Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

October 2025 Newsletter

Members Helping Members

A comment we hear from so many of our members is that everyone in the club is so helpful and friendly. Whether it's help with a specific photographic technique, how to navigate or find something on our website, where to post images for a competition, or just a basic question about the club, we're always ready to help. We've also heard comments about how more seasoned members are so willing to share their knowledge and expertise. And that's what makes our club so special -- Members Helping Members!

The images above are a perfect example of how members help and interact with one another. The left image, from our recent outing to Bryn Athyn Cathedral, shows Jennifer helping Joyce, perhaps with a camera setting or sharing an image. On the right, from our Kuerner Farm outing, Steve is sharing his Wyeth knowledge with Annette and Pat. Outings are a great way to connect with other members, enhance our photographic skills, perhaps visit and learn about a place you've never been before, and develop new friendships.

Be sure to check our schedule page for upcoming outings. There are two great ones coming up in October, Grounds for Sculpture and Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Important Announcements:

Last Call for Membership Renewal!

Last call! All 2024-25 memberships will expire at the end of October, so don't put it off any longer. You won't want to miss out on all the great benefits - guest speakers, member presentations, competitions, education and inspiration, outings, workshops, and more! Click here for the renewal form. It's quick and easy, and can be done all on-line, but remember, it's a 2-step process. Fill out the registration form, then submit your payment.

Spring Bus Trip - Saturday, June 20

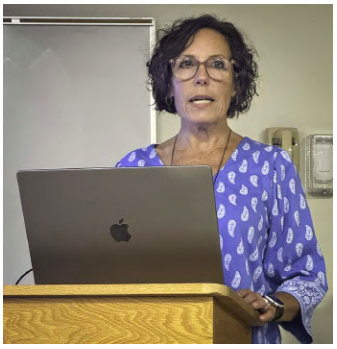
We are so happy to announce that Howard Sundwall, bus trip coordinator and tour guide extraordinaire, has another bus trip in the planning stages, this time to ***Coney Island!*** Timed to coincide with the annual Mermaid Parade, there will be lots of fun and photo opportunities. More details will be coming in the spring, but we wanted to make sure you save the date!

September Happenings:

First Outing!
Kuerner Farmhouse

Our very own Andrew Wyeth expert, Steve Whitney, arranged for special access to Kuerner Farm in Chadds Ford, where many of Wyeth's most well known paintings were created. We enjoyed wandering and photographing the farm on a beautiful warm late summer day. Many wonderful images were created, like these three monochrome images taken by Ralph Nigro. Check the gallery for more images

Welcome Back Meeting



CCCC President Jennifer Powell kicked off the new club year with a business meeting, highlighting what to expect in the coming year. She began with the club's goals for the year; to help new members navigate the website, get involved in programs and meet members.

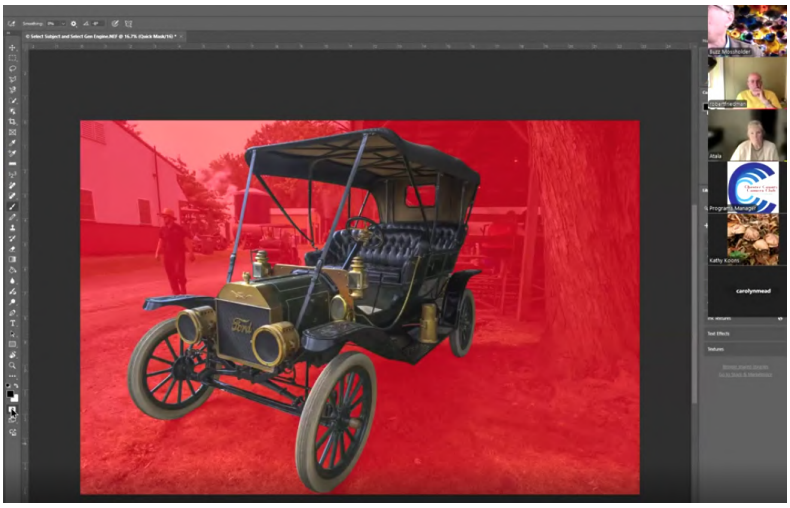
She shared some ideas to promote the club and increase interaction with the community. The slide show demonstrated areas of the website to help people navigate around it and stay informed of club activities, and she then introduced committee chairs to outline the many exciting programs and outings lined up for the year.

A link to video of her presentation is here, and a link to the Powerpoint presentation is here

Presentation: Ron Wyatt - Sports Photography

Ron Wyatt presented a lively and entertaining talk that included his journey from a beginner to an accomplished magazine and corporate photographer. A self-taught photographer, he has covered the NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball and two Summer Olympic Games. His photography has allowed him to travel to various parts of the world, and his Olympic work was featured in Studio Photography and a 7 page spread in RangeFinder Magazine. The recording of the presentation can be viewed here.

