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**MEMBERS' PHOTOS FROM NEAR AND FAR**

**JUNE: MARTI DERLETH**

**FAR: SWITZERLAND**



# Celebrate!



JACQUES WOOD

**Saturday, August 19, 2023 is WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY DAY!** The Sandhills Photography Club will celebrate the day at a summer social. The event will be held at the Talamore Golf Country Club and will run from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm.

SPC will have a cookout at Talamore's Cabana, which will include grilled foods and side dishes. A bar serving sodas, beer and wine is part of the set-up. The all-inclusive cost will be \$20 per person without alcohol; \$25 per person drinking beer or wine.

Registration for the SPC this event will be emailed to members on July 11, 2023.

Plan on coming to the Sumer Social and snapping some great photos on World Photography Day. Looking forward to seeing everyone there,

*Jacques*



Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne

## Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

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



JUDY NAPPI

# PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

## July Meeting Program:

### **Astrophotography: Nature and Sports Photography in the Dark** **Monday, July 10, 2023, 7:00 PM at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens**



**BOB MOBSBY**

Larry Pizzi, a resident of Seven Lakes, will discuss how he became interested in astrophotography as well as the gear and the techniques he uses to produce his striking images of our universe. Larry will discuss three types of astrophotography:

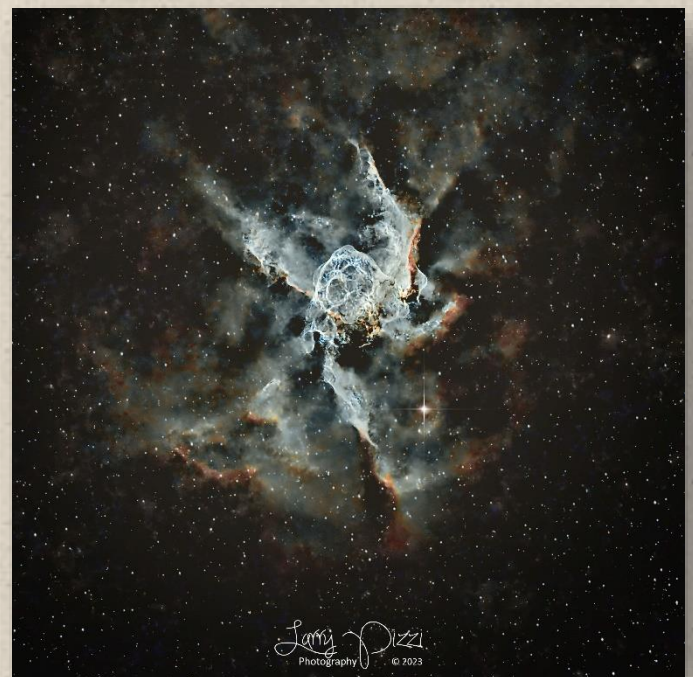
- ✓ Landscape Astrophotography
- ✓ Solar System Astrophotography
- ✓ Deep Sky Astrophotography

You can view some of Larry's work here: <https://shop.larrypizzi.com>

I'm looking forward to this interesting and unusual presentation on July 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope you will attend either in person or online via Zoom.



## **Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs**





BONNY HENDERSON

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

### BONNY HENDERSON AND JERRY KOZEL



JERRY KOZEL

Our Leading Lines competition was held on Monday, June 12 and congratulations to all the winners. Our judge, Carol Mayhoefer, was unable to join us, but her comments were interesting and informative. The full written copy of her comments has been emailed to all members, so take a few minutes to look over the entries and her critiques.

Also, a hearty congratulations to **Darryll Benecke** who won first place and honorable mention in the Leading Lines competition. These winning points moved Darryll to Tier 3! Great job, Darryll!

The galleries for our upcoming competition **Animals on the Move** will open on **July 8 at 4:00 pm**. **Only one entry per member will be accepted**. This is a change from previous competitions, and we are trying to accommodate all members who want to enter. One entry per person should allow everyone who wishes to compete the chance to enter the competition. Send in your ONE entry before the galleries close on July 15 at 4:00 pm. The entry email will be sent out on Wednesday July 5. If you are a new member and you do not receive the entry email, please contact us and we will make sure you get an entry link. As always, if you have any problems entering the competition, let us know at: [competitions@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphotoclub.org)

The remaining competitions are Something Involving Water (October) and Sports (December). We will send out a survey in July for members to choose the 2025 topics. Competitions topics cards are available at the membership table each meeting and enable members to keep an eye on upcoming topics.

