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2024 YEAR END REVIEW AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

2023-2024 RECAP

- Guest Speakers - 8
- Members Forums - 8
- Outings – 14 +
- Competitions – 8
- Mentor / Mentee Meetings / Outings - 8
- Workshops - 4
- Post Processing Group Meetings - 8
- Critique Group Meetings – 9
- Holiday Party – 1
- Get-togethers at Timothy's - 14

CLUB OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

- President - Denise Molzahn
- Vice President - Ginia Apostolacus
- Treasurer - Helen Wagner
- Secretary - Carolyn Mead
- Members at Large - Sheila Fredericks / Carol DeGuiseppi
- Memberships - Eva Connor
- Competitions – Wendy Summer
- Outings - Svenne Juul / Marc Horton
- Publicity - Carol DeGuiseppi / Betsy Wilson
- Award Ribbons - Jennifer Powell
- Member's Forum Coordinator - Sue Hare
- Workshops Committee Chair - Jim Wilson
- Print Critique / Print Coordinator – Jim Samanen
- Mentor / Mentee Group – Jennifer Powell
- Post Processing Group - Buzz Mossholder
- Web Masters - Betsy Wilson / Bob Kelly / Svenne Juul
- Summer Challenge - Anita Bower / Stephanie Vacek
- Technical Advisors - Matt Keller / Mark Bergkvist
- Digital Projection - Sheila Fredericks / Svenne Juul

Thank You !

GUEST SPEAKERS

GINIA APOSTOLACUS, VP

- Where Imagination Meets Reality – Kristine DeGrigoli
- Photography is Medicine – Dalanie Franklin
- The Intentional Photographer – Ray Schneider
- Simplicity in B&W Landscape Photography - Huibo Hou
- Art of Seeing and Visualization - Bert Sirkin
- Bird Photography – Scott Keys
- Logistics of Competitions – Dutch Bagley
- The Artist Photographer – Derek Jecxz

MEMBERS FORUMS
SUE HARE

- Anita Bower – 3 Inches or Less
- Jim Samanen – Showing & Selling Your Photos
- Jennifer Powell – Architectural Photography
- Atala Toy – Glitch Eco-Art Photography
- Robert Friedman – Be Crazy, Think Outside The Box
- Eric Loken – Processing Artistic Wildlife Image
- Buzz Mossholder – The Soft Side of Color
- Helen Wagner – Getting the Most From Photography Workshops

SECRETARY
CAROLYN MEAD

TREASURER
HELEN WAGNER

MEMBERSHIP

EVA CONNOR

- 129 Members
- 19 New Members

NEWSLETTERS

BETSY WILSON / CAROL DEGUISEPPI

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If Snow Geese are Flying.. Spring is Coming...

Puxatawney Phil isn't the only one who predicts when spring will arrive; snow geese are a good indication as well! Each year, hundreds of thousands of snow geese make Middle Cr temporary home as they migrate to their summer Arctic breeding grounds. Sunrise and are the times to experience this amazing phenomenon.

Obviously, Mother Nature is not aware of our outings schedule! Originally planned for our outing was rescheduled to Thursday, February 29 to accommodate her rain forec Hopefully those of you who couldn't make it on Thursday will be able to get there on before she tells the geese it's time to leave for the season!

The photo shown here is by club member, Eric Loken, who is partial to bird and w photography. He will share some of his tips and techniques for compelling wildlif month's Members Forum, so be sure to catch his presentation. Our guest speake Scott Keyes, is also an avid bird photographer! So, regardless of whether you sh birds, you're sure to get a dose of springtime inspiration as we all get ready to l You can view some of Eric's photos on his website and a sampling of Scott's co

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Be a Rule Breaker!!

Last month CCCC, Lehigh Valley Photography Club, and the Mo Arboretum Photographic Society joined forces to bring us an an presentation by the multi-talented landscape photographer and Colleen Miniuk.

We've all been instructed to follow the rules of composition: Rule o Thirds, Leading Lines, Primary Subject, Foregrounds, etc, etc. Sure, need to know the rules – so we can break them!! As you probably hav gathered, Colleen's topic was "No More Rules – Using Human Percepti Composition."

