



Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter

Happy Meteorological Spring! I hope everyone is looking forward to the vernal equinox also.

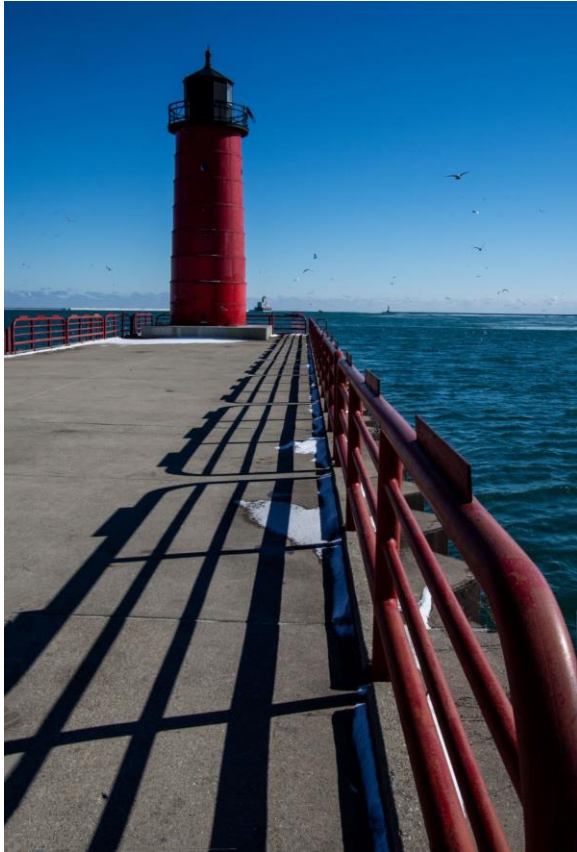
The Nature Center has announced that we are being allowed back into the Gardner classroom!!! We can meet in PERSON. However, MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED [for now](#)! We will continue hybrid meetings for a while. Members can attend either type of meeting as they feel comfortable. The zoom link is in the email to which this Newsletter is attached.

March Meeting: **March 12th at 9 am.** The Judges will be sharing their critiques of the images submitted to the club competition

New Activity: Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. **The PollUnit will be ready for uploads starting at Midnight March 11th and ends on March 19th at 11:59 pm. Voting will start on March 20th at 12 am and end on April 2nd at 11:59 pm**

March Challenge will be: [OPPPSITES](#)
April Challenge will be: [Flower Portrait](#)

February 1st Place:
Untitled by Linnea Matthiesen



February 2nd Place (TIE):
Red by Mary Krajnak



February 2nd Place(TIE):
Red Hearts by Glenn Meyers



February 3rd Place
Rocky Hear by Geri Laehn



We will announce a topic/category in the Newsletter. You will have till the next meeting to create an image that you feel works for this topic/category. You will then have a period of time to upload your **ONE** image to the Pollunit for that month. **Please title the image using the following format:**

Lastname Topic Title

Then the club members will have a period of time to vote on the images submitted. The winning images will be ‘printed’ in the next Newsletter.

If any member cannot upload images to the Pollunit, that person can send me (trekkielaw@aol.com) the image they want to enter and I will upload it for them.

The top three winning images will be awarded:

1st Place – 5 points

2nd Place – 4 points

3rd Place – 3 points

Every entry will receive 1 point.

The scores will be tracked for the WNCCC Photographer of 2022, who will receive free dues for 2023.

Points for Photographer of 2022 will also be awarded for entering the club competition (1 point for each image), 5 points for proposing an outing or meeting topic, and 10 points for actually leading the outing or organizing the speaker for the meeting. (Limited to 20 points).

If you have additional ideas, please let a member of the board know.