Email us if you'd like to be on next year's Competitions Committee-there are still openings available!

Stay cool and keep shooting!

Happy Shooting!

*Bonny & Jerry*

**Winning Images from the Leading Lines Competition start on page 13!!**

## 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@sandhillphoto.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillphoto.org) .

Bonny & Jerry

**COMPETITION INFORMATION CONTINUES ON THE STOFFEL AWARD**



## WHAT IS THE STOFFEL AWARD?

Because we have so many new members, the Competitions Committee thought it might be a good idea to publicize the Stoffel Award and answer questions about this award.

**WHAT IS THE STOFFEL AWARD?** The Stoffel Award is an annual award presented to the member who wins the highest number of competition points in his tier. There is an award for each tier.

**WHO WAS BILL STOFFEL?** Bill Stoffel was a co-founding member of Sandhills Photography Club which was begun in 1983. He was a former businessman who got hooked on photography and he studied with many well-known photographers. After he retired, he taught photography at Sandhills Community College. Bill passed away in 2003, but his memory is still honored with the annual Stoffel Award.

**HOW ARE THE WINNERS DETERMINED?** The Competitions Committee is responsible for keeping the tally of winning points. Each first-place win is worth 5 points, second place is worth 3 points, third place is worth 2 points, and each honorable mention is worth 1 point. After each competition, the winning points are added to the members' totals and after the December competition, the member with highest number of points in each tier is awarded the Stoffel Award. The award timeframe runs from January to December of each year.

**WHAT DO I WIN AND HOW DO I GET IT?** Each December, the Stoffel Awards are announced at the Holiday Dinner. Each winner receives a certificate and a \$50 check. Winners will also be announced in the newsletter and posted on the website.

**WHO ELSE HAS WON THE STOFFEL AWARD?** There is a complete list of winners on the website, but here are the members who have won in the last several years:

<b>2016</b>	(A) Diane McCall	(B) Teresa Bruni	(C) Donna Ford
<b>2017</b>	(A) Matthew Smith	(B) Bonny Henderson	(C) Donna Ford
<b>2018</b>	(A) Matthew Smith	(B) Kathryn Saunders	(C) Donna Ford
<b>2019</b>	(A) Darryll Benecke	(B) Drew Steidinger	(C) Donna Ford
<b>2020</b>	(1) Jacques Wood, Shari Dutton	(2) Dee Williams	(3) Donna Ford
<b>2021</b>	(1) Jack Matthews	(2) Darryll Benecke	(3) Neva Scheve
*Special Achievement Award- Shari Dutton			
<b>2022</b>	(1) Bill Buss	(2) Shari Dutton	(3) Gisela Danielson

If you think of other questions, let us know at [competitions@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphotoclub.org). Good luck and we'll see you at the Holiday Dinner for the Stoffel Awards!

## MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

Our membership continues to grow. We currently are 106 strong. So far this year fifteen photography enthusiasts have joined SPC.

We are delighted to welcome our newest member, **Anne Friesen**. Anne is a native of the Sandhills area. Having developed intermediate skills with her Canon film camera, she recently purchased a Sony digital camera. She now joins SPC eager to learn new techniques using her new digital camera. She is looking forward to connecting with and learning from other photographers. She has come to the right place. Welcome Anne Friesen!



JACK MATHEWS

### **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*



Susan Bailey

# JULY OUTING



Date: Thursday, July 6

Time: 8am is great but before 10am is fine

**Dorothea Dix Park**  
1030 Richardson Drive  
Raleigh, NC 27603

The sunflowers in Dix Park in Raleigh are a real treat. I have friends there who will let me know when they are nearing peak, usually around July 6th. If we need to reschedule due to blooming time or weather, I will let you know.

<https://www.visitraleigh.com/plan-a-trip/visitraleigh-insider-blog/post/sunflower-fields-at-dorothea-dix-park-in-raleigh-nc/>

**Lunch: 11:30am**     **Sammy's Tap and Grill**  
2235 Avent Ferry Road  
Raleigh, NC  
<https://www.sammystapgrill.com/menu>

**After Lunch:** We will visit either Yates Mill or the JC Raulsten Arboretum depending on temperature and group interest. Both are within 15 minutes.

