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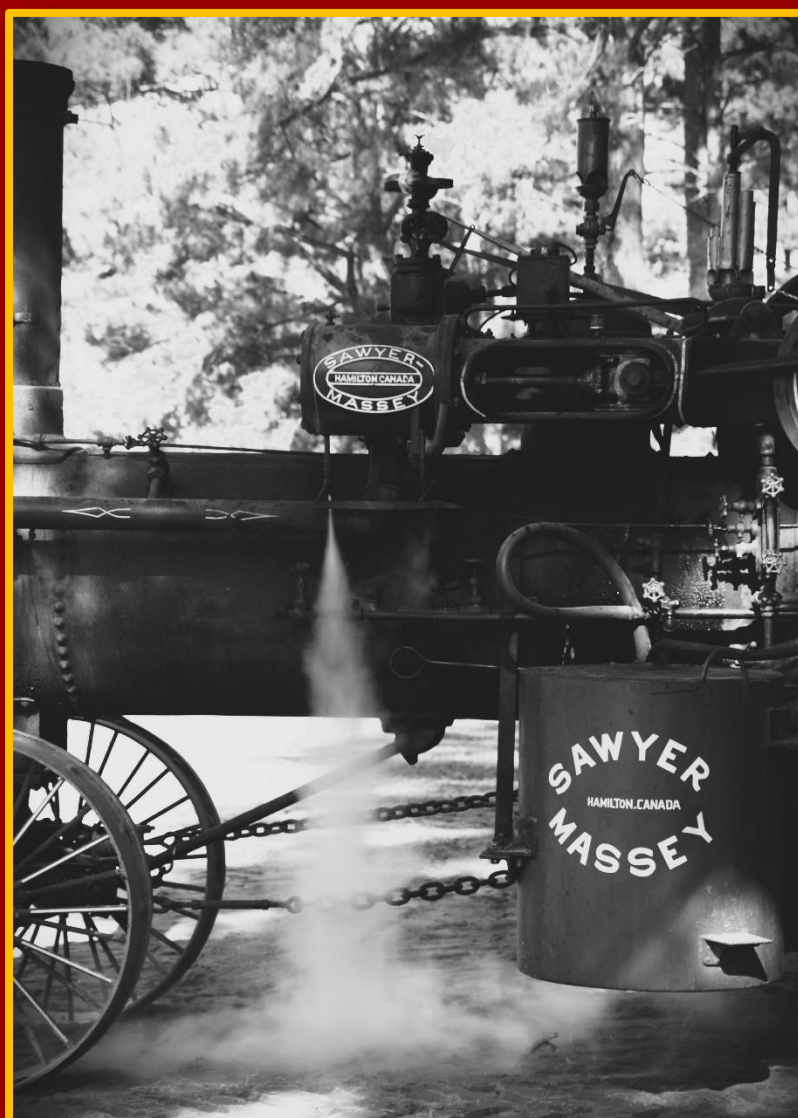
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AUGUST 2023

MEMBERS' PHOTOS FROM NEAR AND FAR

AUGUST: NINA DRINKO

NEAR: EDERVILLE TRACTOR SHOW



PRESIDENT'S NOTES – *JACQUES WOOD*

In this Note, I want to highlight current club activities that support the founding goals of SPC.



JACQUES WOOD

Expanding Understanding of Photography

We have three club activities that directly expand members' understanding of photography:

- professional presentations,
- photo competitions and
- workshops.

While we continue to have interesting/educational presentations and challenging photo competitions, this is a strong year for the workshop educational component.

The Workshop Committee, led by **Frank Lipski**, has presented **four** workshops so far. The first was on cropping photographs led by **Bonny Henderson** and **Jerry Kozel**. The second, "Creativity in Motion" and third "Lightroom Illustrated," were presented by Brian Osborne, photo educator. The fourth, "Creating a Winning Image for SPC Competitions," was coordinated by **Neva Scheve**, past President, and Stoffel winner.

Neva put together a panel of other Stoffel winners: **Gisela Danielson**, **Shari Dutton** and me. At this workshop on Saturday, July 22 we discussed how we created our images for competitions. Approximately one quarter of our membership (26 members) attended the workshop which had a lively discussion among the panel and attendees. Here are some comments from attendees:

"I love the forum idea with different presenters' opinions. ... I thought it was awesome that not only WINNING shots were shown [but also ones that judges did not score as presenters thought they deserved]. 'Before and After' pictures were great."

