



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

December 2021 Newsletter

Welcome

This issue is dedicated to
Wayne Kressley
(1936-2021)



Long-time CCCC member, Wayne Kressley, passed away peacefully on November 27. Wayne was a beloved and active member of the Chester County Camera Club. He remained dedicated to participating in club events, in-person and via Zoom. His love for Maine and Acadia National Park came through powerfully in his photography. I am sure those who knew Wayne will miss his warm smile and beautiful photography. A tribute gallery of images can be seen [here](#). He will be greatly missed, both as a talented photographer and friend. - *Ginia Apostolacus, CCCC President*

It's the Holiday Season!

Our winter holiday season includes many cultural and religious holidays: Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Las Posadas, Diwala, Eid-al-Adha, and probably many more; we are fortunate to have so much diversity in our club. In fact, one of the highlights we will be missing this year is the various ethnic cuisines that are always a part of our potluck holiday gathering.

Regardless of which holiday you celebrate, which traditions you pass on to future generations, and what food you eat for these special times, we wish everyone a very happy holiday season! Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2022, and may you all grow in your creative endeavors, create some amazing images and experience your best photography ever!

November Highlights:

Members Forum: "Show and Tell"



Members shared their favorite photo gear - anything that adds to the joy of photography. Highlights included a backpack camera clip by Bob Friedman, Pants with hidden knee pads by Betsy Wilson, a Platypod and crystal orb by Denise Molzahn, a Wacom Tablet and Intervalometer by Bob Kelly, L-Bracket and filter wrench by Jim Wilson, a Plamp and diffuser by Anita Bower, a Lens Flipper by Lois Mauro, a 200mm f1.2 lens by Leo Volz, a Gorilla Pod by Ginia Apostolacus, and Xume Lens Adaptors by Navjot Hanspal. Lots of gadgets, some inspiration and quite a few laughs highlighted this fun forum.

Club outing: Eagles at Conowingo Dam



Conowingo Dam is a great place to observe and photograph eagles during the month of November, - especially when large amounts of water is flowing through the dam. CCCC member Deepak Malkan arrived very early to beat the crowds of photographers and was fortunate to capture this exciting moment of eagles in action. More images in the [gallery](#).

Monthly Presentation: Chuck Kimmerle - Following Our Inner Voice: The Quest to Realize Our Inner Vision

Chuck Kimmerle not only inspired us, but kept us quite entertained with his sense of humor as he discussed how we can break from the unending influence and expectations we are bombarded with, and to create work which is decidedly ours. He covered the photographic process from field to editing and, along the way, helped us to better understand why we do what we do. Chuck is an extremely talented fine art landscape photographer working primarily in black and white. You can enjoy his images on his [website](#).



Club Outing: Sultana Downrigging

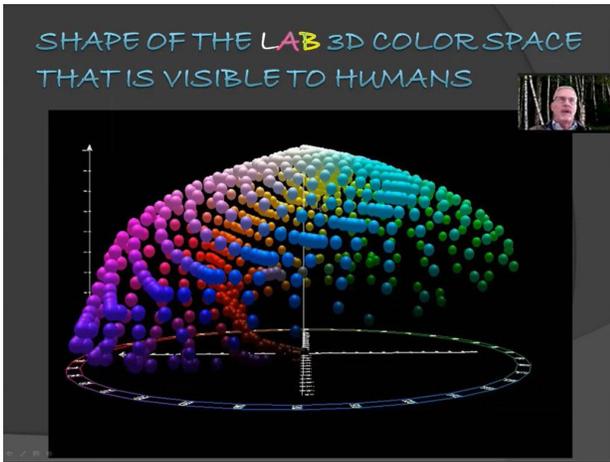


CCCC Members arrived in Chestertown, MD on a soggy but clear morning after a flooding rain the night before. The puddles eventually evaporated and the sun shone on the splendor of the tall ships in the harbor. Some took advantage of the opportunity to sail on one of the beauties, and others enjoyed photographing them from the quaint town harbor.



A reenactment of an 1812 War encampment provided more photo opportunities. This was a great place to try different photo techniques, such as the pano image above by Evelyn Connor, the closeup of an iron chain by Dean Grantham, and the silhouette of a tall ship by Carolyn Mead. More images in the [gallery](#).





