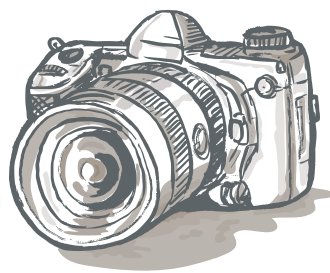


# MENOMONEE FALLS CAMERA CLUB

## Newsletter

People with an interest in the Art of Photography



JANUARY 2024  
Our 48th Year  
Volume #505



Meetings are the first Tuesday of the Month, at 7:00 pm.  
We hold meetings via ZOOM, with two in-person meetings this coming year.  
Visit us at [www.falls-photo.org](http://www.falls-photo.org) • [www.facebook.com/MFCCUA](https://www.facebook.com/MFCCUA)

### ZOOM MEETING JAN. 5, 2024 7pm

**Program:** "Storm Photography," will be presented by our guest speaker Mike Mezeul, with his awe-inspiring weather-related images as well as interesting experiences in his approach to his photography. See page 4 for brief bio and contact information.

**Show & Tell** presenters tonight are Roger Crill and Brian Lauttamus. • Clint Wesel will present President's Photo Challenge, "Downtown" (from November) and "Holiday Decorations."

**Field Trip TBD, 2024 (Jan/Feb):** "Port Washington Lakefront," led by Ken Warning/Jane Hirst (and as always, weather permitting).



HAPPY NEW YEAR



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### HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



**Submitted By Jim Hayes** These ornaments "of bright red and green" add a festive touch to the holiday season. See more holiday decorations inside and since there were very few submissions, I've included a few images from the Cedarburg Field trip.

Still time to get "Holiday Decorations" images to Clint for the slideshow.

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## Club News & Administrative

### 2024 UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Feb 6, 2024: Show & Tell:** Jessie Buchholz and Pat Lynch  
**Program:** "Favorite Images Slide Show" compiled by Jane Hirst  
**Field Trip TBD, 2024 (Jan/Feb):** "Port Washington Lakefront." See Jan Field Trip info.

**Mar 5, 2024: Show & Tell:** Nancy Meier and Dominic Keogh  
**Program:** "Image Critique," with guest speaker Lewis Katz commenting on member images.

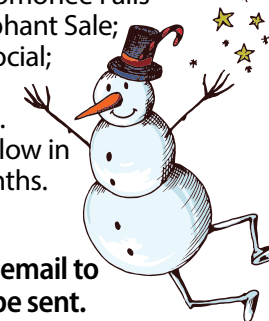
**No Field Trip scheduled**

**Apr 2, 2024: Show & Tell:** Jim Bauer and Ken Warning  
**Program:** "Getting it All in Focus, Without Focus Stacking," with guest speaker Mike Moats  
**Field Trip TBD, 2024:** "Zoo Trip- Inside — info pending.

**May 7, 2024: Show & Tell:** Joe Higdon and Jim Kurovsky  
**Program:** "Post Processing Techniques," MFCC member volunteers  
**Field Trip TBD, 2024:** "Zoo Trip- Inside — info pending.

**June 4, 2024: Show & Tell:** Ian Dickmann and Ellen Hanrahan  
**Program:** "Doors and Gates," the all-member show.  
Election of 2024-25 Officers  
**Field Trip TBD, 2024:** "Zoo Trip- Outside — info pending.

**Jul 2, 2024:** Get-together at Rotary Park in Menomonee Falls  
• White Elephant Sale;  
Ice Cream Social;  
Looking for volunteers... details to follow in coming months.



If you are interested in attending our meeting email to [kpw1255@gmail.com](mailto:kpw1255@gmail.com) and an invitation will be sent.

### WACCO News

**WACCO** (Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization) is comprised of 19 Camera Clubs (including MFCC) throughout Wisconsin. It sponsors several events throughout the year, including 2 competitions. Jeff Klug's our WACCO delegate, Pat Lynch is 2nd delegate and Ken Warning is our alternate.

