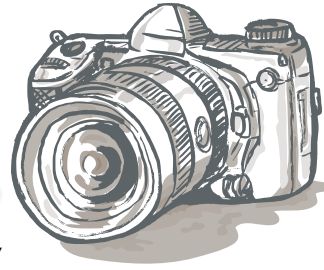


MENOMONEE FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



MARCH 2024
Our 48th Year
Volume #507



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 MARCH 5, 2024 7pm

Program: "Club Critique," with guest speaker Lewis Katz commenting on member images. For more information, see Page 4, on what Lewis has in store for the club.

Show & Tell presenters tonight are Dominic Keogh and Joe Higdon. • Clint Wesel will present President's Photo Challenge, "Low Light."

Field Trip NO FIELD TRIP

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR THE WACCO SPRING SEMINAR WITH STEVE GETTLE

See Page 4 for link.

WE ALSO NEED ABOUT 6-7 VOLUNTEERS FOR THE IMAGE POST-PROCESSING TECHNIQUES AT OUR MAY MEETING. Contact Clint, Ellen or Jeff.



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LOW LIGHT



Submitted By Ken Bohlman Not too many image submissions this month, however, in my opinion, subject matter and quality was great.

See many more images inside these pages and I've included a few Orchid images as well. See more 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

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:

Nancy Meier and Jim Kurovsky
Program: "Post Processing Techniques," MFCC member volunteers

Field Trip TBD, 2024:

"Shady Lane Nursery Shoot"

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 soon.



Happy
 St. Patrick's Day

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 **March 23**. 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 – May 4, 2024 • 9–11am

Delegates Zoom Meeting. Delegates will be notified a few days before the meeting. 11:30am–2pm: Spring Competition (Link provided before the competition).

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

I can't believe it's going on March. With all this nice warm weather, it seems like it's going into May, especially with the flower starting to come up. Anyways, the next two months for the President's monthly challenges, I'm really excited about. Just think about this: we are halfway there, with 6 more challenges left. Is the glass half full or is the glass half empty? My opinion, it's half full. The remaining challenges should be more fun and should be more creative!

With that said, below is your next set of challenges.

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

Monthly Challenge: April is *Smartphone*. Smartphone only pictures. This one should be fun and interesting to see what we will be able to capture with our smartphones which for the most part, all of us carry with us all day, every day. (Examples; Evening on the Town, Dinner Plates, Pets, Sidewalks, Kids, Grandchildren, and etc.) (Time frame: March 1st— April 30th, 2024)

Thanks... Clint

THE PHOTO CHALLENGES FOR 2023-2024 ARE:

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 "Low Light" 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

SCHLITZ AUDUBON "RAPTORS IN FOCUS" PHOTOSHOOT

Saturday, May 11, 2024 | 9:00am - 12:00 pm \$80.00 | \$100.00

The Schlitz Audubon annual *Raptors in Focus* Photoshoot featuring 15 feathered ambassadors offers a unique opportunity to photograph eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls up close and learn about their species. The birds will be on the trails in natural settings to create unique photo opportunities. Keep your photos or submit them for an opportunity to be featured in the 2024 Schlitz Audubon Raptor Calendar.

Rain date is Sunday, May 12.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

TO GET TICKETS:

https://www.schlitzaudubon.org/event/raptors-in-focus-photoshoot-2/?mc_cid=86d175c-d6a&mc_eid=f261d68231



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

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

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

**STILL TIME
TO REGISTER!
\$35/person
...3/2/24**

Bird Photography – Beyond the Basics 9:00am—10:30am

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 a bird.

Landscape Photography by Steve Gettle 11:00am—12:30pm

Learn how to create stunning images of the land. We'll cover techniques to photograph grand sweeping vistas, 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.

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.

Still time to sign-up \$35 for General Admission (...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. His images reflect a profound love for wildlife and the untamed landscapes of our world.

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>

Lewis Katz: March 5 Meeting "Club Critique"

Lewis Katz has presented valuable information to our club before, but along with his other presentations, he has a new offering entitled **Club Critique**.



All photographers would like to have their work/images critiqued in a non competitive setting.

In this particular program a Dropbox link will be sent to all members of a camera club (through their administrator) and will be given the opportunity to hear constructive criticism and support "live" using Lightroom settings and tools.

Usually we have had Jeff as the moderator as the club gives a "rating" of the photographers image. However, this time we are going to have a multi-talented photographer and award wonned off suggestions to help us get the best possible images possible.

For more information about Lewis Katz, visit:

www.lewiskatzphotography.com

Mike Moats: April 2 Meeting "Getting it all in Focus, Without Focus Stacking"



Mike Moats is an international and award-winning full time pro macro photographer from Michigan.

