



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

November 2021 Newsletter

Welcome

Fabulous Fall Foliage Foto Fun

Fabulous - Fall - Foliage - Foto - Fun! These words all seem to go together so well. While every photographer probably has his or her favorite season in which to capture the glory of nature, we may all agree that the fall foliage colors are some of the most vibrant and intense of the year.



We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area where we can go leaf-peeping without venturing far from home; here's a [list](#) of places to go in Chester County. The camera club has taken many fall outings to some of these locations where members have captured some amazing fall images. A few of these are shown here, like this peaceful image by Evelyn Connor taken at Grounds for Sculpture.

Of course, if you want to take a fall road trip, you can head north, west, or south to some of the most beautiful areas on the east coast. Or you may decide just to take a walk around your neighborhood or get in the car and take a drive to nowhere. Chances are you'll find some good color and scenic surroundings. Just don't leave home without your camera!



Color, texture, and patterns have been beautifully captured on many CCCC outings. From left: Wayne Kressley - taken at Morris Arboretum, Sarah Staub - taken at West Chester at Night, Judy Smith - taken at Mt. Moriah Cemetery, Dean Grantham - taken at Steel Stacks.

October Highlights:

Members Forum:

Jim and Betsy Wilson- “Shoot Thru” and “Blur & Flash”

Tips, techniques and inspiration were shared to help members learn and create images for two upcoming competitions. Betsy shared how she creates shoot-through images, the theme for February, and Jim discussed Blur and Flash, May’s competition theme.



Monthly Presentation: *Jim Graham- “Photographing the Equestrian Life”*

Jim Graham presented a very comprehensive slide show representing his many years photographing local equestrian events. His images captured many action shots of horses and riders during steeplechase and

Point to Point events, portraits of the people involved, and beautiful winter scenes of fox hunts. During the question and answer period afterwards, Jim filled us in on his secrets as to how he gets amazing shots that appear to be from under a jumping horse like in the image above. See more of his amazing work on his [website](#).

Club Outing: Rough & Tumble A Harvest Show



L to R: Linda Litwin, Anita Bower, David Balick

Lots to see and do at the Harvest Show at Rough & Tumble in Amish Country, PA. Antique steam-driven tractors, trains and other machinery provided fascinating motion subjects, and there was no shortage of interesting people (and pets) for candid shots. And if you are late to an event and miss the group shot, Svenne may just add you in later (or half of you!). More images in the [gallery](#).



Mentor Meetings - Zoom tutorials and Meetups.



Buzz Mossholder continued his monthly sessions on Lightroom and Photoshop for beginners. This lesson focused on the Lightroom Library Module. These sessions are a members-only benefit.

The Mentor Program also includes small group outings to allow for more one-on-one assistance with a mentor who has the same camera brand. Pictured are Mike Keba and David Balick at a recent mentor/mentee meetup at Longwood Gardens. If you're interested in joining as a mentee, contact [Mike Keba](#).

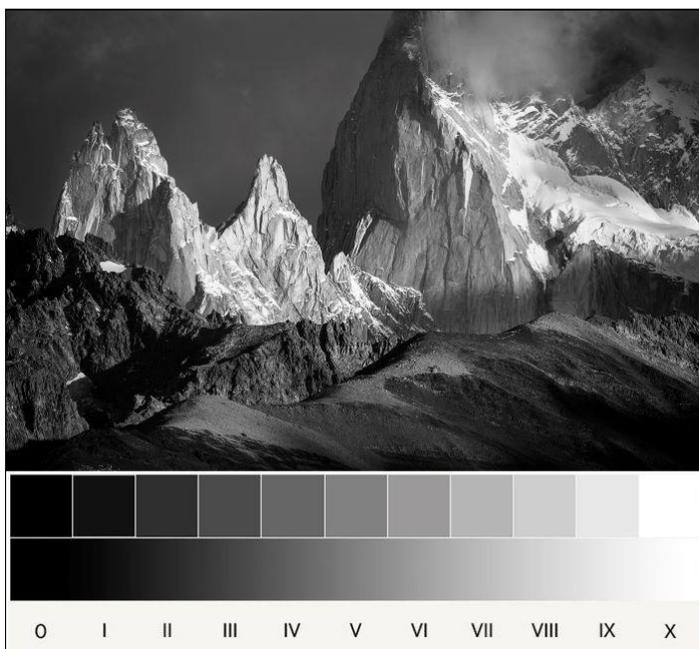


*Club outing:
Fall Raptor
Migration at
Hawk
Mountain*

CCCC photographers made the trek out to a rocky outcropping atop Hawk Mountain to photograph the fall migration of hawks, falcons, and eagles. The fall foliage was just starting to burst with color, as shown in this image by Evelyn Connor. And our members were up to the challenge of capturing birds in flight, as you can see in this image by Deepak Malkan. More images in the [gallery](#).