April Program: April 9, 2022 – Jim Limburg I started my photographic journey in 1957 in a friend's dad's darkroom. Developing B&W images, even ones made with a Kodak Brownie, was magical to me. In 1968 I graduated to a Canon FT-QL and a 135 mm lens. The image quality improved but the quick load feature was unreliable. In 2000, to avoid the high cost of film/processing and memory cards I bought a digital Sony Mavic with a mini-CD for a trip to Australia and New Zealand. In 2006 I got serious and bought a Nikon D80. Digital imaging opened a huge variety of techniques to improve the processing of images. I have never looked back at film as anything other than the past. I continue to make images of landscapes, intimate landscapes, wildlife, black and white and macro photography. I strive for an appealing image as opposed to an exact documentation of the subject. My interest is driven by trying "new to me" techniques.

I am married and have 2 sons. My career was as a chemist and new technology manager at Dial and Johnson Wax. I retired in 2008 and keep myself busy biking, making and processing photographic images, wood turning, genealogy and volunteering as a raptor nest monitor in Loveland CO.

Photographic Ramblings for Wehr Nature Center Camera Club

In the four years since I left Wisconsin and the Wehr Nature Center Camera Club, I have wandered through the rich photographic landscape of Colorado and beyond. I will show some of the wildlife, landscapes, skylines, and more experimental approaches that I have explored in the past 4 years. Some of the images will be "good", some will be documentary, and some will only be an indication of things I have tried. I hope that all of them will make you think outside of your personal "photographic box".

Upcoming Club Programs: The next few meeting dates and programs are listed below. **We can really use some ideas of what programs you would like to see in the upcoming year.** The program co-directors are Linnea Matthiesen and Jyoti Sengupta. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, please let them know and if you can coordinate the program, please let them know that also. You may contact them at trekkielaw@aol.com and jnsengupta56@gmail.com.

- April 9, 2022 – Jim Limberg will tell us about spots to photograph in and around Colorado Springs.
- May 21, 2022 – Vinay Sinha will tell us about his photographic adventures while he was in Germany.
- June 11, 2022 – 40th WNCCC Anniversary Brunch and Scavenger Hunt
- July 9, 2022 – TBA
- August 13, 2022 – TBA
- September 10, 2022 – TBA
- October 8, 2022 – TBA
- November 19, 2022 – TBA
- December 10, 2022 – Holiday Party and image sharing

WNCCC Club Competition: Winners!!

Special Open – Table Top:

First Place: Bubbly by Linnea

Matthiesen



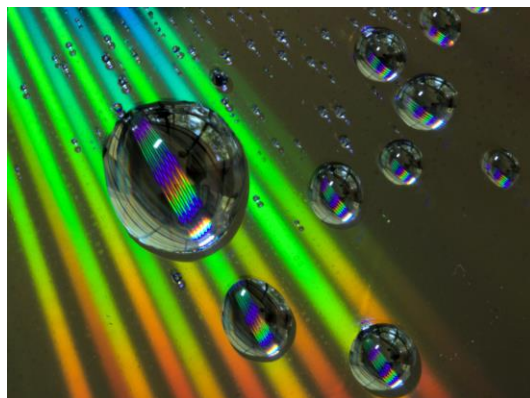
Second Place: Dahila by Geri
Laehn



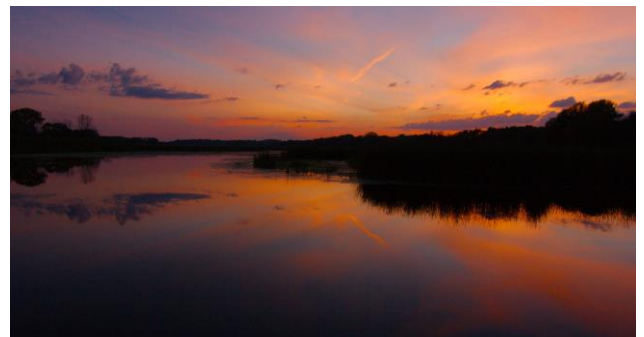
First Place: Oconto Shore by
Geri Laehn



Third Place: Colorful Water
Drops by Ramona Lenger



Second Place: Sunset on Water
by Ramona Lenger



Special Nature – WI
Landscape:

Third Place: Mineral Laden
Waters by Mary Krajnak



Second Place: Eclipse by Geri
Laehn



Open Color:

