



**Wehr Nature
Center
Camera Club
Newsletter**

Welcome to October! I hope all of you are enjoying the fall weather before it gets really cold.

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.

October Meeting: October 8 at 9 am. We will be having a ‘Walkabout Wehr’. Bring your camera, tripod, etc. that you think you will need to shoot what fall colors we have at Wehr, or anything else that you may want to shoot. The weather forecast is looking good, if a little chilly, so dress appropriately

New Activity: Photo Challenge of the month and Photographer of 2022. **The PollUnit is open for the Architecture topic uploads from October 15th at 11:59 pm. Until October 29th at 11:59 pm. Voting will start on October 30th at 12 am and end on November 6th at 11:59 pm.**

August Challenge is **Summer** only had two entries. There will be no winners but each will receive 5 points for submitting

October Challenge will be: Something Orange

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:

- 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.

November Program: November 12, 2022 – TBA

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.

- November 19, 2022 – TBA
- December 10, 2022 – Holiday Party and image sharing
- January 14, 2023 - TBA

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:

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. 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 . 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:

Please go to <https://www.inspirationstudiosgallery.com> and check it out. We will be exhibiting there next year.

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 (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 .

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:

We have not received enough images for the PSA Club Showcase. **We will extend the Pollunit for the PSA Club Showcase for uploading.** The uploader is currently open and it will stay open until October 15th at 11:59 pm. You may upload two images. The voting period will be from 10/16/22 at 12 am until 10/22/22 at 11:59 pm. You will score ALL the images. The top scoring 7 images will be chosen to submit for the Showcase. If two of the top seven are from the same maker, the lower scoring image will be dropped and the seven highest scoring image will be entered. The topic is open. The only restriction is that you cannot resubmit an image that you already have submitted. **We need as many people as possible to submit images.**

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 uploader is currently open and will be until October 16, 2022. The Special Categories for the WACCO Spring competition are:

Nature Category – **Animals (mammals)**

Open Category – **Weather**

The next delegates meeting will be November 5th as well.

WACCO will be conducting the Print Circuit again. There is no selection process. All members can participate. **Please bring one printed color image and one printed monochrome image to the October meeting or make arrangements with Ramona.** The prints should be no larger than 8x10 and no matting or framing. The prints need to be to Mary Dumont by November 5th. The back of the print must be labeled with Your Name, the club's name and the title of the image. The prints then travel to different clubs in Wisconsin and are scored. We will have a month in which we will score the prints.

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

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) 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 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

Gerri 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.



