

Retzer Nature Center Camera Club September 2022 Newsletter

[September Meeting – Wednesday, September 7, 2022, 7:00 PM](#)

[Program – Focus Stacking – Randy Scherkenbach](#)

Focus stacking is a technique that allows you to create an image where objects on different focal planes are all in focus, giving you greater depth of field in an image. Randy will demonstrate how this can be accomplished in both macro and landscape images. He will be using both Photoshop and Zerene Stacker. Join us to see how this technique can help address some of your photography challenges.

Looking ahead to our October Program: Every year, our club participates in the Wisconsin PSA Club Showcase. This annual competition allows each PSA member club to submit seven member images. Images from all participating clubs are circulated for clubs to judge. The results are tabulated to determine the top clubs and individual images.

It is time for our club to select our best seven member images. We are asking each member to submit one image for consideration. The seven images to represent our club will be selected at our October meeting.

Please send us one of your best images. Images can be of any subject. Digital manipulation is allowed. Images can be from any time period. When selecting your image, please keep in mind that the images will be judged on subject interest, composition and technical elements (is it in focus, properly exposed, etc).

Please send your image to Rick Vollbrecht (Rvollb@wi.rr.com). Also, include a title for the image. All images must be submitted by September 30th, but don't wait until the last minute. Let's see your best images!

Our future programs and meeting dates are listed below.

2022 Program Schedule:

- October 5, 2022
- November 2, 2022
- December 7, 2022

Member Image Sharing:

Members are encouraged to submit several (up to five) images to share with the club for gentle critique. This is a great way to get suggestions for improving your images and developing your photographic skills. To give everyone a chance to share their images during the year, we will select several individuals who will be featured at each meeting. Other individuals may also provide images which will be shared as time permits.

The following members will be featured this month: Pat Toicen-Dycee, Elizabeth Whitcomb, Jill Arth and Lisa Conley.

Please email your images to Elizabeth Whitcomb (Lizannwhit@gmail.com) by Sunday, September 4th. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images. We look forward to seeing your images.

Field Trips:

Photo field trips are a great way for us to share our common enjoyment of photography, learn some new techniques and share in camaraderie while getting to know our fellow club members. Our Outings Chairperson, Caryl Sedushak (Caryl.Sedushak@me.com) is always looking for your ideas of some places you would find interesting for a club outing. If you have any ideas of places you would like to have us shoot, please send your ideas to Caryl. Better yet why not offer to coordinate a field trip. It's not hard - find a place you would like to go; pick a date and we can announce it to the club.

Future Events of Interest:

If you are aware of any events of general interest, please let us know so we can share them with the club.

Photo Contests and Exhibits:

If you are aware of any photo contests or exhibits, please forward the information to Rick Vollbrecht at Rvollb@wi.rr.com

Facebook:

Our camera club has a Facebook page! If you are on Facebook, simply put Retzer Nature Center Camera Club in the search box and you will find us. Click on the Join button and Elizabeth or Randy will approve you. This is a Closed 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!

Photographic Society of America (PSA): PSA is an international organization providing abundant resources for photographers, from the novice to the professional. PSA offers on-line learning, webinars, study groups, competitions, mentors, and consultants. Membership is open to individual members and camera clubs. Our club and many of our members are members of PSA. There is also a Wisconsin chapter which has quarterly meetings and an annual weekend outing.

PSA membership is available for \$45/year. There is a small additional dues charge for the Wisconsin Chapter. You can check out the PSA at www.psa-photo.org. Contact Linnea Matthiesen (trekkielaw@aol.com) for additional information

Retzer 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 Caryl Sedushak (caryl.sedushak@me.com). The images should be 2100 pixels on the long side and no larger than 1 mb. Let's see some of our great member photos on the WACCO site!

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 Rick Vollbrecht (Rvollb@wi.rr.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.

Photography Classes:

If you are aware of other photography classes or seminars, please forward the information to Rick Vollbrecht.

Websites of Interest:

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

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

PSA Wisconsin: www.PSA.wisconsin.org

Friends of Retzer Nature Center: www.FriendsofRetzer.org

Jim Edlhuber's blog: <http://www.windowtowildlife.com/>

Club Organization:

Our club officers are:

President	Elizabeth Whitcomb	Lizannwhit@gmail.com
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Members should feel free to contact the officers with any questions and suggestions they may have for the club.