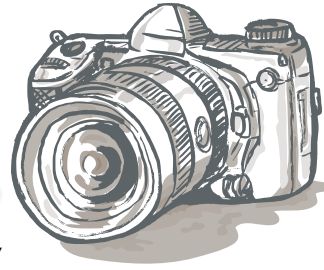


MENOMONEE FALLS RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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



MAY 2024
Our 48th Year
Volume #509



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 MAY 7, 2024 7pm

Program: "Club Critique," with guest speaker Lewis Katz.

Lewis has been a speaker to our group in the past, but now he has added a new offering called a "Club Critique," with his expertise. For more information and website and contact information, see Page 4.

Show & Tell presenters are Nancy Meier and Jim Kurovsky. • Clint Wesel will present President's Photo Challenge, "Smartphone."

Field Trip May 11, 2024: "Shady Lane Nursery," led by Brian Lautamus. Details on page 4.

SMARTPHONE



Submitted By Jeff Gilardi This month's challenge, in my opinion, provided the perfect opportunity to capture an image when you do not have access to your main photographic equipment. The quality, and variety of the images sent this month are truly amazing. It was a chance to acquaint yourselves with the camera that, in most cases, is always with you.

See more great images inside these pages... indoor, outdoor, animal, plant, family, events and loads of options in between.

FINAL ROUND OF WACCO VIRTUAL SPRING COMPETITION IS MAY 4, 11:30am

Competition link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yC-mOR5PcSySvPZ-4yWxJIA



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Club News & Administrative

2024 UPCOMING MEETINGS

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 June 1, 2024: "Zoo Trip—Outside — info page 4.

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 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 is 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 **MAY 25**, with *Russell Graves, "Shooting Wildlife Images to win Photo Contests."* 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.

THE WACCO SPRING 2024 COMPETITION IS SAT., MAY 4

The Virtual Spring Competition, hosted by WACCO starts at 11:30 am

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 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

We all have heard that April Showers brings May Flowers. Well, it's been raining and the flowers are starting to pop up all over the place. Just in time; this month, we have the Shady Lane Greenhouse field trip. We should have a great opportunity of getting great pictures at this event.

Seeing the weather is starting to warm up out there, I'm 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: 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)

Monthly Challenge: June is *Abandoned*. For this challenge, anything that is abandoned. (Examples; Abandoned Buildings, Houses, Cars, and etc.) (Time frame: May 1– June 30, 2024)

Thanks... Clint

THE PHOTO CHALLENGES FOR 2023-2024 ARE:

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

Slide Show Note:

This month, slide show images of "Smartphone" 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

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.



Steve Weingarth

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OF PHOTOGRAPHIC INTEREST

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 by an outside professional. Lewis is no stranger to our club as he has made a number of presentations to this group.

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

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=86d175cd6a&mc_eid=f261d68231

GREENHOUSE PHOTO SHOOT MAY 11



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

ZOO FIELD TRIP: JUNE 1

We are planning another Milwaukee County Zoo outing on Saturday, June 1, to focus on the outdoor animals.

The Zoo opens at 9:30am that day. If the weather is good expect a large crowd, in which case you might want to get in line at least half an hour early, knowing the animals are most active early, or wait an hour or so to avoid long lines. If the weather is not great, the lines shouldn't be too bad. We'll plan to meet beginning around 9:40am in the U.S. Bank Welcoming area.

Please consider carpooling. Here is a link for more info: <http://www.milwaukeezoo.org/>. Hope to see you there.
Brian Luttamus 414-379-6402



Jeff Gilardi

**OF PHOTOGRAPHIC INTEREST
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES MS SOCIETY
WASHINGTON COUNTY BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS**

Linnea Koenigs has two volunteer opportunities for the group: the MS Society and Washington County Big Brothers and Sisters. Below are some upcoming dates (Linnea will be at the Madison and Brookfield Walks and possibly at the MS Bike weekend). Contact Linnea for more information. Here's a link for the Wisconsin Market and volunteering:
https://nmss.galaxydigital.com/agency/detail/?agency_id=119444

- 05/04/2024 Walk MS: Hudson, Hudson Middle School–Hudson

- 05/04/2024 Walk MS: Madison, Warner Park–Madison

- 05/05/2024 Walk MS: Milwaukee, Summerfest–Milwaukee

- 05/11/2024 Walk MS: Brookfield, Mitchell Park–Brookfield

- 05/11/2024 Walk MS: La Crosse, La Crosse Center–La Crosse

- 05/18/2024 Walk MS: Janesville, Palmer Park–Janesville

- 05/18/2024 Walk MS: Wausau, Central WI Convention Cntr–Rothschild

- 8/2, 8/3, & 8/4 MS Best Dam Bike Tour–Ho Chunk Casino, Wisconsin Dells

Washington County Big Brothers Big Sisters is requesting a volunteer photographer on Sunday **June 23rd** for the BBBS Celebration Luncheon at Folk Song Farms in Richfield <https://folksongfarm.com/>

Their request is for someone to take photos of their Bigs and Littles as "Matches" from 11am to 12 noon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES OLD FALLS VILLAGE

Jeffrey Klug is on the *Board of Old Falls Village Park* and also has some volunteer opportunities for various events at the park.

