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SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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SPC Outing
Ole Gilliam Mill
43rd Annual "Crank Up"
May 18th

Photos by:
Cindy Murphy
(leader)
Neva Scheve
John German
Dee Williams



PLEASE put your NAME
And EVENT as the name of
the picture so we can
identify photographers

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President – CAL RICE

One characteristic of a healthy organization is when something needs to be done members step up to the task. Observing SPC members step up made it easy for me to agree to fill out this year as president.

Last fall **Bonny Henderson** and **Susan Bailey** committed to working together to provide the leadership for the SPC. Before they could even take office Bonny took seriously ill. Bonny continued working with Susan, to the best of her ability, until the week before she died. Susan has done what needed to be done during this time.

The technical facilities at the college ran smoothly for many months, until they didn't. **Dennis Snipes** has put in untold hours trying to get our hybrid meeting functioning with video and audio both in the room and on zoom. While we still are not totally "on the air" he has developed some work arounds to give partial support.

When **Steve Sorsch** and **Jack Mathews** could no longer continue the Membership leadership, **Mei Kei McDowell** volunteered to take over that important position.

Personally, and as a club, we thank these people, and all the others who have stepped forward to provide the leadership to make SPC a healthy organization.



Cal Rice

Treasurer's Report – Financial Report 2024		
TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$7,958.73
	Savings	\$4,026.45
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$11,985.18



Frank Lipski



CONGRATULATIONS TO FRANK & HIS FAMILY ON THE BIRTH OF HIS NEW GRANDDAUGHTER, HADLEIGH MAE LIPSKI!!

COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO & MARY NEW WHEATON

Competition Update

June 2024

From: Michael Sassano and Mary New Wheaton

Competition Team Introduction



Mike Sassano Mary New Wheaton

Mary New Wheaton has graciously agreed to join the Competition Committee starting in May of 2024. Mary and I will work hard to provide the 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.sandhillspphotoclub.org/competitions>

Join us June 10th for the Judging results of our GO WITH THE FLOW (Moving Water) Competition!!

2024 Remaining Events			
	Entries Open	Entries Close	Results Event
Close-up	7/13/2024	7/20/2024	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)			
Abstract	9/7/2024	9/14/2024	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)			
Rows of Things	11/16/2024	11/23/2024	12/9/2024
Photograph a number of things arranged in a line (3-year limit) Judged by membership of SPC on-line.			

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. The competition begins and ends on Saturday at 4:00 EST. Finally, you will receive an acceptance email within 24-48 hours after submitting your image.

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

REMINDER: 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 this summer.

Programs – *SUSAN BAILEY*

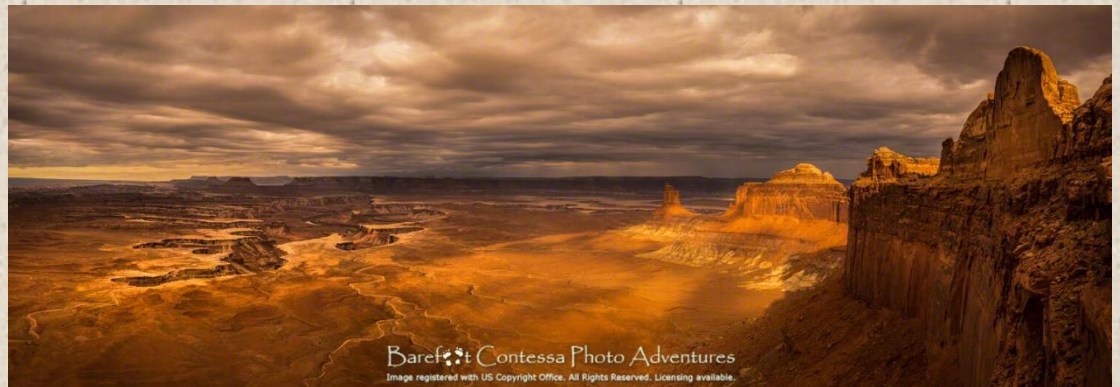
JULY 8 – “CONCEPT, VISION, PASSION” – MARGO PINKERTON



This program will delve into the important elements of creating a photograph rather than “takin’ pitches”. Margo, aka The Barefoot Contessa, believes photography is a fine-art form and has always treated it that way, to wit the numbers of museums and collections that have her work, the awards she has garnered, and the dozens of exhibitions, both solo and group that she has had. She will be showing a number of her images, talking about what went into the making of them, and why this is important if you want to take your photography to the next level and make it more impactful.



