



Welcome to October! The leaves are turning, the days are shorter and the temperatures are cooler.

There is a lot going on at WNCCC. Again, please read this Newsletter thoroughly and carefully.

We will continue hybrid meetings (generally) 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 10th at 9 am. Shoot the Sh1t – please come with all your questions and knowledge. We will help each other find the answers and you don't know how you may be able to help your fellow club members. Also, we will be reviewing your images from the car show. So, send them to me, or bring on a flash drive. Lastly, we will be reviewing any image of ICM you have taken, so do the same. Send me the images or bring on a flash drive. My email is Trekkielaw@aol.com or Trekkielaw@gmail.com .

Photo Challenge of the month: We are slightly modifying this activity. The schedule and topics will be listed on the club's calendar. All Pollunits will open on the second Saturday of the month (the day of our regularly scheduled meeting). You will have two weeks to up load an image, and then, a week to vote. Topics will still be announced here and in the meeting in addition to the calendar.

The October Challenge will be: Rule of Thirds – The subject of your photo is required to follow the Rule of Thirds. This month I will be checking for the image to have been taken in the month prior to submission. It is an easy topic.

You can upload images from 10/14/23 to 10/28/23. Voting will start on 10/28/23 until 11/4/23.

The monthly challenge in December will be a best of the best. All the first place winners will be put in a PollUnit and the members will score these images to determine which the top 3 of the year are. This will have increased points, 30 points for First Place; 20 points for Second Place and 10 points for Third Place.

The September winning images for [Chiaroscuro](#) are:

Pretty in Pink

1st Place:

Dawn Schmitt
Model



2nd Place

Ramona Lenger

Please title the image using the following format: Lastname Topic Title

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 2023, who will receive free dues for 2024.

Points for Photographer of 2023 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). Points may be awarded for other reasons also.

If you have additional ideas, please let a member of the board know.

November Program: **November 18, 2023** – For the November meeting we will be first judging the WACCO print circuit. AFTER the judging is complete, we will have a special project that we will be doing. For the project I am asking each member to bring in objects that have interesting shapes in 2 dimensions. Please bring at least one object, but you can bring more than one of each and more than one object. Examples of objects are paperclips, washers, screws and bolts, lace, etc. Ramona will have another project for you to work on also, at the same time. These will be unique and fun projects! By the way, I am not giving you any more information on the projects. 😊

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 4, 2023 – Scoring of the print circuit and special projects
- December 9, 2023 – Holiday Party
- January 13, 2024 - 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 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 2 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

WNCCC News:

Picnic: The Best of the Scavenger Hunt images is Curves by Trish McCoy.



Trish will receive a gift certificate from Art's Camera for a class.

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:

Exhibit: – The exhibit was a success. We sold 3 images. We will be discussing future 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 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.

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 meeting of the WI Chapter of the Photographic Society of America is November 12, 2023 at 10 am via zoom. The afternoon speaker is Rick Cloran and his presentation will be on Nature and Wildlife Photography.

If you are a member of PSA then 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:

Fall Competition uploader is open until midnight October 15, 2023. The Competition will be held on November 4, 2023, virtually. The Nature Special Category is Natural Landscapes. The Open Special Category is Urban Landscapes.

Birds Of Prey Photo Shoot – October 21, 2023 from 9 am to 11:30 am at the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

Cost: \$85/person Early Registration (8/15/23 to 10/1/23) \$110/person General Registration (10/2/23 to 10/21/23)

During this photo shoot, we will capture images of approximately fifteen birds of prey, such as a Bald Eagle and a Great Horned Owl (please note that the specific types of birds may vary). These birds will be assembled outdoors in natural environments like fields or trees to emulate their appearance in the wild. Throughout the workshop, the handlers will introduce different birds every hour and reposition them to provide opportunities for photographing them in various settings. If you have any inquiries about capturing images of the birds, there will be assistants available at each location to provide guidance. The Schlitz Audubon Nature Center will be responsible for providing all the birds for the workshop.

WACCO PRINT CIRCUIT

This is a reminder for those interested in participating in the WACCO Print Circuit 2023-2024 that your prints are due by November 4.

Please bring them to the October 14 meeting or drop them off at my house no later than November 1. I will be out of town from October 21- October 29, possibly through October 31, but my husband will be home and will be able to accept your prints.

You may submit a maximum of two prints, one color and one monochrome. The paper must be 10-12 inches on the longest dimension. The other dimension is to be no longer than 8 1/2 inches. Square prints must be no more than 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 inches. The subject matter is open. The prints must be loose, not mounted.

The title of the image, your name and the club's name must be shown on the back of the print.

If you belong to more than one club, you may enter only for *one* club.

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: Elizabeth Whitcomb is planning a photo outing to photograph the Ringling Brothers Mansion in Wis Dells, lunch and one more place. Please watch your email for further details.

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 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:

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| 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 |

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| Judge Procurement | Linnea Matthiesen |
| WACCO Delegate | Geri Laehn |
| PSA Representative | Ramona Lenger |
| Newsletter Editor | Linnea Matthiesen |
| Membership Coordinator | Linnea Matthiesen |
| Member at Large | Sheila Hall |
| | 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.



