



Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter

Welcome to February! There is a lot going on at WNCCC. Please read this Newsletter thoroughly and carefully.

MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE RECOMMENDED, [for now!](#) 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.

February Meeting: February 11th at 9 am. We will have Heidi Stover from PSA leading us in an image analysis workshop. This may run into two hours so be prepared.

Dues are due!! Please do not forget to bring the annual due of \$20 to the January meeting. You will not be allowed to compete without paying your dues.

While we have all loved our mascot, Otis the Owl, for a very long time, it is time we retire him. We, of course, will need another logo to replace him with. Please think about what the mission of WNCCC is and what we want to promote about WNCCC. I was thinking a simpler logo might freshen up our look. This is not something that needs to be done right away, but if anyone has some skill in graphic design, and could use that to create a new logo, it would be appreciated.

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 monthly challenge in November 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.

February Challenge is: REFLECTIONS

The March Challenge will be: Something Green

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:

- 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). Points may be awarded for other reasons also.

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

Winners for January – COLD

First Place: Trish McCoy
Spruce in Ice



Second Place: Tim Kant
Cold Beer



Third Place: Geri Laehn

Winter in Wisconsin



March Program: **March 11, 2023** – What Makes a Good Image for Beginners and Beyond by Jill Newton-Moore **AND** How to upload images to Poll Unit, Get them off the phone and other issues. Bring your phone with you or your laptop, if that is what you use.

Jill Newton Moore Bio: In 2019 I retired from my position as a Professor in the Communication Department at Alverno College, where I developed and taught beginning darkroom photography; advanced darkroom techniques, digital photography, and social justice photography. I've also taught photography for Arts at Large, the Girl Scouts iCamp, and the Essence Project. I began a photography club at James Madison High School and Escuela Verde High School. Many of my former students have become professional photographers, a fact I am extremely proud of.

My work has always had a strong social justice focus, and I've been lucky to be the recipient of grants from CoPA, The Clinton Foundation, and the Department of Education to pursue this work. I have been the photographer for several non-profits including the Alverno College Leadership Project for Girls (Cameroon); Feeding Mouths, Filling Minds (Cameroon and Sierra Leone); and The MacCanon Brown Homeless

Sanctuary, where a position was recently created for me as the Communication & Social Media Specialist.

One of the greatest joys I have had as a photographer is taking groups on more than a dozen photo excursions to London and Paris, Ireland, and Costa Rica. These are a blend of teaching, learning, and doing. It's a delight to help others build and refine their photography skills in such image-rich environments.

My own work has been shown in exhibits, used on records, posters, book covers, and for fundraising and PR. As an independent freelance photographer, I shoot weddings, family events and gatherings, graduations, and public events.

I've been a competition judge for WACCO, Wehr Nature Center, the Urban Ecology Center, MPS, Alverno, and probably places I've forgotten. As a competition judge, I look for excellence demonstrated in the aesthetics of composition; precision in technical aspects of images; creative approaches to subject matter; originality that avoids visual cliches; and narrative strength.

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.

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- April 1, 2023 – Judges commentary on Club competition and Print Competition
- May 13, 2023 – TBD
- June 10, 2023 – Tentatively Who or what inspired you to become a photographer? Bring a piece of art or image (or 2 or 3) that drew you to photography.
- July 8, 2023 - TBD

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:

Club Competition: Will be Judged in March this year. As such, the Poll Units will open for uploads February 24th at midnight and close on March 11th at midnight.

All images should be titled Last Name Category Title.

- 1) Digital:
 - a) -Images should be titled as above.
 - b) -2100 pixels on the longest side and no more than 3 MB
 - c) -Categories are:
 - i) Nature Digital Color
 - ii) Open Digital Color
 - iii) Open Monochrome/B&W
 - iv) Special Category Nature - Reptiles, Amphibians, Insects
 - v) Special Category Open – Photojournalism/Sports

- 2) Newly resumed – **PRINTS!!**
 - a) No Larger than 16x20; no smaller than 5x7
 - b) Must be framed or mounted
 - c) Judged in person on April 1st so, bring them to the meeting
 - d) Categories are:
 - i) Open Color
 - ii) Open Monochrome/B&W
 - iii) Nature (either color or Mono)

We will have Judge in person on April 1st to judge the prints and talk about the scores for the digital images.

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. 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 LENGER 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:

Exhibits: Currently, Sheila Hall has a display case reserved for WNCCC to display some prints. 8x10 or smaller is recommended and framed so that they can stand on their own. There are no hangers. **IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN THIS EXHIBIT, PLEASE BRING YOUR PRINTS TO THE MEETING ON 2/11/23.**

NEXT EXHIBIT – will be the month of May at Inspiration Studios, 1500 S. 73rd St., West Allis. We will hang our images on May 2nd and have an Artist Reception May 5th. All images must have wire hangers, and be framed or mounted. Canvas or metal prints are also acceptable. Each image must have on the back the Artist's name, title of the image, medium and price. Inspiration Studio will keep 20% of the selling price, if your image sells. I will need this information by April 22nd to create a spreadsheet/inventory of the images. We will have the Gallery open about 8 more times for about 3 hours each time. Two members will need to sign up to be present at Inspiration Studios each time we will have the Gallery open. The schedule has yet to be determined. **START YOUR PRINTING!**

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:

Spring outing will be May 18th thru May 21st in Marquette, MI. The hotel will be the Days Inn located at 2403 US 41 W. Marquette MI. the block of rooms is open for reservations. It will be fun to go and photograph the Upper Peninsula.

The Wisconsin Chapter has joined with three other Chapters to host an international exhibition. The link for the rules and the categories and to register is www.psa-met.com/pacc-circuit . There are five categories at \$15 each. This is a good opportunity to have your images compete internationally AND get some feedback.

PSA has also re-done their website. If you have not visited it before, now is a good time to do so.

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:

WACCO will have a competition on May 6th. The Special categories are:

Nature – Insects, Reptiles and Amphibians

Open – Photojournalism and sports

The uploader is currently open and will close on April 16th. Please let me know how many images you enter for the Photographer of the year.

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

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: I am setting a date for a photo outing to photograph the Basilica of Saint Josaphat. We would meet for breakfast and then caravan or carpool to the Basilica. 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) 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	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.

