



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

July - August 2022 Newsletter

Aloha a Mahalo



In the Hawaiian language, Aloha can mean both *hello* and *goodbye* and Mahalo means *thank-you*. We were so happy to finally be able to say “hello” in person again to club members, “goodbye” until September, and “thank-you” for another successful club year. Club president, Ginia Apostolacus, highlighted many of the achievements and milestones in her end of the year presentation. One very impressive fact, despite the challenge of virtual meetings for two years, is that we had the highest number of new members in recent club history! Be sure to read the next section for more details on our fabulous Hawaiian party.

The official passing of the keys ceremony was also held that night as outgoing president, Ginia, passed the baton to incoming president,

Denise Molzahn. She also passed on a lot of computer and video equipment in a not-so-ceremonial event!

We are so thankful for the hard work and dedication of the outgoing officers, Ginia, Carolyn Mead, Pat Rhubottom, and Helen Wagner, although some of them aren't going anywhere, just changing up their jobs! So, in the spirit of the Hawaiian Islands, *Ahola a Mahalo!!*

Lots to Celebrate at the year-end Hawaiian Party!





It was quite a celebration of a wonderful CCCC year full of learning, sharing and friendship, not to mention a plethora of amazing images taken by our members. Lots of good food, memories and laughter were shared at the gathering at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. President Ginia Apostolacus presented a slide show of the many highlights of the year before handing out some well-deserved awards.

A great big thank you to the party-planning committee of Carolyn Mead, Connie Snyder, Ginia Apostolacus and Pat Rhubottom.

Ginia recognized the efforts of the many volunteers that help CCCC succeed and thrive, and then singled out one very special volunteer who is this year's recipient of the **Megapixel Award**, which goes to the member who "does the most for the most" and is always ready to help out in every area.

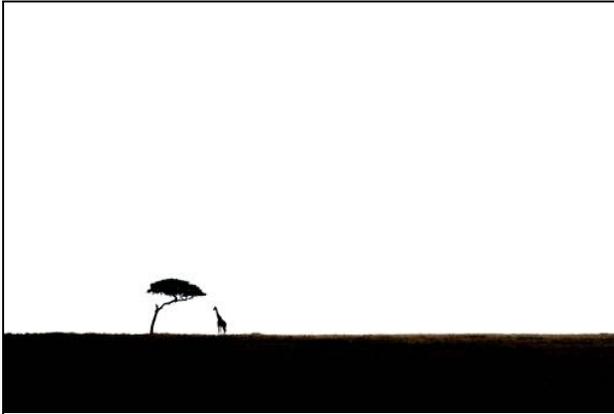


From Ginia: "This person's role has gone beyond the basic fundamentals of their job. They have unassumingly done their job and done it so well. They have been instrumental in getting us up and running on PayPal and setting up electronic membership forms. What they don't know off the top of their head they are quick to find out. This person led the team for the collaboration with PSU to have the Club Members images exhibited (for the third time) in the Henry Gallery at PSU Great Valley. This individual expects nothing in return for providing the utmost outstanding contributions to this club. I am proud to announce this year's Megapixel award to Helen Wagner."

And based on the cheers and standing ovation, all CCCC members heartily agree!

The People's Choice Awards:

Club members vote on their top three favorite images each year from among the first place ribbon winners in our monthly competitions. It's great to be awarded a ribbon in a competition, but it's truly an honor to be recognized by your peers.



Third Place
"Alone on the Savanna"
by Eric Loken



Second Place
"Burrowing Owl"
by Vicki Jauron



First Place
"Delicate Reflection"
by Svenne Juul

Congratulations to all!

Top Award - Photographer of the Year.....

Eric Loken!

The prestigious Photographer of the Year Award goes to the member with the greatest number of points accumulated from winning images in our monthly competitions. To achieve a high number of points, the photographer has to have consistently submitted images of the highest quality. This year's award goes to Eric Loken who has certainly done just that. Congratulations, Eric on your well-deserved recognition!



