



**Welcome to August!** I hope you are all enjoying the summer and relaxing.

There is a lot going on at WNCCC. Again, 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.

**August Meeting:** **August 12th at 9 am.** **Jeff Klug** will talk about where to shoot awesome photos in the Smokies. We will also be discussing merging with Creative Images.

**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 up load an image, and then, a week to vote. Topics will still be announced here and in the meeting in addition to the calendar.

**The August Challenge will be: Arches**

You can upload images from 8/12/23 to 8/26/23. Voting will start on 8/27/23 until 9/2/23.

The monthly challenge in December 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 July winning images for Celebrations is:**

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

Ramona Lenger  
Independence Day Celebration



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Shelia Hall  
Celebration



3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Dawn Schmitt  
Wedding Day



**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:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 points

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4 points

3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**September Program:** **September 9, 2023** – Stephanie Johnson on Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)

**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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com) and [jnsengupta56@gmail.com](mailto:jnsengupta56@gmail.com).

- August 27, 2023 – **WNCCC PICNIC** – Ottawa Lake Shelter B See Below for more information
- September 9, 2023 – Stephanie Johnson on Intentional Camera Movement (ICM)

Stephanie is the Founder, Creator & Publisher of ICM Photography Magazine. Her website is [www.stephjohnsonphoto.com](http://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.”

- 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](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 1400 pixels, with a maximum file size of 2 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

## **WNCCC News:**

### **Picnic:**

The picnic date had to be **changed** from 8/26 to. 8/27. We have reserved Kettle Moraine State Forest Southern Unit - Ottawa Lake – Shelter B. We have the site from 6 am to 11 pm but please plan on coming no earlier than 10 am. There electric and an open sided shelter. The Bathrooms are close as is the volleyball and horse shoe pits. There is also a nearby playground for children. We are a very short walk from the swimming beach, so bring a suit if you want to swim. A little further on is the dog beach, boat Launch and fishing pier, if you are interested. You can rent canoes, paddle boards and kayaks. Additionally, we are just across the highway from Scuppernong springs, which has hiking trails and some nice photo opportunities.

**\*\*Admission Stickers are required.\*\*** If you do not have the annual vehicle sticker, you can purchase one, or a day pass, at the Warden’s office. Another thought is to ride in with someone who has a vehicle sticker.

There is a grill at the shelter but, if you have a small one that you would like to bring, it would be appreciated. WNCCC will provide burgers, hot dogs and buns. Please bring a dish to pass, a beverage, dessert or ? We will have a sign up sheet at the meeting.

There will be a scavenger hunt **SO BRING YOUR CAMERA AND GEAR!!** Topics will be announced at the Picnic to give everyone an equal chance. There is a lot to do and take pictures of. **I HOPE EVERYONE CAN MAKE IT AN HAVE LOADS OF FUN!!**

### **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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com). You may nominate yourself also. **NO RECOGNITION IS TOO SMALL.**

**\*\* I believe I saw at least five (5!!) images at the State Fair that won a First, Second or Third by WNCCC member DAWN SCHMITT!!! Congratulations!!!\*\***

**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 LINGER has volunteered to be the webmasters! 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 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:**

**Exhibit:** – The exhibit was a success. We sold 3 images. We will be discussing future 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 Linger ([lengerphotos@gmail.com](mailto: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](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:**

The 2023 Photo Festival will be in Williamsburg, VA, September 27 – 30, 2023. There are tours starting Monday September 25.

WE WILL BE OPENING THE POLL UNIT TO CHOOSE OUR 7 IMAGES FOR THE PSA CLUB SHOWCASE ON 8/1/23 AND CLOSE ON 8/31/23. Voting will start on 9/1/23 and end on 9/16/23. You can upload two images. The seven top scorers will be entered in the PSA Club Showcase. We have not had any images uploaded yet. PLEASE do so soon. We have many AWESOME photographers and we should be showing off all our talent. This is one way to do so.

If you are a member of PSA then 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 winners will be announced in a future Newsletter, when they are updated on the WACCO website..

**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](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](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!

### **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-Programs Chairs	Linnea Matthiesen Jyoti Sengupta
Co-Outings Chairs	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.

**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.

*"If your pictures  
are not good enough  
you are  
not close enough."*

ROBERT CAPA