Some of her key points were to: shift our thinking from a primary subject to relationships; determine what you want your viewer to see; visualize your message before composing or shooting; and know what gets you excited and why you're shooting what you are. She talked about lines, layers, and light and how your orientation determines the feeling of your image. For example, horizontal conveys peace and harmony; vertical evokes feelings of drama, energy, and excitement; and a square orientation is stable and symmetrical. Also, the position of your element in the frame will change the meaning you want to convey to your viewers. An object in the center of the frame is at rest, while an object placed along the rule of thirds line is dynamic and energetic, and an object placed near the edge of the frame is leaving or trying to escape.

Light AND Shadow
• Define visual roads and – lines and texture
• Neutral control and boundaries + shapes

This is only a fraction of what she shared, but you get the idea. Compose your images based on what you're feeling and what you want your viewers to feel and don't worry about following the rules! Compose for feeling and meaning, and of course, what is aesthetically pleasing to you.

One of the tenets of CCCC is education and continuous learning to grow your photography, and offering special presentations like this is one of the ways we do this. Our monthly meetings, members forums, outings, and all our other programs are geared towards inspiring us to become the best we can be – and of course, to have fun while doing it!

If you missed it, or want to watch it again, click here for a link and the passcode. You must be logged in to the CCCC website as this is for members only. It will be available for a short time, so if you want to watch it, do it soon! More about Colleen and her photography on her website.

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Foto Friends Having Fun!!

Photo by Denise Boardman of the Colonial Theater

Our club is well known for fotos, friends, and fun and this image is proof of that! This year's Summer Challenge theme was "Let's Go to the Movies" and one of the movies was "The Blob". What better place to have an outing than the historic Colonial Theater in Phoenixville, whose claim to fame is The Blob!

If you joined in this outing, you surely had a fun time. If you didn't go because you felt you don't know other club members well enough, or are new to the club, you missed out on a good time! As the new club year begins, we hope everyone will make a New Club Year Resolution to make new photo friends, go on more outings, and get involved in all the club has to offer. You will gain inspiration and knowledge from each other and improve your photography all while having a great time!

President, Denise Molzhan, extends a warm welcome to all new and returning members: "Our club is about learning, sharing, and camaraderie. With outings, guest speakers, workshops, mentor programs, and parties, there is something for everyone and everyone is made to feel welcome. So come join us and join in the fun!"

2023 SUMMER CHALLENGE

Stephanie Vacek and Anita Bower

Let's Go To The Movies !

Party at Helen's

OUTINGS

SVENNE JUUL / MARC HORTON

BIG APPLE BUS TRIP

HOWARD SUNDWALL

WORKSHOPS
JIM WILSON, CHAIRPERSON

Lensbaby – Cathy Kuhlman

Workshop Committee:
Jim Wilson, Chair
Peter Guman
Wayne Dixon
Connie Snyder
Jim Samanen

Fire Spinning – Mark Bergkvist

Mats & Mounts – Jim Samanen

Cell Phone Photography – Fiona Keyes / Wayne Dixon

COMPETITIONS
WENDY SUMMER

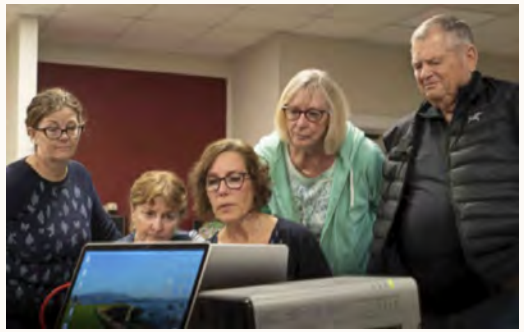
Themes:

- The Charm of Wrinkles
- A Worm's Eye View
- Ha! Ha! That's So Funny!
- Mono Color
- Romance Is In The Air
- Decay
- Framed!
- Is It A Painting? No, It's a Photo!

