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## MEMBERS' PHOTOS FROM NEAR AND FAR

### JUNE: ALISON EARL, DENALI, ALASKA

2014: We were lucky enough to see Mt. Denali EVERY day we were there (often cloud covered) and found it looks different from all sides. One of our bucket list trips with memories forever.



**FAR:**

# PRESIDENT'S NOTES – *JACQUES WOOD*

## Good News!

### SPC is the PineStraw cover story

The SPC is the 'focus' and cover story for June's edition of the PineStraw. The article is entitled "**Reflections at 40**" and helps celebrate the club's anniversary with stories, photographs, anecdotes and memories. This effort would not have been possible without the efforts of many club members who worked for weeks to pull this all together.



JACQUES WOOD

**David Kiner** carried the primary responsibility for researching and writing the article. David pulled on an extensive background in Marketing to make our club shine in PineStraw.

The following club members shared their experiences and memories with David: **Betty Hendrix, Linda Piechota, Walter Morris, Susan Baily, Gary Magee** and **Jerry Kozel**.

**John German** spent hours downloading photos from our website for review and selection by the PineStraw team. **Alison Earl** and **Susan Bailey** also jumped in to help with the final touches to the article.

Thanks also to Brian Osborn for his insights and observations about the SPC.

And finally, pulling the entire effort together, **Marti Derleth**, SPC's Publicity Director, who coordinated the project from beginning to end with artistry and craft I can only say, "Thank you for your expertise in making this project the success it is."

The SPC PineStraw article can be viewed on-line at <https://pinestrawmag.com>. The June PineStraw (hardcopy edition) will be available for members who attend the June 12 general meeting. For members residing out of Moore County the PineStraw will be mailed to them.

### SPC Tech Team expanded!

**Josh Simpson** and **Cal Rice** have stepped up and have joined **Dennis Snipes** on the SPC Tech Team. Their addition to the team combined with two training sessions means that the June 12 meeting will be "hybrid" session, in-person at the SCC Garden Center and at home on Zoom.

Thank you **Josh, Cal** and **Dennis!**

So, with that good news I again say, keep on shooting,

*Jacques*



Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne

# COMPETITION COMMITTEE

## BONNY HENDERSON AND JERRY KOZEL



BONNY HENDERSON



JERRY KOZEL

Congratulations to the winners of the Solitude competition. Jamie Davidson was our judge and she spent hours choosing her winners. Jamie's comments on each image have been sent to all members so we can benefit and learn from her critiques.

**Pam Jensen** won first place in Tier 1 in the Solitude competition and these winning points move her into Tier 2. Congratulations, Pam! Great job!

Our "Leading Lines" competition will take place at our regular meeting Monday June 12 at 7:00 pm. Our judge will be Carol Mayhoefer, an architectural photographer from Atlanta, Georgia. Her website is <https://www.silkbandana.com>, where you can view her very impressive photography. Carol has managed to squeeze in judging our competition amidst her extremely busy schedule and we look forward to her comments.

Our next competition topic will be "**Animals on the Move**" and the competition will be held in August. This means the galleries will **open July 8 and close July 15**. The definition for the competition is as follows:

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

We are still accepting topic suggestions for 2025. The time is getting close for member voting for those topics so send in your suggestions quickly. Send them to [competitions@sandhillspgphotoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillspgphotoclub.org).

Our remaining competitions for **2023** are:

October	Something Involving Water
December	Sports ( <i>member voting</i> )

Upcoming topics for **2024** are:

February	Shapes and Patterns
April	Worm's Eye View (Get Low)
June	Go with the Flow (Moving Water)
August	Close-Up
October	Abstract
December	Rows of Things ( <i>member voting</i> )

**And remember, we are still looking for our replacements for the Competitions Committee for next year. We have served two terms and it's time for us to go. We are willing to help and guide the new committee, but we need you to sign up and take over. Get going and get involved!**

Happy Shooting!