The WACCO web site address is: [www.wicameraclubs.org](http://www.wicameraclubs.org)

#### • DIGITAL FORUM MEETING

Digital Forum meets the 4th Saturday of each month, 10am to Noon. The next Digital Forum is **January 27**. We discuss anything about photography, equipment, processing, etc. and invite anyone to join the meeting. Please submit questions or comments to: [waccoprogram@gmail.com](mailto:waccoprogram@gmail.com).

Meetings are found in one place on the WACCO website with the link below taking you to the Digital Forum page on the Wisconsin Area Camera Club Organization website. You can access recent, as well as previous meetings: <http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/dfmeeting>

**• DELEGATES MEETING: Saturday – February 3, 2024 • 9-11am** Delegates Meeting. This will be a Zoom meeting. Delegates will be notified a few days before the meeting.

**Welcome to WACCO**, the Umbrella for Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs  
The purpose of WACCO is to promote the art and science of photography and its various branches through study and entertainment.

We offer various programs including seminars given by nationally recognized professional photographers, workshops, exhibition opportunities, and competitions. WACCO has been in existence since 1982 with approximately 20 clubs in Wisconsin that are a part of WACCO. Find a club near you.

### PSA News



**PSA** (Photographic Society of America) is comprised of individuals, camera clubs, businesses and advocates to promote the art of photography.

MFCC is a member. PSA's web site: [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

PSA-Wisconsin Chapter meets three times a year. Contact Jeff Klug or check the Chapter's website: <http://www.psa-wisconsin.org>

All chapter meetings via ZOOM. An Invitation to the Zoom meeting will be sent a few days before the Sunday meeting.

You must be a member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and also a member of the PSA-Wisconsin Chapter to attend meetings.

Annual dues for PSA-WI are \$5 per year with no other fees for virtual meetings.

There is a fee for joining the national PSA group. For more info click [www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org).

#### PSA CLUB REP—JEFF KLUG

For any questions regarding PSA, please contact Jeff Klug.

#### PSA- Wisconsin Chapter

The PSA Wisconsin Chapter welcomes PSA Member photographers of all skill levels to attend meetings.

This includes those just starting out in photography to seasoned professionals. Even if your only camera is a smartphone, you're welcome here! Current membership is about 70 individual members of PSA who live in Wisconsin.

#### 2024 PSA Chapter Meeting Sunday, January 21 Guest Speaker Jim Lee "Photojournalism"

Chapter meeting on Zoom begins with Chapter business meeting, BYOI and Tech Tips from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. One hour break for lunch and then a guest speaker. **1:00pm to 3:00pm**, our afternoon speaker will be Jim Lee and his presentation will be on "Photojournalism."

## From the President

Welcome to a new year, 2024! Hope everyone is excited about continuing with the President's monthly challenges. We have 8 more months of great opportunities to get out and get those fantastic images. Seeing it's a new year, let's all of us to try to improve our photography. With that said, at the bottom, is your next challenge.

I'd like to make a quick mention about our in-person Menomonee Falls Camera Club Christmas Party that Brian Luttamus helped arrange at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. We had a great turnout of people! Thank you to both Holy Cross Lutheran Church and Brian for hosting our Christmas party at your wonderful facility! Thank you to Linnea Koenigs for ordering our pizzas from Papa John's. Last, I want to thank everyone else for coming and bringing in treats and snacks for this Christmas party.

During our Christmas party several people brought up about the idea about getting back to more in-person meetings. I believe this is something we can definitely look into and plan for the future.

**Monthly Challenge: January is Cold Weather.** For this, anything that has the cold factor involved. (Examples; Snow, Blizzards Frozen Water, Icicles, Snowmen, Snow Angels, Ice Sculptures, and etc.) (Time frame: December 1st 2023 – January 31st 2024)

**Monthly Challenge: February is Low Light.** For this, anything that has the Low Light involved. (Examples; Live Music, Comedy Clubs, Dinner Places, Astronomy, Night Time City Lights, and etc.) (Time frame: December 1st 2023 – January 31st 2024)

Thanks... Clint

### THE PHOTO CHALLENGES FOR 2023-2024 ARE:

January	Cold Weather
February	Low Light
March	Close-ups
April	Smartphone
May	Flowers & Plants
June	Abandoned
July	\$1 Million
August	Favorite Picture

### Slide Show Note:

This month, slide show images of "Downtown" will also be shown at the meeting along with the "Holiday Decorations". The Monthly challenges are printed and shown in the following month's newsletter and meeting.