Total Entries – 425
Digital – 34 winners
Print – 15 winners
Total - 154 awards

MENTOR / MENTEE GROUP

JENNIFER POWELL

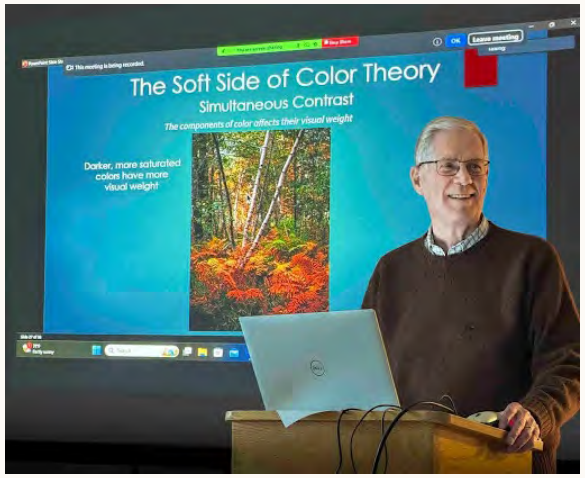


CRITIQUE GROUPS PRINT & DIGITAL

JIM SAMANEN

POST PROCESSING GROUP

BUZZ MOSSHOLDER



Zoom Meeting Videos: PPG Zoom Videos

Homework Playlist Videos

Session 1: Session 1 - Layers, Selections, & Masking

Session 2: Session 2 - color Theory & Curves

Session 3: Session 3 - Luminosity Masks

Session 4: Session 4 - Contrast

Session 5: Session 5 - Removing Distractions

Session 6: Session 6 - Global color Adjustments

Session 7: Session 7 - Adjusting Color Part 1

Session 8: Session 8 - Adjusting Color Part 2

Session 9: Session 9 - Filters

Session 10: Session 10 - Misc. Tools & Features

Session 11: Session 11 - Useful Techniques

Session 12: Session 12 - New and Improved

HOLIDAY PARTY

AWARDS

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS

$25 Gift Card - The Photography Workshop
Thank you, Mark Bergkvist!

1st Place - $75 Gift Card
2nd Place - $50 Gift Card
3rd Place - $25 Gift Card

One Free Rental – Jack's Cameras ($50 value)

$50 Gift Certificate
Thank you, Cathy Kuhlman!

3RD PLACE WINNER

Sheila Fredericks
Library of Congress Hallway

2ND PLACE THE WINNER

Debbie Lavarell
Camargue Horses

1ST PLACE WINNER

Betsy Wilson
Bubble Gum Dreaming

2024 MEGAPIXEL AWARD

$25 Gift Card - The Photography Workshop

$100 Gift Card - B&H

$25 Gift Certificate – Jack’s Cameras

KelbyOne Pro Membership (1 year) - $199 value

$125 Gift Certificate - Lensrentals

MEGAPIXEL AWARDEE

- Member since about 2010
- Ran the projector at competitions
- Hosted a printing workshop
- Assists members in using printers
- Hosts Print Critique Group meetings
- Mentor / Mentee Group
- Post Processing Group
- Member's Forum Presenter

2024 MEGAPIXEL AWARD

Buzz Mossholder

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$25 Gift Card - The Photography Workshop

$100 Gift Card from B&H

$25 Gift Certificate – Jack’s Cameras

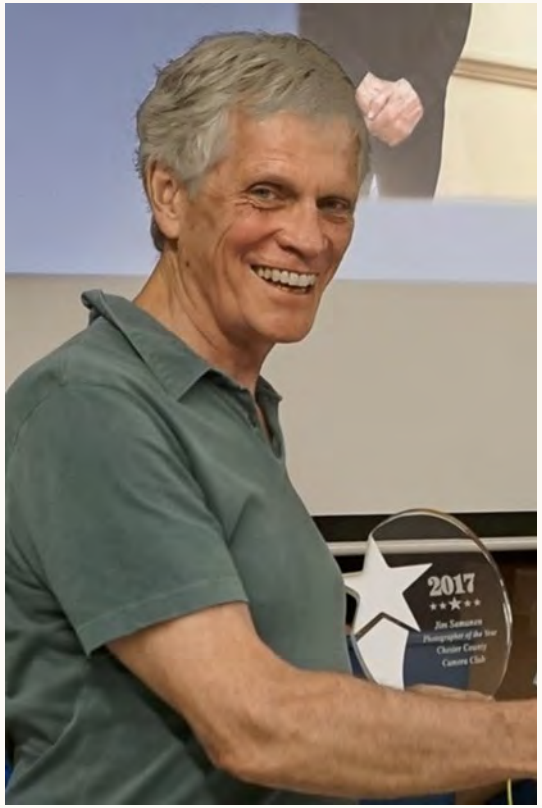
$100 Gift Certificate – Matt Kloskowski Courses