Alison Earl

"[I] really enjoyed the workshop. ... It was very helpful to learn how to enter the competitions ... and it was great hearing from others in the room as well [as from the presenters]."

Deb Castle

There is still time for another SPC workshop this year. Get in touch with **Frank** at: lipski@charter.net with your ideas.

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Promoting Public Interest in Photography

There are two club activities this year that will promote public interest.

The first activity is having a booth at Southern Pines' Autumn Fest. This arts and crafts fair will take place on Saturday, October 7, 2023. The Club is participating in this event for two reasons: 1. To provide a venue for the sale of Club members' photographs; and 2. To foster public awareness of the Sandhills Photography Club. **Shari Dutton**, Exhibition Chair, and **Jack Mathews**, Membership Chair, have shared responsibility for organizing the Club's booth. They will need your help in setting up and staffing our Club booth.

The second was SPC's partnership with Moore County on the update of its website. SPC members offered about 250 photographs for selection to Moore County. Kay Ingram, County IT Director, thanked the Club and said that the County was "excited to showcase ... some of [these] amazing photos" on its new website. I will provide a more detailed report on this project when the new website is up and running.

Providing a Friendly, Supportive Atmosphere

The Club Officers, Board members and I have consistently tried to further a welcoming and collaborating atmosphere at Club meetings and events. The move from the large auditorium at the O'Neal School to the more intimate space at SCC Garden Center has helped. We can do more on this front, ideas are welcome.

Get more involved in SPC and keep on shooting!!

Jacques

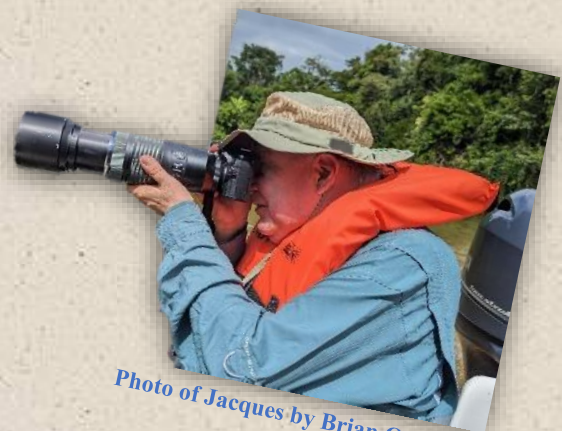


Photo of Jacques by Brian Osborne

Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2023

TOTAL FUNDS	
Checking	\$6,200.38
Savings	\$3,916.15
Grand Total of all Accounts	\$10,116.53



JUDY NAPPI



BONNY HENDERSON

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

BONNY HENDERSON & JERRY KOZEL



JERRY KOZEL

Our upcoming competition, **Animals on the Move**, will be held at our regular meeting on **August 14**. Our judge will be Julie Countryman of Greybird Design Studio. Julie is a professional photographer who currently resides in Arizona, but she is a past president of the PPA of Oregon. We hope you can join us.

We had a very successful change of rules for the Animals competition. Instead of allowing two entries per person, we had to change the rule to allow only one entry per person. Everyone who wanted to participate was able to enter the competition. No one was rejected because of too many entries and the galleries did not close early. It has been exciting to see so many members want to participate in the competitions, and we hope this trend continues.

Don't forget to vote for the 2025 topics. Your opinion counts and you have the opportunity to help choose the upcoming topics. **If you haven't voted yet, Click HERE: [VOTE for 2025](#)**

[TOPICS](#) The voting survey will close August 10th.

Our last two competitions for 2023 are: Something Involving Water in October and Sports, which is our December topic. The October competition will have a judge who will comment and make the winning choices. The December competition is member voting and the winners will be announced at the Holiday Dinner.

The Competition Topics For 2024 Are:

Shapes and Patterns	February
Worm's Eye View (Get Low)	April
Go With the Flow (Moving Water)	June
Close Up	August
Abstract	October
Rows of Things	December

You may want to review the topics of competitions in the past few years prior to voting for the 2025 topics. Go to the website and investigate the previous competitions from years past so that topics are not repeated too soon or too frequently. Be informed before voting!!

Stay cool and happy shooting!

