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SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S NOTES – BONNY HENDERSON

Spring is here and the days are longer, even if the nights are still cold. We're all anxiously awaiting warm weather, but not hot weather! I hope you're catching many chances to photograph the beautiful spring flowers and blossoming trees that are so prolific right now.



BONNY HENDERSON

Have you run out of inspiration for your images? I was thinking the other day that we should make ourselves the theme of a photographic assignment. You could take pictures of what you like, what you don't like, anything that points to who you are as a person. The pictures in this series should illustrate who you are and your soul should be told in photographs. If you are a parent or grandparent, of course, your family would help illustrate your story. If you are a pet parent, your fur baby would also tell part of your story. But what else is in there? Do you love doughnuts? Can you ice skate? Do you collect something special? What books do you read? Think about yourself as a jigsaw puzzle and create pieces that, when put together, show the whole picture of you! It could be quite the challenge, but one that shows us who you are. I would love to see each one of us do this project and I think we would be very surprised to learn more about ourselves and our friends.

Make sure you keep an eye out for the dates and times of the SPC activities. We have so much going on with outings and field trips and brunch bunches and competitions, it's hard to keep up. Take time to think about which committees you would like to help and how you can best give back to the club.

Have a wonderful Easter and, in the spirit of the season, let the wonder of life constantly impress you. May your images reflect the beauty we are so lucky to behold.

Bonny Henderson

Programs – *SUSAN BAILEY*



Susan Bailey

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.

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

Outings - Cindy Murphy

Update on our April Outing:



It looks like **April 9** is going to be good timing for the **WRAL Azalea gardens. (2619 Western Blvd. Raleigh)**. We will meet at **9:30** in the parking lot adjacent to the gardens. Because the Cathedral is only open till 2pm, we'll want to go there before lunch. Those wanting to photograph the cathedral can head over at about 11:30, and then we'll have lunch at Sammy's at 12:30. The Cathedral will not allow flash, but I was told we can use tripods as long as they have

rubber pads on the feet. <https://wral-gardens.com/>



Cindy Murphy

If you haven't already, please let me know if you will be joining us. cindy.m.8012@gmail.com.

April Outing: North Carolina Zoo, Thursday April 25

4401 Zoo Pkwy, Asheboro

The zoo opens at 9am, but we will meet at **9:30** inside the ticket booth area.

Tickets are \$15, or \$13 for those of us over 52. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Parking is free.

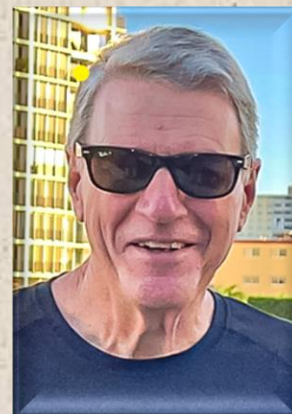
We will have an early lunch at 11am to avoid the lunch crowds. We will meet for lunch at the Junction Plaza area where are several eating establishments to choose from. After lunch you can stay as long into the afternoon as you want. The Zoo is open to 4pm.

Wear good comfortable walking shoes. <https://www.nczoo.org/>
Please let me know if you will be able to join us: cindy.m.8012@gmail.com



COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO

Join us **Monday April 8 at 7:00 pm** for the **Worm's Eye View** competition. Our judge will be Kenny McKeithan. He is an award-winning nature photographer whose portfolio contains "a little bit of everything." Among Kenny's favorites are aviation, fashion, glamour, and portraiture, but he has always been drawn to the outdoors. Kenny's images have appeared in Charleston Magazine, Art Mag, Camera in the Wild, Where Magazine, and on greeting cards and calendars. Kenny is a member of the Carolinas' Nature Photographers Association and is the owner of The Charleston Center for Photography. We look forward to his critiques and choices. You can see some of his work:



Mike Sassano

<https://kennymphoto.com> or on Facebook: [Kenny McKeithan Photography](#)

Just a reminder of our upcoming competitions for the remainder of this year:

JUNE	Go With the Flow (Moving water)
AUGUST	Close-Up
OCTOBER	Abstract
DECEMBER	Rows of Things

If you are a new member and you need help with entering a competition, there are two resources: the Competition Manual is on our website and offers many tips for sizing and other technical specifics; and, you are welcome to email us with any questions at competitions@sandhillphoto.org. We're happy to help!

We are currently collecting suggestions for competition topics for 2026. Please email us with your suggested topics and a brief description, if needed. We will compile a list of topics and ask the membership to vote on topics next summer.

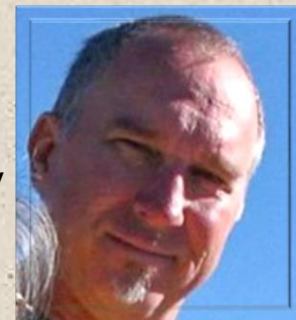
Happy Shooting!

Michael and the Competitions Committee

MEMBERSHIP – STEVE SORSCH

Membership

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



Steve Sorsch

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Club: **Jean Antholzner**, of Whispering Pines, **Lynn Goldhammer** and **Chris Morrow** of Pinehurst. If you see them at the Ball Center or outings, please greet them and introduce yourself.

Last Meeting's Attendance

At our March meeting, we had 27 members attending at the Ball Center and 15 members attending on Zoom. There were also 9 guests attending. 3 of the guests signed up as new members that night.

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.

A Note From A Guest

During our March Membership meeting we had nine guests. One of those guests sent a thank you note afterwards to the Membership Committee, which we will like to share part with all SPC members. Lyn Glynn wrote in part "...My husband and I were friends of the Stoffels when the club was young and I am so glad to see what it has become. He would be very proud."

Thank you, Lyn Glynn from all of SPC.

Cancellation of the New Member Orientation Zoom Meeting

Unfortunately, the New Member Orientation scheduled for March 20th was canceled due to the lack of positive RSVPs received.

The slide presentation that was prepared for that meeting is now posted on the Club's website. For a general review of the various committees, chairperson duties, and who to ask for your various questions, please view the 2024 New Member Orientation PowerPoint presentation which can be found on the SPC website New Member's Page @ <https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/newNew Member>.

Membership, Continued:

Membership Committee is looking for Team Members

If you are wanting to do more in the club and have time then the Membership Committee has place for you. Contact us through email membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org

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.

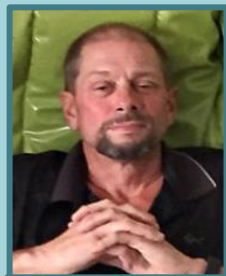
Using your smartphone go to:

- 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.

Steve Sorsch

Treasurer's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$7,975.25
	Savings	\$4,026.39
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$12,0001.64



Frank Lipski



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

Support YOUR Club!!!!

FIELD TRIPS - *DEB CASTLE*

WE ARE ALMOST READY TO GO!!!!

We have **20 members** attending the field trip, **April 16-18th**. Anyone who wishes to come now is welcome but has to pay the current price at Holiday Inn Express, Mt. Pleasant.



Deb Castle

Activities include:

Tuesday

Boone Hall Plantation

Dinner at Graze

Sunset Photo Shoot at Ravenel Bridge

Wednesday

Water Taxi transport to/from downtown Charleston

Walking Tour of Historic Charleston

Dinner at Coleman Public House that evening

Thursday

Avian Conservation Center - Birds of Prey in Awendaw

**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 April 2024:

This month's featured member's website is by [Pam Jensen](#). Click her name to view her website or the link to her 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. 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



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