



**Can You Believe It is March Already?!** Spring has just about sprung. I hope that everyone is enjoying this unusual weather by taking pictures. This is also a reminder that we spring forward the night of our meeting.

As usual, there is a lot going on at WNCCC so, please read this Newsletter thoroughly and carefully.

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.

**March Meeting: March 9th at 9 am.** The Judges will be present and scoring the prints and revealing the winners in the digital categories of the club competition. **Please bring your prints to the meeting. They should be matted to no larger than 16 x 20. Please write your name, the category and the title on the back. Also include an arrow showing which way is up so we can properly present your image.**

Sheila Donoghue, Geri Leahn, Jolene Zimdars and Dawn Schmitt are to share 5 to 10 images this month. Please email them to me or bring on a flash drive.

**REMINDER!** Dues are due for 2024. If you have not already done so, please pay Sheila Hall at the meeting. The amount is \$20 for the upcoming exciting year. Another way to pay is to mail your dues to Sheila Hall, W312 S8899 Cherokee Pass, Mukwonago, WI 53149.

**April Program: April 13, 2024** – Brian Waranauskas will present his flower photography.

**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).

- April 13, 2024 – Brian Waranauskas will present his flower photography
- May 11, 2024 – Kurt Huebner will present on Dragonfly photography
- June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - Marty Welter will present on Rodeo photography
- July 13, 2024 – TBD
- August 10, 2024 – Picnic?
- September 14, 2024 – TBD
- October 12, 2024 – Walk About at Wehr
- November 9, 2024 – TBD
- December 14, 2024 Holiday Party

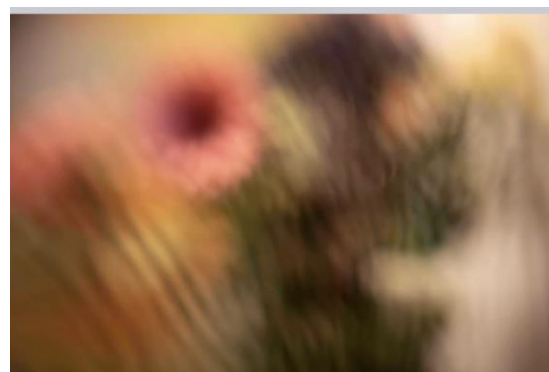
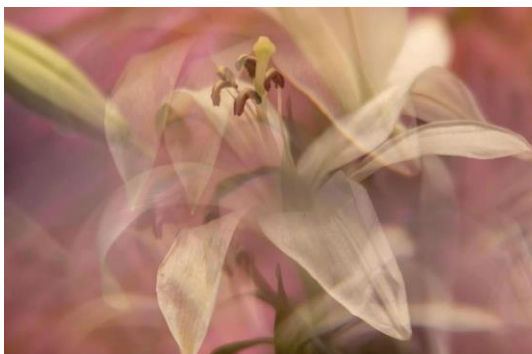
**Member Image Sharing:** Members are encouraged to submit several (up to five) images to share with the club for gentle critique or just show and tell. This is a great way to get suggestions for improving your images and developing your photographic skills. **The members for April will be Trish McCoy and Vinay Sinha.**

Please email your images to Linnea Matthiesen at [Trekkielaw@aol.com](mailto:Trekkielaw@aol.com) or [gmail.com](mailto:gmail.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 2100 pixels, with a maximum file size of 2 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

## Why I love using my Lensbaby Sol 45 lens. by Dawn Schmitt:



If you're looking for tack sharp photos from corner to corner the Lensbaby lenses are not for you. Lensbaby lens are manual focus lenses and have a sweet spot of focus and the rest of the lens is distorted, purposely out of focus. This adds creativity and fun to photography. If you want to enter competitions then you don't want to use this type of lenses. I was very impressed with this lens when I went to the Out of Chicago botanical gardens photo workshop with Ann Belmont in 2021. I was hooked and purchased my first Lensbaby lenses because of the workshop. I now own 5 Lensbaby lens and love them all for their different creativity aspect. Here's some samples  
Dawn Schmitt





## **WNCCC News:**

### **MASTER OPERATING MANUAL –**

We have formed a committee to draft a guideline of operating procedures for WNCCC. The committee members are Linnea Matthiesen, Ramona Lenger and Brian Waranauskas. We have met and have a first draft. We will soon have a final draft for the member to review. Look at future Newsletters for more information.

**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 LENGGER is the webmaster! 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 webmaster at their email addresses.