Bonny & Jerry

PROGRAMS – *BOB MOBSBY*

The following presentations are scheduled for the remainder of this year. Suggestions for future programs are welcome; email me at: vicepresident@sandhillisphotoclub.org



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/>

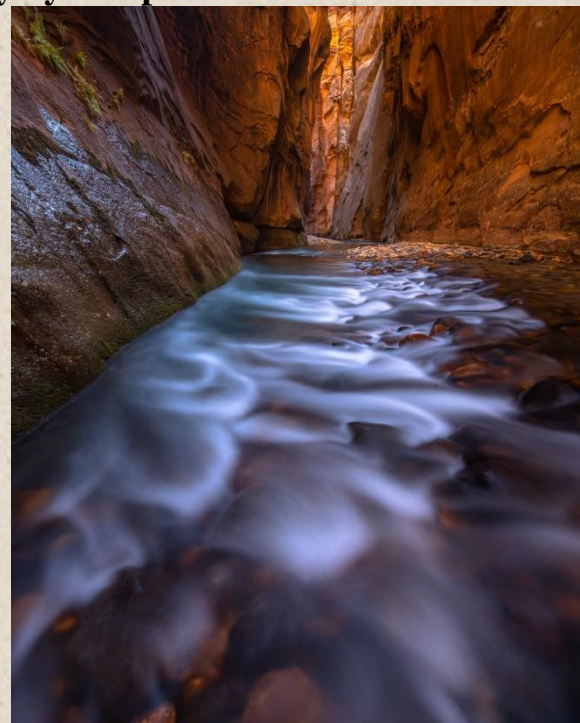


November 13, 2023: Compelling Landscape Photography by Joseph Rossbach

In this presentation, landscape and nature photographer Joseph Rossbach would like to discuss how light and subject selection along with a 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, 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

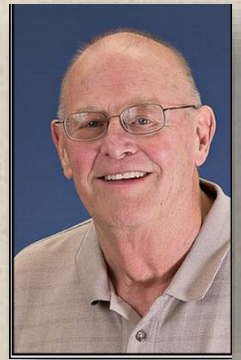
Bob Mobsby, Vice President / Programs



MEMBERSHIP – JACK MATHEWS

We were delighted to welcome three new members in July, bringing our membership up to 109.

Welcome to **Harry and Nancy Prantl**. They relocated to Cameron, North Carolina in 2021 from Colorado Springs, Colorado. They love nature and documenting family activities. Their favorite photographic subjects are birds, mountainscapes, waterfalls, rivers, and trees. They also scuba dive and do underwater photography. By joining the Club, Harry and Nancy look forward to improving on technical aspects of photography and "tips and tricks," as well as meeting new folks who like to walk around nature.



JACK MATHEWS

Welcome **Marie French to the Club**. When asked about her interest in photography, Marie writes "Capturing stories one moment at a time whether they be traveling stories, life memories, professional and personal headshots, cyanotype herbariums, to classic black-and-white art photographs and photo collages. Bringing memories to life in a variety of photographic processes."

To learn more about Marie please visit her web page <https://www.mariefrench.com>

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

AUGUST OUTING is LUNCH!

Our monthly outing is actually **July 29th** so I thought it would be fun to have **lunch (no photo outing) in August**. We can enjoy a nice meal in the air conditioning!



The Bell Tree Tavern
155 NE Broad Street
Southern Pines, NC

[Bell Tree Tavern - Southern Pines, NC](#)

Wednesday, August 9 at 11:30am

Please RSVP to susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com by August 3rd as I need to reserve the space.



SOMETHING NEW
From
SUSAN BAILEY!!!!