Post Processing Zoom Meeting



Led by CCCC member Buzz Mossholder, he shared lots of really useful information highlighting the newest features in Lightroom and Photoshop. Buzz demonstrated the new tools, including the greatly improved selection tools, while answering questions from the group along the way.

If you missed it, you can watch the YouTube video here.

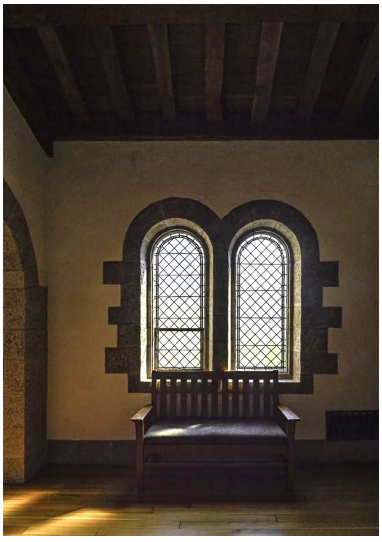
Technical and Creative Exchange

Formerly called the Mentor Meeting, the first gathering of the year focused on Shutter Speed. Lots of hands-on practice as members experimented with freezing action, or slowing the shutter to create an intentional blur. Leader Ralph Nigro shared a short presentation covering the impact of freezing and blurring, leading to much discussion as to how to decide and create your photographic vision using various shutter speeds.

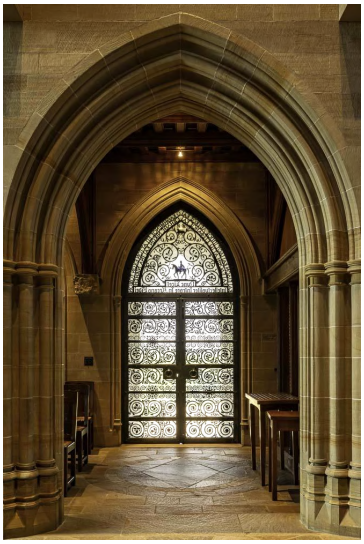
Outing - Bryn Athyn Cathedral

A unique treasure in Montgomery County was photographed, both inside the spectacular cathedral and outside among the many flowering gardens. Bryn Athyn Cathedral is truly a magnificent place, and as usual, our CCCC photographers came back with many interesting images.

A few images from the day - Atala Toy, Chris Shigley, Tina Camuso

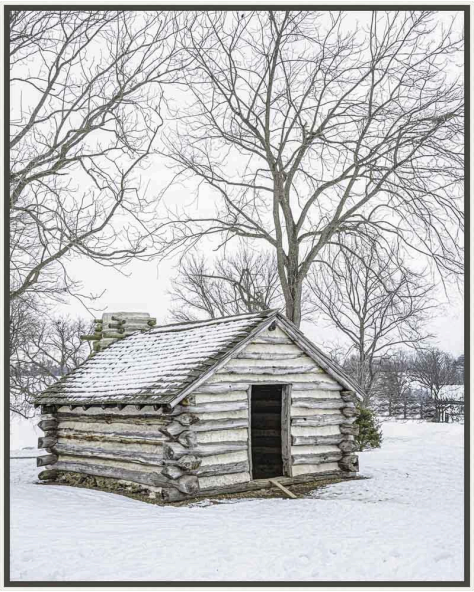


Click here to see the gallery with more images.



September Competition - "Local landscapes / Culture"

The challenge was to experiment with Local Landscapes / Culture: Showcase the beauty in or around Chester County by capturing landscapes, landmarks, or culture. Guest judge Karl Leck, shared observations and suggestions about the entries to help us all learn from the session.



First Place ribbons in the print assigned category were awarded to Joe Hare for "Valley Forge Winter" in the color category, and to and to Rob Doerr Jr. for Valley Forge Monument in the monochrome category.

In the assigned digital categories, First place ribbons went to Jim Wilson in color projected for "Brightside Farm", and to Betsy Wilson in monochrome projected for "Winter Fog in Valley Forge",

Pictured are award winners who were at the competition, along with guest judge, Karl Leck. Congratulations to all!

To see all images in the competition, go to Competitions / Competitions Results, choose the competition, and check the box "Display all images".

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Groups - *October 5*

Our very popular monthly Critique Groups are a gathering of dedicated photographers who meet both in person and via zoom, typically on the first Sunday of each month. If you're looking for a way to share your work and benefit from constructive input and inspiration from your peers, contact Jim Samanen and he'll get you all set up.

