



Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter

Happy February! I hope everyone is enjoying this lack of snow this year. I am. This is going to be a busy month with competition. Please pay attention to the deadlines for each.

The Nature Center has announced that we are being allowed back into the Gardner classroom!!! We can meet in PERSON. However, MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED! We will continue hybrid meetings for a while. Members can attend either meeting as they feel comfortable. The zoom link is in the email to which this Newsletter is attached.

February Meeting: February 12th at 9 am. We are have a TABLE TOP WORKSHOP. Please bring you camera, tripod, polarizer filter, any other filters you want to use, and anything that you would like to take a photo of.

New Activity: Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. **The PollUnit will be ready for uploads starting at Midnight February 11th and ends on February 19th at 11:59 pm. Voting will start on 2/20/22 @ 12 am and end on March 4th at 11:59 pm**

February Challenge is: Something Red
March Challenge will be: OPPPSITES

January 1st Place:
Tombolo Sunrise by Geri Laehn



January 2nd Place:
Smoking by Glenn Meyer



January 2nd Place:
Rolling into Church by Linnea
Matthiesen



We will announce a topic/category in the Newsletter. You will have till the next meeting to create an image that you feel works for this topic/category. You will then have two weeks to upload your **ONE** image to the Pollunit for that month.

Please title the image using the following format:

Lastname Topic Title

Then the club members will have two weeks to vote on the images submitted. The winning image will be 'printed' in the February Newsletter.

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.

So the deadlines for the first Challenge are:

February Challenge announced in January Newsletter

You work on creating an image for the February Challenge

March Challenge announced in February Newsletter

Images for the February challenge uploaded between February 11th and February 19th.

You work on image for the March challenge.

Voting on February Challenge will start February 20th and continue to March 4th

Winning images 'printed' in the March Newsletter and April Challenge announced. You start upload of March Challenge images.

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 2022, who will receive free dues for 2023.

Points for Photographer of 2022 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).

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

March Program: **March 12, 2022** – Judge will critique the images from the Club Competition.

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.

- March 12, 2022 – Competition Results and Critique by judges.
- April 9, 2022 – Jim Limberg will tell us about spots to photograph in and around Colorado Springs.
- May 21, 2022 – Vinay Sinha will tell us about his photographic adventures while he was in Germany.
- June 11, 2022 - TBD

WNCCC Club Competition: We have changed the Club competitions to a virtual format by using the Pollunit. 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. Upload instructions and Competition Rules are attached.

Because the competition is virtual, we have decided to add two special divisions/categories in which members can upload **4** images per division/category. These are to be the same special categories as the WACCO Spring Competition special categories. Hopefully, by submitting images to the Club Competition, you will get feedback that will help you edit the images further, if needed. Then you can submit them to the WACCO spring Competition.

The Special Categories for the 2022 Spring WACCO competition are:

Nature Category – **Wisconsin Landscapes**
Open Category – **Tabletop/Still Life**

The uploader is open now for the Club Competition. You may submit photos from today until February 19th at 11:55 pm. You may submit up to 4 images in

each category. The Judges will then score your images and winners will be announced in the March Newsletter.

We need at least 4 participants in each category. If you have a photo that fits a division, even if you think it is not very good, please submit it. Everyone should be participating in this competition. I know we have awesome photographers in this Club so now is the time to show it off!

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

WNCCC News:

EXHIBITION: Diane Piontek and Sheila Hall currently have their pictures on display at the Franklin Public Library at 9151 W. Loomis Rd. Stop by and see what they have on display!

Diane & Sheila have also arranged for all the members of WNCCC to be able to exhibit during the month of **March at the Greendale Public Library**. They are willing to coordinate this exhibit and are looking for other spaces that are willing to allow WNCCC to exhibit our work. The address of the library is 5647 Broad St. Greendale, WI 53129.

The Greendale Public Library exhibit would run from March 1, 2022 to the end of March. Images can be any size and any subject that is in good taste but, please, be mindful that children will be viewing the image. You can exhibit as many images as you wish. The images should be 8 x 10 or larger. There is a lot of wall space for this exhibit! Images should be matted and have a backing. No frames please as we cannot use nails to hang the images. You should have your name and the title of

the image on the back of the assembled image.

Sheila and Diane will be collecting the images at the meeting on February 12th, which is the table top workshop. Please let Sheila and Diane know if you are willing to entertain offers to purchase and what the price would be, just in case. If you cannot bring your image to the February meeting, feel free to arrange another time with either Sheila or Diane. If you have questions, please ask Sheila or Diane. Their email addresses are above.

WNCCC 40th Anniversary – We will be updating the members as details become available.