Tom Batts



Steve Sorsch

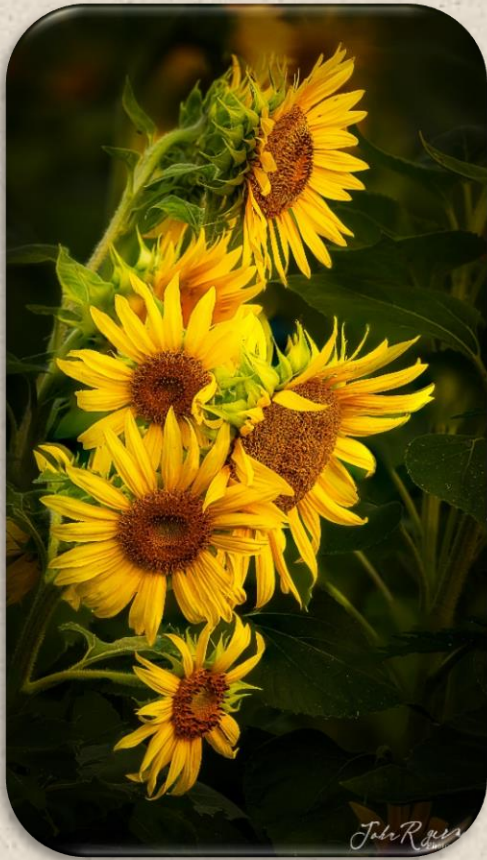


Neva Scheve



Dawn Willis

Images from the Sunflower
Outing in Raleigh



John German



Dee Williams



Susan Batts

Susan Batts



Sandra Blake



Susan and Tom Batts by Neva Scheve



Jack Mathews

Jack Mathews



John German

Bee by John German

EXHIBITS, *SHARI DUTTON*

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



Shari Dutton

Our "Travels Near and Far" exhibit is right around the corner! You can send Shari your title, price and location of photograph any time. But, the deadline for this information is August 31.

If you have someone you'd like to invite to the exhibit, please send me their name and address. We are allowed up to 100 extra invites (via postcard mailing.) **I will need this prior to Aug. 10.**

You still have some time to get your photos framed for the Sept. 5th drop-off date. If you haven't decided whether to exhibit, we'd love to have your photos displayed! It's a fun and rewarding event!

Shari Dutton
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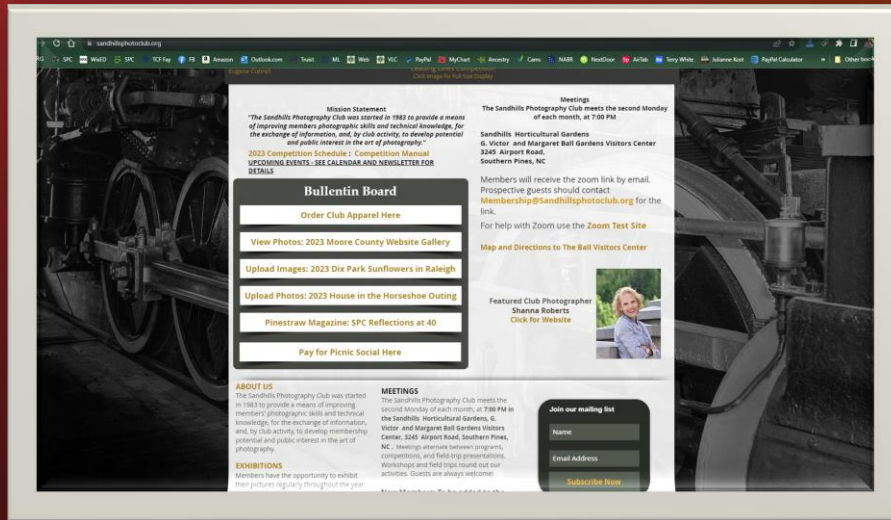


SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Website Notes for August:

Featured Website Page: At <https://www.sandhillspgphotoclub.org/>, you will see a box called “Bulletin Board”. This contains links to current club activities such as uploads for the outings, payment for various items (picnic this month, and to the club apparel site. Just click on the button of interest and it will take you to the appropriate page of the website.(See the page image below)



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!!

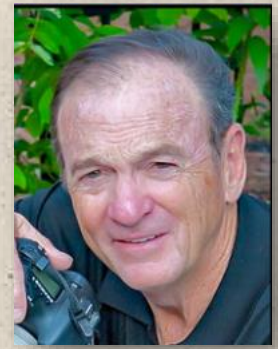
Member Websites

If you have a personal website, please let me know and I can provide a link on the “Members’ 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@sandhillspgphotoclub.org

2023 Fall Field Trip Pilot Mountain, NC

Week of October 23rd, two nights
(awaiting hotel confirmation)



Gary Magee

Plans for the Fall Field Trip are starting to come together. We are currently planning to travel to Pilot Mountain Park area during the peak of color.

<https://www.ncparks.gov/state-parks/pilot-mountain-state-park>

The Highlight will be a trip to the top of **Pilot Mountain** and through the park area.

The views are unbelievable and getting to the best lookout is very easy and not stressful walking (see a couple of shots we recently took from the top).

We will most likely stay in Mount Airy, NC, which is about 130 miles from Southern Pines. We plan to visit other areas including some beautiful vineyards



and historical sites.
We want you to mark your calendar. More details will be available as the time gets closer.

Gary Magee
Field Trip Chair



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