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## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



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Some of the Outings group sent this message to Deb Castle, after her serious car accident over in Ireland, to let her know they were thinking of her and missed her:

**Star Ridge Aquatics Outing; June 26<sup>th</sup> 2024**

Susan Bailey, Mary Bonsall, Lana Rebert, Sally Mason, Dee Williams, Gisela Danielson, Mei Kei McDowell, Jean Antholzner, Dennis Snipes, Cathy Locklear, Neva Scheve, John German, Donna Ford, Lynn Goldhammer, Linda Piechota, Mary Wheaton



## President – CAL RICE

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*Cal Rice*

How often have you heard, “check your Spam folder”? How often have you done it?

A member came to the regular May SPC meeting to find no one here. He discovered that the date had moved. In June, he came on the regular date, again no one here. This time we went to an all zoom meeting.

We did some troubleshooting to find out why he was not being notified. After verifying the correct email address, he discovered the meeting information in his Spam folder.

The mystery was how that happened? The best guess, at this time, is sometime he read an email from Alison and meant to delete it. Instead, he accidentally hit the **Spam** button. That, of course, automatically placed all future emails from Alison into the Spam folder.

May this be a lesson to each of us to periodically check our Spam folder.

*Cal Rice*

Treasurer's Report – Financial Report 2024		
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		
	Checking	\$7,797.95
	Savings	\$4,026.48
<b>Grand Total of all Accounts</b>		<b>\$11,824.43</b>



*Frank Lipski*

## Programs – *SUSAN BAILEY*

July 8 at 7pm – “Concept, Vision, Passion” – Margo Taussig Pinkerton  
Where: Ball Visitor Center  
3245 Airport Road  
Southern Pines, NC



*Susan Bailey*

Margo Taussig Pinkerton; Title: Concept, Vision, Passion



This program will delve into the important elements of creating a photograph rather than “takin’ pitchas”. 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.

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

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BarefootContessaPhotoAdventures/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bcphotoadventures/>

### Workshop Information and Discount

Barefoot Contessa Photo Adventures has offered our club an Association discount if anyone is interested in attending one of their amazing workshops. Go to <https://www.BCphotoadventures.com/calendar/> and select a workshop to be taken before the end of May 2025. In paying, select the Association discount rather than the standard one.

### Future Programs.....

- SEPTEMBER 9 – “MINIMALIST PHOTOGRAPHY” – JUDY HANCOCK HOLLAND [www.jhhphotography.com](http://www.jhhphotography.com)
- NOVEMBER 11 – “MACRO” – MIKE MOATS [www.tinylandscapes.com](http://www.tinylandscapes.com)



# Outings – Cindy Murphy/Susan Bailey



**What: Alphabet Photography**

**When: Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Meet: 9:30 am at playground on New York Ave, Southern Pines (Downtown Park)**

**Lunch: 11:30 at Chapman's, 157 East New Hampshire Ave, Southern Pines**

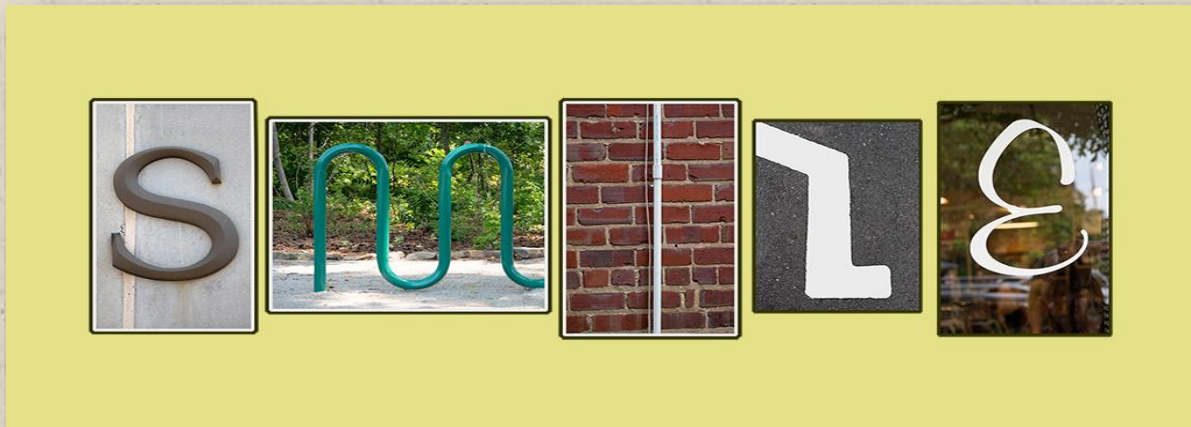
<https://www.chapmansfoodandspirits.com/>

## **Description:**

This is a fun exercise to get you thinking creatively. Bring any lens (I like the 12-100 on my camera) or just your smartphone. You will look for letters A-Z to photograph – either literal on signs or in shapes on buildings, in nature, etc.



