



Chester County Camera Club

a community of photographers

June 2022 Newsletter

Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer!!

Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer!!

Many of us were in elementary school in 1963 when this hit recorded by Nat King Cole was popular. We were too young to enjoy the beer back then, but what we did enjoy was our summer break from school! Well, now we're all old enough to enjoy the beer and we can also enjoy a brief summer break from camera club meetings.

Just because we break for the summer doesn't mean you can get lazy, but you certainly can get out and take some hazy photos when it's crazy hot and humid! You can start getting ready for next season's competitions; themes will be announced at our Annual Awards Celebration on June 8th. You can participate in the annual Summer Challenge, which will have two outings and an end of summer potluck dinner. You can take photos of your family vacations, your gardens, your outdoor adventures like **Denise Molzahn** did on the image shown here, or if it's too hot and hazy outside, you can do some still life inside!



Whatever you decide to do over the summer, don't let your camera or your photography skills get rusty! Keep shooting and try to incorporate some of the new tips and techniques we learned this year. See you in September; see you when the summer's through!!

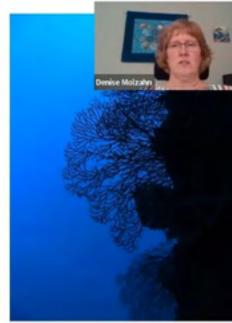
Congratulations! CCCC Steering Committee of 2022-2023

The votes are in and it was another landslide election for next year's officers! We are happy to announce the following members of the Steering Committee:



Denise Molzahn, President; Virginia Apostolacus, Vice President (also immediate Past President); Carolyn Mead, Secretary; Helen Wagner, Treasurer; Carol DeGuiseppe, Member at Large; Sheila Fredericks, Member at Large

May Highlights:



Members' Forum - Underwater Photography by Denise Molzahn

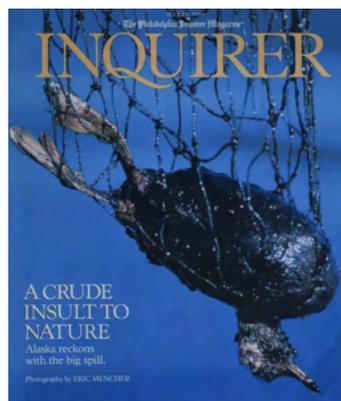


A fascinating overview of the magical world of underwater photography included all the basics - Gear, Dive Considerations, and Underwater Hazards such as poisonous scorpionfish and moray eels. Denise mesmerized us with her wonderful images of spiny lobsters, undersea wrecks and Christmas Tree worms. Thank you, Denise!



Monthly Meeting - From Instamatic to iPhone - A Photographic Evolution by Eric Mencher

A former photojournalist with the Philadelphia Inquirer, Eric shared many of his newspaper career images and the challenges of documenting news and sports and foreign strife. He explained the difficulties of the logistics involved with getting shots, like these capturing the devastation of the Exxon Valdez oil spill in Alaska. He now focuses on long term projects and street photography....and he shoots exclusively with an iPhone! Eric wrapped up with his 10 Rules for Street Photography.



Club Outing: Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge



The long lenses came out and CCCC members enjoyed honing their bird photography skills at this wonderful refuge located along the Atlantic coast north of Atlantic City. Chuck Babbitt captured this candid of outings coordinator Svenne Juul as he focuses on birds in flight.

The birds were plentiful, as you can see here in these images of a juvenile bald eagle by Chuck Babbitt, a baby canada goose under mother's wing by Denise Molzahn, and snowy egrets by Richard Maynard. Many more great bird images can be enjoyed in the [website gallery](#).



Club Workshop: Airplane and Truck Graveyard - part 2



Clockwise from top left: Carol DeGuseppi, Andi Bates, Sue Hare, Tom Lovatt, Dean Grantham, Valerie Dunn.

This workshop was so popular that a second round was held for those not getting into the first one! Workshop leader Richard Lewis gave a tour of the extensive junkyard before letting everyone loose to photograph a maze of old rusted cars, buses, airplanes, appliances, baby buggies, bicycles, mannequin pieces, and yes, even the kitchen sink. Check more images on the [club gallery](#).

Club Outing: Chanticleer Gardens

Chanticleer has been called the most romantic, imaginative, and exciting public garden in America. The garden is a study of textures and forms, where foliage outshines flowers, the gardeners lead the design, and even the drinking fountains are sculptural.



It is always fascinating to see how photographers can be in the same place yet see things through their lenses in a very different way, such as these shots by Arvid Bloom (left) and Svenne Juul (right) of flowers floating in a water-filled basin. Check out [the gallery](#) to see many more inspiring images.