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 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 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 Linger (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 PSA WI Chapter meeting is on March 20, 2022. 10 AM to Noon, and again at 1 PM to 3 PM. The Morning Session (10 AM to Noon) is a business meeting. Then we break for lunch. The afternoon program (1 PM to 3 PM) will be announced. Unless you have paid your dues, you will not be allowed to join the meeting.

The images for the PSA Club Showcase are uploaded to the Poll Unit. The score sheet is attached to the email with this Newsletter. Please vote for each

image,(except #6, #19, #32, #45, #58, #71 & #84) by marking your score sheet with a number 2 through 5 for each image.

Please allocate your scores according to the following guidelines:-- 5 is the best,2 the worst.

The number of 5's scored should be between 4 min. / 6 max., 4's – 30 +/- -, 3's – 40+/- & 2's –10 (6 min. / 11max.).

You can complete the scoresheet online, save it and then email it to Linnea at trekkielaw@aol.com. If you cannot complete it online, print it, complete it and mail it to Linnea Matthiesen, 2186 S. 93rd St., West Allis, WI 53227. Or take a picture of it with your phone and text it to Linnea at 414-430-3693.

Voting will open February 5th at 12 am and close on February 19th at 11:59 pm

Please double click on the first image to enlarge the image. You will then be able to see the number for the image so that you can ensure that you are entering your score in the correct field on the score sheet.

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 competition is May 7, 2022. The uploader is now open and closes on April 17, 2022 at midnight. The Special Categories for the WACCO Spring competition are:

Nature Category – **Wisconsin Landscapes**

Open Category – **Tabletop/Still Life**

The next delegates meeting will be May 7, 2022.

On March 5, 2022, WACCO will be hosting Jason Odell.

**Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization
Presents**

Jason Odell Seminar



March 5, 2022 – 9 AM to 1 PM

Saturday

Zoom Webinar

Cost: Early Admission \$15 (now till February 11, 2022)

General Admission \$20 (After February 11, 2022)

For more information or to sign up go to

<https://wacco-seminar.eventbrite.com>

You can also find more information on the WACCO website at

<http://www.wicameraclubs.org/programs>

Any questions please contact Jeff at waccoprogram@gmail.com





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!

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 Conference: Click Con will be held June 21, 2022 through June 24, 2022. There is more information at <https://clickcon.us/>. This is a very good, nearby conference that you may want to consider attending.

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
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WACCO Delegate	Ramona Lenger
PSA Representative	Linnea Matthiesen
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Membership Coordinator	Sheila Hall
Member at Large	Geri Laehn

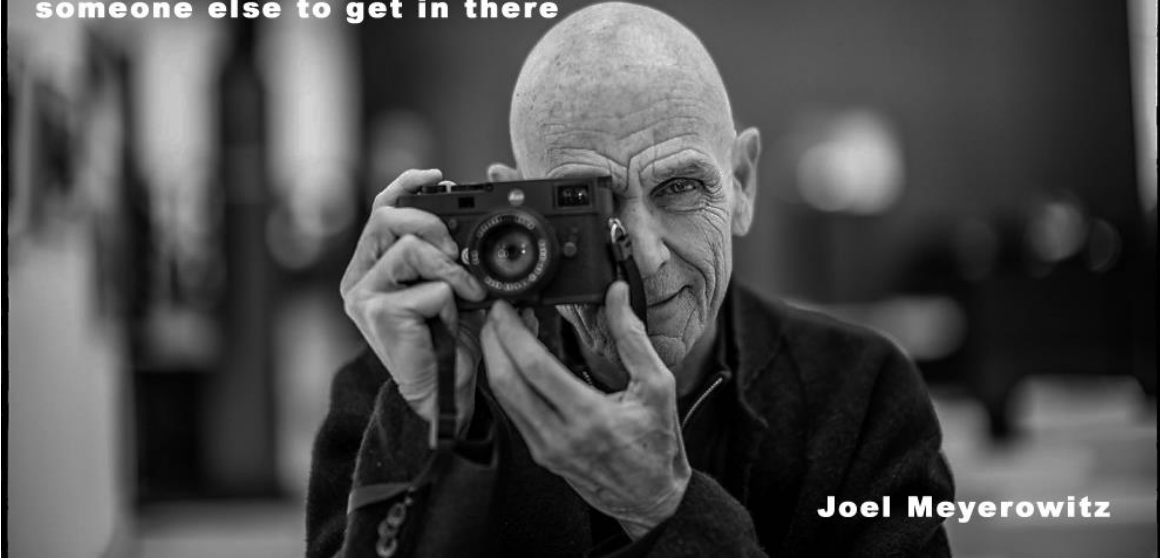
Members should feel free to contact the officers with any questions and suggestions they may have for the club.

Membership Dues: Annual membership dues are \$20. Dues for 2022 are due by February 12th.

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.

You fill up the frame with feelings, energy,
discovery, and risk, and leave room enough for
someone else to get in there



Joel Meyerowitz