**PLEASE RSVP so that I know who to look for and so that I can send you updates!**  
[susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com)

**Weymouth Center Photos  
Next**





Susan Mathews



Neva Scheve



Susan Bailey



Cal Rice

# Weymouth Center Photos June 16



Dee Williams

Dee Williams



Bonny Henderson

Bonny Henderson



Nina Drinko

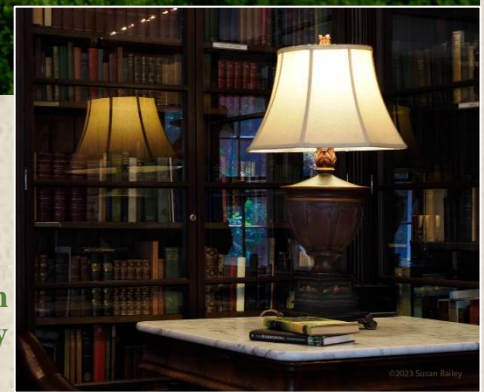


Diane McKay Photography

Diane McKay



Linda  
Piechota



Susan  
Bailey

TRAVELS NEAR AND FAR EXHIBIT  
Sept. 8 – Oct. 2, 2023  
ARTS COUNCIL AT THE CAMPBELL HOUSE



Shari Dutton

We are about 2 months away from our exhibit opening night! The opening reception is **September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 P.M.** I hope you can all make it and invite your friends and family! And, if you haven't already, it's time to start framing those photographs!

We are getting good participation from members who wish to exhibit, but because we have quite a bit of wall space available to us, I'm increasing the number of photographs that you can **exhibit up to 4 per person**. From the examples I've seen that will be displayed, I'm seeing more "far" than "near." I'm sure many of you have some wonderful local photos.... let's showcase our communities! I know there were some great shots taken at the local street photography workshop and the local fields trip. With that said, I'd still love to see more of your travel photographs displayed from "far."

Next month we'll be getting down to the nitty gritty details. I'll need your titles and selling price.

Also, please **save the date for October 7<sup>th</sup>**. We have rented a space for **Autumnfest**. We'll have more details to follow. But, if you have works of art that didn't sell at the Campbell House, you'll have an opportunity to offer them for sale again at Autumnfest.

Let me know if you have questions in the meantime.

Shari Dutton  
Exhibit Chair  
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## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

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



### Website Notes for July:

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 Member's 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)



# Special Workshop

## Creating a Winning Image for SPC Competitions

*This **free** workshop will be an open panel discussion about creating a winning image for SPC competitions and more on **July 22, 9AM at the SCC Horticultural Center.***

**The panel will consist of Stoffel winners Gisela Danielson, Shari Dutton, Jacques Wood, and Neva Scheve,** who will discuss how they create their own images for entry into the competitions including both winning and losing images.

**There will be an open discussion about subjects such as:**

- ✓ Why should you enter the competitions?
- ✓ How do competitions improve your photography?
- ✓ What does it mean if you win or if you lose?
- ✓ What about those judges? What are they looking for?
- ✓ Open question and answer session

More information will be coming out during this month.