Bonus Members Forum: "Essentials of Color Theory for Photographers"

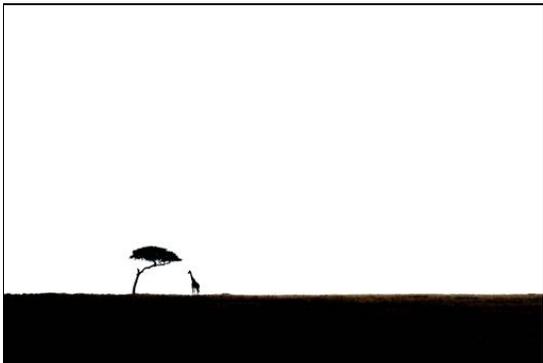
Have you ever wondered why color values on the Histogram are RGB, but Sliders in Lightroom are Hue, Saturation and Luminance, or what a Gamut is, or what color settings to use on your camera and why they matter, or how to

correct a Magenta color cast? Buzz Mossholder answered all of these questions and more in this in-depth dive into color theory.

Monthly Competition - "Backlit"

Judge Richard Lewis provided insightful comments that gave members ample opportunities to learn what makes an image strong and why. To allow maximum time for teachable moments by the judge, winner's comments were not shared at the competition, but saved for your enjoyment in this newsletter.

The first four images are the winners of the assigned category - "Backlit"



Alone on the Savanna by Eric Loken

"This image was taken in the Masai Mara in Kenya. Our workshop leaders were encouraging us to try new techniques including silhouettes against a bright sky. This lone giraffe on a far off ridge with an Acacia tree made a good subject." - Eric

Leaf Structure by Richard Donham

"Amazed that a photo I took in 2014 won a prize! My recollection is that I used a flashlight or some such light source to provide the back-lighting of one of the big-leaved plants in the Tropical Room of the Conservatory at Longwood Gardens. Not even a macro lens.....70 mm. That's my story and I am sticking to it." - Richard





Shattered Glass by Sue Hare

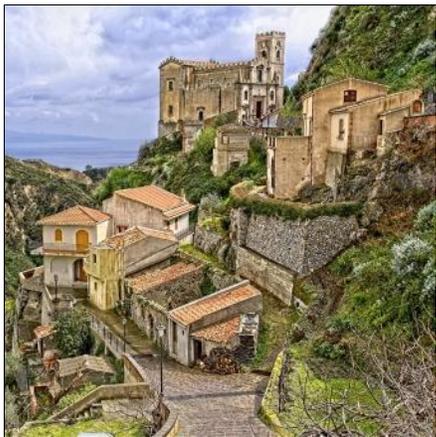
“The background was created using Photoshop and put on a television screen via a USB port. A black plexiglass piece was placed in front of the television with glassware on top. The photograph was taken in a dark room with the television providing the backlight.” - Sue

Delicate Reflection by Svenne Juul

“This picture is from a series of shots taken from a low position sitting in a kayak at Marsh Creek State Park right before sunrise on a glorious June morning. I saw the heron balance on the dead branches from some distance and let the kayak quietly glide closer as I took about 75 pictures of the unfolding scene.” - Svenne



And here are the first place winners from the Open Categories:

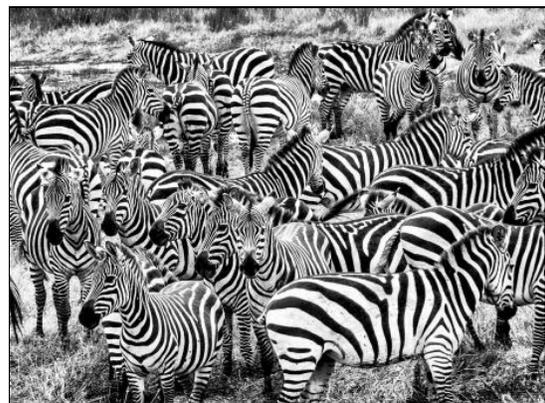


Church At the Top by Tom Lovatt

“Francis Ford Coppola used this church in Savaco, Sicily to film the wedding of Michael Corleone (Al Pacino) to his Sicilian bride in the Godfather One movie. The church sits at the top of a beautiful medieval town on the Mediterranean Sea in Sicily.” - Tom

Many A Zebra by Tom Lovatt

“This image was taken while on Safari in the Serengeti, Tanzania. A herd of Zebras were marching along when they all stopped and gathered up. We didn't know why until we saw some lions in the distance which made them stop from going towards them.” - Tom





Little Sweetheart by Tom Lovatt

“This was taken in Kenya while on a safari. Our wonderful tour guide often stopped at very poor mud hut villages to meet his family and friends. It gave us a great opportunity to photograph the happy people, especially the children.” - Tom

Spider Reflections

by Jerry Keifer



Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Group - December 5

Here's your last chance in 2021 to share some of your images and receive constructive feedback from your peers. This group is exclusively for CCCC members and meets both in-person and virtually, typically the first Sunday of the month. Registration is easy - simply let [Jim Samanan](#) know if you are interested in participating.