Susan Bailey



<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

Our **June** outing is going to be to **Star Ridge Aquatics** with Susan Bailey leading in my absence:

- Wednesday, June 26
- 8:30 to 11am We will meet in the parking lot @ **8:30**.
- Contact Susan Bailey if you are able to attend:
susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com .

We are limited to 15 people, so sign-up is required. If more than 15 people are interested, we will plan

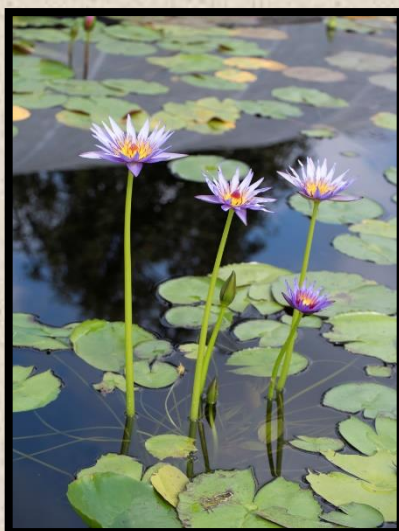
There will be lots of waterlilies and other aquatic plants, as well as Koi fish. The lotus should be blooming as well.

Star Ridge Aquatics
180 Star Ridge Road
Carthage, NC



Cindy Murphy
cindy.m.8012@gmail.com

another time.



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Outing at
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Guilliam
Mill are on
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Membership – Mei Kei McDowell

Hello Sandhills Photo Club Friends! Mei Kei (“May Kay”) McDowell here! For those who do not know me yet, I am a local artist and photographer from Southern Pines, NC and function in a small art space at Design Market of the Pines. With much joy, I joined our photo club last March 2023 after attending one meeting as a guest of Jo Ann Sluder. I have learned sooo much about photography in such a short amount of time, I am ecstatic and will forever be grateful to have found this group of wonderful people who volunteer their time and resources to offer a highly educational and entertaining organization of meetings, workshops, outings, exhibitions, and social events.



Mei Kei McDowell

I am delighted to jump into this new role as our club’s Membership Chair and share my enthusiasm for what it is to be a member of our special photography club! By my side, you’ll likely see Mr. Bill Buss and Ms. Patti Cifelli assisting with Membership tasks throughout the rest of this year. If you have any ideas as to how to increase our membership or provide a better experience for our current and future members, please direct your communications to me and I will happily take your ideas into consideration to best serve our club! My email is

membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org

Membership

We currently have 114 members, consisting of 84 individuals, 28 family members, and 2 honorary members.

Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new member, Thomas Grant, and welcome back our returning member, Jim Womble. When you see our new members at the Ball Center or outings, please greet them and give them a warm welcome them to our Club!

Last Meeting’s Attendance

At our May meeting, we had 31 members attending at the Ball Center and, due to technical difficulties, we had no Zoom access this past meeting.

Membership Directory

Our Membership committee has noted that we are missing a few photographs of members for our Membership Directory. If you have not yet provided your photograph, please forward your selected one to John German at website@sandhillsphtoclub.org.

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Membership, Continued:

Do-It-Yourself Meeting Registration and EZ Badge

Our Membership team has printed out meeting attendance registration instructions below in preparation for our next in-person meeting. These instructions help us reduce the amount of time you may be standing in line to sign in your attendance before proceeding into our meeting room. 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

Welcome to





SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



John German

Website Notes for June:

*This month's featured member's website on the club website is **Michael Sassano**. 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**. 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***

MORE Images from Ole Guilliam Mill





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!!!!



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