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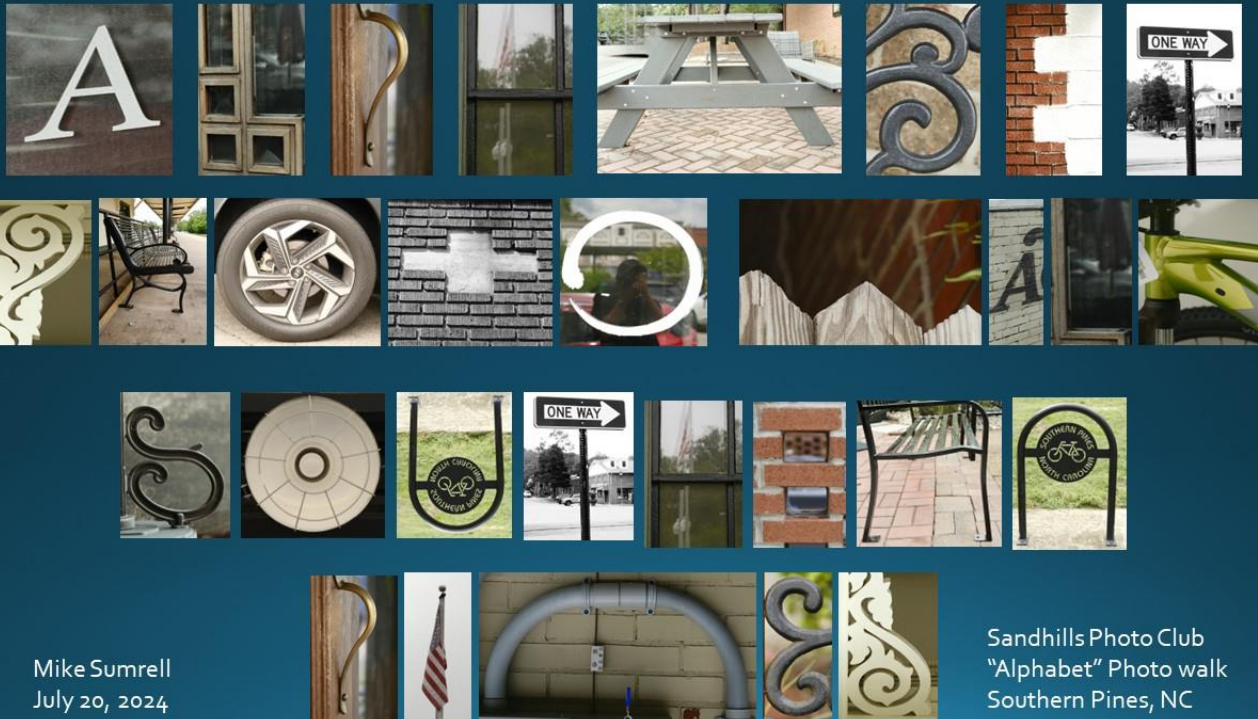
OUTINGS: FINDING ALPHABET LETTERS IN SOUTHERN PINES

Picture of our adventurous group checking out Southern Pines for Alphabet "letters" from everyday objects..

Picture thanks to John German, also part of the group.

Creative arrangement of ALPHABET PHOTO WALK SOUTHERN PINES by Mike Sumrell

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Mike Sumrell
July 20, 2024

Sandhills Photo Club
"Alphabet" Photo walk
Southern Pines, NC

President – CAL RICE

Learning new skills is always a challenge and an ongoing activity. We are fortunate to have a club that gives us opportunities to improve our skills and do a little socializing on the side. Most of our programs focus on improving the image: light, composition, lines, color, etc.



Cal Rice

On August 10, there will be a workshop on getting to know our camera better, generously organized by Neva. A few years ago, the only camera functions were aperture, shutter speed, focus and shutter release. Now we have multiple options for focusing, metering, white balance, etc. On my camera there are 156 options in the menu.

I encourage you to join others at the workshop with your same brand of camera, as we share our favorite settings and how to access them quickly.

