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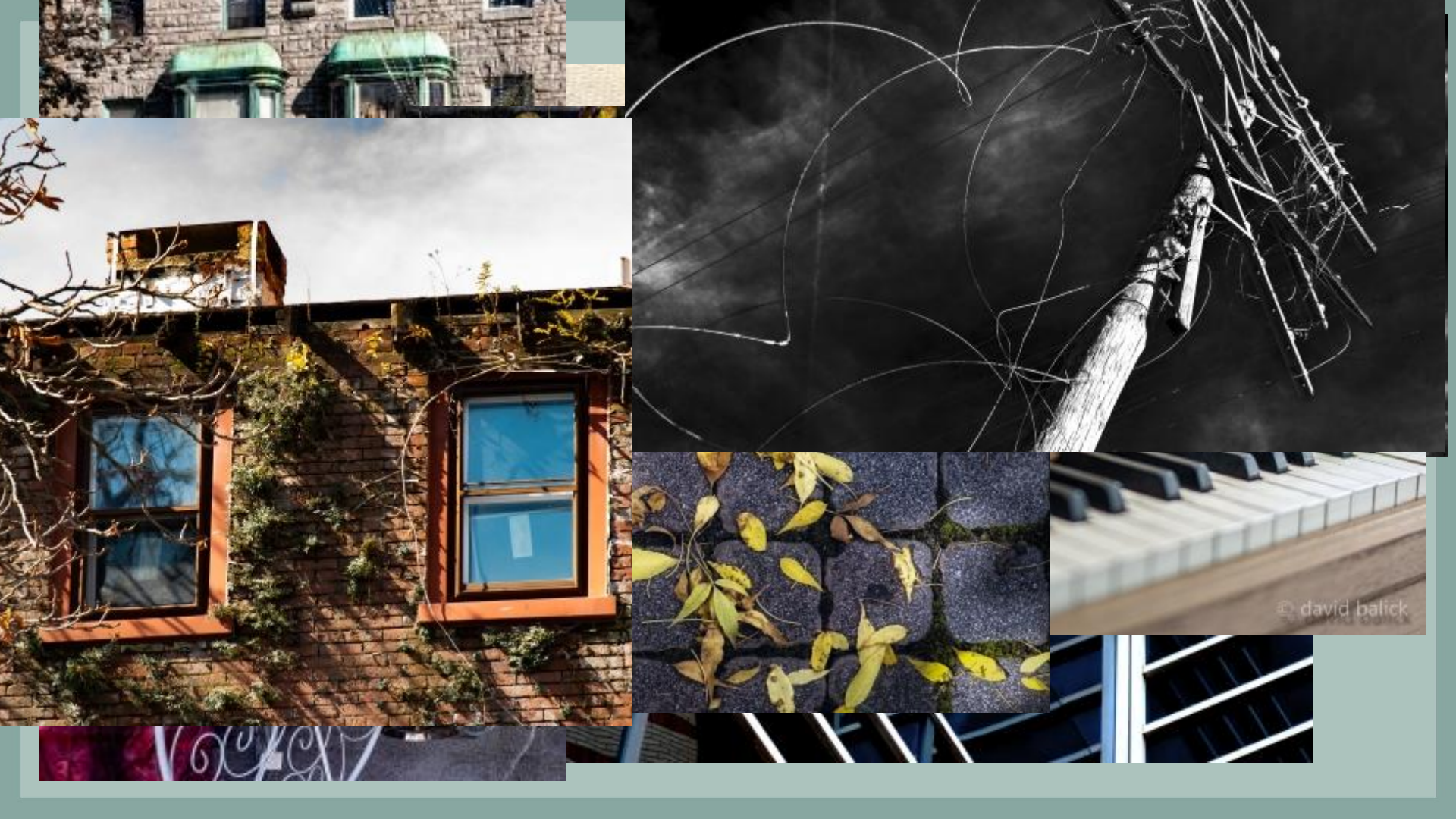
Year End Review

WELCOME

&

Awards Presentation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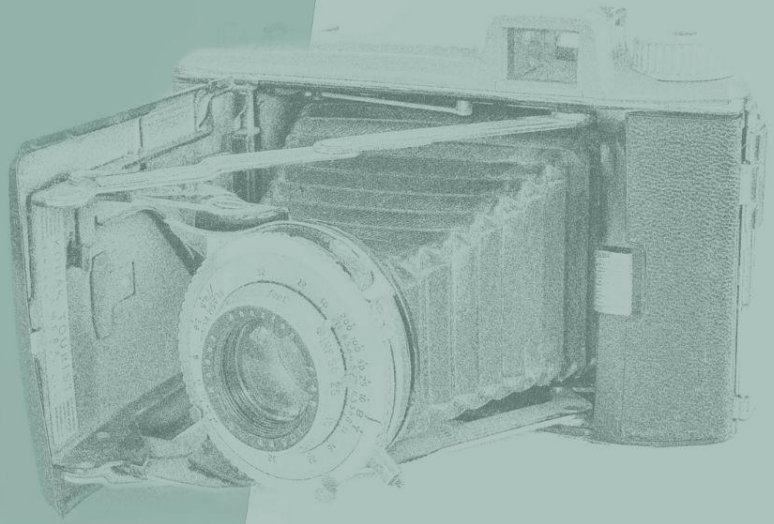
“It takes a village to raise a child”

CCCC BY THE NUMBERS

- Workshops: 2
- Competitions: 8
- Total number of Ribbons: 115
  - 1st place ribbons: 31
  - 2nd place ribbons:31
  - 3rd place ribbons: 26
  - Honorable mention ribbons:27
- Total number of submitted images: 814
- Speaker events: 10
- Members: 134
  - New members: 22
- Outings: 19



THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE

THANK YOU

Carolyn Mead, Vice President

- August: **Cole Thompson** - “Why Black and White?”
- September: **Sarah Marino** - “Beyond the Grand Landscape: Expanding Your Vision to Include Nature’s Smaller Scenes”
- October: **David DesRochers** - “Artist Earth”
- November: **Peter Hewitt** - “The Art of Printing”
- January: **Don Komarechka** - “Down the Rabbit Hole - An Adventure in the Universe at Our Feet”
- February: **John Barclay** - “Master Your Craft and Honor Your Vision”
- March: **Joe Edelman** - “Understanding Creativity”
- April: **Rad Drew** - “Mobile Phone Raw Photography”
- May: **Jim Christensen** - “Using Photoshop to Make Better Images”
- June: **Nick Hansen** - “Making the Most of Focal Lengths and Ratios - Crop in the Camera, Not in the Computer”

MEMBERSHIP

Valerie Dunn

- **Total members went from 125 in June of 2020 to 134 today. Up just over 7%. Not bad for a pandemic!**

  - **Of that we had 22 new members. That's roughly 29% increase in new members.**

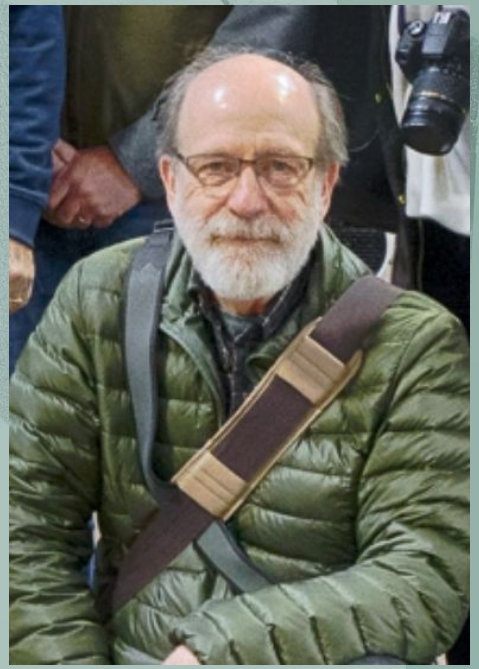
Denise Molzahn

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Micheal Coll
- Anuradha Soundararajan
- Elaine Horton
- Harold Horton
- Debbie Laverell
- Wendy Summer
- Vicki Jauron
- Alice Waegel
- Therese Choquette
- Chuck Cruit
- Corinne Masur
- Keith Brodeur
- Michele Scott
- Noah Scott
- Robert Becker
- Richard Maynard
- Nathan Schwartz
- Ayyappan Nair
- Richard Barker
- John Richardson
- Leo Volz
- Krystaleve Snow

COMPETITIONS

Dean Grantham



September: The World at Peace

October: Machinery

November: People At Work

January: Stars in the Sky

February: Surrealism

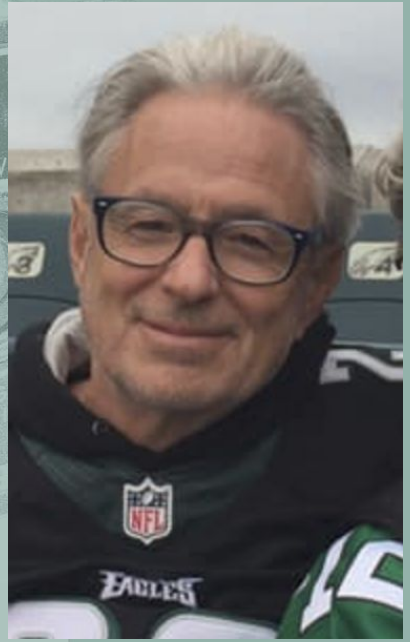
March: Ruins

April:Stop Action

May: Product Photography

WORKSHOPS

JIM WILSON & PETER GUMAN



Member Bob Becker stepped up and presented three virtual workshops for us.

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS WITH CLUB MEMBER BOB BECKER:

- Photopils app: and how to use it to plan your photo shoots.
- Lighting and using lights in your photography. A 2 part session that had 41 and 42 members, respectively, attended.

MEMBERS FORUMS

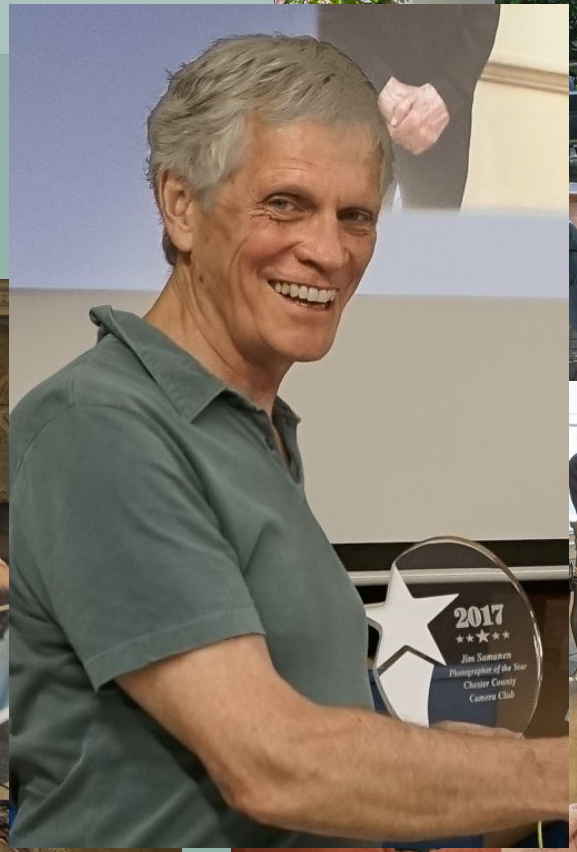
ANITA BOWER

September: "D[illegible]venne Juul
October: "[illegible]s submitted
November: "[illegible]Samanen
December: "[illegible] Photography"
by *Bob Friedma*[illegible]
January: "[illegible] Sndyer
February: "[illegible]zz *Mossholder*
March: "[illegible]ories" by Peter
Guman
April: "[illegible]b Kelly
May: "S[illegible]Shot" -- 12
participants
June: "[illegible]rch for Impact"
(a Bonus Members' Forum) by *Jim Samanen, Ted Golden, Navjot Hanspal*