We can discuss projects that use letters at lunch if you are interested.



Images from the Star Ridge  
Aquatics Outing Further down in  
Newsletter, starting page 13



Mei Kei McDowell

Hello Friends! Happily, I report the addition of two new members to our club this month! And, in the meantime, like many of you, are constantly telling others about our club and our activities. It comes naturally! As I run into people and start chatting at random, I feel like I always have something to share about photography and our club. I learn something new at every workshop and competition and outing and I gladly share these updates and ongoings with others in our community.

### Membership

We currently have 116 members, consisting of 86 individuals, 28 family members, and 2 honorary members.

### Welcome New Members

Please welcome the following new members, **Michael Sumrell** and **Taylor Gartz**.

Primarily photographing birds, classic automobiles, nature, and buildings, **Michael** currently shoots with a Nikon Z8 and Fujifilm X-T5. He is joining us for the fellowship and ideas/processes we offer as photographers. He has lived in Fayetteville, NC since September 1996, having been stationed at Fort Bragg in the mid-1980s and 1991-1992. While he does not use social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, or Threads, you may clearly see his keen eye for his subjects and solid composition in his images at <https://glass.photo/michael.sumrell>.

Some of you may have had the chance to meet and hear **Taylor** at our last Zoom-only meeting. She is Bonnie Henderson's daughter and is so excited to be joining our club. She has been trying to get tips and lessons from her mother for years and has lovingly inherited a few of Bonnie's cameras. As she is trying to become more familiar with them, we look forward to getting to know Taylor and helping her in her quest!

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

### Last Meeting's Attendance

At our June Zoom-only meeting, we had 47 members in attendance. Two members had their video boxes labeled "iPhone" and "iPad" and were not technically identified, but we are so happy to have had such a showing for our special tribute to our late president Bonnie and our "Go with the Flow" photo competition. We offer a special thanks to Dennis Snipes for managing the technical aspects of this past all-zoom meeting! We look forward to our club's return to a hybrid meeting format again — in-person at the Sandhills Horticultural Garden's Ball Center and on Zoom in July!

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## **Membership Directory**

Our Membership committee continues to note that we need 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](mailto:website@sandhillsphtoclub.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*

## SPECIAL WORKSHOP – NEVA SCHEVE

### Cameras and Coffee! Camera Settings Workshop. August 10<sup>th</sup> 9-12:00



I am putting together another camera settings workshop. We have done this twice before and it was so popular, we decided to do it again.

For those who haven't done this before, we divide into groups according to camera brand and discuss and share camera settings. The premise is that "not everyone knows everything, but everyone knows something." The workshop is very informal. Each group will have a moderator to guide the discussion and keep it moving along. This workshop is for ALL levels of experience. Beginner to advanced.

It will be an indoor workshop. The idea is to socialize, share our camera interest, and hopefully learn something while we are beating the heat.

I will be sending out a questionnaire shortly asking for interest and information that will help me plan the logistics of the day. I hope you will respond.

*Neva Scheve*

**For Your Possible Interest, submitted by Susan Bailey**  
**Info online to enter, and is Open to Public 8/11-10/6**



### Caught on Camera

An exhibition of art showcasing photography  
**Reception Sunday,  
August 11th from 3-6pm.  
Show runs from  
August 11-October 6th.**

You are invited to enter up to 5 pieces of photographic artwork for our Caught on Camera exhibition running from August 11-October 6th. Registration is due by August 5th. The show is non-juried and the entry fee is \$10. The reception is August 11th. It is open to the general public.

To register go to [walkerartstudiosnc.com/workshops/](http://walkerartstudiosnc.com/workshops/)  
or email: [walkerartstudios@gmail.com](mailto:walkerartstudios@gmail.com)

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John German



## **SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE**

**WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG**

### **Website Notes for July:**

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

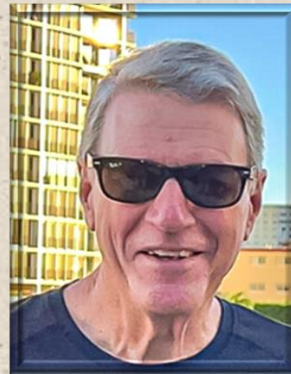
*PS: Please email any errors that you may notice on the website. I will correct them as soon as possible. **website@sandhillsphotoclub.org***



