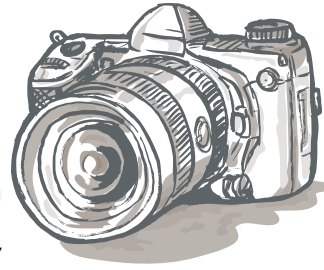


MENOMONEE FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

MENOMONEE FALLS CAMERA CLUB *Newsletter* People with an interest in the Art of Photography



FEBRUARY 2024
Our 48th Year
Volume #506



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 • www.facebook.com/MFCCUA

ZOOM MEETING FEB. 6, 2024 7pm

Program: "Favorite Images,"
compiled by Jane Hirst.

Show & Tell presenters to-
night are Jessie Buchholz and Pat
Lynch. • Clint Wesel will present
President's Photo Challenge,
"Cold Weather."

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

**PSA CLUB
SHOWCASE JUDGING:**
We will also be judging the PSA
Club Showcase images tonight.

The Score Sheets are attached
to this email following the
Newsletter. There is a Numbers
Spreadsheet PDF and an Excel
(xlsx) Spreadsheet.

Please make sure that you
have the Score Sheet available
for voting tonight. Thank you!

COLD WEATHER



Submitted By Roger Crill The ice, snow and fog, all helped set the mood for the extremely cold, bitter weather that we experienced in mid-January.

Many members ventured out, and you can see many more images by other members inside these pages and at the following websites:

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.



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Club News & Administrative

2024 UPCOMING MEETINGS

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 the

coming

months.



If you are interested in attending our meeting email to 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

• DIGITAL FORUM MEETING

Digital Forum meets the 4th Saturday of each month, 10am to Noon. The next Digital Forum is **February 24**. We discuss anything about photography, equipment, processing, etc. and invite anyone to join the meeting. Please submit questions or comments to: 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

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.

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, March 17

Guest Speaker Cole Thompson
"Classic Images in Black & White"

Chapter meeting on Zoom begins with Chapter business meeting, BYOI and Tech Tips from **10:00am to 12:00pm**. One hour lunch break and then our guest speaker, **1:00–3:00pm**; Cole Thompson presenting "Classic Images in B&W."

From the President

Well, for January, the President’s Monthly Challenge of cold weather worked out pretty well, seeing as we had some cold weather. The people that went out and got some beautiful pictures, I sure do hope they kept warm in the frigid weather.

Below is your next set of challenges.

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: January 1st 2024 – February 29th 2024)

Monthly Challenge: March is *Close-Ups*. For this, anything that is zoom-in and close involved. (Examples: People’s Faces, The Moon, Close-Ups of Flowers, Zoom-in to Details, and etc.) (Time frame: February 1st 2024 – March 31st 2024)

Thanks... Clint

THE PHOTO CHALLENGES FOR 2023-2024 ARE:

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 “Cold Weather” will be shown at the meeting.
 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 Slideshow: clint1226@hotmail.com



Joe Higdon

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.

4981 S. 76th Street, Greenfield, WI
 414 727-0234

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<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

**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>



Steve Gettle, a seasoned photographer with a 30-year career, has dedicated countless hours to capturing the beauty of nature through hundreds of thousands of photographs. His images reflect a profound love for wildlife and the untamed landscapes of our world.

Steve's work has been showcased in global galleries and museums, he has had two solo exhibitions and was featured in prestigious publications.

He is an engaging speaker with a lecture series at regional and national photography conventions.

He offers a one-day nature photography seminar, “The Art of Nature Photography,” for educational and entertaining purposes and is available for presentations on various photographic and creative topics.

WEBSITE: <https://stevegettle.com>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/steve.gettle>

YOUTUBE: <https://www.youtube.com/c/SteveGettle>



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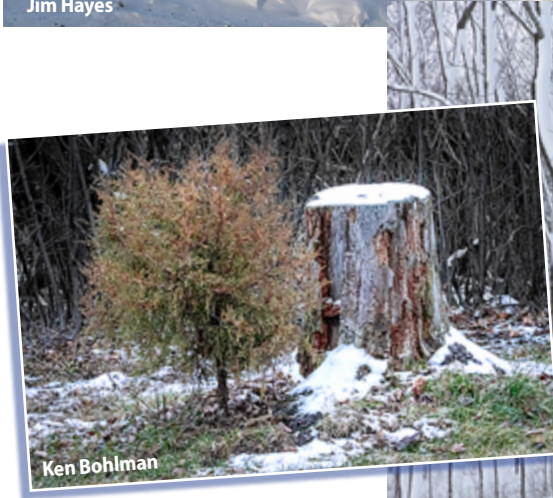
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THE CHALLENGE FOR FEBRUARY IS LOW LIGHT



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Joe Higdon

WACCO SPRING COMPETITION

Before you know it, the WACCO 2024 Spring Competition will be here, so here are a few details about the upcoming competition on Saturday, May 4, and opens on February 3. (More detailed information coming next month.)

Deadline for entering images is April 14, 2024 (Midnight)

By submitting images, the entrant permits WACCO to reproduce all or part of the entered material free of charge for display on the WACCO website and for use in the PSA Councils Challenge and/or display in media related to the competitions. The works will not be used in a commercial context.