NAVJOT HANSPAL

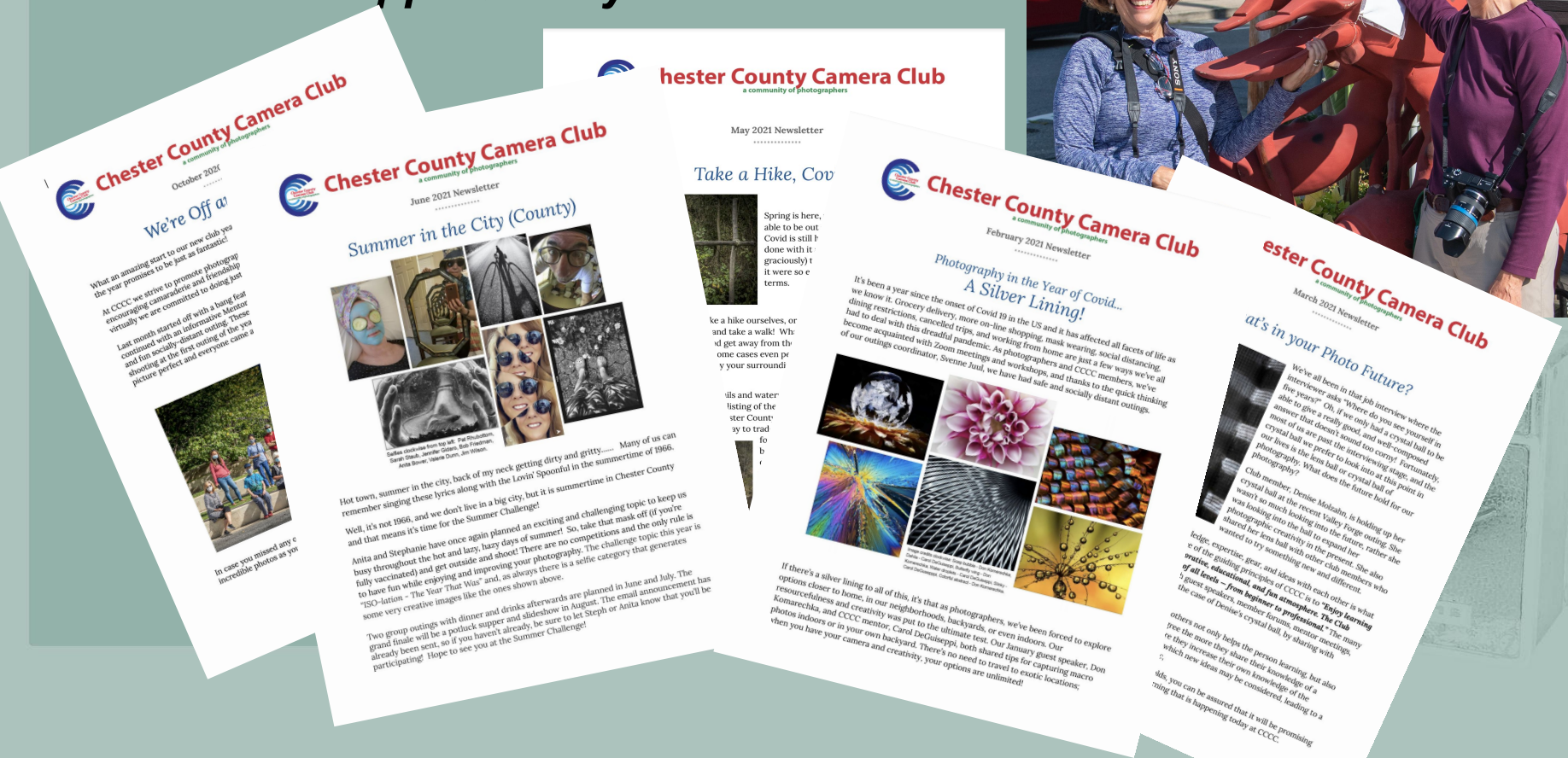
CRITIQUE GROUP

JIM SAMANEN



NEWSLETTER

Carol DeGuiseppi & Betsy Wilson



Chester County Camera Club
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October 2020

We're Off a

What an amazing start to our new club yea
the year promises to be just as fantastic!

At CCCC we strive to promote photograp
encouraging camaraderie and friendship
virtually we are committed to doing just

Last month started off with a bang fear
continued with an informative Mentor
and fun socially-distant outing. These
shooting at the first outing of the yea
picture perfect and everyone came a

In case you missed any o
incredible photos as you

Chester County Camera Club
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June 2021 Newsletter

Summer in the City (County)

Selfies clockwise from top left: Pat Rhubottom, Sarah Staub, Jennifer Gilbert, Bob Friedman, Anita Bower, Velera Dunn, Jim Wilson.

Hot town, summer in the city, back of my neck getting dirty and gritty..... Many of us can remember singing these lyrics along with the Lovin' Spoonful in the summertime of 1966.

Well, it's not 1966, and we don't live in a big city, but it is summertime in Chester County and that means it's time for the Summer Challenge!

Anita and Stephanie have once again planned an exciting and challenging topic to keep us busy throughout the hot and lazy, hazy days of summer! So, take that mask off (if you're fully vaccinated) and get outside and shoot! There are no competitions and the only rule is to have fun while enjoying and improving your photography. The challenge topic this year is "ISO-lation - The Year That Was" and, as always there is a selfie category that generates some very creative images like the ones shown above.

Two group outings with dinner and drinks afterwards are planned in June and July. The grand finale will be a potluck supper and slideshow in August. The email announcement has already been sent, so if you haven't already, be sure to let Steph or Anita know that you'll be participating! Hope to see you at the Summer Challenge!

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May 2021 Newsletter

Take a Hike, Cov

Spring is here,
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Covid is still h
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February 2021 Newsletter

Photography in the Year of Covid...
A Silver Lining!