First Place: Quiet Time by
Glenn Meyers



Third Place: The Gambler by
Linnea Matthiesen



Second Place: Staircase by
Glenn Meyers

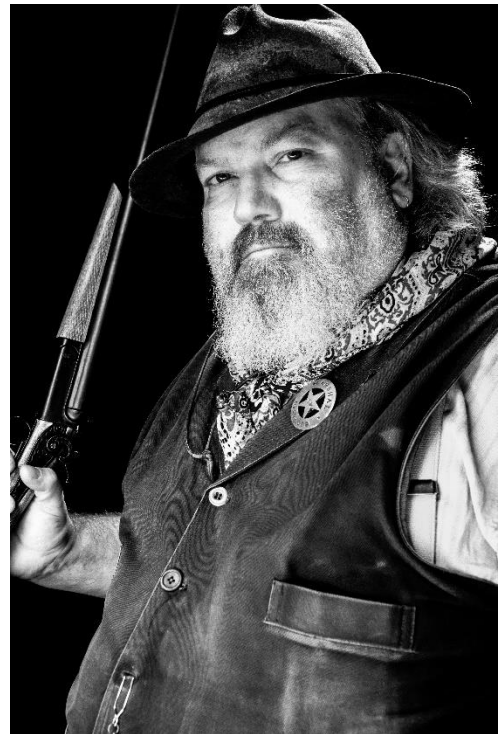


Open Monochrome:

First Place: Train 2 by Sheila
Hall



Third Place: Cowboy by Linnea
Matthiesen

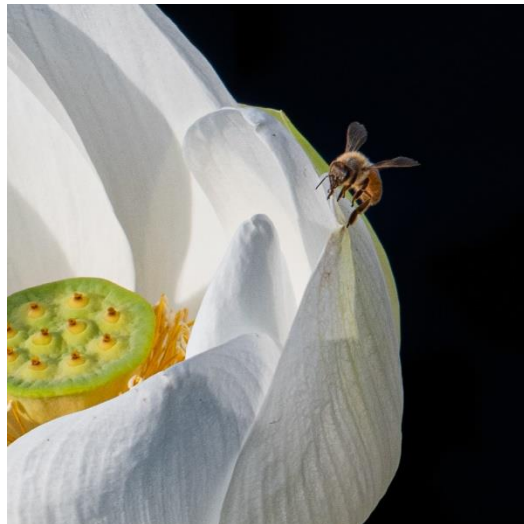


Second Place: Tombolo Sunrise
by Geri Laehn



Nature:

First Place: Lotus and Bee by
Mary Krajnak



Third Place: Loon Splashing by
Linnea Matthiesen



Member Image Sharing: Members are encouraged to submit several (up to five) images to share with the club for gentle critique or just show and tell. This is a great way to get suggestions for improving your images and developing your photographic skills. **During Covid, anyone who is willing to share may submit up to five (5) images.** We have a lot to cover this month so please keep it to 5 images.

Please email your images to Linnea Matthiesen at Trekkielaw@aol.com AT ANY TIME! When submitting your images, please change the file name to include your name as the first information in the file name and mention that this is for the image sharing in the email subject line. Also, resize your images so that the longest side is 1400 pixels, with a maximum file size of 1 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

WNCCC News:

EXHIBITION: Diane Piontek and Sheila Hall currently have their pictures on display at the Franklin Public Library at 9151 W. Loomis Rd. Stop by and see what they have on display!

Diane & Sheila have also arranged for all the members of WNCCC to be able to exhibit during the month of **March at the Greendale Public Library**. They are willing to coordinate this exhibit and are looking for other spaces that are willing to allow WNCCC to exhibit our work. The address of the library is 5647 Broad St. Greendale, WI 53129.

The Greendale Public Library exhibit would run from March 1, 2022 to the end of March. Images can be any size and any subject that is in good taste but, please, be mindful that children will be viewing the image. You can exhibit as many images as you wish. The images should be 8 x 10 or larger. There is a lot of wall space for this exhibit! Images should be matted and have a backing. No frames please as we cannot use nails to hang the images. You should have your name and the title of the image on the back of the assembled image.

