



**Wehr Nature
Center
Camera Club
Newsletter**

WOW! It is September! The summer sure flew by. I hope everyone was able to get out and shoot some photos.

We are meeting in the Gardner classroom!!! However, MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED! This month we are having a Portrait Workshop so there will be NO zoom information.

September Meeting: September 11th at 9 am. Portrait Workshop with Troy Freund from Mike Crivello's Cameras

If you feel a friend would be interested in this meeting, please bring them along with you! All are welcome.

Program: We are going to have Troy Freund instructing on the portrait workshop. This is the second of two parts. Please bring your camera, flash, reflectors, tripod and any props that you may want the model to use.

October Program: October 23, 2021 – TBD and announce the PSA Club Showcase images

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 and jnsengupta56@gmail.com.

- October 23,
2021 – Please note the date change – TBD and announce the PSA Club Showcase images
- November 13, 2021 – TBD
- December 11, 2021 – TBD
- January 8, 2022 - 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 1024 pixels, with a maximum file size of 1 mb. This will help to streamline the process of viewing member images.

WNCCC News:

WNCCC 40th Anniversary – Did anyone realize that 2022 will be the 40th Anniversary of WNCCC? Sheila Hall did! She has the great idea of celebrating this milestone in WNCCC history. Sheila Hall, Diane Piontek and Ramona Lenger have agreed to decide and plan how we are going to celebrate this great event. If you have any ideas, please contact one of the committee members.

MASTER OPERATING MANUEL – 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, Ramona Lenger and Diana Duffy. 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:

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:

WI Chapter PSA Club Showcase - The image for the 2021 – 2022 PSA Club Showcase will be due shortly. This year, to get the best images possible, we are asking that EACH MEMBER OF WNCCC submit two images to the Pollunit for voting. All members can access the PollUnit through the WNCCC website by going to the MEMBERS ONLY page. Remember, this is an OPEN competition. All subject matter, editing, etc. is accepted. The Poll unit will be open for uploads from September 1st to midnight on September 11th. Members will then be able to vote on the images from September 12 till September 25. The seven images with the most votes will be submitted for the competition. IF one maker has more than one image in the top seven, the lowest of the two will be eliminated and the next highest scoring image will be entered. **If you have any questions, or problems, please feel free to call or email myself, at 414-430-3693, trekkielaw@aol.com, or Ramona at 414-651-9801, lengerphotos@gmail.com.**

The next PSA WI Chapter meeting is in November 2021. Details to follow in future Newsletters.

The PSA Photo Festival is being held in Rapid City, SD from October 6th through October 9th. There are tours and events scheduled starting October 4th, however. The Hotel that will host the Photo Festival is the Ramkota Inn Best Western and the room rate is \$84 per night. Registration is currently open for the Photo Festival, tours and the hotel. Please see the PSA website for further details.

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 Birds of Prey Workshop on September 11, 2021. The early registration is expiring on July 31st. I have attached the brochure that has more details on this event.

There are NEW Rules for competition: **NEW COMPETITION RULES!**
The Rules were copied from the WACCO Newsletter into the WNCCC Newsletter for July. If you have questions on these new rules please see Jim Kurovsky or Ramona Lenger.

The Fall competition up loader will open on August 6, 2021 and remain open until October 9, 2021. The Special categories are Birds for the nature category and Portraits for the open category.

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!

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.

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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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.