*Bonny & Jerry*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT COMPETITION ENTRIES

The Competitions Committee is pleased to announce a new protocol for the upcoming competition “**Animals on the Move.**” There will still be a cap of 60 entries; however, **each member will only be allowed ONE submission instead of two.**

During the “Leading Lines” competition, we had to reject several members from entering the competition because we reached the 60 limit. We have a lot of new members who are entering the competitions and our entry numbers have grown proportionately in the last few competitions. This is a good thing-we are excited to have such enthusiastic new members who aren’t just bystanders but active participants! But it means that some members will be rejected. So, to resolve this problem, we are changing the number of entries to one per member.

The one entry rule will hopefully:

- Cause less stress on the judge and perhaps enable more rounded, complete critiques.
- Give an equal footing to all members.
- Mean the galleries will stay open the entire week and not close early.
- Eliminate double ribbon winners and enable different members to win a ribbon.
- Generally, allow more members to participate in competitions.
- Bring us in line with other photography clubs who allow only one entry.
- Result in a less tedious meeting during which the judge will not have to rush through comments.

We feel this is a positive solution for all members: one entry, one week. If you have questions or comments, please let us know at [competitions@sandhillsphoto.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphoto.org) .

Bonny & Jerry

## PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

### July 10, 2023: Astrophotography - Deep Space Photography by Larry Pizzi



Larry Pizzi, a resident of Seven Lakes, will discuss how he became interested in astro/deep space photography, the gear and the techniques he uses to produce his striking images of our universe. You can view some of Larry's work here:

<https://shop.larrypizzi.com>



BOB MOBSBY

### September 11, 2023: RAW vs. JPG: Where the Anti-JPG Bias Came From by Gary Friedman

Everyone knows that shooting RAW is the path to the very best image quality. But did you know that much of that common knowledge is no longer relevant? In this unusual talk, professional photographer and writer Gary L. Friedman explains why photojournalists and others can afford to shoot JPG only, and why some of the most innovative features your camera offers only work when shooting JPG. It's a religious discussion that will open your eyes and change a few minds about these long-held beliefs.



<https://www.friedmanarchives.com/>

Programs continued next page

**November 13, 2023: The Holy Trinity of Landscape Photography: Light, Subject & Composition by Joseph Rossbach**



In this presentation, landscape and nature photographer Joseph Rossbach will discuss how light and subject selection along with compelling composition can create dynamic and thoughtful images. He will be going over a variety of lighting conditions and talking about how they each create their own mood, as well as how to select the proper subject matter and how to better compose images around the natural light we are given when out in the field shooting.

[www.josephrossbach.com](http://www.josephrossbach.com)

**Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs**

# Welcome Sweet (& Wet) Spring!!



Flowers thanks to Susan Bailey!!!

## Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$6,360.06
	Savings	\$3,916.09
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,276.15



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## MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

Our membership has exceeded the 100 mark for the first time since January 2021. We currently have 105 members.

Five new members joined in May.

**Lyn Austin** first became involved with SPC when she entered the 2022 Open Photo Contest. She has enjoyed photography all her life and judges her skill level as novice to intermediate. Her favorite photography subjects are animals, birds, and flowers. By joining SPC Lyn wants to gain better knowledge of exposure and capturing the best lighting. Lyn is a retired RN.



JACK MATHEWS

**Eugene Cottrell** joins SPC after retiring as the school band director at Pinecrest High School. He has been a photographer for almost 40 years. Some of his work has been published and he has experience in leading portrait workshops. Mostly shot weddings and senior portraits but lately has been dabbling in fine art and macro photography. He writes “The SPC for me will be a place to meet more photographers and gain experience in all areas of photography. I am especially excited about the competition aspect because I really feel that having my work judged is a direct road to improving my art form.”

**Michael and Donna Sassano** were introduced to SPC by Jacques Wood while on a photographic excursion to Costa Rica. Michael’s photography skills are at the advanced level and Donna considers herself a novice. Their favorite photographic subjects include sports, wildlife, and landscape. They love to travel with their photo bags. Recent trips include Scotland to attend the 150th Open and Costa Rica where they met Jacques. Although they live in the Nashville TN area, they are excited to be involved with SPC and look forward to growing their photography skills and friendships.