FYI, there will also be another exhibit for the month of May at the Greenfield Public Library. Please start to work on images to exhibit there. I believe that the images should be framed for this location.

WNCCC 40th Anniversary – We will celebrate the 40th Anniversary of WNCCC at the June Meeting. There are reservations for Bruch at the Machine Shed. After this, we will go to Frame Park where there will be photographic scavenger hunt.

MASTER OPERATING MANUAL – Covid has delayed this project somewhat but, we have formed a committee to draft a guideline of operating procedures for WNCCC. The committee members are Linnea Matthiesen, Ramona Lenger and Diana Duffy. If you have ideas for this project, please let one of the committee members know. There will be more coming on this in future Newsletters.

AWARDS: If you know of a member that should be acknowledged and congratulated as they won ANY recognition for any of their images, please forward a copy of the image, the member's name and a copy of the image to Linnea Matthiesen at trekkielaw@aol.com. You may nominate yourself also. NO RECOGNITION IS TOO SMALL.

Facebook: Our camera club has a Facebook Group! If you are on Facebook, simply search for “Wehr Nature Center Camera Club” in the search box and you will find us. Click the join button. **The Administrator will approve you, at which time you may add posts, etc., to the site.** This is a PRIVATE Group and open only to club members. This means that anything posted here can only be seen by members of the group. You can feel free to share your work here without fear that someone outside the club will have access to it. Anything posted here is private, so feel free to ask questions – don't be embarrassed or shy about it. The monthly Newsletter, meeting topics and outings will also be posted here. Check it out!

We also have a Facebook Page. This is used for announcements and advertisement. IF you like the WNCCC page, invite your friends to also like the page. This is public to all of Facebook and will advertise our club to many more people. They are then directed to our website where they ask for the information to attend a meeting or

Website: WNCCC has a website also. RAMONA LENDER has volunteered to be the webmasters! She is working on updating the

information. The website is www.wnccc.net . We want to have a gallery that has at least five images from each member. **Please email five of your best images to lengerphotos@gmail.com. If you have a website of your images, and you are willing to share, please send Ramona a link to your page.** There will be an updated calendar for all of our events and meetings. This will be a place to go to get all the information on our club. If you have any ideas, please contact our co-webmasters at their email addresses.

If you have images from either of the two outings from this past fall/winter, please send them to Ramona so that she can upload them to our website.

Photo Contests and Exhibits:

Wehr Club Page on WACCO Website: The WACCO website (www.wicameraclubs.org) has pages for each member club to display photographs from club members. Check it out to see what our members and other clubs are shooting. If you would like to see some of your images on our club page, please send several of your images to Ramona Lenger (lengerphotos@gmail.com) . The images should be 2100 pixels on the long side and no larger than 1mb. Let's see some of our great member photos on the WACCO site!

If you are aware of any photo contests or exhibits, please forward the information to Linnea Matthiesen at trekkielaw@aol.com .

Future Events of Interest:

If you are aware of any events of general interest, please let me know at trekkielaw@aol.com so I can share them with the club.

Wisconsin Chapter of PSA News:

The next PSA WI Chapter meeting is on March 20, 2022. 10 AM to Noon, and again at 1 PM to 3 PM. The Morning Session (10 AM to Noon) is a business meeting. Then we break for lunch. The afternoon program (1 PM to 3 PM) is Wisconsin Photographer, Willy Prutz, who will talk on travel photography and street photography. Unless you have paid your dues, you will not be allowed to join the meeting.

The WI Chapter of PSA will be having its annual outing from May 13th to May 15th in La Cross, WI. The hotel is the Hampton Inn. There are numerous photographic opportunities in the La Cross area and it is always fun getting out with friends. If you can join this group, I suggest you do.

The annual Photo Festival organized by PSA will be September 21st through the 24th in Colorado Springs. While these are the dates of the Festival, there are tours and workshops starting September 19th. This is always a good time and educational plus more!

If you are a member of PSA, you can join the Wisconsin Chapter of PSA for \$5. If you have already joined the Wisconsin Chapter of PSA, dues are due again. Send your \$5 to Ramona Lenger.

