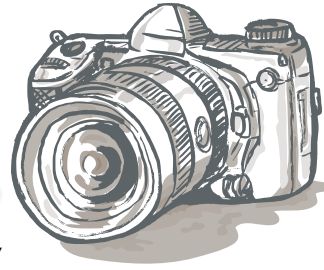


# MENOMONEE FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



APRIL 2024  
Our 48th Year  
Volume #508



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](http://www.facebook.com/MFCCUA)

### ZOOM MEETING APRIL 2, 2024 7pm

**Program:** "Getting it All in Focus, Without Focus Stacking," with guest speaker Mike Moats, a member of the Fuji Pro Talent Team and is also honored to be a Tamron "Image Master" and a Vanguard Pro.

Mike's first book, *Tiny Landscapes*, was released in 2008, and his images and how-to articles have been published in various magazines.

For more information and website and contact information, see Page 4.

**Show & Tell** presenters tonight are Jim Bauer and Ken Warning. • Clint Wesel will present President's Photo Challenge, "Close-ups."

**NO FIELD TRIP PLANNED**

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

### CLOSE-UPS



**Submitted By Nancy Meier** This month's challenge, in my opinion, was the catalyst for some fascinating and impressive images. The angle, colors and pose in this image had an emotional impact on me.

See more great images inside these pages... from living entities to man-made devices inside this newsletter.



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# Club News & Administrative

## 2024 UPCOMING MEETINGS

### May 7, 2024: Show & Tell:

Nancy Meier and Jim Kurovsky  
**Program:** "Club Critique," with Lewis Katz

### Field Trip, May 11, 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 9, 2024:** Get-together at Rotary Park in Menomonee Falls  
 • White Elephant Sale; Ice Cream Social; Looking for volunteers... details to follow soon.

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 **April 27**, with **Gregory Holden**, "How to see in Black and White." 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 – 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.



Bob Christian



## 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 pros. Even if your only camera is a smartphone, you're welcome!

### 2024 PSA Outing May 16-19, in Door County

The host hotel for the 2024 Chapter Outing will be at the Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club and Resort Located at 8151 Ridges Rd., Bailey's Harbor, WI.

Check the January 2024 *InFocus Newsletter* for more details about reservations.

Chapter Meeting held Saturday, May 18th at 7:00pm at **The Ridges Sanctuary**, located down the road from the hotel at 8166 Wisconsin Hwy 57 Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin.

<http://www.psa-wisconsin.org>

# From the President

t's official: it is Springtime here in the northern hemisphere. Time to wake up from our hibernation over the winter. Weather is starting to warm up and it's time to get outside more and get some great pictures. Soon all the vegetation should be in full bloom. Looking forward for more people to participate in the President's Monthly Challenges.

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

**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 1–April 29, 2024)

**Monthly Challenge: May is Flowers & Plants.** Just in time for the season. The flowers, plants and trees should be blooming. Looking for very full, colorful, and stunning flower and plant pictures. (Examples; Flowers, Trees, Bushes, Plants, Gardens, Botanical Gardens, Nurseries, Landscapes, Patios, Sidewalks, Raised Flower Beds, Hanging Plants, etc.) (Time frame: April 1–May 31, 2024)

Thanks... Clint

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

April	Smartphone
May	Flowers & Plants
June	Abandoned
July	\$1 Million
August	Favorite Picture

**Slide Show Note:**

This month, slide show images of "Close-ups" 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](mailto:hanrahan.ln@att.net) Slideshow: [clint1226@hotmail.com](mailto: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](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**

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# Of Photographic Interest

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

Mike Moats, international and award-winning full-time pro macro photographer from Michigan, offers workshops and makes speaking appearances at photo conferences nationwide.



He's 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 workshops and speaks at photo conferences throughout the US.



**WEBSITE:**  
<https://www.tinylandscapes.com>

**EMAIL:**  
[macrogeekmike@yahoo.com](mailto:macrogeekmike@yahoo.com)

## Lewis Katz: May 7 Meeting "Club Critique"

*Rescheduled from March due to technical difficulties, Lewis Katz with 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**.



Photographers are always interested in creating and making their images better. This program offers an opportunity to have their images critiqued in a non-competitive setting.

In this particular program a Dropbox link was sent to our membership (through our administrator) and participants 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 of the club give our membership a hand in the "rating" of the photographer's image. However, this time we are going to have a multi-talented photographer and award winner offer suggestions to help us get the best possible images possible.

For more information about Lewis Katz, visit:  
[www.lewiskatzphotography.com](http://www.lewiskatzphotography.com)

## APRIL 8, 2024 • SOLAR ECLIPSE MAP

On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse, known as the *Great North American Eclipse*, will trace a narrow path of totality across 13 U.S. states.

Remember, you must use special eclipse safety glasses or viewers at all times during the partial phases of a total solar eclipse.