*Bonus presentation:
Ossian Lindholm - The Digital Zone System*



Renowned nature photographer Ossian Lindholm discussed and demonstrated the benefits of learning how to apply Ansel Adams classic Zone System to digital landscape photography. He shared how it offers digital photographers an accurate method of control to make the final image reflect the light and tone values they saw when shooting the scene.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Group - November 7

Join in this friendly and fun group that is exclusively for CCCC members if you'd like to share and receive constructive feedback on your images. Meetings are both in-person and virtual and are typically held the first Sunday of the month. Registration is easy - simply let [Jim Samanan](#) know if you are interested in participating.

Special Members' Forum - November 10



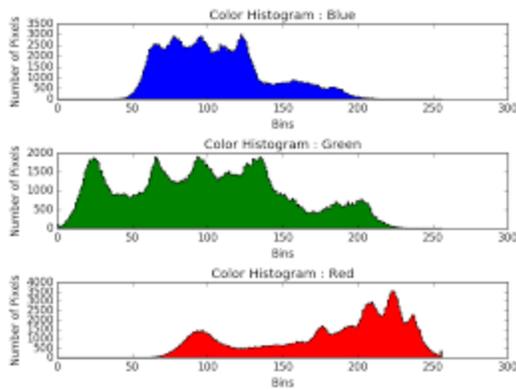
Due to a scheduling change, we have an opportunity for a special **"Show and Tell"** Members' Forum this month. Do you have a piece of equipment that you absolutely love and want to share with other members? Perhaps a tripod, camera bag, flash, filter, lens, or something else? Why not Show it to the group and Tell everyone why you like it so much! Just be sure to let [Navjot](#) know that you will be sharing.

Monthly Meeting - November 10



Fine art landscape artist, **Chuck Kimmerle**, our guest speaker this month, will speak to us about *Following our Inner Voice - The Quest to Realize our Inner Vision*. During his presentation, he will discuss how we can break from outside influences and expectations and to create work which is decidedly ours. He will be covering the photographic process from field to editing and how we can begin to better understand why we do what we do. Learn more about Chuck and view some of his work [here](#).

Members' Forum - November 15



Buzz Mossholder will share his knowledge and expertise this month (*on a Monday*) on the topic of “Essentials of Color Theory for Photographers.” In this session he will discuss the color in histograms, hue, saturation, luminance, gamut, and more that can be confusing, but are so important in making a good image.

November Outings:

Conowingo Dam - November 14

Get out your big lens and get ready to capture some amazing shots of bald eagles. Every winter well over 100 Bald Eagles gather at Conowingo Dam, along the lower Susquehanna River in northern Maryland to feast on fish that are sucked through the giant turbines as this dam generates electricity for the Baltimore area.

Fun Fact: It takes 5 years for Bald Eagles to attain adult plumage.



More Upcoming Outings:

- Saturday, December 4 [Cape May, NJ](#), Catching the Christmas Spirits
- Saturday, December 11 [Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles](#)

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.

- Wed, Nov 3 [Mentor Meeting](#) via Zoom
- Sun, Nov 7 [Monthly Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Nov 10 [Members' Forum](#) and [Monthly Meeting](#)
- Sun, Nov 14 [Club Outing](#) - Conowingo Dam
- Mon, Nov 15 [Members Forum](#)
- Wed, Nov 17 [Monthly Competition](#)
- Sat, Dec 4 [Club Outing](#) - Cape May, NJ
- Sun, Dec 5 [Monthly Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Dec 8 [Holiday Gathering](#)
- Sat, Dec 11 [Club Outing](#) - Boyertown Museum

Navjot Hanspal, our new Members' Forum Coordinator is in the spotlight this month!



Navjot joined the club in 2015 and just this year took on his first volunteer role as Members' Forum Coordinator.



He has been interested in photography all his life. His grandfather had a box camera which was defunct when he found it but was an object of enormous appeal. He got his hands on a borrowed camera when he was in college – an Olympus. It was with that camera that he learned how to figure out the aperture and shutter speed – the old fashioned way. When he first got to the US in 1975 – he bought his first camera, an Olympus OM1, that is currently hibernating in some box in the basement.

Navjot isn't partial to any one type of photography – which, according to him, means he is not very good at anything, but he does enjoy exploring all aspects of image making. Many of us will beg to differ with Navjot on this comment, especially if you've

seen some of his amazing water-drop images! He continues to be inspired by the images he sees from many CCCC members.

Navjot is a happily retired neurologist, who describes his previous life as “*managing neurological problems of fellow human beings.*” He’s keeping busy in his retirement and also volunteers on a team at Longwood Gardens that takes care of the Peirece’s Woods area.

He also has many other hobbies besides photography that keep him busy, including languages, literature, mathematics, physics, and playing bamboo flute, mouth organ, and tabla, a percussion instrument from India. Navjot says he’s “*not good at any one of them but that does not stop me from enjoying them all.*” Those of us who know Navjot, realize he’s probably just being modest!! Just think back to his “*Physics, Photons, and Phun*” presentation at the September Members’ Forum and you’ll agree he’s very talented in many areas!