Here are a few of Eric's award-winning images from this year, displaying his incredible ability to capture the power, the beauty and wonder of our natural world.



Mentor Meeting wrap-up

The Mentor meetings wrapped up with a gathering at Westminster Church. Buzz Mossholder focused on depth-of-field and reviewed some of the previous lesson material on Lightroom and Photoshop and answered questions from mentees. During the year-long training program, participants enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to learn some post-processing basics. Here are a few comments from mentees:



“Thx Buzz all your classes were most educational and informative!! I know we all learned a lot ..”
-Mike Keba

“A heartfelt thank-you to Buzz - he offered excellent instruction on using LightRoom and Photoshop to all club members this past year.” - Kathy Koons

Well, done, Buzz and a hearty thank you for bringing detailed, helpful Photoshop and Lightroom instruction to everyone this past year.

[Click here](#) to watch the lessons on Lightroom and [Click here](#) to watch the lessons on photoshop by Buzz on YouTube.



Summer Challenge meetup in Oxford

The challenge is on! This year's summer challenge is to photograph architectural details, and a list of ten specific architectural elements has been shared with participants to find and photograph in an interesting way. And Oxford, PA was the perfect place to start! Lots of history and

unusual architecture provided a variety of subjects to shoot, and then of course, participants enjoyed some food and drink afterwards at a local restaurant.

Club Outing: World War II Reenactment



Outings coordinator Svenne Juul captured these gems, titled “Heading for the officers club” and “Tight Formations” at this year's WWII weekend in Reading.

Svenne will continue in his role of planning fun and inspirational outings for us next year. He has shared a survey of ideas with the membership to be sure to schedule a fantastic lineup of opportunities to practice our craft. Many award-winning images have come from club outings, so be sure to get them on your calendar when the list for 2022-2023 comes out!

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Group - [August 7](#)

The Monthly Critique is a great way to stay connected during the summer months. Join in this supportive group, exclusively for club members, share your images, and get some valuable feedback from your peers. Both in-person and/or virtual meetings are typically the first Sunday of the month. If this is something you've been considering, jump in now and let [Jim Samanen](#) know; he'll get you all set up!

Outgoing President, Incoming VP, and Volunteer of the Month, **Ginia Apostolacus**, is in the spotlight this month! !

Volunteer Spotlight



Ginia has been a member of our club for about 10 years, and shortly after joining began her first volunteer role as Membership Coordinator, which she held for a few years. After a few seasons off, she was elected Vice President for a year and then moved on to President for a two-year term. She does such an amazing job, she's back as VP for the upcoming year!

She purchased her first SLR when she was 16, so her interest in photography goes back a long way! It was a Chinon and is still being used by her daughter today to shoot film! She says the camera has been to more places than she has! When she looks at the images taken with that camera she still feels the passion she had back then. Ginia's favorite type of photography is portraiture, as well as macro and nature photography, but she loves to experiment with all genres.

When asked how she has grown or been inspired by CCCC members, here's what she had to say, *"I have learned so very much from my friends at CCCC. It is hard to not be inspired by the amazing talent within the Club. Inspiration that comes in the form of processes (both in-camera and post-processing), location tips and shooting techniques. CCCC members have been a source of so much information that has helped elevate my photography by several levels. I will always hold what I have learned here dear to my heart."*

Ginia is currently a Product Photographer at a local auction company. She also freelances as a real estate photographer and portrait photographer. Unlike many of us, she actually makes money doing what she loves, and photography is more than just an expensive hobby for her!!

Ginia is also a "Force of Nature" volunteer with Natural Lands in Chester County. In her free time, she enjoys biking, hiking, and traveling with her husband, Bill. They have one son and two brothers on the West Coast and a daughter heading to England for six months, so they have plenty of great places to visit!