Monthly Meeting - *Wednesday, October 8*

What Judges Look for in Competitions and Exhibitions
Presented by Richard Lewis

We're happy to welcome back Richard Lewis as our speaker this month. Richard has judged for us in the past and this month's presentation will focus on just that - judging! What do judges and jurors look for when making their decisions about our images? And that's not all - this is an interactive session with audience participation where we'll get to be the judge! Be sure to join us for what is sure to be a very interesting and enlightening evening.

Technical and Creative Exchange (*Mentor Meeting*)
Wednesday, October 15

Macro is the topic for this month and will also include tips and techniques for focus stacking. Be sure to bring your camera, tripod, and a small object to photograph. This meeting is in-person only.

Post Processing Group, *October 19*

Join Buzz Mossholder as he hosts this interactive zoom session, explaining how to use lightroom and photoshop tools. This month's topics will focus on masking and Buzz will also do a complete start-to- finish edit on one of the member's images. Contact Buzz Mossholder if you're interested.

Upcoming Outings:

Grounds for Sculpture - *Sunday, October 5*

If you haven't been here before, you're in for a special treat. If you have been here before, you know what a special place this is and will probably want to go again. More than 300 sculptures of all kinds inhabit the 42 acres. Advance tickets are required and carpools will be available. Get all the details here.

Laurel Hill Cemetery - *Sunday, October 26*

Here's another repeat on a fantastic outing. Laurel Hill Cemetery provides many photo opportunities in a serene and peaceful setting. Join us for a relaxing Sunday of photography. More details will be provided as we get closer, so keep an eye out for announcements.

Dates to Remember - Mark your Calendar!

Sun, Oct 5	Club Outing - Grounds for Sculpture
Sun, Oct 5	Critique Groups
Wed, Oct 8	Monthly Meeting
Wed, Oct 15	Technical and Creative Exchange
Sun, Oct 19	Post-processing Group
Wed, Oct 22	Monthly Competition
Sun, Oct 26	Club Outing - Laurel Hill Cemetery

New Members

We're happy to welcome the following folks who have joined us in the past few months: ***Tina Camuso, Joanne Donato, Stephen Donato, Carolyn Holland, Ellie Rutan,*** and ***Bruce Schopp!*** We're glad to have you and look forward to getting to know all of you and your photographic styles in the coming months.

This month the spotlight is shining on our new Secretary, Peggy Kane!

Peggy is a relatively newer member, having joined us about two years ago. It didn't take her long to get involved - she willingly stepped up when Carolyn Mead moved away creating a need for a new secretary.

While she may be new to CCCC, her love of photography began a long time ago, way back in her senior year of high school, and she has become more serious about it in the last 25 years. Her favorite genres are landscape, wildlife, and street photography.

Like many of our other members, Peggy has been inspired by CCCC members. "*In addition to meeting some very nice people, I always learn something by attending our meetings. The outings get me to new places, and the competitions make me closely evaluate my work.*"

Prior to her retirement 10 years ago, her entire career has been health care focused. At the time of her retirement she held the position of Vice President of Sales for a Healthcare Publishing company.

Peggy has been involved with Project Linus For the past 25 years and currently serves on their Board of Directors. It is a national children's charity that provides handmade blankets to sick or traumatized children.

In her spare time, Peggy enjoys quilting, reading, and knitting, and judging by these images below, she enjoys travel too!

Learning Opportunities

Free Zoom Meeting With Nikon Ambassador **Joe McNally.**

Hosted by the Lehigh Valley Camera Club, the public is invited to "An Uncertain Journey", Thursday, Oct 23, 8:00 PM. The event is free, but registration is required. Click here for more info and to register.

LinkedIn Learning is now free! To anyone who has an active Chester County Library card. Just login with your card number and PIN and get access to 16,000 instructional courses, including many photography courses. There are 142 courses just about photoshop!

Opportunities to Show Your Work

If you plan to submit images to the ***Philadelphia Flower Show 2026***, don't procrastinate any longer! The deadline is October 29 and classes close as they reach maximum submissions. Don't miss out on the chance to have your image(s) accepted and displayed at this prestigious annual show. Click here for all the details.

Competition Tips:

Panning Perfection is the assigned theme for October. People riding bikes, people running, cars zipping past…. You get the idea so get out there and get panning! Here's a link that has additional ideas and inspiration for the monthly themes.

Be sure to regularly check the CCCC Homepage for news and updates, and 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 DeGuiseppi or Betsy Wilson.

The Last Hurrah goes to
Lee Ann Embrey!

Hurrah to the End of a fun Summer Challenge!

Hurrah to a Golden Hour with such abundant sunshine that this fashionista had to wear shades!

and

Hurrah to the end of summer and cooler weather!