SPECIAL THEMES

NATURE SPECIAL THEME – *Flowers*

The flowers theme includes wildflower and domesticated, cultivated flowers such as roses, tulips, etc. The subject should be presented in its natural environment and should not be moved to a studio location. Images captured in greenhouses, botanical gardens and the like are allowed, but no hand of man should be visibly present.

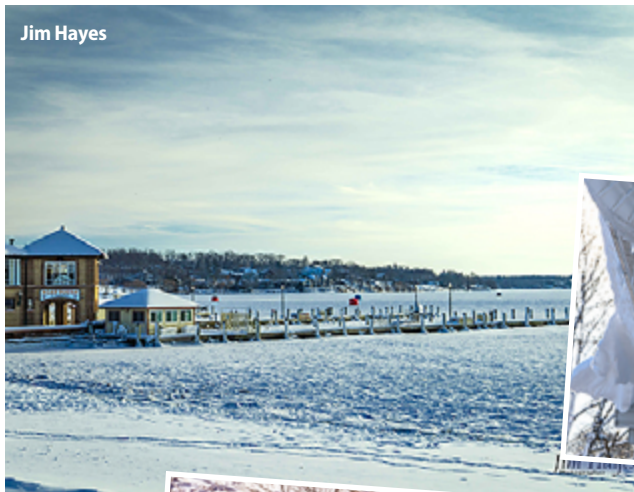
OPEN SPECIAL THEME – *Sunrise/Sunset*

The time of day one hour before and after the sun touches the horizon. Since this is an open category, the hand of man is allowed in the image. sky replacement is allowed; the image must be the photographer's image.

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Photography is the only language that can be understood anywhere in the world. — Bruno Barbey

COLD WEATHER



Roger Crill

Bits and Pieces—

FALLS FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS, AUGUST 24, 2024, INFORMATION:

The Menomonee Falls Camera Club received an invitation to take part in the Art Guild’s annual Art in the Park one day event on Saturday, August 24, 2024.

I have received some options and we are gathering info to see if our members would like to participate.

Here are the general options and details for the day.

- It is a one-day event and we would need a tent, table, chair, and whatever our club would need for our tent for the day. The event is from 10:00am to 5:00pm (set-up is 7:00–9:45am; take-down would be 5:01–7:00pm)
- The village is shutting down the streets for this event so it will be different than the last two years, plus this year our new not-for-profit Art @ Large has taken control of the planning and implementation of the event.
- We will have the Art Guild Art in the Park around Mill Pond, along with the upcoming artist section, there will be a food truck area, hospitality area, Performing arts area, and street artist, and demo artist in front of the art lounge in tents, and a vendor area for non-art items.

The rep I’m in contact with also offered some specific options for our Camera Club. No need for us to fill out an application because we were invited.

OPTION A:

➤ Camera Club sets up their tent in front of the art lounge as a demo tent, and our members do something interactive with our photography and display during the day. **EXAMPLE:** Take photos of people in a fun display your club creates, and then print and hang the photos in a collage for passers-by to see or something you come up with. It could be a real display or digital — it would be up to our club as long as it is interactive and entertains people. **We can provide electricity, etc. as needed.**

➤ This would be at no cost because we were invited, but if we wanted to do a sponsorship as well — I can get that info.

OPTION B:

➤ We apply and join as a vendor artist under photography and pay the application fee of \$75.00 and have a tent in the Art Area as an Artist.

We have some time, but would this be a way to generate new members. Your thoughts on this endeavor will be needed...

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.

SHOW & TELL

If interested, let Clint know that you want to be a part of the monthly “Show & Tell.

We ask that each presenter plans on spending **about 7 minutes** on their digital presentation.

**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.**

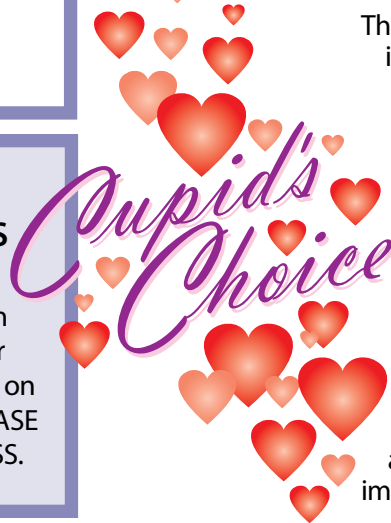
From the Newsletter Editor

The WACCO Spring Seminar in March is fast approaching and you only have until February 10th to take advantage if the \$10 savings.

Looking forward, our March topic is an “Image Critique,” with our past guest speaker, Lewis Katz, taking a look at some of the images that our members have sent. Jeff was usually in charge, but we are looking at input from other sources as well. There will be more details and info on the procedure at the February meeting.

Keep in mind that we will also need member volunteers for our “Post Processing Techniques” coming up in May.

I am looking forward to the member “Favorite Images.” Jane always does a great job in compiling the images we send.. — *Ellen*



FEBRUARY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6 MFCC ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm	7	8	9	10 \$25 Early Registration to WACCO Seminar ends! (\$35 after today)
11	12 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	13	14 VALENTINES DAY 	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENT'S DAY	20	21	22	23 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO ELLEN FOR NEWSLETTER	24 DIGITAL FORUM 10:00am
25	26	27	28	29	MAR 1 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO CLINT FOR SLIDESHOW	MAR 2 WACCO DIGITAL SEMINAR 9:00am