



Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter

Happy Easter! I am looking forward to a holiday and I hope all of you are too!

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.

Please note: For the April meeting only, **we will be meeting in the KOHL'S CLASSROOM** and by zoom.

April Meeting: April 9th at 9 am. Jim Limburg will share photographic opportunities in Colorado.



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, skiescapes, 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”.

New Activity: Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. **The PollUnit will be ready for uploads starting at Midnight April 16th and ends on April 23rd at 11:59 pm. Voting will start on April 23rd at 12 am and end on May 7th at 11:59 pm**

April Challenge will be: Flower Portrait

May Challenge will be: Bubbles

March 1st Place:

The Beatles White album vs Metallica

The Black album2 by Tim Kant



March 2nd Place :
Opposites by Ramona Lenger



March 3rd Place
Bears and Chairs 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.

May Program: **May 21, 2022** – Vinay Sinha will tell us about his photographic adventures while he was in Germany

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.

- 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

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:

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 LENGER 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:

EXHIBITION : Diane Piontek and Sheila Hall have organized an exhibition at the Greenfield Public Library which will run from about May 1, 2022 to the end of May. 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. Images should BE FRAMED

with a wire across the back to hang the image from. You should have your name and the title of the image on the back of the assembled image.

FYI, Please go to <https://www.inspirationstudiosgallery.com> and check it out. I would like to know if the members of the club are interested in exhibiting at this studio next year.

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 (lenterphotos@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 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_2GyvFCirQIGFzMA9JDLxkw

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.

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!

Vinay Sinha will lead an outing to shoot the warblers that visit Wehr Nature Center every year. This will be on the 14th of May with a rain date of May 21st, after the meeting. More details at the meeting.

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:

Co-Chairs

Ramona Lenger

Linnea Matthiesen

Treasurer

Sheila Hall

Assistant Treasurer	Ramona Lenger
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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.