Bright and Shiny Holiday Gathering

December 15, 6:30 PM via Zoom



While we had hoped to have this fun annual event in person this year, it is not to be. The health and safety of our members is top priority, but the show must go on, and we will once again have a zoom party.

Be sure to join us all decked out in your best *Holiday Hat* for a fun-filled evening complete with games, prizes, a “Bright and Shiny” photo competition, and a raffle (must be present to win).

Upload one “bright and shiny” image by December 8 to be included in the photo contest in which members vote for their favorites. The image shown here by Sally Loken was a prize winner in a previous holiday competition.

December Outings:

[Cape May, NJ - December 4](#)



What better place to get into the true spirit of Christmas than Victorian Cape May? This seaside town is transformed into a Dickens village for the holidays with garlands of fragrant greens and twinkling gaslights. Wrap yourself in the warmth of holiday spirit and enjoy a day of photos and fun with your camera club buddies.

[Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles](#) December 11

Discover Pennsylvania's Transportation History at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles! See vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric, and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons, and sleighs. You will see "high wheelers" and "safety bicycles," vehicle builder's tools, and local historic roadside architecture. What great photo opps are awaiting you here!



More Upcoming Outings:

Our outings coordinator, Svenne Juul, is busy working on exciting outings for 2022, and just finalized details for these two fun outings in January:

January 9 [Philadelphia Zoo](#)
January 23 [Laurel Hill Cemetery](#)

To receive regular updates of new outings in your email, sign up for the CCCC Meetup page! Signing up is easy and free at www.meetup.com

Dates to Remember

Now featuring in-person and live virtual meetings! If you're a new member and haven't been to Westminster Presbyterian Church yet, here is a [google map link](#) so you can get directions from your location. If you'd prefer to join in virtually, links are sent prior to the meetings. Be sure to check the [Schedule page](#) regularly for updates.

- Sat, Dec 4 [Club Outing](#) - Cape May, NJ
- Sun, Dec 5 [Monthly Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Dec 15 [Holiday Gathering](#)
- Sat, Dec 11 [Club Outing](#) - Boyertown Museum
- Sun, Jan 9 [Club Outing](#) - Philadelphia Zoo
- Wed, Jan 12 [Members' Forum](#) and [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Wed, Jan 19 [Mentor Meeting](#) via Zoom
- Sun, Jan 23 [Club Outing](#) - Laurel Hill Cemetery
- Wed, Jan 26 [Monthly Competition](#)

This month's spotlight is on past president, Howard Sundwall.



Howard joined the club in 2013, the year he retired and was looking for ways to fill his time with fun activities, instead of work.

He's currently Immediate Past President. Prior to this, he was a member at large for one year, then Outings Coordinator for several years; a role he really enjoyed. During that time he ran several bus trips to exotic locales like Central Park and the National Mall. He "*thinks*" the members enjoyed the outings he planned and escorted, and we "*know*" he's right! They were wonderful, and we all appreciate all the planning and hard work Howard put into them.

After that he was elected President of the club, "*because everyone else ducked*" (his words!). His presidency was quite challenging; the club lost its meeting space at the hospital so he had to scramble to find new quarters (Westminster). COVID also shut us down during his second year and that's when we started zooming our meetings.

Howard took a course in photography in college, CCNY, way back in the Dark Ages, or the Dark Room Ages. He had a cheap (college-student-budget) SLR and shot film of course and set up a temporary dark room in the bathroom of his parents' house, which was the only room without a window. After his camera was stolen (car break-in in Harlem – long story) he drifted away from photography for a long time. Retirement

has sparked his interest again and he's grateful for all the digital bells and whistles at his disposal. No more dark room in the bathroom!

Travel photography is his favorite because travel has become a big passion of Howard's and his wife. *"Give me a cruise down the Rhine with castles on every side, and the photos practically take themselves."* His favorite part of the photographic process is the post-processing. He's a self-proclaimed software geek and loves using all the tools like Photoshop, Lightroom, Luminar, etc. to create different looks.

Howard has been inspired by many at CCCC and they're too numerous to name. He did however, single out one individual and that is Bob Lott, aka Just Bob. He was one of the first friends Howard made in the club.

He spent his career in Information Technology. He actually started as a customer service rep for NY Telephone Company and soon learned that he enjoyed working with the computers (primitive mainframes by today's standards) more than the "customer" or "service" parts of the job. He applied for a job in the Information Systems department and the company trained him as a COBOL programmer (*"a skill I'm hoping will come back so I can demand the big bucks for consulting"*). He rose through the ranks and made several job changes, one of which brought him from NYC to Pennsylvania, and spent his final 15 years as a CIO for a global telecom company. He retired happily in 2013 and does not miss the stress!