# COMPETITIONS – MIKE SASSANO & MARY NEW WHEATON

## June 2024 Competition Update

**From: Michael Sassano and Mary New Wheaton**



*Mike Sassano 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>

2024 Remaining Events			
	Entries Open	Entries Close	Results Event
<b>Close-up</b>	<b>7/13/2024</b>	<b>7/20/2024</b>	<b>8/12/2024</b>
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). <b>Judge: Catherine Schwartz – The Professional Photography Group (Charlotte, NC)</b>			
<b>Abstract</b>	<b>9/7/2024</b>	<b>9/14/2024</b>	<b>10/14/2024</b>
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). <b>Judge: Charles Needle – Charles Needle Photography (Longmont, CO)</b>			
<b>Rows of Things</b>	<b>11/16/2024</b>	<b>11/23/2024</b>	<b>12/9/2024</b>
Photograph a number of things arranged in a line (3-year limit) <b>Judged by membership of SPC on-line.</b>			

**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@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org). We're happy to help!

## June 2024 Competition Winners For "Go With The Flow" Follow



1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners from GO WITH THE FLOW



*Resist the Flow – Tier 1*  
Joshua Simpson



*Maui Wowee – Tier 2*  
By Michael Sassano



*Let's Take the Plunge – Tier 3*  
By Dale Jennings



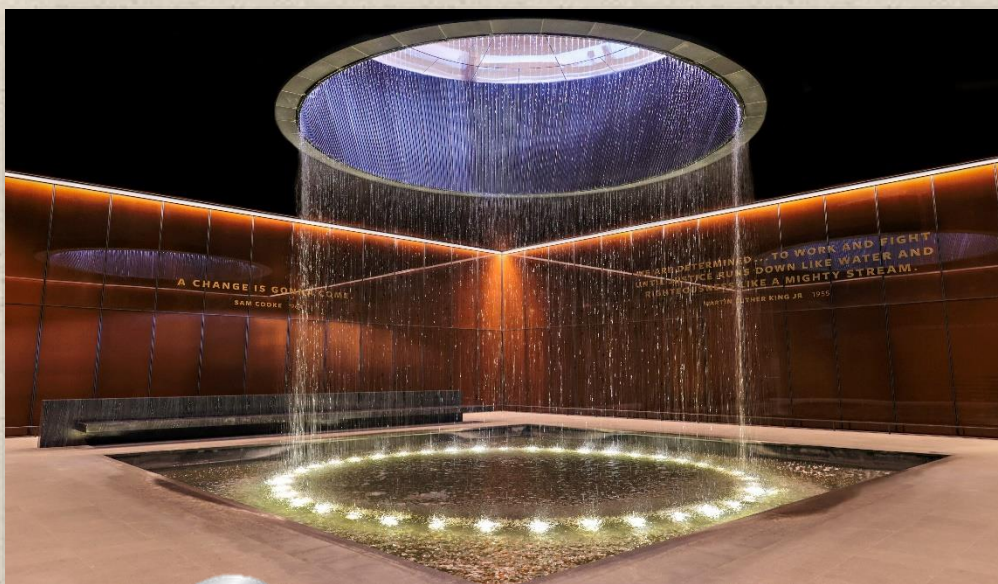
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners from GO WITH THE FLOW



*Splish Splash – Tier 1*  
By Barbara Curry



*Torrents On Course – Tier 2*  
By Pam Jensen



*Raining Down – Tier 3*  
By Donna Ford



**3rd Place and Honorable Mention Winners**  
**from GO WITH THE FLOW**



*Marilyn in Oahu – Tier 1*  
By Mei Kei McDowell



*Blue Hold Falls – Tier 2*  
By Dee Williams



*Unafraid – Tier 1*  
By David Kiner

End of Competition Images...  
Congratulations to ALL!  
Next are Star Aquatics Images