May Competition

The assigned topic “Blur and Flash” proved to be too challenging for many members resulting in very few entries. But, the open categories had many wonderful images and guest judge Richard Greenwood found it hard to choose the best among so many strong entries.



Congratulations to the First Place winners. In the assigned category of “Blur and Flash”, the ribbon winners are Navjot Hanspal for print, and Sue Hare for both monochrome and color for digital.



In the Open Categories, blue ribbons went to James Samanen (both color and monochrome prints), and for digital, to Jerry Keiffer, and Eric Loken. Congratulations to all! To see all images in the May competition, go to [Competitions / Competitions Results](#) on the CCCC website, then choose the competition (seven categories) and be sure to check the little box “Display all images”.

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Critique Group - [June 5](#), [July 10](#), [August 7](#)

The Monthly Critique doesn't get lazy during the summer and this is a great way to stay connected. Join in this supportive group, exclusively for club members, 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. If this is something you've been considering, jump in now and let [Jim Samanen](#) know; he'll get you all set up!

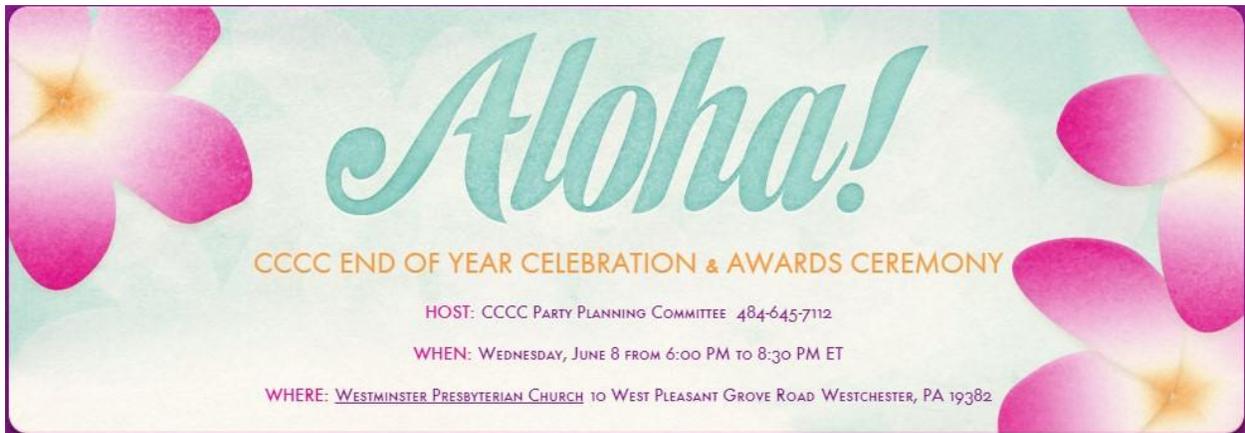
June Outings:

[Reading Air Show](#) - June 4

If you're a fan of the WWII era, you won't want to miss this outing. There are photo ops galore on the large grounds of the Mid Atlantic Air Museum. See old Warbirds in action or take a ride on one, re-enactments, music of the 40's, and so much more. Great people watching and street photography! You may even see and capture images of some famous dignitaries like Carol DeGuisseppi did at the last outing a few years ago! Get more information and a complete schedule on their [website](#).



Annual Awards and Recognition Event – June 8



Aloha, Chester County Style!! Join us for a Hawaiian Themed evening at Westminster Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 8 from 6:00 - 8:30. This is always a fun wrap-up to a great season of photography with activities, prizes, and awards. It's a covered dish affair, so bring an appetizer, salad, entree, or dessert to share, but keep in mind alcohol isn't permitted in the church. We're so happy to be able to celebrate in person again this year and hope to see everyone there!

Summer Challenge 2022

Don't put your cameras away for the summer; the Summer Challenge is right around the corner! This year's theme is, "**Architectural Details.**" As in the past, there will be two outings; one each in June and July to locations not visited in previous summers, followed by the traditional pot-luck supper and image viewing in August. Be sure to check your email inbox for your summer challenge invitation! Look at all the smiling faces in this image by David Balick at last year's outing to St. Peter's Church in Malvern!



Dates to Remember

The month of June begins our summer break, but that doesn't mean everything stops! In addition to the dates listed below, there may be others, as well as the annual Summer Challenge. Be sure to check the [Schedule page](#) regularly for updates. 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

- Sat, Jun 4 [Club Outing](#) - Reading Air Show
- Sun, Jun 5 [Monthly Critique Group](#)
- Wed, Jun 8 [Annual Awards and Recognition Event](#)
- Tue, June 12 Pick up at PSGV between 10-12

Long time member, **Richard Donham**, is in the spotlight this month! !