It's been a year since the onset of Covid 19 in the US and it has affected all facets of life as we know it. Grocery delivery, more on-line shopping, mask wearing, social distancing, dining restrictions, cancelled trips, and working from home are just a few ways we've all had to deal with this dreadful pandemic. As photographers and CCCC members, we've become acquainted with Zoom meetings and workshops, and thanks to the quick thinking of our outings coordinator, Svenne Juul, we have had safe and socially distant outings.

If there's a silver lining to all of this, it's that as photographers, we've been forced to explore options closer to home, in our neighborhoods, backyards, or even indoors. Our resourcefulness and creativity was put to the ultimate test. Our January guest speaker, Don Komarechka, and CCCC mentor, Carol DeGuiseppi, both shared tips for capturing macro photos indoors or in your own backyard. There's no need to travel to exotic locations; when you have your camera and creativity, your options are unlimited!

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March 2021 Newsletter

at's in your Photo Future?

We've all been in that job interview where the interviewer asks "Where do you see yourself in five years?" Oh, if we only had a crystal ball to be able to give a really good and well-composed answer that doesn't sound too corny! Fortunately, most of us are past the interviewing stage, and the crystal ball we prefer to look into at this point in our lives is the lens ball or crystal ball of photography. What does the future hold for our photography?

Club member, Denise Molzahn, is holding up her crystal ball at the recent Valley Forge outing. She wasn't so much looking into the future, rather she was looking into the ball to expand her photographic creativity in the present. She also shared her lens ball with other club members who wanted to try something new and different.

ledge, expertise, gear, and ideas with each other is what e of the guiding principles of CCCC is to **"Enjoy learning eative, educational, and fun atmosphere. The Club of all levels – from beginner to professional."** The many guest speakers, member forums, mentor meetings, the case of Denise's crystal ball, by sharing with

others not only helps the person learning, but also ree the more they share their knowledge of a e they increase their own knowledge of the which new ideas may be considered, leading to a

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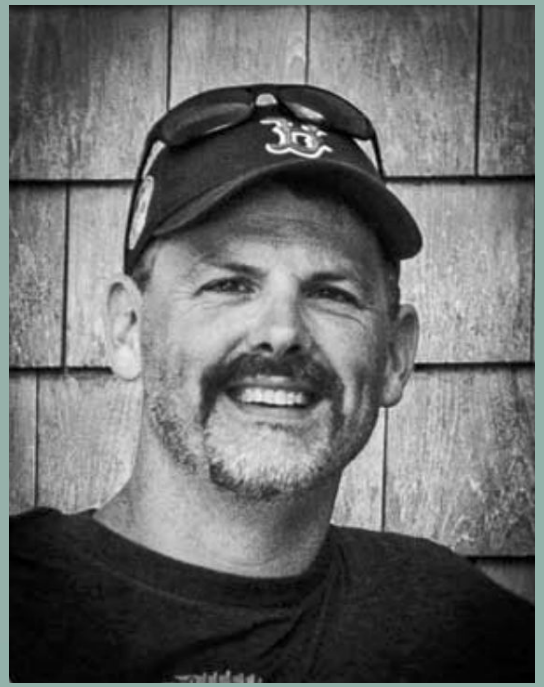
lds, you can be assured that it will be promising ming that is happening today at CCCC.

TREASURER

Helen Wagner

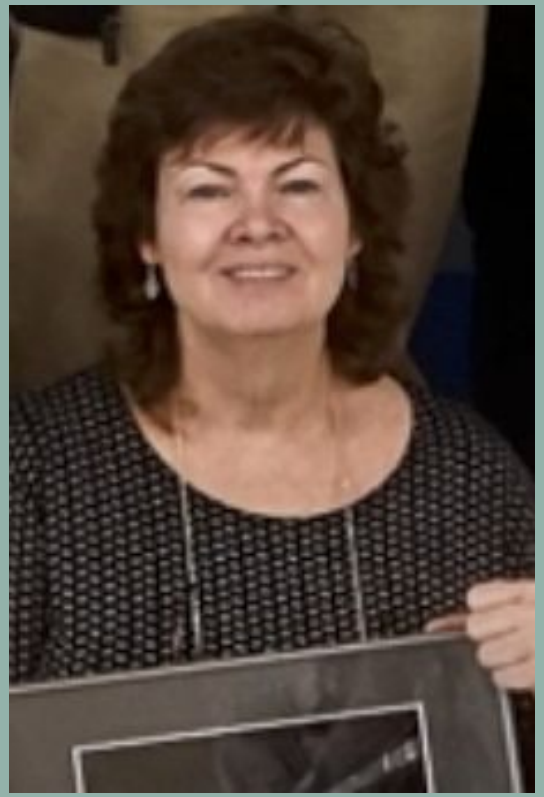
MEMBERS AT LARGE

Steve Whitney & Paul Stewart



DIGITAL PROJECTION

Sheila Fredericks



PRESIDENTIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

HOWARD SUNDWALL

BOB KELLY

BETSY WILSON

OUTINGS

SVENNE JUUL

- 2020-09-12 Phila Navy Yard
- 2020-09-20 Cheslen Preserve Night Sky photo meetup
- 2020-09-26 FDR Skate Park
- 2020-10-03 Grounds for Sculpture (NJ)
- 2020-10-18 Street Photography in Reading, PA
- 2020-11-14 Ft. Mifflin Siege weekend
- 2020-12-05 Hopewell Furnace Village
- 2021-01-09 Night Sky Photography at Bartville, PA
- 2021-01-30 Boathouse Row and Art Museum Grounds
- 2021-02-14 Valley Forge
- 2021-02-27 Stroud Preserve
- 2021-03-14 Under and On the Ben Franklin Bridge
- 2021-03-27 Marsh Creek at Daybreak
- 2021-04-10 Shenks Ferry Wildflower preserve
- 2021-04-24 Jenkins Arboretum
- 2021-05-16 Bombay Hook
- 2021-05-22 Mt. Cuba
- 2021-06-19 Bike-racing at Valley Preferred Cycling center