*Gisela Danielson*

Beautiful images from the Outing to

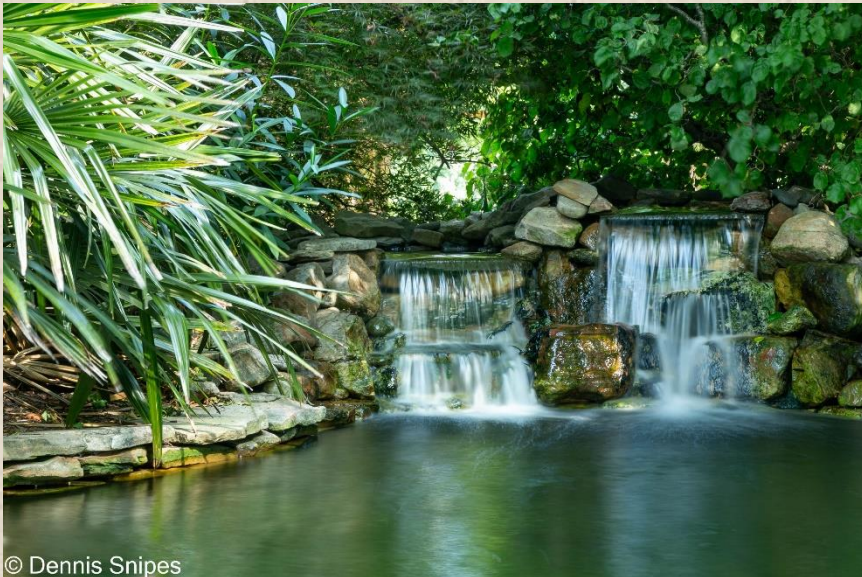
## **Star Ridge Aquatics**

**Carthage, NC**

(Picture on front page that they sent to  
Deb Castle was also taken here)

### **Photographers:**

- Gisela Danielson
- John German
- Jean Antholzner
- Dennis Snipes
- Dee Williams
- Lynn Goldhammer
- Donna Ford
- Mary Bonsall
- Lana Rebert
- Linda Piechota
- Cathy Locklear
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- Neva Scheve
- Susan Bailey
- Mary New Wheaton
- Sally Mason



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*Dennis Snipes*



*Dee Williams*

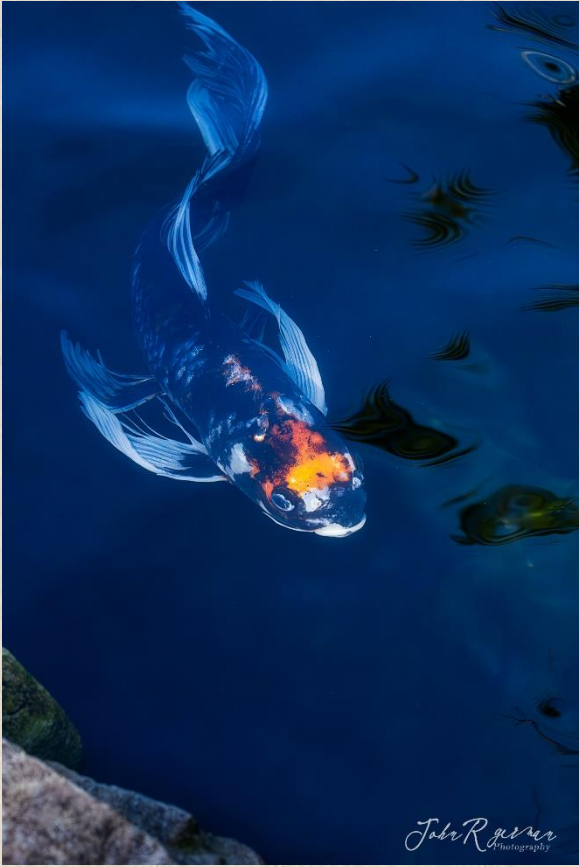
*Dee Williams*



*Donna Lee Ford*

*Donna Ford*



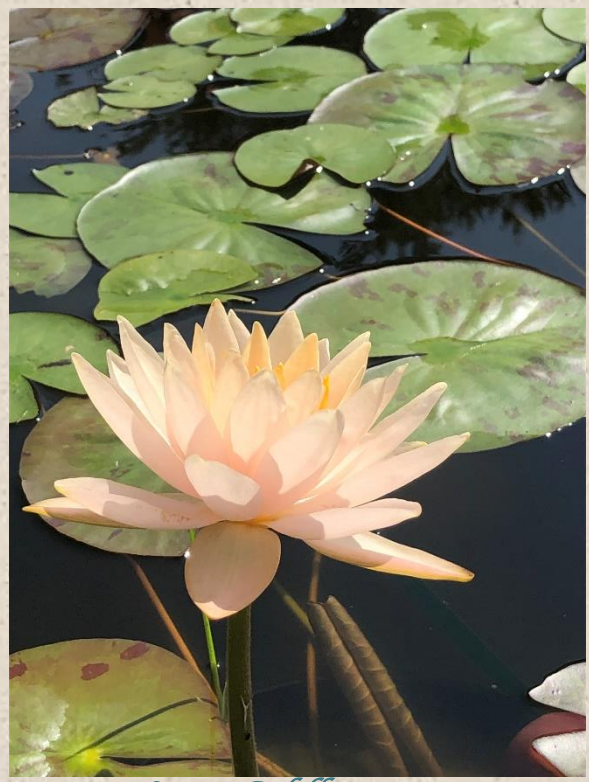


*John German*

*John German Photography*



*Jean Antholzner*



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*Mei Kei McDowell*



*Neva Scheve*



*Susan Bailey*



*Mary New Wheaton*



*Sally Mason*





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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