



# Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

September 2022 Newsletter

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## Welcome Back!

*A note from our new president, Denise Molzahn*



Ready for another exciting year with the Chester County Camera Club? We hope that you all had a nice summer and got out to do some shooting, despite the heat.

While the club doesn't have regular meetings during the summer months, there is still a lot going on. The Steering Committee and committee chairs have been busy planning for the upcoming club year, so be sure to check the website regularly as new information will be posted as it becomes available.

COVID has thrown a wrench in our club plans and meetings over the last two years, but we have been able to retain our members and also welcome some new members along the way. The Steering Committee has recognized that the pandemic is not 100% over, and we will continue to embrace a hybrid meeting format (both in person and Zoom) for now, and some meetings during the winter months may be Zoom only. We would love to have everyone attend meetings in person – remember the wonderful comradery that we had when we filled the meeting room? We encourage all of you (who are comfortable and able) to join us in person when we resume meetings and competitions this month.

I'm very honored to have been elected to be the Chester County Camera Club President. I have very much enjoyed being a member of the club and have been looking forward to becoming more involved. It is because of the wonderful people and volunteers in the club that I was willing to accept the nomination. I truly appreciate being part of a group of committed volunteers and supportive, encouraging photographers who are so willing to share their knowledge to help other photographers learn and grow. I appreciate the support that I already have from past Presidents and Steering Committee members since I have accepted the keys to the kingdom.

As you can see in the image above, we are all smiles and ready to take on a new year. (Shown left to right: Denise Molzahn, President; Carol DeGuseppi, Member at Large; Helen Wagner, Treasurer; Sheila Fredericks, Member at Large; Genia Apostolacus, Vice President; Carolyn Mead, Secretary.)

I am looking forward to seeing you all soon!

## Summer Challenge meetup at Anselma Mill

The second summer meetup for this year's summer challenge was at historic Anselma Mill in Chester County. In addition to creating images of the assigned topic of "architectural details", participants were encouraged to take candid photos of one another.



From left to right: *Helen at the Post Office*, by Sarah Staub, *Stephanie and Eric at Anselma Mill*, by Anita Bower, and *Jennifer at Work* by Carol DeGuseppi.

## Summer Challenge - Architectural Details



A new appreciation for architectural details is now shared by participants of the CCCC Summer Challenge. Organized and led by Stephanie Vacek and Anita Bower, the challenge was to shoot ten assigned architectural details during the summer, and include a selfie in one of them. They also planned two fun outings in locations with plenty of architectural oddities, followed by an opportunity to dine out with friends. Thank you Steph and Anita! And thank you to Helen Wagner for graciously hosting the viewing party at her home.



Here is just a sampling of the creative images. To see more, check out each of the ten [galleries on the CCCC website](#). Club Outings and Events / 2021-2022 / Summer Challenge. Click on the little triangle to open the ten galleries.



Clockwise from top left: **Unique Hinge** by Linda Braceland, **Funky Chimney** by Mary Anderson, **Historic Door with Stained or Leaded Glass** by Anita Bower (with her selfie!), **Noticeable Dormer Window** by Sheila Fredericks, **Extraordinary Columns** by Anthony Basilio, **Atypical Door Knob** by Yijiun Chen, **Quirky Porch Railing or Fence** by Dan Vacek, Distinctive **Gable Trim** by Sue Hare, **Detailed Roof Cornice** by Joe Hare, **Curious Light Fixture** by Linda Litwin.

## *Dues are Due! Time to Renew Your Membership!*

It's that time of the year again - time to renew your membership to the greatest camera club east of the Mississippi! Don't delay! Renew today so you don't miss out on the benefits of membership - guest speakers, member forums, mentor groups, competitions, outings, workshops, and more, not to mention all the fun and camaraderie that comes with it!

[Here is a link](#) to all the info you need to renew and fill out your annual membership form.

# Upcoming Events:

## Monthly Critique Group - September 11

What a great way to start off the new club year! This supportive group, exclusively for club members, provides opportunities for you to 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, but due to the holiday this month it will be held on the second Sunday. If this is something you've been considering, jump in now and let [Jim Samanen](#) know; he'll get you all set up!

## Members' Forum - September 14

“Embrace the Blur” with Lensbaby Ambassador, Cathy Kuhlman

Join us for our first Members' Forum of the year as new member and Lensbaby Ambassador, Cathy Kuhlman shares her passion for blurs and gives us a glimpse into the world of Lensbaby and shares how to take your photography from the *ordinary* to the “*extraordinary*” as Cathy did on this lovely floral image shown here.



## Monthly Meeting - September 14

Guest Speaker Irene Sacilotto presents “Adventures in Bird Photography”



Our opening guest speaker is sure to be a hit with all the great bird photographers in the club - and may even encourage others to give it a try! Irene has extensive experience in wildlife photography and birds are her favorite. Join us to learn some of her valuable tips and techniques!

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting at Westminster, but Irene Sacilotto will be presenting via ZOOM. You are encouraged to join other CCCC members to watch at Westminster or you can view from the comforts of home.

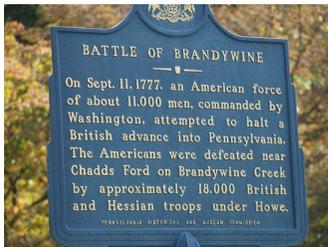
# September Outings:

## Cowtown Rodeo - September 17



Hee-haw! Grab your lasso (or better yet, grab your camera) cause we're going to the rodeo! What a great place to catch a glimpse of the olde west and practice some action photography like Svenne Juul did in the image shown here. If action photos aren't your thing, there's plenty of people watching too!