### THE PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE IMAGES ARE USED EACH MONTH IN THE NEWSLETTER AND AS A SLIDESHOW.

Ellen and I will use the images for the newsletter and a slideshow each month. Please email 1-8 pictures to us prior to each newsletter. Ellen will note the deadlines on the monthly calendar in the newsletter. If you miss the newsletter date by a couple of days, I can still work it into the slideshow. Challenge images should be sized to 2100 pixels on the long edge.

Newsletter: [hanrahan.ln@att.net](mailto:hanrahan.ln@att.net) Slideshow: [clint1226@hotmail.com](mailto:clint1226@hotmail.com)

Continue to visit our various websites: Menomonee Falls Camera Club; Facebook (Menomonee Falls Camera Club UA & Menomonee Falls Camera Club UA Group), Wisconsin Camera Clubs and the Photographic Society of America for the latest in club news.

### INTERACTIVE PDF LINKS

Click on the links and you will be taken to the hyperlink, email or reference point.



## Facebook

Check Facebook for current info: the **Menomonee Falls Camera Club UA**—available to the general public to promote our organization, showcase our photos and seek new members.

The **Menomonee Falls Camera Club UA Group** is private.

Members can share tips, comments and ask question of other members. An Administrator needs to verify your request.

## Rec Dept. Print of the Month

Don Gorzek will be our contact to continue to display our Print of the Month in the Rec Department entrance.

Please continue to submit images for the website and Facebook to promote our club.

### ART'S CAMERAS PLUS

<http://www.artscameras.com>

Please check out Art's Camera Plus for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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### MIKE CRIVELLO'S CAMERA

<http://mikecrivellos.com>

Please check out Mike Crivello's for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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## Of Photographic Interest

### Mike Mezeul: January 2nd Meeting "Storm Photography"



**Mike Mezeul II**

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I'll be talking about what it takes to document some of the most violent weather on Earth. How I approach storms with my mind set on photography, but yet my safety as well. What the challenges are, how each storm is different, and some of the stories behind my favorite images as well.

A self-proclaimed nerd for everything nature, Mike's life journey has been dedicated to capturing the beauty of the world's most powerful and breathtaking landscapes.

Mike is most well-known for epic imagery that brazenly conveys the raw and unrelenting power of nature and the Earth, from volcanoes to tornadoes, wildlife, night sky and everything in between.

Born with an innate sense of wonder and a deep connection to nature, Mike has transformed his passion for adventure into a remarkable career that blends photography, storytelling and environmental advocacy.

Equipped with a camera and an unyielding spirit, Mike travels the globe in search of moments that, in particular, showcase the power of nature. From the frozen expanses of the Arctic Circle to the fiery heart of active volcanoes, he pushes the boundaries of traditional landscape photography. His keen eye for detail and natural ability to capture the essence of a moment have yielded a breathtaking portfolio that showcases the Earth's raw beauty in its most unfiltered form.

Mike is also an educator, sharing his passion for creating images and telling stories through leading workshops across the globe.

This Texas based photographer considers life experiences a huge blessing. He has been shooting professionally for 15 years and has had the honor of working with a wide range of fantastic clients, brands and publications.

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### THERE WAS NO DIGITAL FORUM FOR DECEMBER—INSTEAD, JEFFREY KLUG PRESENTED NEW FEATURES IN LIGHT-ROOM CLASSIC AND PHOTOSHOP.

You can find the video at:

<https://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/digital-forum-videos>

### THE BELOIT ART CENTER JURIED PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION IN MARCH

The Beloit Art Center hosts a juried photography exhibition in March each year. It's a great opportunity for local photographers to share their work in a gallery setting.

