



**Wehr Nature  
Center  
Camera Club  
Newsletter**

**August is here and summer will be gone all too soon. Get out and enjoy the warm (hot?) days and cool nights and capture some memories with your camera!**

**August Meeting:** **August 14th at 9 am, in person and via Zoom.** MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED in the Nature Center. The Meeting ID and password are in the email accompanying this Newsletter.

If you feel a friend would be interested in this meeting, please share the zoom information with them so that they can attend the meeting also, or you can bring them along with you! All are welcome.

**Program:** Troy Freund from Mike Crivello's will present a program about taking portraits. This is the first of two parts. The second part is a workshop occurring during the September meeting, during which we will actually take portraits. We will need models for the September meeting, so ask your friends or family members in advance if they would be willing to help us out. See below for more information.

**September Program:** September 11, 2021– Portrait Workshop – BRING YOUR CAMERA and any other equipment you may need. WE NEED MODELS! Feel free to bring a friend or family member with you to this meeting for the workshop. Please inform them that you may not be their only photographer. The models

should bring a few changes of clothing and any props you or they feel they may need.

**Upcoming Club Programs:** The next few meeting dates and programs are listed below. 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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com) and [jnsengupta56@gmail.com](mailto:jnsengupta56@gmail.com).

- September 11, 2021 – Portrait Workshop & Choosing the PSA Club Showcase via PollUnit.
- **October 23, 2021 – Please note the date change – TBD**
- November 13, 2021 – TBD
- December 11, 2021

**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 the Covid pandemic, 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](mailto: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 1024 pixels, with a maximum file size of 1 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

### **WNCCC News:**

**WNCCC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** – Did anyone realize that 2022 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WNCCC? Sheila Hall did! She has the great idea of celebrating this milestone in WNCCC history. Sheila Hall, Diane Piontek and Ramona Lenger have agreed to decide and plan how we are going to celebrate this great event. If you have any ideas, please contact one of the committee members.

**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 information regarding this in future Newsletters.

**AWARDS:** If you know of a member that should be acknowledged and congratulated for ANY recognition they received regarding any of their images, please forward a copy of the image, the member's name and the title of the image to Linnea Matthiesen at [trekkielaw@aol.com](mailto: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 learn about our club.

**Website:** WNCCC has a website also. RAMONA LENGER has volunteered to be the webmaster! She is working on updating the information. The website is [www.wnccc.net](http://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](mailto: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 her email addresses. If you have any images you would like to share from any of our outings, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com) so I can share them with the club.

## **Wisconsin Chapter of PSA News:**

**WI Chapter PSA Club Showcase** - The images for the 2021 – 2022 PSA Club Showcase will be due shortly. This year, to get the best images possible, we are asking that EACH MEMBER OF WNCCC submit two images to the Pollunit for voting. Remember, this is an OPEN competition. All subject matter, editing, etc. is accepted. The Poll unit will be open for uploads from September 1 to midnight on September 11. Members will then be able to vote on the images from September 12 till September 26. The seven images with the most votes will be submitted for the competition. If one maker has more than one image in the top seven, the lowest of the two will be eliminated and the next highest scoring image will be entered.

The next PSA WI Chapter meeting is in November 2021. Details to follow in future Newsletters.

The PSA Photo Festival is being held in Rapid City, SD from October 6<sup>th</sup> through October 9<sup>th</sup>. There are tours and events scheduled starting October 4<sup>th</sup>, however. The Hotel that will host the Photo Festival is the Ramkota Inn Best Western and the room rate is \$84 per night. Registration is currently open for the Photo Festival, tours and the hotel. Please see the PSA website for further details.

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. See their website for form and address [PSA WI Chapter Membership](#).

### **WACCO News:**

The next delegates meeting will be November 2021 and details will be announced in future Newsletters.

WACCO is hosting a Birds of Prey Workshop on September 11, 2021. Registration is now open for the general public. If you have not registered and you still wish to attend, you may use the discount code WACCO-2021-BOP to receive a \$15 discount off the \$100 fee. See their website for more information and registration: [WACCO BIRDS OF PREY](#)

There are NEW Rules for competition: **NEW COMPETITION RULES!** The Rules were copied from the WACCO Newsletter into the WNCCC Newsletter for July. If you have questions on these new rules please see Jim Kurovsky.

The Fall competition will open on August 6, 2021. The Special categories are Birds for the nature category and Portraits for the open category.

**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](mailto: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 Classes:**

Mike Crivello's Cameras is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> 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](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](http://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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com) .

### **Websites of Interest:**

Wehr Nature Center Camera Club (WNCCC): [www.wnccc.net](http://www.wnccc.net) .

Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization (WACCO): [www.wicameraclubs.org](http://www.wicameraclubs.org)

Photographic Association of America (PSA): [www.PSA-photo.org](http://www.PSA-photo.org) .

PSA Wisconsin Chapter: [www.PSA.wisconsin.org](http://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-Chairs Programs

Linnea Matthiesen

	Jyoti Sengupta
Co-Chairs Outings	Mary Krajnak
	Trish McCoy
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. Dues for 2021 are waived for everyone who paid in 2020.

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

