



It's April! That may be why we are getting all the showers... I am writing this prior to the solar eclipse on April 8th, so please do not look at the eclipse or photograph without the proper protections. I know I am 'preaching to the choir'. I hope to see many wonderful image of the eclipse soon.

As usual, there is a lot going on at WNCCC so, please read this Newsletter thoroughly and carefully.

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.

April Meeting: April 13th at 9 am - Brian Waranauskas will present his flower photography.

Vinay Siha and Trish McCoy are to share 5 to 10 images this month. Please email them to me or bring on a flash drive.

LAST REMINDER! Dues are due for 2024. If you have not already done so, please pay Sheila Hall at the meeting. The amount is \$20 for the upcoming exciting year. Another way to pay is to mail your dues to Sheila Hall, W312 S8899 Cherokee Pass, Mukwonago, WI 53149.

➤ **May Program: May 11, 2024** – Kurt Huebner will present on Dragonfly photography.

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 11, 2024 – Kurt Huebner will present on Dragonfly photography
- June 8, 2024 - Marty Welter will present on Rodeo photography
- June 8, 2024 – OUTING!! Next Level Pro-Bull Riding (plus more) at Wisconsin State Fair
- June 15, 2024 – Wehr Nature Center 50th Anniversary Celebration.
- July 3, 2024 – OUTING! July 3rd Fireworks at the Lakefront. Location TBD.
- July 5, 2024 – OUTING! Manawa Rodeo 9 am Slack performance and 7 pm Rodeo
- July 13, 2024 – TBD
- August 10, 2024 – Picnic?
- September 14, 2024 – TBD
- October 12, 2024 – Walk About at Wehr
- November 9, 2024 – TBD
- December 14, 2024 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. **The members for May Elizabeth Whitcomb and Mary Krajnak.**

Please email your images to Linnea Matthiesen at Trekkielaw@aol.com or gmail.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 2100 pixels, with a maximum file size of 2 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

WNCCC News:

MASTER OPERATING MANUAL –

We have formed a committee to draft a guideline of operating procedures for WNCCC. The committee members are Linnea Matthiesen, Ramona Lenger and Brian Waranauskas. We have met and have a first draft. We will soon have a final draft for the member to review. Look at future Newsletters for more information.

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 is the webmaster! 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 webmaster at their email addresses.

Photo Contests and Exhibits:



TWO of WNCCC members and two of the judges from this past WNCCC competition have images in this exhibition. Geri Laehn and Vinay Sinha have images in this exhibit as well as Tim Holte and Jim Poliak, who were judges and at our meeting in March and Roy Schmidt, who judge for us last year. Please go see their images and congratulate them on this honor. GALLERY NIGHT: APRIL 19, 6PM- 8PM ARTIST RECEPTION: MAY 10, 5PM-7PM

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:

The next meeting of the WI Chapter of the Photographic Society of America is May 18, 2024 at 7 pm in Door County and via zoom.

The spring outing for the WI PSA will be to Door County. We will be staying at the Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club. The dates are May 16 to the 19th. There will be more news on this at the next meeting.

The Wisconsin Chapter of PSA is also having an exhibit at Inspiration studios this coming June. The theme is Wisconsin, so anything taken in Wisconsin can be displayed. The address for Inspiration Studios is, 1500 S. 73rd St. West Allis, WI 53214. You must be a member of the Wisconsin Chapter to participate in this event. If you are not, you can come and support your fellow Wisconsin photographers. More information will be coming soon.

If you are a member of PSA then 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:

Our Club will be featured in the next issue of the Digital Form, which is the newsletter for WACCO. The article will feature information about our club, as well as images from club members.

So far, Ramona has received very few images to include in the Digital Forum. Please send me images for this feature by Saturday April 20. They should be resized so the long side is 2100 pixels. WACCO would also like to use these images on its website in our club gallery.

Thank you for your contributions.

The WACCO competition will be held on May 4th. The uploader for images is open NOW and will close on April 14th at midnight. There are Eight divisions, Projected Nature Monochrome, Projected Nature Color, Projected Nature Special

Theme, which is Flowers, Projected Open Limited Monochrome Open, Projected Open Monochrome, Projected Open Limited Color Open, Projected Open Color Open and Projected Open Special Theme, which is Sunrise/Sunset.

Digital Forum: Is a two-hour virtual meeting hosted by Jeff Klug. The first hour is a guest speaker. The second hour is a question-and-answer session about anything photography related:

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.

Upcoming Speakers for the Digital Forum are:

- apGregory Holden – Monochrome Photography (April)
- Russell Graves – Shooting Wildlife Images that Win contests (May)

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!

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

Co-Programs Chairs

Linnea Matthiesen

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| 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. **Dues will be due at the January meeting.**

This is a good time to consider becoming a member of the Friends of Wehr for \$30. 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.