**Deborah Castle** joined SPC at last month’s meeting. We hope to have more about Deborah in next month’s newsletter.

### **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? 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.



*Jack Mathews*

## JUNE Outing



Susan Bailey

**Date:** Friday, June 16

**Where:** North Carolina Zoo  
4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC – 800-488-0444

**Time:** 10am just inside the ticket booth area at the North America entrance.  
We will plan to stay for lunch and then stay as long as you want. The Zoo is open until 4pm.

**Rates:** Adults over 62 - \$13, Adults under 62 - \$15 – you can purchase online or at the gate

Parking Free

<https://www.nczoo.org/>

NOTE: There is a lot of walking and it is hilly so wear your best walking shoes!

Manual Wheelchairs and Electric Convenience vehicles (ECVs) are available for rent from the Gift Shop at the entrance.

Lunch – there are 4 restaurants open in the zoo with salads, burgers, pizza, etc. There is no picnicking allowed inside the zoo but you can bring snacks and drinks. There are also snack shops along the way.

**PLEASE RSVP so that I know who to look for!** susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

## DRESSAGE HORSE SHOW PHOTOS



Jack Mathews



Jacques Wood





David Kiner



Jacques Wood



Jack Mathews



Susan Bailey



Dee Williams



David Kiner



**Neva Scheve**



**Patti Cifelli**



**Nina Drinko**



**Susan Bailey**



**Nina Drinko**



**Patti Cifelli**

Exhibit Update:

Reminder: Our exhibit titled **Travels Near and Far**, will be on display at the Campbell House from **September 8<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to those who have responded with the number of pieces you plan to display. If you haven't done so, by email or at the May meeting, please email Shari ([shari.dutton@yahoo.com](mailto:shari.dutton@yahoo.com)) the number of pieces you plan to exhibit. Based on the response received so far, it looks like we'll be able to increase the number of pieces you can exhibit to 3 per person.



Shari Dutton


I'll be forming a formal list of exhibit pieces, titles, and prices shortly before the exhibit.

Let's make this a great exhibit and show the community how much talent our club has! Hope to see everyone on **September 8<sup>th</sup>** for the opening reception!

We have also secured a space at **Autumnfest** in downtown Southern Pines for this **October**. More details will follow with our plans for that space. But we'll have another opportunity to sell our photographs and promote our club.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me!

Shari  
910-585-2037  
[Shari.Dutton@yahoo.com](mailto:Shari.Dutton@yahoo.com)

Back to the calendar

SEP 8

Art Show: Sandhills Photography Club & Linda Dalton Pottery  
By Arts Council of Moore County

Add To Calendar | SHARE

**DATE**  
September 08 - September 29

**TIME**  
10:00am - 4:00pm

**LOCATION**  
Arts Council Galleries at Campbell House  
482 E. Connecticut Ave, Southern Pines, NC 28387  
Get Directions

**CATEGORIES**  
Visual Arts

**ORGANIZER**  
Arts Council of Moore County  
acmc@mooreart.org  
910-692-2787  
<http://www.mooreart.org>

Visit Campbell House Galleries in September to view an art exhibit featuring photos by members of the **Sandhills Photography Club** and pottery by **Linda Dalton Pottery**.

**This Exhibit will be on view September 8-29, 2023**


**Meet-the-Artists Opening Reception:** Fri, September 8 (6-8p)

**Gallery Hours:** Weekdays (10a-5p)

**Weekend Date & Hours:** Sat, September 16 (2-4p)

And by appointment, by calling the Arts Council at 910-692-2787

\*The Arts Council offices and galleries will be closed on September 4, 2023.





## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

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



### Website Notes for June:

*This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is by [Shanna Roberts](#). Click her name to view her gallery or the link to her gallery is on our website homepage. Thank you Shanna for providing your work!!*

### 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 Members Only page are the same.*

### 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.*

*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)*



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