



Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter

Boy, it is cold outside! 2021 is starting out cold! I hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

We will continue to meet via zoom as the Nature Center Building, and specifically, the classroom, are not yet open. The link is in the email to which this Newsletter is attached. Zoom is a video conferencing platform that is easy to use and accessible from numerous devices from PCs to laptops to smartphones. If you don't have video capability, you can attend by phone and just have audio. Optionally, you can watch on your device and use your phone for a speaker/microphone. Best Buy, and other retailers, have good microphones starting at \$20. The phone number to join our meeting is 1-312-626-6799. You will still need the meeting ID and the password that is listed in the email.

If you have questions or problems attending by zoom, call me at 414-430-3693 and I will help you.

February Meeting: February 13th at 9 am, via Zoom. 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! All are welcome, even if they shoot Sony. 😊

Program: Marty Welter will be presenting on Luminar AI.

After Marty completes his presentation, Ramona Lenger and I will be taking questions on our new competition/judging software that we will be using for the

February competition. Please plan to stay for this very important portion of the program.

Remember, the Pollunit competition will close at midnight on February 20, 2021. There is no way to add any photos after this date and time. So upload early!

Also, you are responsible to upload your photos to the correct division. If you do not upload the photo in the correct division, it will be disqualified and receive a score of zero.

A copy of the current rules for the competition are attached to the email.

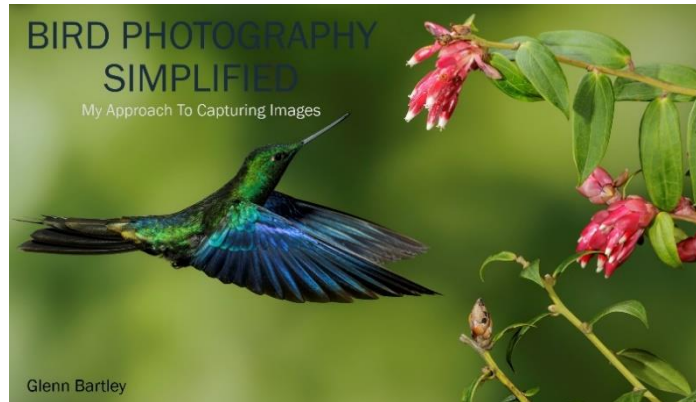
March Program: March 13, 2021 – Judges will be commenting on their scores and TBD.

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 and jnsengupta56@gmail.com.len

- March 13, 2021 - Judges will be commenting on their scores and TBD.
- April 10, 2021 – TBD
- May 8, 2021 – TBD
- June 12, 2021 - TBD

Special Announcement:

On February 23, 2021 at 7 pm, WNCCC along with Racine Camera Club, PhotoKenosha and Focal Point Camera Club will be hosting a webinar by Glenn Bartley, Bird Photography Simplified. This webinar is only open to the four Clubs and their guests.



Bird Photography Simplified - My Approach to Capturing Images". We all know that bird photography is difficult. In this presentation Glenn will share his approach to simplifying the process of bird photography while still striving for high quality wildlife images.

From equipment selection to field techniques to post processing Glenn will share his approach to bird photography.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87659310580?pwd=N2FtdHhQUHRDZ1p2bVNldXZEYmdyZz09>

Meeting ID: 876 5931 0580

Passcode: 466704

You will be required to register to attend this zoom meeting. A brochure is attached.

If you have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible!

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. **This month 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 1024 pixels, with a maximum file size of 1 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

WNCCC News:

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 LINGER 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:

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 next meeting is March 21, 2021 starting at 10 am. The business meeting will continue till noon. Then there will be a lunch break and the afternoon program will start at 1 pm. The program for March is Michael Kirkland presenting long exposure.

The Spring Outing for PSA-WI Chapter will be in the Superior/Duluth area from May 14th to May 16th. Lodgings accommodations have been set up at the Radisson Hotel Duluth-Harborview in Duluth, MN. There is a group rate of \$109 per night.

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 delegates meeting will be May 1, 2021 from 9 am to 11 am.

The WACCO competition will also be held on May 1, 2021. It will be digital. A zoom link to the final judging will be sent out closer to May1, 2021. The uploader

for the competition is currently open and closes April 12, 2021 at midnight. The special categories are Nature – Flowers and Open – Creative/Altered reality.

March 5th WACCO is hosting a seminar by Bryan Hansel. He will present on two topics, Composition for Landscape Photography and Hot Spots of the North Shore. The cost is \$25 per person. TO SIGN UP FOR THIS WEBINAR GO TO: <https://wacco-spring-seminar-hansel.eventbrite.com> . A copy of the brochure is attached to the email.

WACCO is hosting a virtual exhibit. You must be a member of a WACCO camera club to submit images. It will be held on the WACCO website. The deadline for submitting images is June 18, 2021 at midnight. The exhibit will run from July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. Details will be available soon on the WACCO website.

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 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

Gerri 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.