He is a Tamron Image Master, Vanguard Pro, and his articles and images have been published in many photo magazines for more than 18 years.

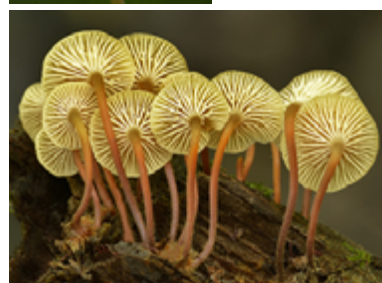
He has a Macro Photo Club online with more than 2,800 members, from 28 countries and teaches photo workshops and speaks at photo conferences throughout the US.

WEBSITE:

<https://www.tinylandscapes.com>

EMAIL:

macrogeekmike@yahoo.com



**Daylight Savings
begins March 10**

Set your clocks forward

ORCHIDS



Above images by Ian Dickmann

The Orchid Show of Wonders

Until March 24, 2024 | Daily 10am–4pm
 Adult: \$10 Member/\$21 Nonmember
 \$7 Member/\$14 Nonmember

The Orchid Show Photographers Hour

Tuesdays: March 5, 12 & 19
 8:15 to 9:45am & 4:15 to 5:45pm
 Regular Garden admission days:
 \$13 Member/\$24 Nonmember

Special pre- and post-show ticketed access for photographers

Tripods and monopods allowed; no screens or backdrops please. Regular parking and Garden admission fees apply for nonmembers; capacity is limited.

https://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid/photography?fbclid=IwAR0n-9h9bSG8oONV27yZhttm3y2m9plPs-DL4m_bJ_hmLb973Qsbq-aReLZA

LOW LIGHT



Ken Bohlman



Ken Bohlman

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR POST-PROCESSING TECHNIQUES IN MAY.
Contact Jeff, Roger or Ellen

LOW LIGHT

"The two most engaging powers of a photograph are to make new things familiar and familiar things new."

