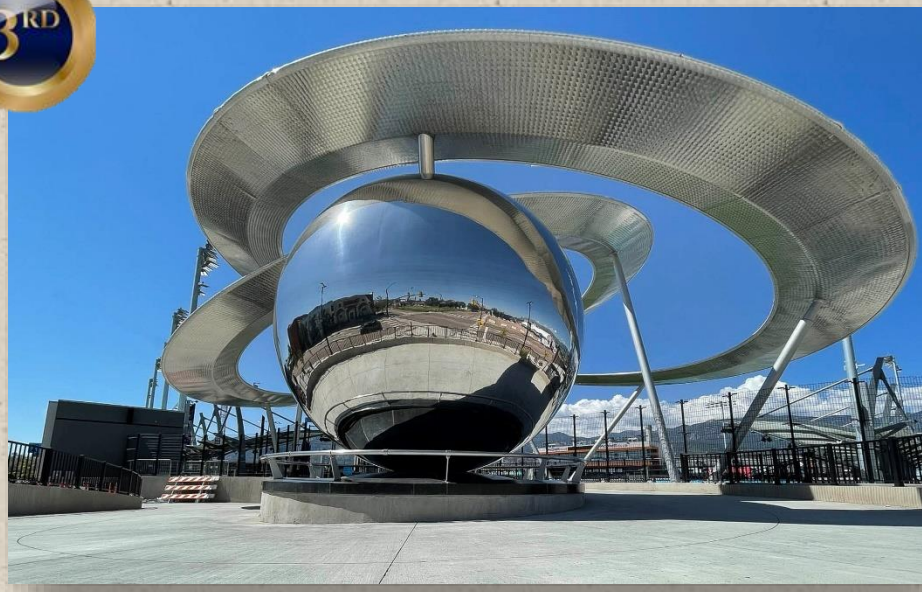


1st TIE- Gisela Danielson  
Good Morning Europe

Tier  
3



3rd - Diane McCall  
Reflecting Colorado Springs



1st HM



HM TIE – Lana Rebert – Fruit Loopyery



1st HM



HM TIE – Neva Scheve – Onion Flower

## 2022 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY

### January Outing Jordan Lake Dam

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2023

Time: Meet at the parking lot at 2pm.  
You will be shooting very close to your car.

Address:  
Jordan Lake Dam  
2060 Jordan Dam Road  
Moncure, NC

Directions: Take US 1 North out of Southern Pines to Exit 79. You will see signs. It takes about 50 minutes.

What: By early January we should see seagulls, herons, and hopefully egrets, hawks and eagles. The eagles build their nests in early January and the eaglets hatch 30-40 days later in this area.

Notes: You will see others in the group when you park and the water and birds are right at the parking lot. You can stay on the grass and shoot down to the water or walk down a sloped, paved sidewalk to be closer to the water. Generally the water is surging through the dam and moving quite quickly. There is not a lot of walking involved, but the ground is uneven so you might want to walk sturdy hiking shoes. There are restrooms by the parking lot.

Equipment: Bring as long a lens as you have! A tripod is limiting as the birds are very fast and you will be using a fast shutter speed to capture the birds in flight. You may want to bring a portable chair.

Clothes: Dress warmly!

Weather cancellation: We will plan a rain date on January 21 if necessary.

RSVP: As always, I'd like to know if you plan to attend. [susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com)



Susan Bailey

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## **JANUARY 13-15**

**John German** is heading up a trip to the Pungo/Mattamuskeet area and you will receive separate information from him.

## **MARCH 28-30 – SOUTH CAROLINA**

We will be visiting two primary areas in Murrells Inlet, SC.

### **Brookgreen Gardens**

1931 Brookgreen Drive

Murrells Inlet, SC

[www.brookgreen.org](http://www.brookgreen.org)

9:30am – 5pm

One ticket price gives you 7 consecutive days:

Seniors over 65 - \$18

Under 65 - \$20

The azaleas and other flowers should be overflowing. Brookgreen has fountains and sculptures and acres of flowers. The low country zoo is also there. Please go to the website for complete information.

### **Huntington Beach State Park**

16148 Ocean Hwy

Murrells Inlet, SC

[www.southcarolinaparks.com/huntington/beach](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/huntington/beach)

6am-6pm

\$8 admission

<https://www.atalayacastle.com/history/>

\$2 for Atalaya

Just a few minutes from Brookgreen and our hotel you are in Huntington Beach State Park, which has great spots for birding, beach access and a tour through the Atalaya Castle. See link above

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## Hotel

Hampton Inn by Hilton Murrells Inlet  
512 Courtfield Drive  
Murrells Inlet, SC

<https://bit.ly/3X9nnsQ>

Please use this link so you are in our room block at the special rate. (regular \$184)

Rate: \$124

Book by: March 1, 2023

Cancel by: March 25, 2023 if necessary

Charges: There will be no charge on your credit card until you check in. Most rooms are either two Queens or one King so I would suggest booking as soon as possible to get what you want as this is a very busy time of year. Before or after our time in Murrells Inlet you may want to go down to Charleston too.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO GO ON THIS FIELD TRIP AND GET YOUR NAME ON A HOTEL RESERVATION EARLY!! You will not be charged until check in.**

**Outing Images Next 3 Pages!!**



**Diane McKay**

# bits & PieCes

December Outing  
Christmas Carriage Parade  
and Decorations  
December 10, 2022



John German



Tobé Saskor



Nina Drinko



Susan Bailey



Nina Drinko



Neva Scheve



Neva Scheve



Susan Bailey

*Susan Bailey*



Diane McKay

John German



*John German Photography*



## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



### Website Notes for January:

This month's featured member's website on the club website is [Trish O'Flaherty](#). Click her name to view her website or the link to her website on our website homepage.

### Pungo Outing

I am planning a trip to Pungo and Mattamuskeet Lakes for the winter waterfowl on January 13-15 (Friday to Sunday), 2023. Alison has sent a note to everyone or you can contact me for the information. [John German](#)

### 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](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.**

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





## WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

Happy New Years to everyone. So far 2023 is looking to be quite busy with workshops.

If you attended the November meeting and followed the Street Photography judges' comments, you probably heard how the picture could be improved by cropping. Well, Jerry and Bonnie have offered to host a workshop on Cropping. This will be held via **Zoom on January 18, 2023 at 6:30pm**. No registration will be required. A zoom notice will be sent out before the workshop.



Frank Lipski

Brian Osborne will be the guest speaker at the March meeting. He will be holding two different workshops the next day, **March 14**. One will be on "Motion" and the other will be Lightroom Basics. So, save that date. More details will be coming out later this month.

A long planned but never materialized iPhone class will be held on April 19<sup>th</sup> from 9 until noon. This class will be led by John Patota. More details will be coming out later in the year. Other workshops being planned include: Photoshop focusing on layers and masking and Pet Photography.

If you have any suggestions for a workshop or want to help the workshop committee, contact me via email, [lipski@charter.net](mailto:lipski@charter.net)

### Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2022

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$3,920.11
	Savings	\$3,915.91
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$7,836.02



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