Entry deadline Jan.28; registration and details are at: [www.beloitartcenter.com](http://www.beloitartcenter.com).

For questions and more information, please email: [info@beloitartcenter.com](mailto:info@beloitartcenter.com).

*When I photograph, what I'm really doing is seeking answers to things.*

— Wynn Bullock

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS



All images on this page by Ken Bohlman



Menomonee Falls Camera Club 2023-24

Front Row  
Brian Lauffamus, Paul Moeril, Sally Schweitzer, Pat Libeck, Jessie Buchholz, Linnea Koenigs, Brian Jensen, Clint Wesel  
Second Row  
Richard Knisbeck, Sid Friedman, Jean Sommers, Don Gorzek, Jane Hirst, Karen Gersonde, Ellen Hanrahan, Patty Grindley, Maureen Crill, Steve Weingarth, Bernard Hall.  
Back Row  
Ron Woelfel, Ken Bohlman, Lou Bohlman, Tony Shulist, Jim Bauer, Joe Higdon, Pat Lynch, John Wiley, Jim Kurovsky, Jim Hayes, Debbie Hayes, Roger Crill, Chris Laudani, Ken Warning.

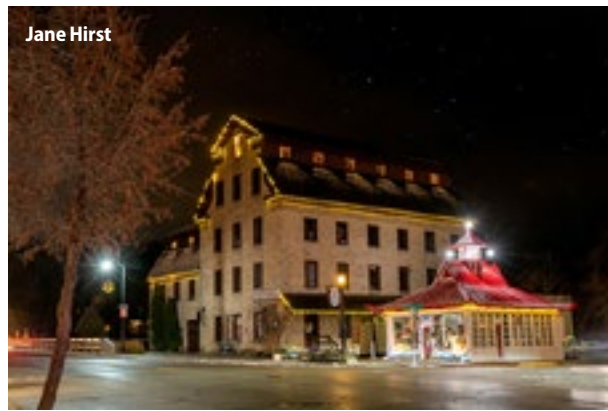
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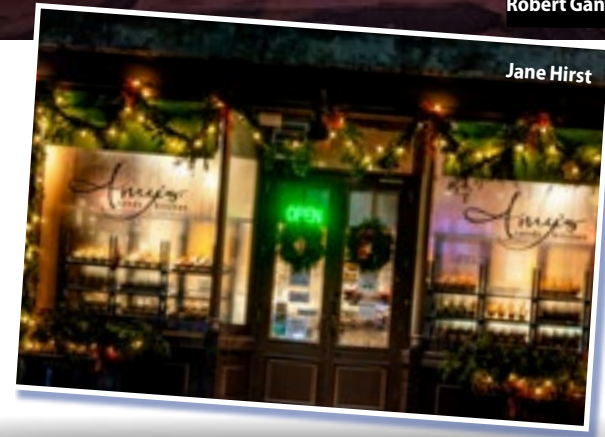
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The easiest way to submit images for either the Newsletter or Digital Slide Show is to size them at 2100 pixels on the long side.

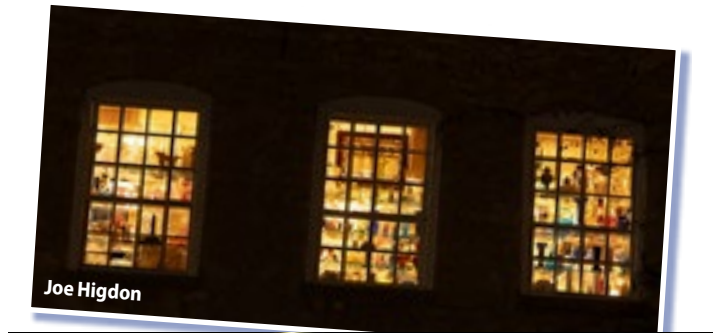


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**HOLIDAY DECORATIONS**



Ken Bohlman

**MARCH 2, 2024 • 9:00 TO 12:30 PM  
WACCO VIRTUAL SPRING SEMINAR  
WITH STEVE GETTLE**

*\$25/person  
now 'til 2/10/24  
\$35/person  
2/11/24-3/2/24*

**Bird Photography – Beyond the Basics  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM (Central time)**

Creating photographs of the birds of our world is a fun and challenging pursuit. In this course, we will go beyond the basics, learning tips and tricks to take your bird photography to the next level. Attendees will learn how to properly use fill-flash, how to use many different types of blinds, as well as how to build a backyard bird photography studio. Participants will learn why you don't need a \$12,000 lens to photograph of a bird.