— William Thackeray



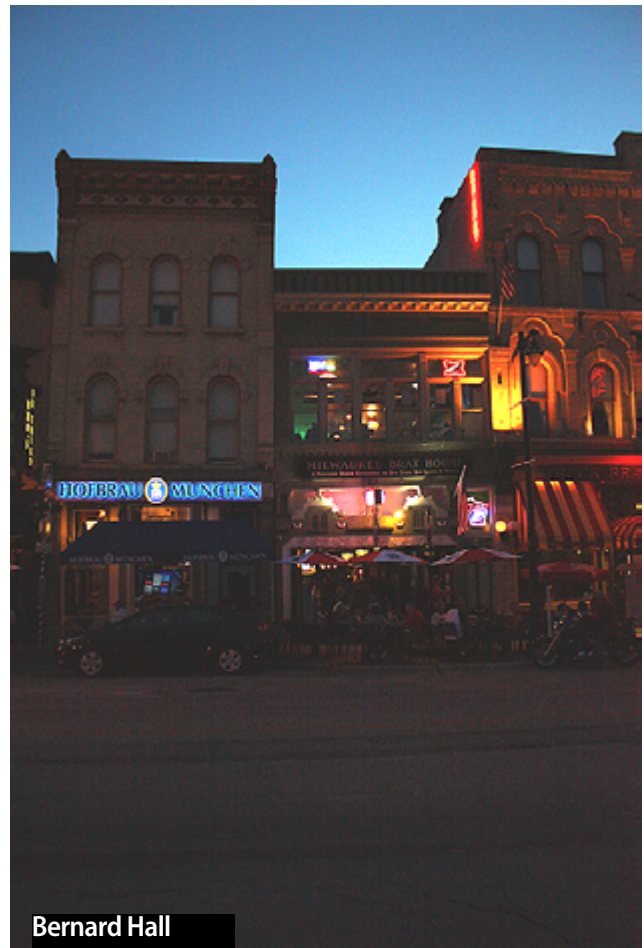
Roger Crill



Ken Bohlman



Bernard Hall

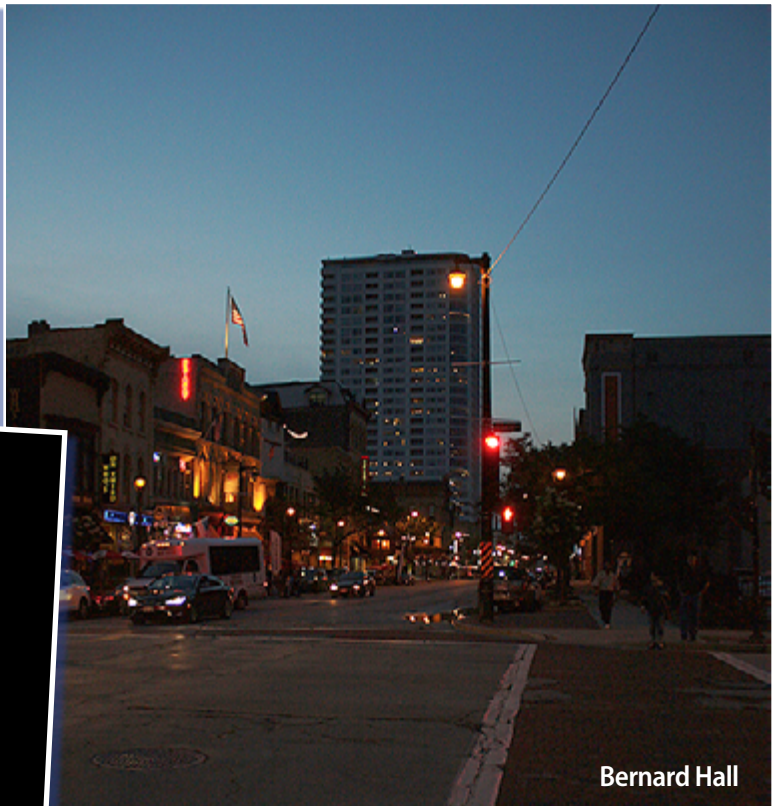


Bernard Hall

DEADLINE FOR THE WACCO SPRING COMPETITION IS APRIL 14 (MIDNIGHT)

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.

LOW LIGHT

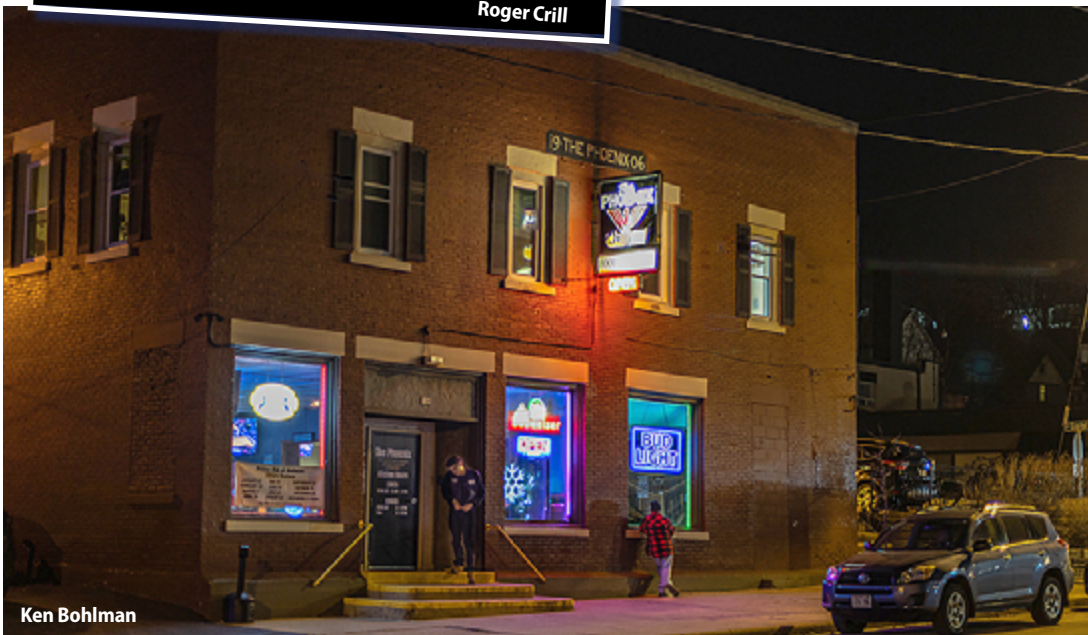


Bernard Hall



Roger Crill

THE CHALLENGE FOR MARCH IS CLOSE-UPS



Ken Bohlman

WACCO SPRING 2024 COMPETITION

The Spring Competition will be hosted by WACCO on Saturday, May 4, 2024

This is a Virtual Competition at 11:30 am

The Deadline is April 14, 2024 (midnight)

All images, including print divisions, must be uploaded by midnight of stated deadline.
Fees are paid at time of upload via PayPal.

Competition Uploader: <https://www.wicameraclubs.org/competition#/competition-info-uploader-1>
Complete Rules and Instructions can be found on the Competition page of the WACCO website.