## 245th Anniversary - Battle of the Brandywine - September 24



Revisit the infamous Battle of Brandywine! Revolutionary War Re-enactors will mark this major historical event where the British 'Redcoats' sent George Washington's troops into a retreat that ultimately put them at Valley Forge for the winter of 1777 while the British took control of Philadelphia. More information coming with details, but you can read more about it [here](#).

## Dates to Remember

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| Sun, Sept 11 | <a href="#">Monthly Critique Group</a>                                   |
| Wed, Sept 14 | <a href="#">Members' Forum</a> and <a href="#">Monthly Meeting</a>       |
| Sat, Sept 17 | Club Outing - <a href="#">CowTown Rodeo</a>                              |
| Sat, Sept 24 | Club Outing - <a href="#">245 Anniversary - Battle of the Brandywine</a> |
| Wed, Sept 28 | <a href="#">Monthly Competition</a>                                      |
| Sat, Oct 8   | Club Outing - <a href="#">Washington DC, Under the Full Moon</a>         |
| Sun, Oct 9   | <a href="#">Monthly Critique Group</a>                                   |
| Wed, Oct 12  | <a href="#">Members Forum</a> and <a href="#">Monthly Meeting</a>        |
| Sat, Oct 22  | Club Outing - <a href="#">Jim Thorpe</a>                                 |
| Wed, Oct 26  | <a href="#">Monthly Competition</a>                                      |

This month the spotlight is shining on our new Membership Coordinator, Evelyn (Eva) Connor!

## Volunteer Spotlight



Eva joined the club in November of 2018. As she begins her fourth year with us, she's delighted to be embarking on her first official volunteer role -- Membership Coordinator. Eva sees this as a way to be able to give back to the club by helping out in what she calls a "small" way. We all know what the Membership Coordinator does, and it's not small!! Previously she has served on the committee that planned and coordinated the most recent Penn State Great Valley Exhibit.

She's been involved with photography for about four years. Her husband passed away a few years prior and she was looking for something fun and challenging to focus on. She made the right choice when she decided to join our club!

Landscapes are Eva's first and favorite type of photography. It gets her out in nature which she enjoys. She also loves photographs of the Moon and Milky Way and would like to learn how to do Astrophotography at some point. She, like so many of us, is amazed by the various talents of our club members and seeing all their artistic ways of capturing what they see. It inspires her to branch out and try new perspectives.

Eva is currently employed as a Benefits Broker based in Radnor where she provides support to the HR departments of their clients for any concerns they have regarding employee benefits and payroll. Since the pandemic she has been working remotely from home.

Her volunteer efforts extend beyond CCCC. She is part of the Worship committee at her church that prepares the communion each month for Sunday service. From time to time she also volunteers through her church team with Good Works, Inc. a non-profit based in Coatesville. They help homeowners who otherwise could not afford to have repairs done in their homes. Additionally, this summer she helped as an Adult Leader for summer camp at Hearts in Hands Community Center based in Honey Brook. It was a fun week with kids doing crafts, games and sports.

Eva practices Svaroopaa Yoga - also known as Bliss Yoga, which she totally loves for the mental and physical benefits it brings. She has also been doing cross stitch needlework for many years and since the pandemic, has taken up gardening and is really enjoying seeing her efforts bloom.



In closing, Eva shared that she feels blessed to be part of CCCC where everyone is so welcoming and happy to share their photography knowledge and their friendship.

## New Members

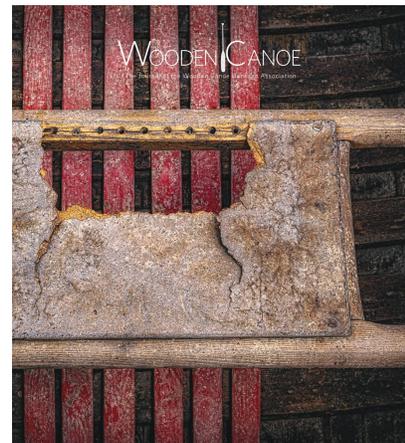
We are happy to welcome two new members, just in time for a new club year, **Chris Shigley** and **Susan Procaro**. We all look forward to getting to know you and your photographic styles in the coming months. We hope you enjoy all the club has to offer.

## Members in the News



A recent exhibition of the Chester County Craft Guild featured three images by **Fiona Keyes**. The show at the Oxford Art Alliance was on display throughout August and showcased the work of 16 juried fine craft artists. It's too late to view the exhibit, but not too late to congratulate Fiona!!

Wooden Canoe Magazine features a cover and a ten-page photo essay of images taken by **Jim and Betsy Wilson** at the annual gathering of canoe enthusiasts in the Adirondacks. You can see the [full article and images here](#).



## Local Shows and Exhibits

[Kennett Arts Festival](#) - October 15-16

This two-day festival to benefit the new Kennett Library will feature photography and a whole lot more! Artists will display and sell their work in ceramics, glass, jewelry, painting and more. What a great way to spend a weekend afternoon - all for a good cause!

## Learning Opportunities

At CCCC we strive to put a high emphasis on learning and growing by offering excellent speakers, member forums, mentor opportunities and more. One way you can continue to learn on your own is by heading to the internet! A simple Google search will produce a long list of options, many at little or no cost. Here is one that claims to have [The 7 Best Online Photography Courses](#)! While we can't say for sure that's the case, it's certainly worth a try!

## Competition Tips

Let the competitions begin! We'll start off this month with a theme of **Negative Space**, which is exactly what it sounds like, space in the frame with nothing in it!

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

**Schedule Page:** To see a handy visual calendar of each month's activities, click on the "Month" box on the top right of the [schedule page](#). Or, to see a listing of all upcoming events along with a brief description, click on the "Agenda" box at the top right. From either view, you can click on any event to see more information.

Be sure to regularly check the [CCCC Homepage](#) for news and updates, as well as links to galleries from recent outings.

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