When asked if there was anything else he’d like to share, Navjot responded with a simple, “*Cheers!*”

Members in the News

The photography of **James Samanen** will be showcased in two art shows this fall.

[The Oaks Holiday Art & Craft Festival](#) will be at the Oaks Convention Center November 5th - 7th. His images will also be on display at the Chester County Craft Guild Holiday Craft Fair held at the Ludwig’s Corner Firehouse in Glenmoore, PA on December 11 & 12.



Quite a few members attended the grand opening celebration of [The Photography Worksop](#), operated by CCCC member **Mark Bergkvist**. His new photography education center and studio in West Chester is a great place to take lessons and learn new techniques. In addition to door prizes, attendees at the event received custom-baked Nikon cookies!

There’s still time to see **Anita Bower’s** image, *James House*, at the Oxford Arts Alliance through November 12. You can find more information, including hours and location [here](#).

Learning Opportunities

Are you new to post-processing? Want to learn how to edit your images, but not quite ready to tackle Lightroom or Photoshop? Club member Sheila Fredericks recommends that you try Pixlr! Here's what she had to say about it: *"Pixlr is an easy photo editing program. There is a free version and a paid version. AND there are two versions in Pixlr: Pixlr-x is easier, and lets you produce good results fast. Pixlr-e is a "Photoshop" light. It has many of the basic features that Photoshop has."*



Pixlr-x <https://pixlr.com/x/>

Pixlr-e <https://pixlr.com/e/>



Here's a chance to learn from some top photographers all from the comfort of your own home. No travel, no crowds, and best of all **NO CHARGE!!** Here's all the [information](#), including dates (Nov 5-7), registration, hours, speakers, and more!

Competition Tips

The competition theme for November is "**Backlit**" in which the subject is primarily illuminated with light from an angle behind the subject. Want some ideas, inspiration, and tips? [Click here!](#)

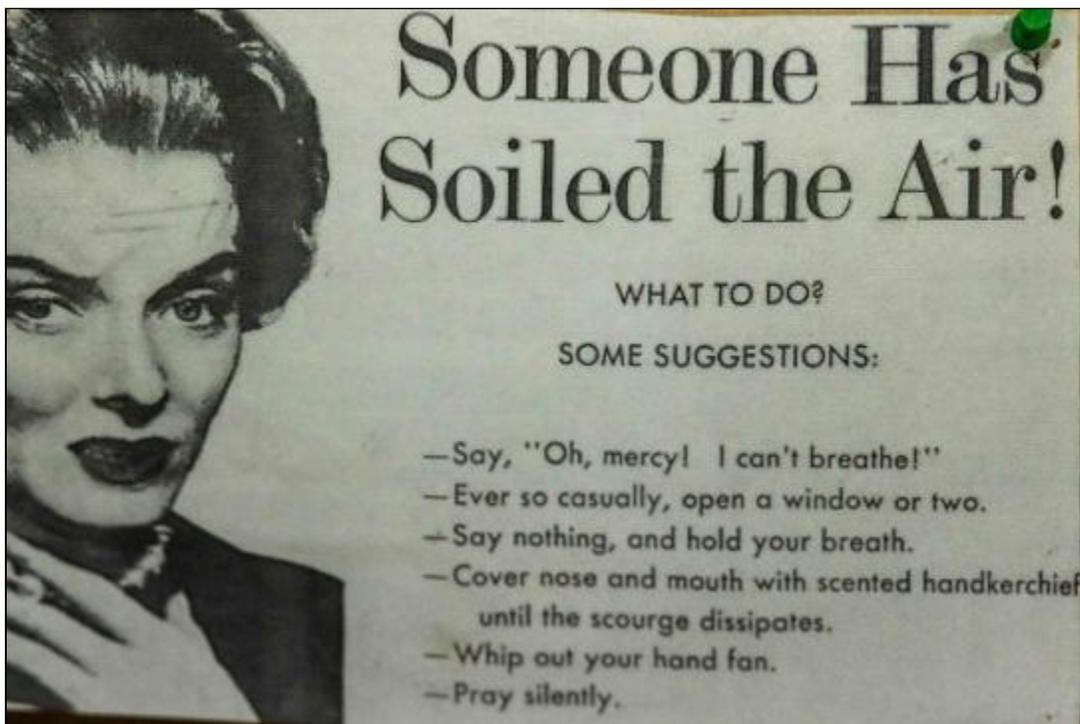
Newsletter request

Have you won an award for your photography? Perhaps been published in a magazine or exhibited at a gallery? Do you know of any upcoming photo exhibits or learning opportunities that would be of interest to our members? Let us know! Simply contact newsletter editors [Carol DeGuseppi](#) or [Betsy Wilson](#).

And the last laugh goes to... .

Duane Erdmann

For his photograph of this very practical guide from days gone by!



One never knows what interesting gems you may find at our many club outings like this one from the recent trip to "Rough & Tumble" in Lancaster County.