Shenk’s Ferry

Reading Street Photography
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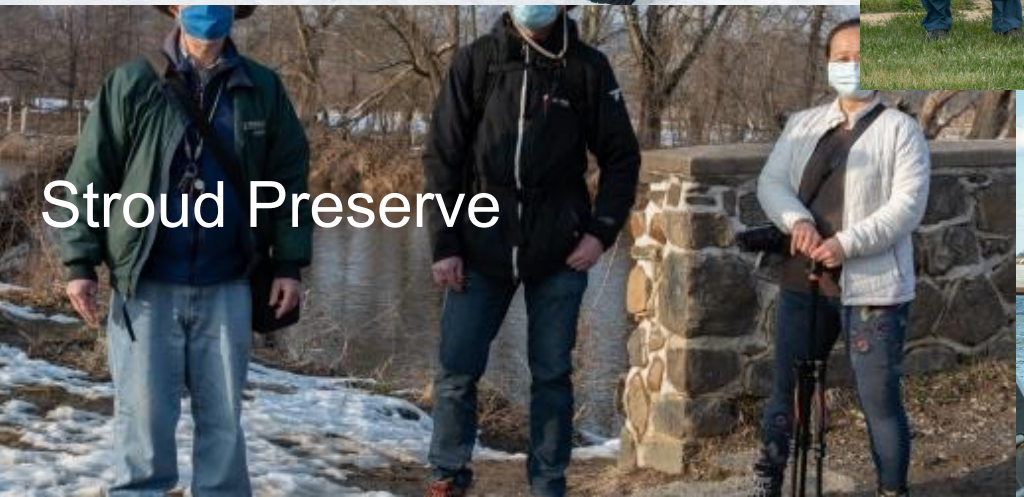
Grounds For Sculpture

FDR Skate Park

Valley Forge National Park

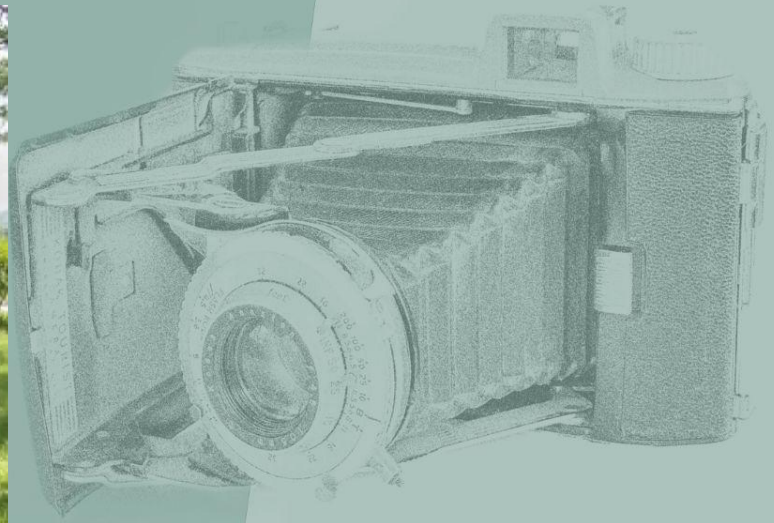
Bombay Hook


Stroud Preserve

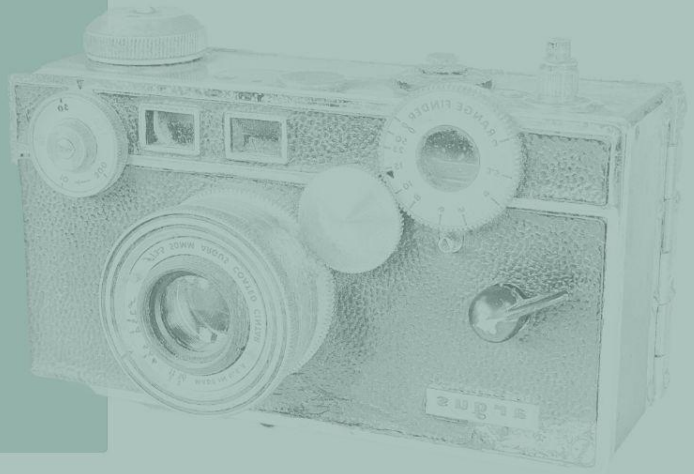
Under and On the Ben Franklin Bridge

MENTOR GROUP

Buzz Mossholder & Mike Keba



GAME TIME: “Who’s This Little Photographer?”



AWARDS

BROWNIE
TARGET
SIX-16

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

3rd Place

Helicon Focus Lite software
(software for processing focus stacking

$25 Gift Certificate to The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

$50 Gift Certificate to Matt Kloskowski photo education courses

Topaz Labs DeNoise AI software

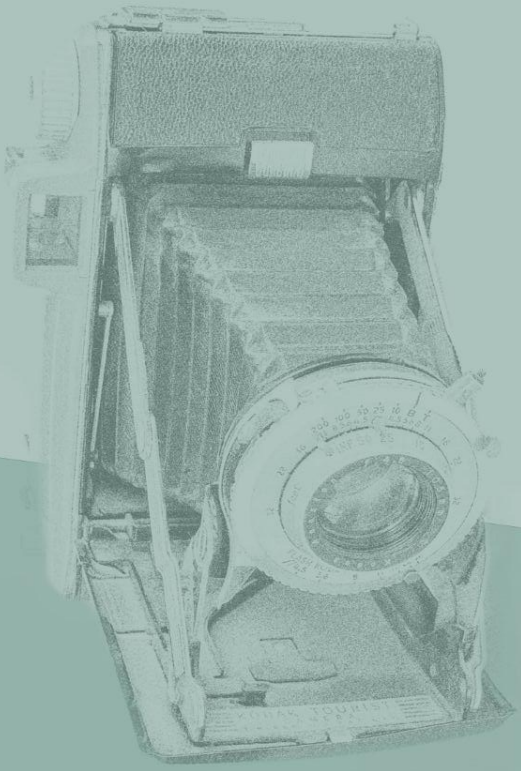
Luminar AI by Skylum Software

$25 Gift Certificate

And the 3rd Place People's Choice winner is….