Richard joined the club around 2011-12 after he retired and found he had a lot of extra time opening up.

In 2014, he was nominated and elected to the position of Vice President. He thought that sounded like a good way for him to become involved and it “*wouldn't get him in too much trouble*” (his words!). One of the roles of the VP is to recruit and propose a program of presenters for club meetings, and Richard saw this as a great opportunity to meet people, and get to know some of the other club members better.

A common practice in our club is for the VP to be nominated and elected to President after his/her two-year stint is up. Unfortunately for the club, Richard and his wife decided to move to New Hampshire, where she lived 35 years ago! They currently split their time between NH and PA and are away for about seven months of the year. Too bad! He would have been a great President!



They love Chester County, and the people and things they are involved with here...so they spend most of the winter and spring here and Richard participates in as many club activities as he can. Recently, he provided some help in installing the Penn State Great Valley Photo Exhibition, which you can see in the Henry Gallery of the Malvern Campus. “*There are a bunch (60) of superior images hung there...and they are a testament to the talents and vision of*

Club members.” A few years ago, he helped out with a Mats and Mounts workshop; he had a lot of fun, and cutting and fitting mats is something he still enjoys.

Richard also enjoys being a Volunteer Photographer for Longwood Gardens. In New Hampshire, he volunteers for the local historical society, mostly helping to move collection records into a cloud-based system and serving on the Board of Directors.

Here’s one last comment from Richard before he heads off to New Hampshire to escape the hot and hazy summer in PA: *“One of the great things about the CCCC is that we have a large pool of talent...and people willing to step forward and help out. But, no organization is so rich that it can’t benefit from more members pitching in and contributing. I think that through the very modest volunteer roles I have undertaken that I have met the nicest people and the most interesting people all the while working together on something larger than ourselves.”*



Welcome New Members!

This has been a record year for new members and we’re happy to welcome three more avid photographers to our group! **Chuck Babbitt, Sandeep Naik, and Anjali Naik** all joined our ranks in the past month. We look forward to getting to know you and your photographic styles in the coming months.

Members in the News

Congratulations to **Ginia Apostolacus, Carol DeGuisseppi, Valerie Dunn, Nima Marsh, and Betsy Wilson** who all have had images accepted into the [Philadelphia Flower Show](#) that is being held at FDR Park June 11-19.

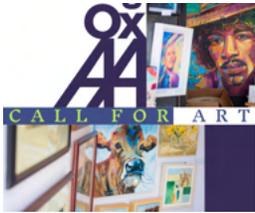
Dune Curve Morocco, a photo by **James Samanan**, was accepted into the [Cerulean Arts’ 10th Annual Juried Exhibition](#), which runs from June 15 – July 17 at the Cerulean Arts Gallery, 1355 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19123.

Jim will also have his booth on display at [The Pennsylvania Guild of Craftsmen Summer Fine Craft Fair](#) at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in Wilmington, July 30-31, 2022.

Local Shows and Exhibits

Keep it Local - Our club exhibit at the [Henry Gallery of Penn State Great Valley](#) is in its final weeks. If you haven't seen it yet, be sure to stop by and view the amazing talent in our club. The show runs through June 17 and is open weekdays from 9-5.

Opportunities to Share your Work



Oxford Arts Alliance National Juried Exhibition

Here's an **OPEN CALL FOR ARTISTS** to submit artwork for the 8th Annual National Juried Exhibition that will be on view from October 7-October 28. The deadline to enter is **Friday, August 19th, 2022**. Cash Prizes!! Get all the details [here!](#)

Learning Opportunities

Experience hands-on learning by a seasoned photographer who also happens to be a long-time member of our club. **Mark Bergkvist** heads up [The Photography Workshop](#), providing learning opportunities through classes,



workshops, and summer camps. Some interesting workshops that provide access to some unusual places are coming up soon - so check out [the website](#) for more information and to register for these workshops:

- Beautiful Boathouse Row & Water Works at Night
- Pennhurst Asylum - abandoned, decaying and haunted?
- Lonaconing Silk Mill (Klotz Throwing Company) - almost sold out
- Abandoned Cresson Sanatorium & State Prison



A special thanks to Matt Kloskowski for donating a gift card to our year end party and a \$5 discount to other Club Members. Matt specializes in creating easy to follow Photoshop, Lightroom and Photography training for beginners and intermediate photographers. For more on courses and presets head over to [MattK.com](#) You can use the code "chester" (no quotes) to save an extra \$5 of any course or preset package.

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

And the final thought comes from the final slide of the
May featured presentation by Eric Mencher

RULE NO.10



Have fun! Be JOYOUS!

Dance to the rhythms of LIFE! Soak in the THEATER of the STREETS!

(These are the most important rules of all.)