**Landscape – Landscape Photography by Steve Gettle  
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Central Time)**

The world is filled with scenic splendor. Learn how to create stunning images of the land. We will not only cover techniques to photograph the grand sweeping vista, but also move in close and look at creating portraits of the details in our natural world: from intimate forest scenes, to flowers and the beautiful patterns present in the natural world. Learn how to “see the picture” and how to find order and create beauty in the chaos.

The two topics for the seminar will be Bird Photography, Beyond the Basics (9:00am to 10:30am) and Landscape Photography (11:00am to 12:30pm). There will be a 1/2 hour break between each session. There will be time for questions after each session. A set of notes will be emailed to you by Steve. A copy of the video will be available to watch for 30 days after the seminar.

The cost of this seminar will be: \$25 for Early Registration (12/2/23 till 2/10/24) and \$35 for General Admission (2/11/24 to 3/2/24).

The link to sign-up is : <https://2024-wacco-spring-seminar.eventbrite.com>

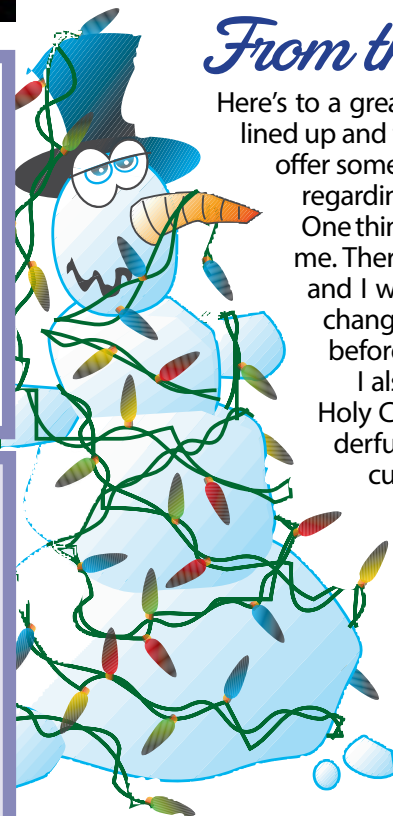
*Club Notes*

**ALL-MEMBER SHOW 2024  
“DOORS & GATES”**

Start looking for doors and gates: old or new, open or closed, fancy or plain, etc. for the all-member show in June.

**ALLIED DIGITAL PHOTO SUPPORTS OUR CLUB:**

Allied Digital Photo in Germantown gives our members a 15% discount on all in-house printing. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS BUSINESS.



*From the Newsletter Editor*

Here's to a great New Year! We have some exciting speakers lined up and the WACCO Spring Seminar in March seems to offer some more interesting techniques and information regarding our images.

One thing I've realized is that time really gets away from me. There are so many changes to the Adobe products and I want/need to listen to Jeff's info regarding the changes in Photoshop (December's Digital Forum) before the January meeting. Wish me luck!

I also want to say that the December meeting at Holy Cross Lutheran Church was great fun in a wonderful facility. Judging the images for the Print Circuit went pretty quick. The pizza is always a great treat and so many people brought holiday treats and snacks!

I am looking forward to this month's speaker, Mike Mezeul. I first heard him speak at a Digital Forum last year, and I can't wait to see what he's been up to lately, as well as the other guest speakers we have coming up.

—Ellen

*Happy New Year!*

**JANUARY 2024**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	1	2 MFCC ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO ELLEN FOR NEWSLETTER	27 DIGITAL FORUM 10:00am
28	29	30	31	FEB 1	FEB 2 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO CLINT FOR SLIDESHOW	FEB 3