



# **Wehr Nature Center Camera Club Newsletter**

**May Flowers are coming!** The saying is that April Showers bring May flowers. That is very true as my iris are open and the daffodils have come and gone. Summer is coming very soon at this rate and I can't wait.

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.

**May Meeting: May 8th 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.

**Program:** Scott McNeill will be presenting his creative Photography techniques. .

**June Program:** June 12, 2021 – Wendy Gunderson will present on copyrights and legal issues for photographers.

**Upcoming Club Programs:** The next few meeting dates and programs are listed below. 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).**len**

- May 9, 2021 - First try at Outing Waterfalls and Warblers at Wehr
- May 22, 2021 – Second try at Outing Waterfalls and Warblers at Wehr
- May 23, 2021 – Rain date if the first two dates are rained out for the outing Waterfalls and Warblers at Wehr.
- June 5, 2021 – Outing to the Pleasant Prairie area led by Trish McCoy
- June 12, 2021 – Wendy Gunderson will present on Copyrights and legal issues with photography
- July 10, 2021 – TBD
- August 14, 2021 – TBD
- September 11, 2021 – 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](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 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:**

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 next meeting is in November 2021. Details to follow in future Newsletters.

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, 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:**

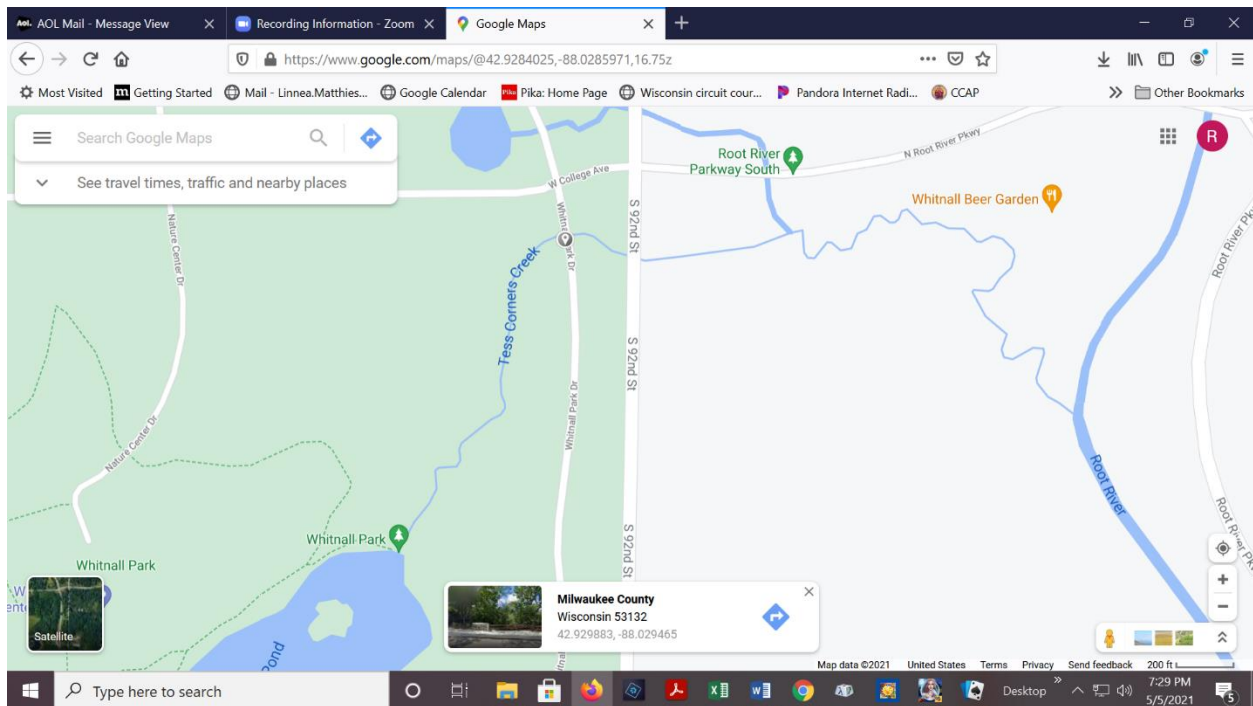
The next delegates meeting will be November 2021 and details will be announced in future Newsletters.

WACCO is hosting a virtual exhibit. You must be a member of a WACCO camera club to submit images. It will be held on the WACCO website. The deadline for submitting images is June 18, 2021 at midnight. The exhibit will run from July 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021. Details will be available soon on the WACCO website.

**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!

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.

**May 9, 2021** – As the Warblers seem to be coming in early, I will be at Wehr Nature Center at **8 am** on Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> for the first try at Waterfalls & Warblers at Wehr. We will also do the same on **May 22, 2021** for the second try at Waterfalls & Warblers at Wehr (Rain date of May 23<sup>th</sup>) at **8 am**. On both days, you will need a medium to long lens, bug spray/sun screen and muck boots or shoes that you don't mind getting muddy and will provide traction. Dress for the weather but a little cool as you will be in a small ravine. Please see the map for the meeting place.



<https://goo.gl/maps/fRnw8CqA4wU3oaUc9>

We will be meeting at the Bridge by the intersection of Collage Ave and Whitnall Park Dr. It is a lot closer than what the Google map shows. If it rains on Sunday, we will just go to the May 22<sup>nd</sup> date. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the ultimate rain date.

**June 5, 2021** – Trish McCoy will lead an all-day (or as long as you want to stay) outing exploring her favorite sites in the Pleasant Prairie area. It will start at sunrise and include spots that has a cormorant rookery, a military (weathered) vehicle (and stuff) museum, and spring flowers. Bring a bag lunch or lunch on your own. The Military Museum does have a \$10 admission fee. There will be further details by email.

## **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	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 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.