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.

8 DIVISIONS—3 images per division.

\$4.00 Fee per division

PROJECTED NATURE	PROJECTED OPEN	PROJECTED OPEN
Monochrome Nature Projected	Limited Monochrome Open Projected *	Color Open Projected
Color Nature Projected	Monochrome Open Projected	Open Special Theme
Nature Special Theme	Limited Color Open Projected *	*New Division—check sources

IMAGE CREATION Entries must originate as photographs (image-captures of objects via light sensitivity) made by the entrant on photographic emulsion or acquired digitally.

SPECIAL THEMES

NATURE PROJECTED — *Flowers*

The flower theme includes wildflowers and domesticated, cultivated flowers such as roses, tulips, etc. The subject should be presented in its natural environment and 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. **The appearance of the “Hand of Man” is prohibited. The subject should not be moved to a studio environment but depicted in its natural surroundings. No mounted subjects are allowed. Furthermore, no manipulation is allowed except for cropping, exposure adjustments, and dust sensor removal. No cloning to add or delete elements to the composition is allowed.**

OPEN PROJECTED — *Sunrise/Sunset*

The time of day is 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. **No sky replacement is allowed; the image must be the photographer’s image.**

Any questions please contact Jeffrey Klug at waccoprogram@gmail.com or 262-893-3500
Ken Warning at: kwarning@wi.rr.com

THE HEARD NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM’S ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

This Photo contest information found its way to our Camera Club.
I am the chairperson for the Heard Natural Science Museum’s annual photo contest. The Heard is a non-profit organization and all post-expense proceeds go directly to the museum for operating expenses or special projects. You can verify this at <http://heardnaturephotographers.com>. Best of Show for each division takes home a \$100 prize.

There are various divisions for Adults: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced, as well as a Youth Division.

SUBMISSION DATES: Open: March 23, 2024; Close: April 13, 2024.

Adult Fees are \$10/image. From what I can tell its a decent photo contest.

Here is a direct link to the contest info:

<https://www.heardnaturephotographers.com/about-the-contest-2024>

The contest is hosted by our affiliated photography club but you don’t have to be a member of the museum or the photography club to participate. This contest is open to all photographers so find your best nature photographs and get ready to enter.

Proceeds from the contest benefit the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney, Texas.

ORCHIDS



Both images by Brian Luttamus

Bits and Pieces—

DIGITAL FORUM MEETING TOPICS

The Digital Forum meets the fourth Saturday of every month at 10am Central Time on Zoom. Program host is Jeff Klug.

The first hour of the meeting is a special topic or a guest speaker who will speak about their journey as a photographer and offer insights and tips for other photographers in the group. The second hour features is dedicated to a question and answer session, where group members can ask questions, share their knowledge, and learn from each other. The meeting is a great opportunity for photographers of all levels to connect, learn, and share their passion for photography.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS FOR THE DIGITAL FORUM MEETING

We have *Kelly Jones on Underwater Photography* in March, *Gregory Holden on How to see in Black and White* in April and *Russell Graves on Shooting Wildlife Images to win Photo Contests* in May.

If you have questions about attending, or topic suggestions, speakers or any suggestions to help make this an interesting digital meeting, please send them to me at waccoprogram@gmail.com or give me a call at 262 893-3500.

You need to register in advance for this webinar:

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. (The above link can be shared with anyone that might be interested in joining us for this webinar, do not share your personal link once you are registered, just share the above link.)

I have created a page on the WACCO website with links to topics that were discussed in the meeting.

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

Club Notes

**ALL-MEMBER SHOW 2024
"DOORS & GATES"**

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

SHOW & TELL

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

We ask each presenter to spend **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 is Saturday, but you can still sign up!

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 the moderator, but Lewis Katz has a new offering called "Club Critique." This input from a new sources in a non competitive setting offers the opportunity to hear constructive criticism and support "live" using Lightroom settings and tools.

Our April meeting guest speaker, Mike Moats is offering his experience as an award-winning macro pro photographer from Michigan (see page 4 for more information).

Also keep in mind that we will also need member volunteers for our "Post Processing Techniques" coming up in May.

In the meantime, don't forget the monthly President's Challenge and the all-member show, "Doors and Gates," coming up in June!

—Ellen



MARCH 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 WACCO DIGITAL SEMINAR 9:00am
3	4	5 MFCC ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm	6	7	8	9
10 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS Set clocks forward	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18	19	20	21 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO ELLEN FOR NEWSLETTER	22	23 DIGITAL FORUM 10:00am
24	25	26	27	28	29 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO CLINT FOR SLIDESHOW	30
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