Her parting words: *"CCCC has been a central force in helping to elevate my skills and passion in photography. I cherish the friendships and experiences that I've had since joining the club. The biggest lesson I have learned along the way is you*



have to show up. Show up for the sunrises and sunsets, show up when the birds migrate, show up when the stars are out, show up for the challenges presented by the club (competitions, Summer Challenge, etc) and show up to be the photographer you hope to be. Many epic images require forethought and planning and you have to show up. I often see an amazing image that I would love to put my spin on, but if I never attempt it I'll never create it. Photography has taken me to such beautiful and amazing places and it continues to get me out to explore."

Members in the News



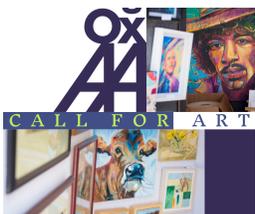
Congratulations to **Ginia Apostolacus**, for her **First Place Blue Ribbon** in the Journey category at the Philadelphia Flower Show. She was all smiles for this photo taken by her husband, Bill.

Kudos to other club members receiving awards at the Flower Show: **Carol DeGuiseppe**, 2nd place, Spectacle category, **Nima Marsh**, 2nd Place, Macro category, and **Betsy Wilson** 2nd place, Soul Food category and 3rd place, Macro category.

Local Shows and Exhibits

Jim Samanan will have his booth on display at [The Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Summer Fine Craft Fair](#) at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, July 30-31, 2022.

Opportunities to Share your Work



Oxford Arts Alliance National Juried Exhibition

Here's an **OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS** to submit artwork for the 8th Annual National Juried Exhibition that will be on view from October 7-October 28. The deadline to enter is **Friday, August 19th, 2022**. Cash Prizes!! Get all the details [here!](#)

Learning Opportunities

We are so fortunate to have such wonderful guest speakers at our monthly meetings and what better way to show our appreciation than to take a class or workshop with them. **Thomas Hedges** presented to our club in April of this year and has a class on portrait photography and two NYC workshops coming up in the fall. Here are all the details:

Portrait:

Foundations -- <https://princetonphotoworkshop.com/classes/portrait>

Basics -- <https://princetonphotoworkshop.com/classes/portraitbasic>

Meatpacking District (Manhattan) Field Trip:

<https://princetonphotoworkshop.com/trips/ws>

DUMBO at Dusk:

<https://princetonphotoworkshop.com/trips/bridge>

Photoshop World Virtual Conference

A virtual 3-day event with some of the best PS instructors in the industry, all from the convenience of your own device! Here's a [link](#) for all the details and registration information.

Competition Themes

If you want to get a jump start on your competition images for for the upcoming year, there's no need to wait - here's the official line-up:

September 2022:	Negative Space
October 2022:	Reflections
November 2022:	Repetition
January 2023:	Still Life
February 2023:	Soft Focus
March 2023:	Composite
April 2023:	Bird's Eye View
May 2023:	Unusual Point of View

You can find helpful information and inspiration for all our monthly themes on our website. From the homepage, click on club information, then competition info, 2022-2023 competition themes, or you can just click [here](#).

Website Wisdom

Missed reading the monthly newsletter and can't find the email with the link? There is a link to the current newsletter right near the top of the [CCCC homepage](#). Want to refer back to an old newsletter? They are all on the website! Just go to Club Information / Documents and Files to Download / Monthly Newsletter. Click on the little triangle to the left and all the past years and months will be there. You can either download a newsletter, or just view it on your browser - just choose which you prefer in the boxes to the right.

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

And the last laugh goes to.....

Carol and Dave DeGuseppi



Awarded with a flamingo hat and a pineapple for having the best Hawaiian themed costumes at the Aloha End-of-Year party. And the Booby Prize went to Bob Kelly, who was awarded a Hawaiian grass skirt and coconut shell bikini top for sporting the worst outfit!

See you in September

Mahalo and Aloha