Cal Rice

Treasure's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$7,458.02
	Savings	\$4,026.51
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$11,484.53



Frank Lipski

Next Meeting: August 12th, 7pm

Outings – Cindy Murphy/Susan Bailey

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY OUTING

We offered this event in 2022 and it was very popular. You can sign up by emailing me starting on August 1st. Please read below for the program outline as it is important that you fully participate. This includes showing up on the set day, working with your captain and group... and then uploading images to the SmugMug gallery. Everyone needs to be represented in the final slideshow. See below for all the specifics including the 3 slideshows from 2022 and Jacques Wood's excellent talk on Street Photography, answering many questions and giving great examples.

Street Photography Team Challenge: Saturday, September 14

There will be three teams: Aberdeen, Pinehurst and Southern Pines. Each team of six SPC members is to engage in street photography in their assigned community and their captain will produce a slideshow for judging by the Club's Competition Committee.

Thursday, August 1 – Registration opens – email susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

Thursday, August 22 – Attendees will be notified which team they are on by random drawing.

The captain will send their participants meeting and lunch information.

Saturday, September 14 – Street Photography Team Challenge
9AM Meet at designated spot
Shooting and lunch in your location

Saturday, September 21 – Each team member will upload 5 images to the SmugMug gallery for their town by September 21.

Tuesday, October 1 – Judges Michael Sassano and Jerry Kozel will decide on the winning team.

Monday, October 14 - Slideshow Presentations and Awarding of Street Photography Team Challenge Trophy

There are 15 openings available. No cost.



Jo Ann Sluter



Susan Bailey



Sally Mason

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STREET PHOTOGRAPHY, continued:

The Teams will be created by blind draw, but you can ask to be on the same team with one other person. We look forward to a great time with this event!

Susan Bailey **RSVP to** susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

Resources

Video recording of Jacques Wood's presentation on street photography.

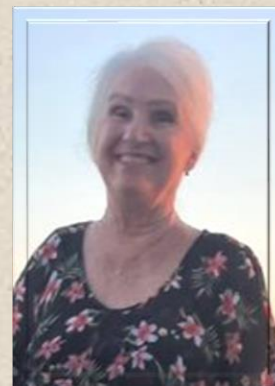
[https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/street-photography-workshop:](https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/street-photography-workshop)

Slideshows from 2022:

<https://sandhillsphtoclub.smugmug.com/Workshops/2022-Workshops/2022-Street-Shoot-Workshop>

SPECIAL WORKSHOP – NEVA SCHEVE

**Cameras and Coffee!
Camera Settings Workshop.
August 10th 9-12:00
Whispering Pines Civic Center**



Back by popular demand! I am putting together another camera settings workshop.

If you haven't been to one of our previous settings workshops, this is where we sit around a table to discuss the settings on your camera with other SPC members.

If you are a beginner or have a new camera, you will learn how to apply the settings to use your camera to its best ability.

If you are more advanced, you will be able to share your knowledge with others and maybe learn something that you didn't know. I hope those more advanced members will attend to share their experience.

We will split into groups according to camera brands. There will be a moderator in each group to keep the discussion moving, but all are encouraged to join the discussion.

We also plan to meet for lunch after the workshop.

Please respond to this questionnaire to help me prepare for the best format:

SPC Coffee & Cameras Workshop

If you filled one out at the meeting, you don't need to do it again.

Neva Scheve

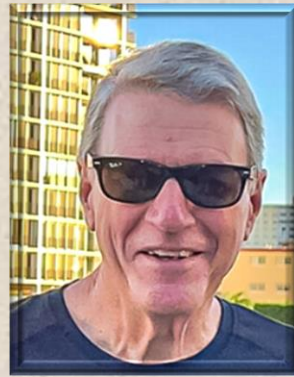
COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO & MARY NEW WHEATON

August 2024 Competition Update

From: Michael Sassano and Mary New Wheaton

We work hard to provide SPC club members with the opportunity to display their photographs under the umbrella that the club has provided for photographers to compete in during the year. For more information, check out the Competition section of the SPC website.

<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/competitions>



Mike Sassano Mary New Wheaton



2024 Remaining Events

	<u>Entries Open</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Results Event</u>
CLOSE-UP	Closed`	Closed	8/12/2024

Close-up photography is all about shooting smaller subjects in greater detail. It is intended to show greater detail to the viewer. The image does not have to be a true macro (3-year limit).