With 10 votes

The Warbler
by Eric Loken



PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

2nd Place

Helicon Focus Lite software
(software for processing focus stacking)

$25 Gift Certificate to The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

$50 Gift Certificate to Matt Kloskowski photo education courses

Topaz Labs DeNoise AI software

Luminar AI by Skylum Software

$50 Gift Certificate

And the 2nd Place People's Choice winner is….With 12 votes

Lonely Wolf
by Navjot Hanspal

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

1st Place

Helicon Focus Lite software
(software for processing focus stacking)

$25 Gift Certificate to The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

$50 Gift Certificate to Matt Kloskowski photo education courses

Topaz Labs Sharpen AI software

Luminar AI by Skylum Software

$75 Gift Certificate

And the 1st Place People's Choice winner is….

With 23 votes

Preening Egrets
by Nima Marsh

CONGRATULATIONS!

Megapixel Award

$25 Gift Certificate to The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

$100 Gift Certificate to Matt Kloskowski photo education courses

Topaz Labs Sharpen AI software

Luminar AI by Skylum Software

$100 Gift Certificate from B&H

Svenne Juul

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PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

Helicon Focus PRO software
(software for processing focus stacking)

$25 Gift Certificate to The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

$150 Gift Certificate to Matt Kloskowski photo education courses

Topaz Labs Sharpen AI software

Luminar AI by Skylum Software

$100 Gift Certificate from B&H

From Peak Design an Everyday Tote

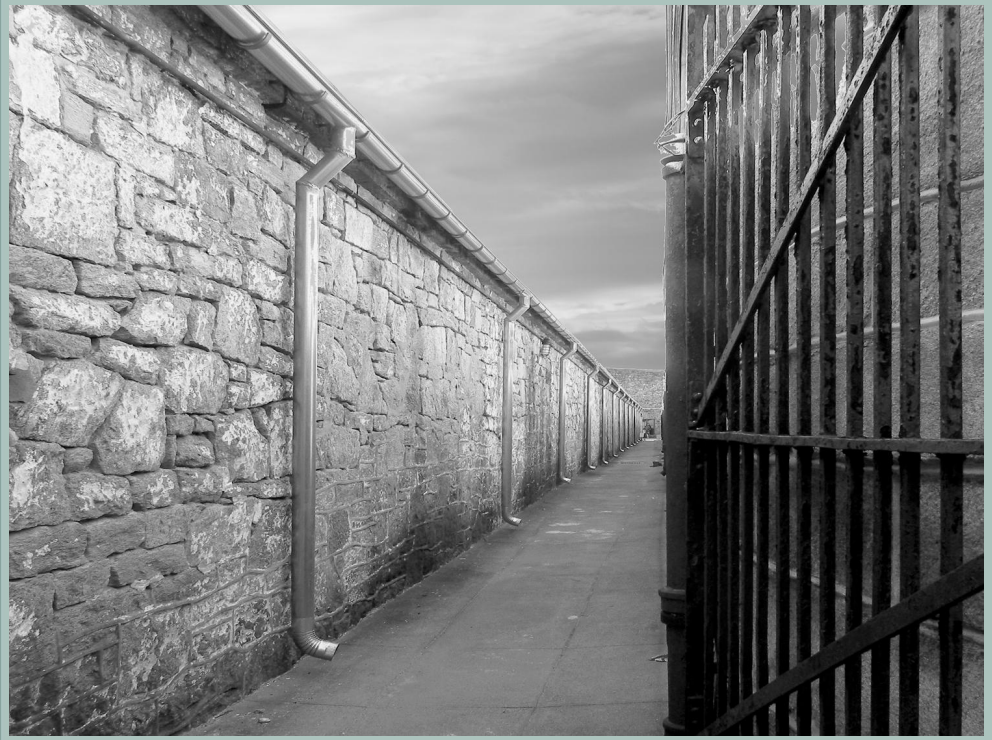
PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

This individual joined the Club in 2019 and has quietly submitted one beautiful image after another.

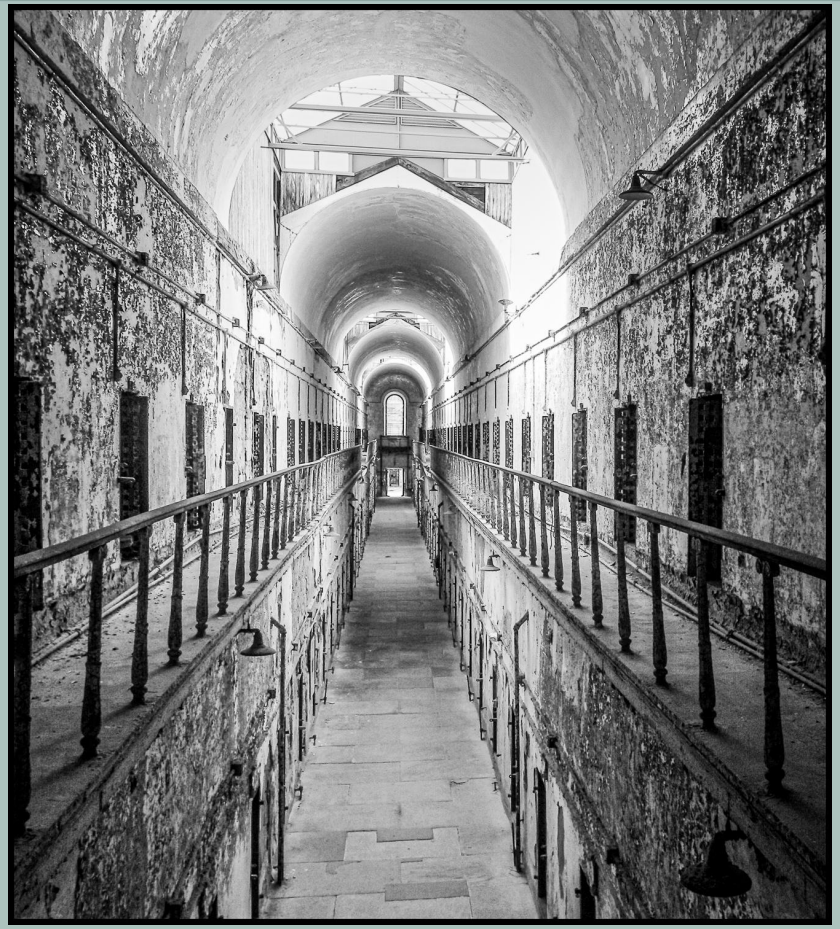
With one Honorable Mention, one 3rd place, three 2nd places and two 1st place ribbons this person broke ahead of the crowd in our last competition. It was a very competitive year!