A detailed map of each state along the path of totality can be found at: <https://nationaleclipse.com/maps.html>

**GREENHOUSE  
PHOTO SHOOT  
SAT. MAY 11**

**SHADY LANE**  
Greenhouses Inc.  
GARDEN CENTER

Our Menomonee Falls Camera Club is planning a flower photo shoot at Shady Lane Greenhouses on Saturday, May 11 beginning at 9:00am.

Please park in the back to save the front parking for those making purchases.

Website: <https://www.shadylanegreenhouse.com/>  
262-251-1660 • W172 N7388 Shady Lane, Menomonee Falls

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.

CLOSE-UPS



Nancy Meier *nmeier*



Joe Higdon



Joe Higdon



Jessie Buchholz

*Jessie Buchholz*  
Photography

**CLOSE-UPS**



Bernard Hall



Bernard Hall



Joe Higdon



Bernard Hall



Ken Bohlman



Jessie Buchholz



Joe Higdon

**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.**



Ken Bohlman

**CLOSE-UPS**



**THE CHALLENGE FOR  
APRIL IS SMARTPHONE!**



## 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 *	<b>*New Division—check sources</b>

**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](mailto:waccoprogram@gmail.com) or 262-893-3500  
 Ken Warning at: [kwarning@wi.rr.com](mailto: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.



CLOSE-UPS



Jeff Gilardi



Jeff Gilardi



Jeff Gilardi

I find that Jeff's images are at times a "hidden objects" puzzle as I try to find the insects on the branches!



Brian Luttamus



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Jeff Gilardi



Jeff Gilardi



Nancy Meier

CLOSE-UPS



Jeff Gilardi



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Ken Bohlman



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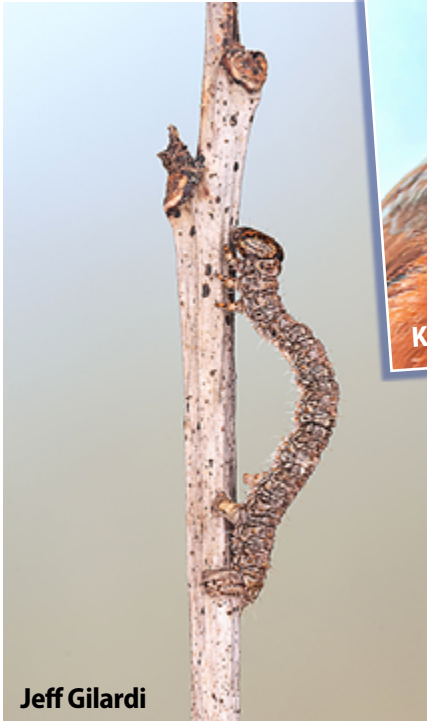


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Jessie Buchholz

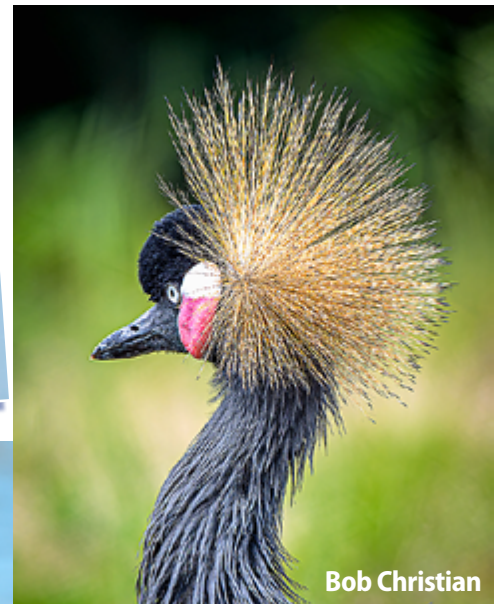
CLOSE-UPS



Jeff Gilardi



Ken Bohlman



Bob Christian



Nancy Meier

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

*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*

Technology is great... when it works (which thankfully is most of the time). I recently upgraded to the latest Photoshop, however, my operating system also needed to be upgraded...which I did.

However, tools, effects and applications have been updated, retooled, and moved...which means my "routine" has to change as I figure out all the new configurations (without a decent manual!). Well, looks as if I still have to learn more stuff, and Photoshop is becoming even more comprehensive in its ability to manipulate images...good or bad.

Our April meeting guest speaker, Mike Moats is offering his experience and expertise as an award-winning photographer, writer and speaker. We have been able to get good speakers from a variety of sources, thanks in part to technology, which has given us the opportunity to sample a variety of photographic specialties.

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

—Ellen



# APRIL 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	MFCC 2 ZOOM MEETING 7:00pm  VOTE Spring Election & Presidential Preference Primary	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 TAX DAY	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 EARTH DAY 	23	24	25	26 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO ELLEN FOR NEWSLETTER	27 DIGITAL FORUM 10:00am
28	29	30	MAY 1	MAY 2	MAY 3 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO CLINT FOR SLIDESHOW	MAY 4