Judge: Catherine Schwartz – The Professional Photography Group (Charlotte, NC)

	<u>Entries Open</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Results Event</u>
ABSTRACT	4pm EST 9/14/2024	4pm EST 9/21/2024	7pm EST 10/14/2024

Abstract photography is defined as a style of photography where the subject in the image is not immediately identifiable or there is no subject at all. By zeroing in on the color, texture, line, shape, geometry, or symmetry of a subject, the photographer warps the perception of the real world and familiar object (3-year limit).

Judge: Charles Needle – Charles Needle Photography (Longmont, CO)

	<u>Entries Open</u>	<u>Entries Close</u>	<u>Results Event</u>
ROWS OF THINGS	4pm EST 11/9/2024	4pm EST 11/16/2024	7pm EST 12/9/2024

Photograph a number of things arranged in a line (3-year limit)

Judged via online voting by SPC members

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Competitions, Continued:

NOTE: Mark your calendars with the dates above. Look for email reminders the week before the competition. The link for each competition will be sent to you just before the competition begins. When you receive the email, please be sure to proceed as follows:

1. **Click on the link**
2. **Complete the form and upload your image**
3. **You must hit the SUBMIT button in order to receive a confirmation that the photo was sent to us.**
4. **Finally, you will receive an acceptance email from us within 24-48 hours after submitting your image. If you don't receive an acceptance email within 48 hours please check your SPAM folder or contact the committee.**

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@sandhillsphtoclub.org. We're happy to help!

Programs – SUSAN BAILEY

September 9 – “Minimalist Photography” – Judy Hancock Holland
www.jhhphotography.com

Minimalist Photography with Judy Hancock Holland

In any genre of photography, we aim to include in the frame only those elements that contribute to the story or theme portrayed by the image. Minimalist photography carries this to the extreme, simplifying the frame dramatically and distilling the subject down to its essence. Join us for this inspiring presentation by Judy Hancock Holland, and learn to see and photograph your subjects in ways you may never have considered.

Bio

Judy Hancock Holland's photographic work has been exhibited in Canada, the US, and Europe. She's an award-winning photographer and lifelong educator who loves to coach and mentor others. While she is best known for her minimalist work, she enjoys a variety of other genres including macro, abstracts and floral photography. Judy's website is JHHphoto.com and you can also find her on YouTube.



Susan Bailey

November 11 – “Macro” – Mike Moats - www.tinylandscapes.com

Membership – Mei Kei McDowell



Mei Kei McDowell

Hello Friends! And all of a sudden, we find ourselves snapping away memories in the summer months of 2024. Some of us are capturing joyful moments quietly in our homes and with friends and family. Some of us are meeting up with fellow club members to enjoy Lunch Bunch or organized Outings to turn our lenses to local flora, fauna, and figures in our local community. Some of us are off to far-away lands clicking to create images of special adventures!

Membership

With the addition of TWO new members joining our club in July, our Sandhills Photography Club humbly grows to 118 members, consisting of 88 individuals, 28 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome our following new members, **Kim Butler** and **Kim Roberto**.

Both Kim Butler and Kim Roberto had attended last month's meeting as our club's guests. Both reported they enjoyed our July presentation "Concept, Vision, and Passion" by the charismatic Margo Taussig Pinkerton.

Kim Butler had heard of our club via the Pilot Calendar and, upon attending our meeting in person to check out what we are about, she joined our group the next day. We are looking forward to getting to know her better and bring her into the fold of our photography experiences, future adventures, and friendships this year.

Kim Roberto had joined us at a previous meeting — tagging along with our friendly and familiar gracious hospitality coordinator, Sally Mason. Arriving to her second meeting with us as a guest, Kim helped Sally lay out our snacks! Kim wrote that she had had a life FULL of creative endeavors, stating she is "very excited to engage in creativity that I once filled my life with." She has already noticed that we have varying levels and aspects of experience when it comes to photography within our club and is looking forward to growing with us in our chosen realm!

