



# **Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter**

**Happy Fourth of July!** I hope all of you had a great Holiday

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 [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.

**July Meeting: July 9th at 9 am.** Jill Newton-Moore is going to pick the top 3 images from the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scavenger hunt. Winners will receive gift card.

**New Activity:** Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. I apologize for dropping the ball on this activity. Work has been crazy for me but there is light at the end of the tunnel. **The PollUnit will be ready for uploads starting at Midnight July 16th and ends on July 23rd at 11:59 pm. Voting will start on July 23rd at 12 am and end on July 30th at 11:59 pm**

**May Challenge is: Bubbles**  
**July Challenge will by: Patriotism**

Winners from April are

April 1st Place:

Orchids in Flight by Trish McCoy



April 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Red Rose by Geri Laehn



April 2nd Place :

Flower Spin by Glen Meyer



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 a period of time 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 a period of time to vote on the images submitted. The winning images will be ‘printed’ in the next 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.**

The top three winning images will be awarded:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – 5 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 4 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**August Program: August 13, 2022** —The WNCCC is excited to welcome Rohit Naik, an all-round photographer, to our club. Rohit is a Portrait and Landscape photographer based out of Munich, Germany.

In this program, he will be talking about portrait photography.

#### **Bio**

As a nature photographer, Rohit likes to use vibrant natural tones and prefers shooting in golden hour light. He pays a lot of attention to the composition and mood in his work. His work as a nature photographer, also translates well in his portraits where he uses rich, natural tones and brings warmth in his photographs. In addition to shooting portraits and natural landscapes, Rohit is a phenomenal nightscapes photographer and travels the length and breadth of Europe to explore clear, dark skies.

Rohit has helped several budding photographers to find their own personal style and build skills around it. You can see his work on Instagram: @Fotografrohit and @Darkdepictions and follow him as well. His website is <https://rohitnaik.in/>

#### **Seminar Information**

Place: Wehr Nature Center Camera Club, Franklin, WI and Zoom  
Time: 9:00 AM CDT

Date: August 13, 2022

In this session, Rohit will be talking about portrait photography, use of natural light and a brief overview of post-processing techniques in Lightroom and Photoshop.

Please join us for the session through Zoom or in-person at the club. Rohit will be presenting through zoom.

**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](mailto:trekkielaw@aol.com) and [jnsengupta56@gmail.com](mailto:jnsengupta56@gmail.com).

- July 23 or 24, 2022 **OUTING** for the Air & Water show. Watch your email for more details as we get closer to the date. The weather will play a huge role in choosing the date.
- September 10, 2022 – TBA
- October 8, 2022 – TBA
- November 19, 2022 – TBA
- December 10, 2022 – Holiday Party and image sharing

**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](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 1400 pixels, with a maximum file size of 1 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

**WNCCC News:**

**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](mailto: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](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:**

I want to thank Diane Piontek and Sheila Hall for organizing the exhibitions at the Greenfield Public Library and Greendale Library. That was a lot of hard work and dedication.

**FYI**, Please go to <https://www.inspirationstudiosgallery.com> and check it out. I would like to know if the members of the club are interested in exhibiting at this studio next year.

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 Lenger ([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 annual Photo Festival organized by PSA will be September 21<sup>st</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup> in Colorado Springs. While these are the dates of the Festival, there are tours and workshops starting September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is always a good time and educational plus more!

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 November 5, 2022. The Special Categories for the WACCO Spring competition are:

Nature Category – **Animals (mammals)**

Open Category – **Weather**

The next delegates meeting will be November 5<sup>th</sup> as well.

**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](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:** 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 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 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

Linnea Matthiesen



	Jyoti Sengupta
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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.