I am sure you will recognize these outstanding images

With one Honorable Mention and one Third place images...



Eastern State Penitentiary Walkway



Eastern State Penitentiary

...three Second place images

Calvin Klein One

Boston Harbor

Once Upon A Time

...and two First place images

Resting Peacefully

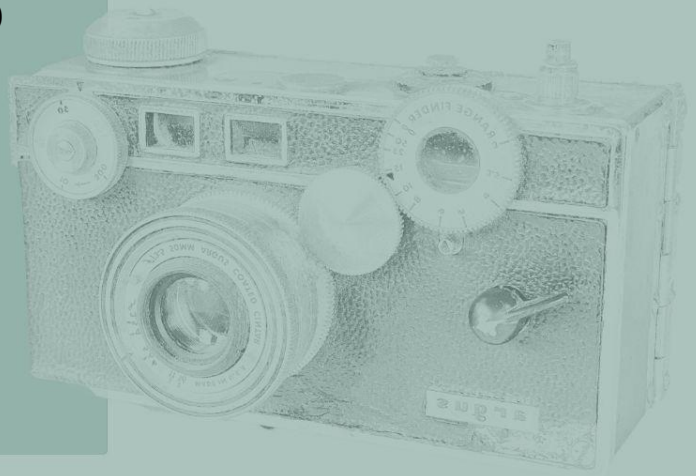
Lay Your Guns Down

Sue Lowry Hare

LOOKING AHEAD

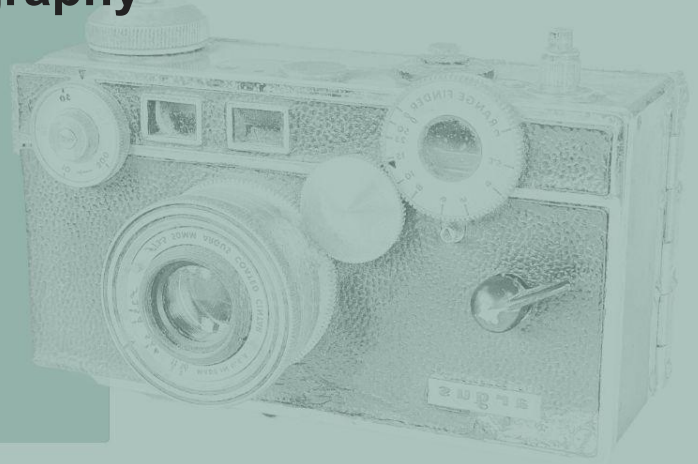
SOME OUTINGS ALREADY PLANNED

021-09-11 Chester County Balloon festival
2021-10-02 The Race of Gentlemen (NJ)
2021-10-09 Rough&Tumble: A Time of Harvest Show - Kinzers, PA
2021-10-17 Hawk Mountain (new for next season)
2021-10-30 Sultana Downrigging in Chestertown, MD
2021-11-20 Eagles @ Conowingo Dam, MD
2021-12-xx Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles
2022-04-xx Schuylkill Rowing Regatta



PREVIEW OF SOME SPEAKERS

- Sep - Laurie Beck Peterson: 19th century processing;
- Jan - Henry Rowan: [camera Equipment]
- Feb - Tony Sweet via Zoom;
- Mar - Don Rosenberger:Abstract photography



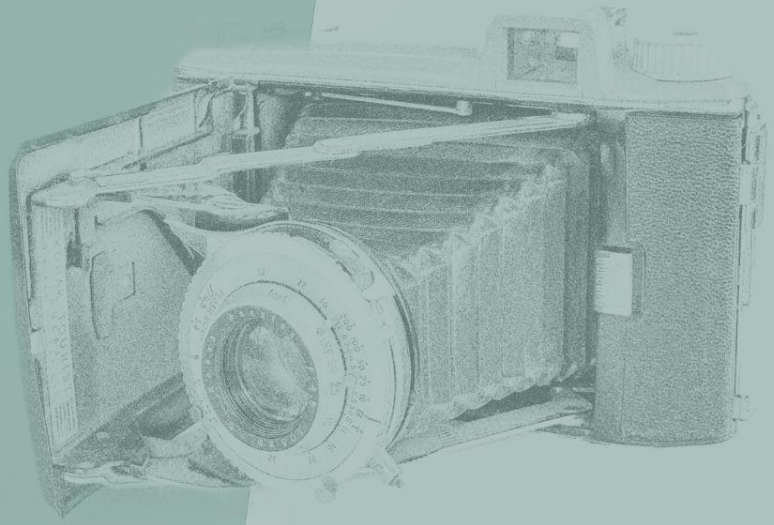
SUMMER CHALLENGE

ISO-LATION The Year that Was

- One day at a time
- Adventure is calling but I can’t come to the phone right now
- The only nation I am visiting this summer is imagination
- Better days will come
- All dressed up with nowhere to go
- Wake me up when we can travel again
- Happy hour! Time for a quaran-tini
- Keep calm and carry on
- Destination: Isolation
- This too shall pass