When you see our new members at the Ball Center, luncheons, or outings, please greet them and give them a warm welcome to our Club!

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Last Meeting's Attendance

At our July meeting, we had 41 members in attendance as well as 8 guests! We are so grateful for the return to our hybrid meeting format capabilities. Many thanks to Dennis Snipes, Josh Simpson, and all those who helped make sure our hybrid setup worked for both Zoom and in-person communications to have a positive meeting experience. While 18 members joined us via Zoom, 25 members joined us in-person at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens Center, and 8 guests checked in in-person as well.

Membership Directory

Our Membership committee requests a few photographs to update our password protected Membership Directory since we had several new members in the last few months join us. If you have not yet provided your photograph, please forward your selected one to John German at website@sandhillsphotoclub.org and he will gladly integrate your chosen photo in your profile on our Membership Directory page.

Do-It-Yourself Meeting Registration and EZ Badge

Our Membership team continues to offer an efficient way to sign in at our in-person meetings without having to wait in line at the entrance. 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 and/or perhaps signage available at the Registration Desk to assist you!

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.

Mei Kei McDowell



John German

SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Website Notes for August:

This month's featured member's website on the club website is **Darryll Benecke**. Click his name to view his website or the link to his website on our website homepage.

Club Directory

You may view the club directory at: **Club Directory**. You will need the password from Alison's Upcoming Page sent in conjunction with this newsletter. 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**

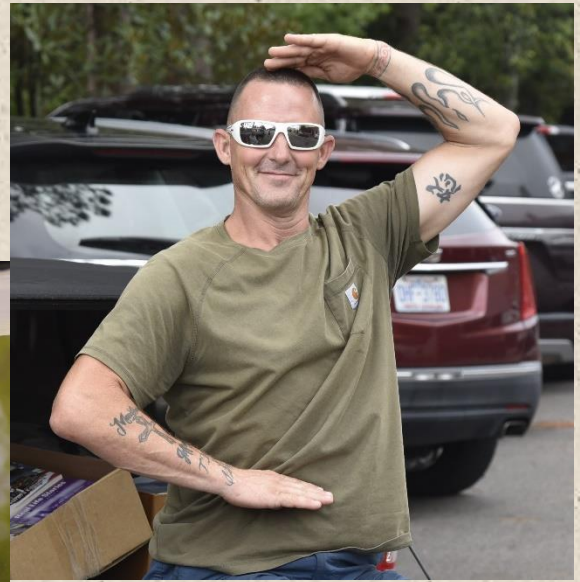
Images from Alphabet Outing in Southern Pines



Lynn Goldhammer



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Mary Bonsall

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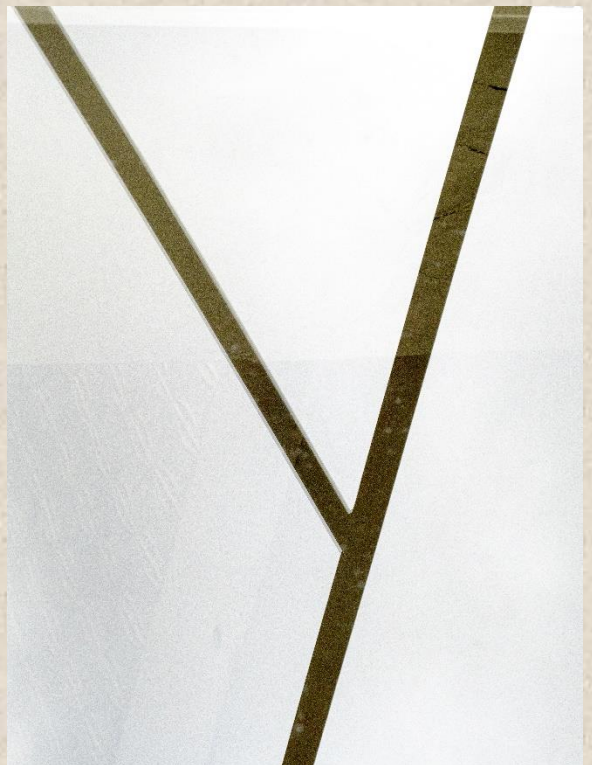
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