WACCO News: The next competition is May 7, 2022. The uploader is now open and closes on April 17, 2022 at midnight. The Special Categories for the WACCO Spring competition are:

Nature Category – **Wisconsin Landscapes**

Open Category – **Tabletop/Still Life**

The next delegates meeting will be May 7, 2022.

Digital Forum: Is a two hour virtual meeting hosted by Jeff Klug. The first hour is an open discussion of photography related topics. The second hour is a specific topic:

You need to register in advance for this webinar:

When: 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

To register go to:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GyvFCirQlGFzMA9JDLxkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You only need to register once, this is a recurring webinar and you will be notified one day and one hour before the webinar.

The second hour specific topic for March 26, 2022 is Jennifer Renwick, who is fine art photographer. This looks to be a very educational and engaging speaker. If you have the time, join the Digital Forum.

Photo ops: As a club, our members have a wide variety of subjects that we enjoy photographing. This newsletter can serve as an excellent way to share various photo opportunities with club members. If you know of interesting subjects or events that may interest other club members, please forward those to Linnea Matthiesen (trekkielaw@aol.com) so they can be included in future newsletters. If you are interested in having others join you, that information can also be included. It is fun to shoot with a group!

We will be observing Covid protocols for outdoor activities such as trying to keep 6 ft distance apart. We will do this for all outings.

Photography Conference: Click Con will be held June 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022. There is more information at <https://clickcon.us/>. This is a very good, nearby conference that you may want to consider attending.

Photography Classes:

Mike Crivello's Cameras is celebrating their 50th anniversary with a series of photography classes throughout the year. Check out their class offerings at: https://medium.com/@Mike_Crivellos/2019-event-scheduled-de8726223d51.

Art's Cameras Plus has an extensive list of classes covering everything from camera basics to photographing in a variety of situations, as well as how to use some of the popular post-processing software that is available. Check out their web site: www.artscameras.com.

The Bryan Peterson School of Photography has quite a few on-line courses available at <https://bpsop.com/courses-1/>. These cost around \$129 for a four-week course BUT there are sales that bring the price

down to about \$100. The sales usually run during the holidays. It is worth checking these out.

Photographic Society of America (PSA) also has on-line courses and study groups available. These are available at no charge, BUT you must be a member of PSA to participate. There is more information on all the opportunities that PSA offers at <https://psa-photo.org/index.php?thinking-about-membership> .

If you are aware of other photography classes or seminars, please forward the information to Linnea Matthiesen at trekkielaw@aol.com .

Websites of Interest:

Wehr Nature Center Camera Club (WNCCC): www.wnccc.net .

Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization (WACCO):
www.wicameraclubs.org

Photographic Association of America (PSA): www.PSA-photo.org .

PSA Wisconsin Chapter: www.PSA.wisconsin.org .

Friends of Wehr Nature Center: <https://www.friendsofwehr.org> .

Club Organization:

Our Club officers are:

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| Co-Chairs | Ramona Lenger Linnea Matthiesen |
| Treasurer | Sheila Hall |
| Assistant Treasurer | Ramona Lenger |
| Co-Programs Chairs | Linnea Matthiesen Jyoti Sengupta |
| Co-Outings Chairs | Mary Krajnak Trish McCoy |

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| Webmaster | Ramona Lenger |
| Competition | Ramona Lenger |
| | Linnea Matthiesen |
| Judge Procurement | Geri Laehn |
| WACCO Delegate | Ramona Lenger |
| PSA Representative | Linnea Matthiesen |
| Newsletter Editor | Linnea Matthiesen |
| Membership Coordinator | Sheila Hall |
| Member at Large | Geri Laehn |

Members should feel free to contact the officers with any questions and suggestions they may have for the club.

Membership Dues: Annual membership dues are \$20.

This is a good time to consider becoming a member of the Friends of Wehr for \$25. This entitles you to free parking and it supports the Nature Center.

We will be meeting monthly on the second Saturday of each month for the entire year, including July and August.