$125 Gift Certificate - Lensrentals

MEGAPIXEL AWARDEE

- Member since about 2009
- Coordinates the Print Competition
- Coordinates Print & Digital Critique Groups
- Hosts Print Critique Group meetings
- Workshop Committee
- Mats & Mounts Workshops (2)
- Framing Workshop
- Member's Forum Presenter

2024 MEGAPIXEL AWARD



Jim Samanen

2024 DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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Topaz AI Software - $199 value

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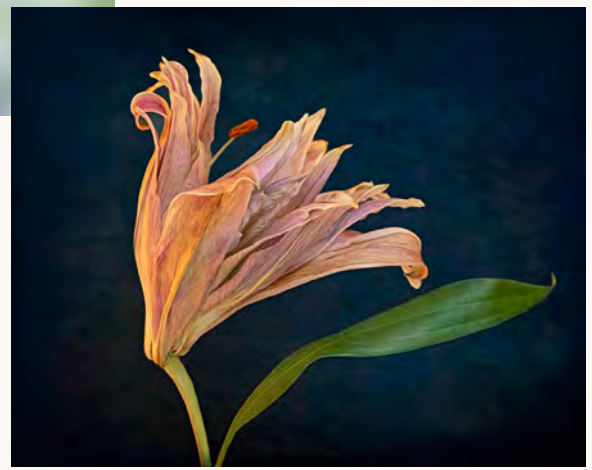

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Nima Marsh

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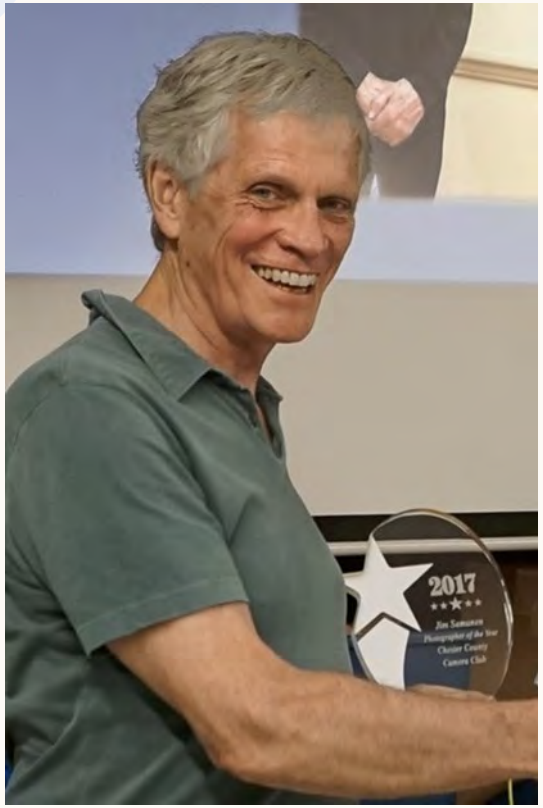

Jim Samanen

WHAT’S NEXT

2024 SUMMER CHALLENGE

Meetups:

Wed, June 19, 5:30 – 7:30 pm (Rain date June 26)
Kennett Square
Followed by dinner at Victory Brewing Company

Sat, July 13, 10:00 – 12:00 pm (Rain date July 27)
Brandywine Battlefield Park
Followed by lunch at Chadds Ford Tavern

Wed, August 14, 6:00 – 9:00 pm
Pot luck supper and image viewing at Helen Wagner's house

Contact Anita Bower (anitabower48@gmail.com) or Stephanie Vacek (steph.rabbitsrun@gmail.com)

2024/2025 COMPETITION THEMES

- September – Long Exposure Magic
- October – Macro Marvels
- November – Light and Shadow Studies
- January – Panoramic Perspectives
- February – Symmetry and Patterns
- March – Creative Reflections
- April – Nightime Wanderings
- May – Candid Street Stories

See the club website for further description of the competition themes!

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Treasurer – Helen Wagner
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- Sheila Fredericks

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

KEEP SHOOTING!

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