



**Wehr Nature
Center
Camera Club
Newsletter**

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is staying warm with this cold snap.

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.

January Meeting: January 8th at 9 am. In recognition of WNCCC 40th Anniversary Sheila Hall and Diane Piontek will present the highlights/history of WNCCC for the past 40 years.

New Activity: Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. **The PollUnit will be ready for uploads starting at noon on January 8th.**

January Challenge will be: Monochrome
February Challenge will be: Something Red

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:

January Challenge announced in December Newsletter

You work on creating an image for the January Challenge

February Challenge announced in January Newsletter

Images for the January challenge uploaded between January 8th and January 22.

You work on image for the February challenge

Voting on January Challenge will start January 23rd and continue to February 5

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

February Program: February 12, 2022 – Table Top Workshop! We will have some items and light boxes but, if you have something you are struggling with, feel free to bring it with you in February. Perhaps a fellow member can help you get that perfect image. Bring along items, even if you just think it would be fun to do!

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.

- February 12, 2022 – Table Top Workshop
- March 12, 2022 – Competition Results
- April 9, 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.

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**

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:

WNCCC 40th Anniversary – Did anyone realize that 2022 will be the 40th Anniversary of WNCCC? Sheila Hall did! She has the great idea of celebrating this milestone in WNCCC history. Sheila Hall, Diane Piontek and Ramona Lenger have agreed to decide and plan how we are going to celebrate this great event. If you have any ideas, please contact one of the committee members.

MASTER OPERATING MANUEL – 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 LENGGER 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 (lengerphotos@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 January 23, 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) is Table Top by photographer Gerri Jones. Unless you have paid your dues, you will not be allowed to join the meeting.

I have received the images for the PSA Club Showcase so I will be uploading them to the PollUnit so that all members can vote on these images. More to come in an email.

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 in May 2022. I have not yet heard when the uploader will open. All I know are the Special Categories for the WACCO Spring competition are:

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

The next delegates meeting will be February 5, 2022. More information will be in future Newsletters.

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 signup 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 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. 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.

