



**Wehr Nature
Center
Camera Club
Newsletter**

No Fooling! We are meeting on April Fools! We will be in person at the Nature Center on 4/1/23. Hopefully, we will be seeing some spring weather and flowers soon.

There is a lot going on at WNCCC. Please read this Newsletter thoroughly and carefully.

We will continue hybrid meetings (generally) 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.

April Meeting: April 1st at 9 am. The annual club competition for the print categories and discussion of the scores for the digital categories. Bring your prints, mounted or matted, to the meeting.

We will be meeting in the Kohl's Classroom next to the front desk of the Nature Center.

Dues are due!! Please do not forget to bring the annual due of \$20 to the January meeting. You will not be allowed to compete without paying your dues.

IF YOU HVE ANY SUGGESTIONS, NOW IS THE TIME TO LET RAMONA OR I KNOW. While we have all loved our mascot, Otis the Owl, for a very long time, it is time we retire him. We, of course, will need another logo to replace him with. Please think about what the mission of WNCCC is and what we want to promote about WNCCC. I was thinking a simpler logo might freshen up our look. This is not something that needs to be done right away, but if anyone has some skill in graphic design, and could use that to create a new logo, it would be appreciated.

Photo Challenge of the month: We are slightly modifying this activity. The schedule and topics will be listed on the club's calendar. All Pollunits will open on the second Saturday of the month (the day of our regularly scheduled meeting). You will have two weeks to upload an image, and then, a week to vote. Topics will still be announced here and in the meeting in addition to the calendar.

The monthly challenge in November will be a best of the best. All the first place winners will be put in a PollUnit and the members will score these images to determine which the top 3 of the year are. This will have increased points, 30 points for First Place; 20 points for Second Place and 10 points for Third Place.

The March Challenge will be: **Something Green**

Voting will be closing on this poll unit at midnight on April 1st. Get your votes in! Winners will be announced in the May Newsletter.

The April Challenge will be: **Leading Lines**

The May Challenge will be: **ALONE.** The image should evoke feelings of being alone.

Please title the image using the following format: **Lastname Topic Title**

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 2023, who will receive free dues for 2024.

Points for Photographer of 2023 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). Points may be awarded for other reasons also.

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

Winners for March will be announced in the May Newsletter

May Program: May 13, 2023 – This meeting will be held at Inspiration Studios located at 1500 S. 73rd St. West Allis. Stephanie Johnson on Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)

Stephanie is the Founder, Creator & Publisher of ICM Photography Magazine. Her website is www.stephjohnsonphoto.com. In her About Me she indicates “I am self-taught with both ICM (intentional camera movement) and landscape photography. I hold a Bachelor of Arts degree and graduate work in English Literature, and I have a strong emotional connection to the natural world with a deep passion for capturing the fluid nature of landscapes through imagery and the written word. I bring an interconnected and intuitive approach to my photography-as-art to create not just frozen moments in time, but to visually express the essence of light, color, form, line, and texture. Because of this deep philosophy of connectedness with all things, my personal vision is one that integrates creativity in the field with ethical behavior toward the natural environment.”

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.

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- June 10, 2023 – Ed Benson - TBD
- July 8, 2023 - Tentatively Who or what inspired you to become a photographer? Bring a piece of art or image (or 2 or 3) that drew you to photography.
- August 12, 2023 – TBD
- September 9, 2023 – TBD
- October 14, 2023 – TBD
- November 4, 2023 – TBD
- December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party

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 2 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

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Club Competition: The judges' score are in and will be announced during the meeting.

All images should be titled Last Name Category Title.

1) Digital:

- a) -Images should be titled as above.
- b) -2100 pixels on the longest side and no more than 3 MB
- c) -Categories are:
 - i) Nature Digital Color
 - ii) Open Digital Color
 - iii) Open Monochrome/B&W
 - iv) Special Category Nature - Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects
 - v) Special Category Open – Photojournalism/Sports

2) Newly resumed – **PRINTS!!**

- a) No Larger than 16x20; no smaller than 5x7
- b) Must be matted or mounted
- c) Judged in person on April 1st so, bring them to the meeting
- d) Categories are:

- i) Open Color
- ii) Open Monochrome/B&W
- iii) Nature (either color or Mono)

We will have the Judges in person on April 1st to judge the prints and talk about the scores for the digital images. **BRING YOUR PRINTS TO THE MEETING.**

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, and Ramona Lenger. 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 LENGGER 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:

Exhibits: – will be the month of May at Inspiration Studios, 1500 S. 73rd St., West Allis.

Immediately, IF YOU PLAN TO EXHIBIT, I will need you to email one low-res image that you plan to show, a one line bio about you and how long you have been in photography. ALSO, please answer ONE of the following questions in one sentence:

1. What inspired you to become a photographer?
2. What do you want people to get out of your images?
3. Why you choose to become a photographer?

I need this information by MARCH 31st. This is for the press release and the event promotional information that Erico is drafting.

We will hang our images on May 2nd and have an Artist Reception May 5th. All images must have wire hangers, and be framed or mounted. Canvas or metal prints are also acceptable. Each image must be labeled on the back with the Artist's name, title of the image, and price (if you want to sell the image). Inspiration Studio will keep 20% of the selling price, if your image sells. I will need this information by April 22nd to create a spreadsheet/inventory of the images. I will need the images by May 1st.

Additional Open Gallery hours will be May 13th from 11 am to 1 pm, right after the meeting, May 20th from noon to 2 pm and May 26th from 6 pm to 8 pm Two members will need to sign up to be present at Inspiration Studios each time we will have the Gallery open.

START YOUR PRINTING! More information will be coming out in an email SOON.

Wehr has been invited to participate in the Whitewater Arts Alliance 14th Annual Fran Achen Juried Photography Exhibit. Deadline for entries is May 31, 2023. The exhibit will be held during the month of July 2023 at the WAA Cultural Center, 402 W. Main Street. Whitewater. For complete information, rules, and entry form, go to: www.whitewaterarts.org/fran-achen-2023. I have also attached a flyer with more information to the email with this Newsletter.

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 2 mb. 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:

Spring outing will be May 18th thru May 21st in Marquette, MI. The hotel will be the Days Inn located at 2403 US 41 W. Marquette MI. the block of rooms is open for reservations. It will be fun to go and photograph the Upper Peninsula.

PSA has also re-done their website. If you have not visited it before, now is a good time to do so.

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:

WACCO will have a competition on May 6th. The Special categories are:

Nature – Insects, Reptiles and Amphibians

Open – Photojournalism and sports

The uploader is currently open and will close on April 16th. Please let me know how many images you enter for the Photographer of the year.

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: Elizabeth Whitcomb is planning a photo outing to photograph the Ringling Brothers Mansion in Wis Dells, lunch and one more place. Please watch your email for further details.

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!

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:

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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.