***Submitted by Frank Lipski, Workshops Chair***

**Leading Lines Competition  
June 2023**

**Tier 1**



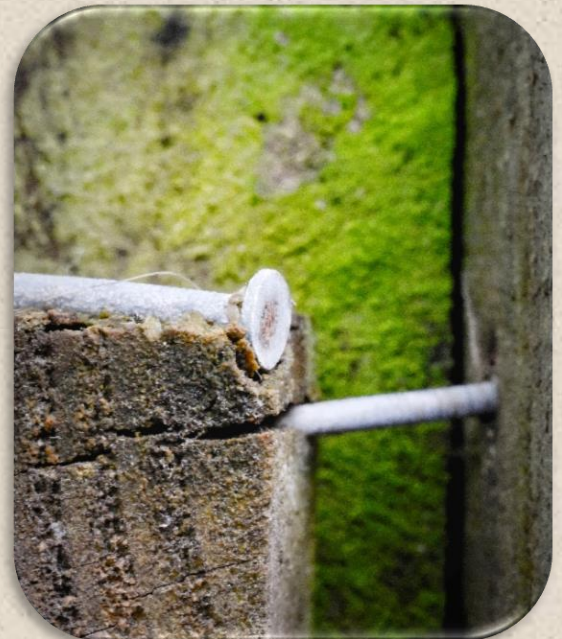
1st Pl, Steve Long, Taking the Call



2nd Pl, Patti Cifelli, Warblers Won't Wait



3rd Pl, Michael Sassano, Red Eyed Costa Rica Frog



HM, Eugene Cottrell, Self-Inflicted



1st Pl, Darrell Benecke, Leap of Faith

Tier 2



2nd Pl, Tom Batts, Entering the Danger Zone



3rd, Marti Derleth, Hotel Bellagio

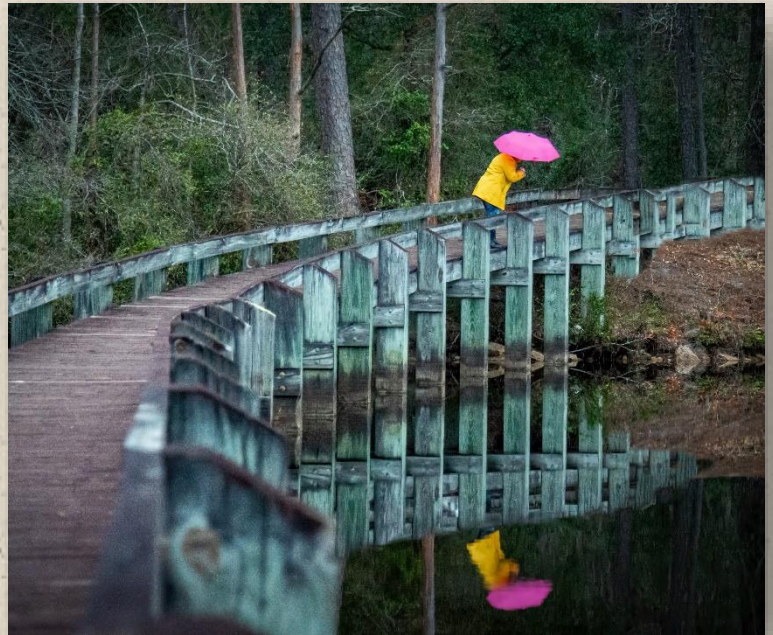


HM, Darrell Benecke, Kgalagadi Jakalberry

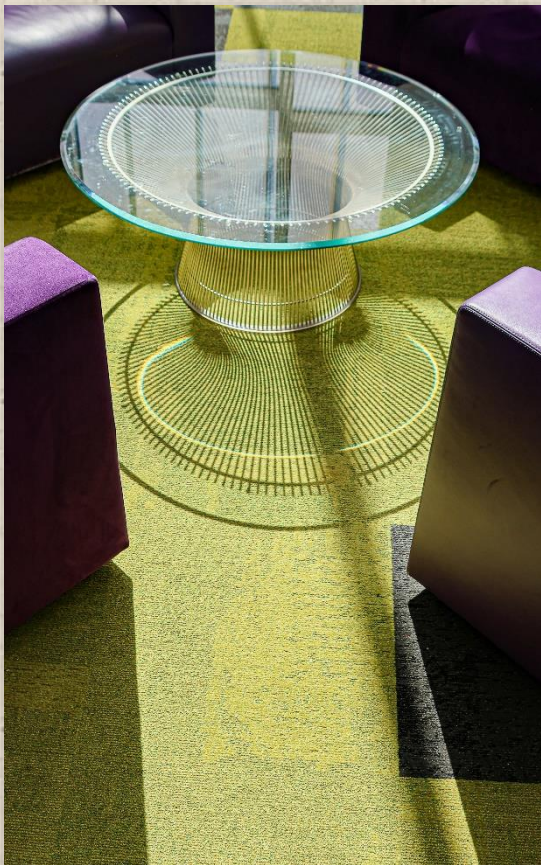


1st PL, Neva Scheve, Flyover

**Tier 3**



2nd Pl, Shari Dutton, Reflective Stroll



3rd Pl, Dave Powers  
Table in the Sunlight



HM, Diane McCall, Moose Moment

**Tier 3, continued**



HM, Jim Davis, Rock Fishing

**Congratulations to ALL our WINNERS!!!!**





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