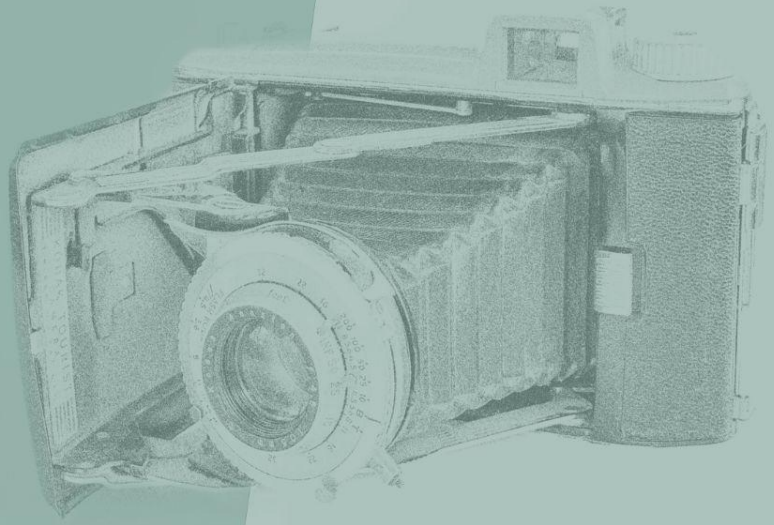
Competition Themes 2021-2022

- *September 2021* Good Deed(s)
- *October 2021* Close two shot
- *November 2021* Backlit
- *January 2022* Wabi-sabi
- Febru*ary 2022* Shoot through
- *March 2022* Out to pasture
- *April 2022* Heavy metal
- *May 2022* Flash and Blur (rear-curtain flash)



MORE FUN IN ‘21(and ‘22, too)!

- *Outings*
- *Amazing speakers*
- *Members Forums*
- *Workshops galore!*
- Newsletters
- *Mentor Groups*
- *Critiques*
- *Maybe even an in-person PARTY or 2!*



Have a great night and drive safe!

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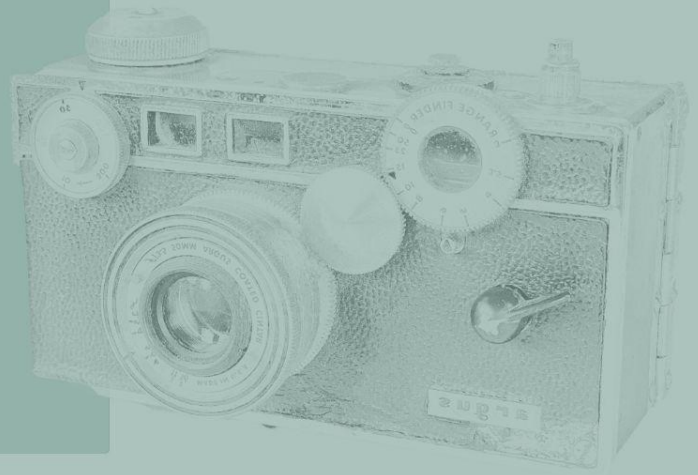

Chester Camera Club has so much to be proud of this year. Through the incredible dedication of the volunteers we have been able to sustain and, in fact, thrive in the 16 months since our world was upturned by the global pandemic!

As we did in the earlier part of 2020 and then into the current Club year we continued meeting virtually. While not ideal we made the absolute most of the situation. When we could be socially responsible, we had outings. Competitions took a minor blow when our meetings moved to a “virtual” format. No longer able to hold our Print Competitions which made for fierce competition in the Projected image categories. But the silver lining for virtual Club meetings meant that we had speakers coming to us from all over. Our hardest hit committee had to be Workshops. Jim Wilson was able to have a couple of rounds of speakers but to keep us all safe we had to put in-person workshops on hold until the world becomes a safer place again.

There is an amazing amount of work that goes into keeping CCCC running. There is much validity to the phrase “It takes a village”. Without the countless hours of dedication from the following people this club would cease to exist.

Membership: Valerie Dunn
Competitions: Dean Grantham
Digital Projection: Sheila Frederick/Svenne Juul
Speakers: Carolyn Mead
Workshops: Jim Wilson
Mentor Meetings: Buzz Mossholder & Mike Keba
Critique Group: Jim Samanen
Party Planning: Carolyn Mead, Pat Rhubottom & Connie Snyder
Treasurer: Helen Wagner
Secretary: Pat Rhubottom
Newsletter/Publicity: Carol DeGuiseppi & Betsy Wilson
Past Presidents: Howard Sundwall, Bob Kelly, Betsy Wilson
Website: Betsy Wilson & Bob Kelly
Members Forum: Anita Bower
Ribbons: Jennifer Gidaro
Outings: Svenne Juul
Summer Challenge: Anita Bower & Stephanie Vacek

Everyone does their job and does it well with no goading from the president. Their professionalism was

Welcome New Members

Micheal Coll
Anuradha Soundararajan
Elaine Horton
Harold Horton
Debbie Laverell
Wendy Summer
Vicki Jauron
Alice Waegel
Therese Choquette
Chuck Cruit
Corinne Masur

Keith Brodeur
Michele Scott
Noah Scott
Robert Becker
Richard Maynard
Nathan Schwartz
Ayyappan Nair
Richard Barker
John Richardson
Leo Volz
Krystaleve Snow

BY THE NUMBERS

We are 134 Members strong.
Including:

- **2** Anthonys (Stokes & Basilio)
- **2** Davids (Kiefer & Balick)
- **2** Denises (Keba & Molzahn)
- **2** Freds (Silverbook & Rosenberg)
- **2** Johns (Dolph & Richardson)
- **2** Kathys (Kinnard & Koons)
- **2** Lindas (Braceland & Litwin)
- **2** Matts (Keller & McLaughlin)
- **2** Mikes (Coll & Keba)
- **2** Peters (Guman & Neuschul)
- **2** Sallys (Loken & Riddle)
- **2** Stephanies (Gephart & Vacek)
- **2** Susans (Hare & Royce)
- **2** Waynes (Dixon & Kressley)
- **3** Deb/Deborah/Debbies (Charpentier, Laverell & Allen)
- **3** Jims (Dougherty, Wilson & Samanen)
- **3** Marys (Andersen, Malinconico & Whittam)
- **3** Patricias (Banks, Cusumano & Rhutbottom)
- **4** Richards (Barker, Donham, Greenwood & Maynard)
- **5** Roberts (Becker, Doerr, Friedman, Kelly & Lott)

AND a whole lot of OTHERS!