### **Photo Contests and Exhibits:**

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 ([lengerphotos@gmail.com](mailto:lengerphotos@gmail.com)). The images should be 2100 pixels on the long side and no larger than 2 mb. 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:**

I am attaching information on the Wisconsin State Fair Photography Contest. The website for more information is: <https://wistatefair.com/competitions/amateur-photography/>.

Entry Deadline:

- May 8, 2024: Postmark for mailed entries
- May 8, 2024 at 7 pm (Central Time): Online entries close
- May 15, 2024 at 5 pm (Central Time): Late entries close (will be charged late fee)

To enter this contest, click the button below to enter online (available in April), or download the Amateur Photography Entry Form (available in April) and mail it to Wisconsin State Fair at the address listed below.

The website to download the entry forms and digitally enter is to open in April. I have attached a list of Rules and Categories. If anyone has experience with entering this competition, please let me know.

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 of the WI Chapter of the Photographic Society of America is March 17, 2024 at 10 am via zoom. The afternoon speaker is Cole Thompson and his presentation will be on Classic Images in Black and White Photography.

The PSA Individual Showcase is open for any PSA member. You DO NOT need to be a member of PSA WI. Voting will start on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

The spring outing for the WI PSA will be to Door County. We will be staying at the Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club. The dates are May 16 to the 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be more news on this at the next meeting.

The Wisconsin Chapter is participating as one of four host chapters of the Four PSA Chapters Circuit (FPCC). The sections of the exhibition, general calendar of the circuit, the Wisconsin Chapter judges, and the circuit fees are available at: <https://www.psawisconsin.org/four-psa-chapters-circuit> . YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF PSA OR THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER TO ENTER. This is an international competition and there are four rounds of judging. You will get a lot of feedback from a diverse group of judges. The closing date is March 11, 2024 and all Judging will be complete by April 1, 2024. You can enter either through the Metropolitan Chapter at <https://www.psa-met.com/pacc-circuit> or through the IAAP link at <https://theiaap.com/e/pcaa/> .

The Wisconsin Chapter of PSA is also having an exhibit at Inspiration studios this coming June. The theme is Wisconsin, so anything taken in Wisconsin can be displayed. The address for Inspiration Studios is, 1500 S. 73<sup>rd</sup> St. West Allis, WI 53214. You must be a member of the Wisconsin Chapter to participate in this event. If you are not, you can come and support your fellow Wisconsin photographers. More information will be coming soon.

If you are a member of PSA then 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 WACCO competition will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The uploader for images is open NOW and will close on April 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight. There are Eight divisions, Projected Nature Monochrome, Projected Nature Color, Projected Nature Special

Theme, which is Flowers, Projected Open Limited Monochrome Open, Projected Open Monochrome, Projected Open Limited Color Open, Projected Open Color Open and Projected Open Special Theme, which is Sunrise/Sunset.

**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.

Upcoming Speakers for the Digital Forum are:

- Kelly Jones – Underwater Photography (March)
- Gregory Holden – Monochrome Photography (April)
- Russell Graves – Shooting Wildlife Images that Win contests (May)

**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

Linnea Matthiesen

	Jyoti Sengupta
Co-Outings Chairs	Tim Kant
	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 will be due at the January meeting.**

**This is a good time to consider becoming a member of the Friends of Wehr for \$30. 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.

# How To Photograph a Puppy

—anonymous, AOL

- ◆ Remove film from box and load camera.
- ◆ Remove film box from puppy's mouth and throw in trash.
- ◆ Remove puppy from trash and brush coffee grounds from muzzle.
- ◆ Choose a suitable background for photo.
- ◆ Mount camera on tripod and focus.
- ◆ Find puppy and take dirty sock from mouth.
- ◆ Place puppy in pre-focused spot and return to camera.
- ◆ Forget about spot and crawl after puppy on knees.
- ◆ Focus with one hand and fend off puppy with other hand.
- ◆ Get tissue and clean nose print from lens.
- ◆ Put cat outside and put peroxide on the scratch on puppy's nose.
- ◆ Put magazines back on coffee table.
- ◆ Try to get puppy's attention by squeaking toy over your head.
- ◆ Replace your glasses and check camera for damage.
- ◆ Jump up in time to grab puppy by scruff of neck and say, "No, outside! No, outside!"
- ◆ Call someone to help clean up mess.
- ◆ Sit back in La-Z-Boy™ for deep breathing, and resolve to teach puppy "sit" and "stay" first thing in the morning.