Howard's volunteer activities don't stop at CCCC. He's been on boards or advisory committees for the West Chester YMCA and the West Chester Public Library, where he was president of the board for four years. He's currently on the board of directors of the Uptown! Entertainment Alliance, the organization that runs the Uptown! Theater in West Chester. If you attend a show there, Howard may direct you to your seat, as he sometimes volunteers at the theater as an usher!

He's passionate about golf, tennis and pickleball, in this case "passionate" meaning "mediocre." (his words)! He reads a great deal, usually twenty to thirty books a year, mostly history, biography, science and politics. *"All that reading has made me incredibly intelligent, but I work hard not to show it, because, you know, modesty."* Teaching at the college level, exercising his private pilot's license and writing a technology blog are all recent "hobbies" that he has put aside permanently, under the category "too much like work." He enjoys travel with his wife Theresa and with COVID slowly abating, they have trips already booked for Paris, the Mediterranean, the Caribbean and Alaska.

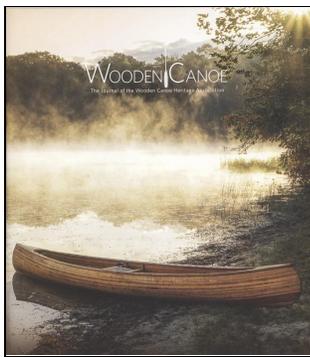
When asked if there was anything else he wanted to share, Howard said, *"I'm very grateful for all the friends I've made in the club. And also for the four ribbons I've won over the years."*

New Members

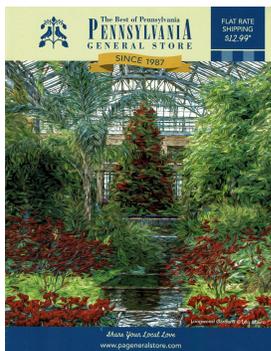
We're happy to welcome the following new members to our club: **Rob Doerr**, **Ann Grez**, and **George Kunberger**. We look forward to getting to know you and your photography. We hope you take advantage of and enjoy all the club has to offer.

Members in the News

You can view the photography of **James Samanen** at the Chester County Craft Guild Holiday Craft Fair held at the Ludwig's Corner Firehouse in Glenmoore, PA on December 11 & 12.



An image by **Betsy Wilson** of a canoe built by her husband Jim adorns the cover of a recent Wooden Canoe magazine, and she was honored to have her image of a skateboarder at FDR park featured on a double page spread in the recent issue of Pennsylvania Magazine.



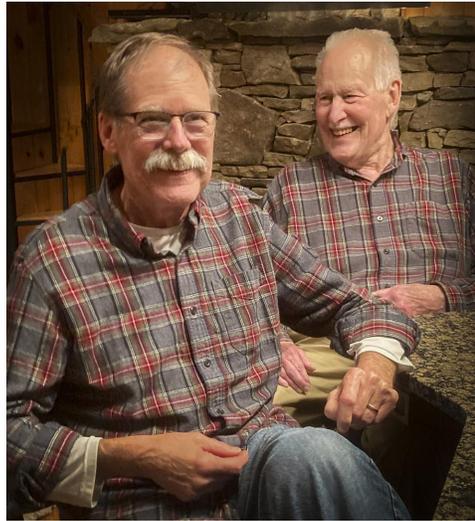
The owner of the Pennsylvania General Store purchased one of **Lois Mauro's** photo cards several years ago, and she's been photographing images for their holiday tin covers ever since. This year she dug into her archives for an image of Longwood Gardens from 2010 that is also featured on their current magazine cover.

Learning Opportunities

If you're a Lightroom and Photoshop user, you probably are already aware of the recent upgrades. Confused? Not sure what changed? Here's a short and easy to understand [YouTube](#) video tutorial by Matt Kloskowski that covers the major changes.

If you have any information you would like considered in an upcoming monthly newsletter, please contact newsletter editors [Carol DeGuseppi](#) or [Betsy Wilson](#).

A Happy Memory...



Friends Jim Wilson and Wayne Kressley enjoyed a recent opportunity to do some shooting together, share a few laughs and show off their matching plaid L.L.Bean flannel shirts. This smile is how we will remember Wayne.

A Final Tribute...



As the seasons change and autumn gives way to winter, we think this award-winning image by Wayne Kressley celebrates his unique talent of capturing and sharing the beauty of the world around us.