



# **Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter**

**Happy New Year!** Thank God 2020 is history and I hope 2021 is much better! There is some very exciting news in this Newsletter so read all the way through.

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.

**January Meeting: January 9th 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:** Eddee Daniel will be presenting on A Wealth of Nature.

Eddee Daniel is a Milwaukee-based photographer and writer whose practice explores the intersection of nature and human culture. He is the author of "Urban Wilderness: Exploring a Metropolitan Watershed," as well as many self-published

photographic books. He has a record of unusual Artist Residencies, including Milwaukee's Menomonee Valley, the Harbor District, and his most recent residency in the Milwaukee River Greenway under the auspices of [ARTservancy](#). He currently serves on the boards of [Preserve Our Parks](#) and [Friends of the Hank Aaron Trail](#). He has written a column called [Urban Wilderness](#) for Milwaukee Magazine and is the curator and regular contributor to the blog [The Natural Realm](#).

Websites:

[www.awealthofnature.org](http://www.awealthofnature.org)

[www.eddeedaniel.com](http://www.eddeedaniel.com)

[The Menomonee Valley](#)

After Eddee Daniels competes his presentation, Ramona Lenger and I will be introducing you to our new competition/judging software that we will be using for the PSA Club Showcase judging and the February competition. Please plan to stay for this very important portion of the program.

**February Program:** February 13, 2021 – TBD

**Upcoming Club Programs:** The next few meeting dates and programs are listed below. The program co-directors are Trish McCoy 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 [colvinmccoy@aol.com](mailto:colvinmccoy@aol.com) and [jnsengupta56@gmail.com](mailto:jnsengupta56@gmail.com).

- January 27, 2021 – Lisa Langell, The Power of Contrast
- February 13, 2021 – TBD
- March 13, 2021 - TBD

**Special Announcement:** WNCCC is proud to announce that Lisa Langell has agreed to present The Power of Contrast on January 27, 2021 at 7 pm Central time. This is a free webinar that WNCCC is hosting. It is open to all Wisconsin Photographers. Please invite your photographer friends! I have attended several of her Webinars and an in person seminar (pre-COVID) and she is a phenomenal speaker. All that is needed is to register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-visual-power-of-contrast-wehr-nature-center-tickets-128283261689>

Lisa Langell is a full-time, award-winning photographer whose work has appeared in numerous prestigious publications including the cover of Outdoor Photographer magazine, plus numerous images in Arizona Highways, Ranger Rick, art galleries and more. She currently sits on the Board of Directors for the North American Nature Photography Association. She is also a proud ambassador for Tamron, FotoPro, and H&Y filters. Whether it was working as a master floral designer, a licensed psychologist, university faculty, an international consultant in K-12 education, the Chief Business Development Officer of an education technology company, a researcher, a writer, or an artist—she enjoyed meeting each challenge. Still, her strongest calling was photography—ever since childhood--when bird watching ignited her lifelong love of nature and the camera. In 2010, she turned her passion or photography into a business—and in 2015 she successfully transitioned to photography full-time and left the corporate and consulting world behind. The journey with photography has definitely been Lisa’s favorite—she loves combining her diverse background and skills into her photographic art and instruction. Bringing joy to others brings joy to her! She thrives on creating innovative learning experiences and pushing photographic boundaries. She equally enjoys enriching, stimulating and expanding fellow photographers’ minds emotionally, creatively and intellectually.

Start Registering!

**SECOND SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Yes, two for the price of one!!

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.



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 will be forthcoming so keep an eye out for it.

**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](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:**

**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.

**Facebook:** Our camera club has a Facebook page! 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 Closed 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!

**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:**

**Special Announcement:** I want to thank Mary Dumont for her service to WNCCC. I know we all appreciate all that she has done. Please thank her when you see her. Unfortunately, this leaves open the positions of Competition chair and co-chair for outings. Please let I or Ramona know if you are interested in volunteering for one, or more, of these positions.

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 ([lenterphotos@gmail.com](mailto: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](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 next meeting is January 24, 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 January is Keith French: Photographing Ruins.

Keith French has been a full-time professional photographer since 2001 with an extensive background in several types of photography dating back to 1984. His years as an owner of a full-service retail camera store, Photo/Video studio, and commercial color and B & W photo lab gave him a unique look into the photographic industry. He was buying and selling gear and accessories. Hosting and teaching photography classes, shooting and printing, combined with his time as a United States Marine Corps Aviator and the travels that ensued, Keith has a well-rounded repertoire of photographic experience on four continents and three oceans.

The Spring Outing for PSA-WI Chapter will be in the Superior/Duluth area from May 14<sup>th</sup> to May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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-WI Chapter, we will be selecting 12 open subject digital images for the PSA Chapters Showcase. Please submit one image to Gerry Emmerich at [oakopening@gmail.com](mailto:oakopening@gmail.com) by 11 pm Friday, January 22, 2021.

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 February 6, 2021 from 9 am to 11 am.

March 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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!

### **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	Trish McCoy Jyoti Sengupta
Co-Outings Chairs	Mary Krajnak TBD
Webmaster	Ramona Lenger
Competition	TBD
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.