Revolutionary War Days: May 4 & 5

Re-enactors bringing early America to life through battles, weapon demonstrations, clothing, and uniform presentations, and many interaction opportunities in the camps. The weekend event features music, skirmishes, military vendors, historical demonstrations, and more.

Contact Jeff for more Information.

<https://www.oldfallsvillagepark.org/revolutionary-war-days>

OUR ANNUAL SHOW IS JUNE 4. DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING...

“Doors & Gates”

We look for no more than **8 images** from each member. Please size them as JPEG, max 2100 pixels on the long side. Images due **May26...**

Get them to Jane Hirst at jane@jdhirst.com

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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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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THE CHALLENGE FOR JUNE IS FLOWERS & PLANTS!





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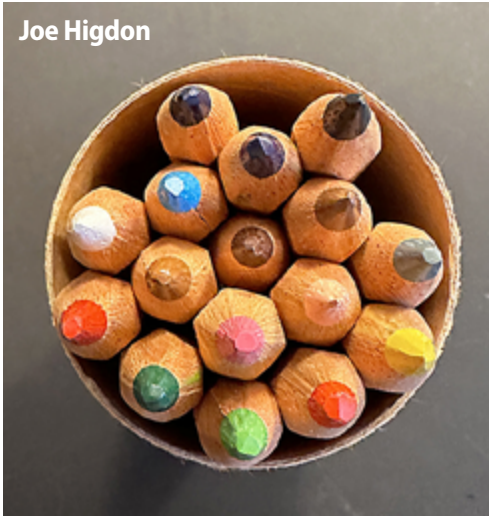
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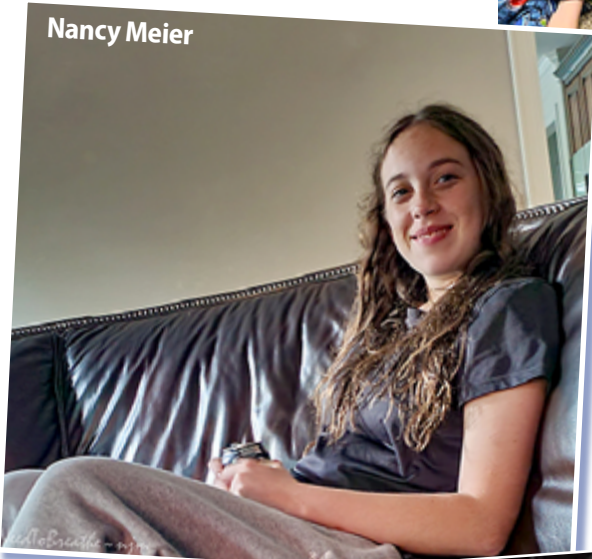


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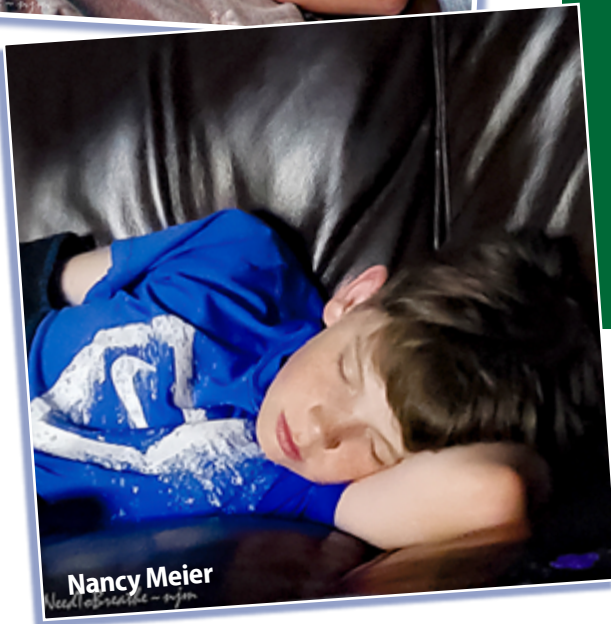


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IN MEMORIAM



Jim Hayes, one of our members
passed away on May 1st. We offer
our condolences to his wife and
family as he will be truly missed.

Jim shared his talents with us
and others on many occasions.

View some of his images at his
website for the time being:

<https://jhayesdc.myportfolio.com/work>

From the Newsletter Editor

We have our image critique with Lewis Katz tonight, so that's always interesting to get an outside professional to help us create better images.

One aspect of our "Smartphone Challenge," was to bring in another perspective of what we can do if we are without our trusty cameras, especially when we may have an unexpected photo opportunity. Getting to know, and getting comfortable with using our smartphones will mean that we will mostly be prepared for any circumstance.

Next month is our all-member show, "Doors and Gates," so be sure to get your images to Jane by May 26th!

Check the May calendar 'cause there's a lot going on with field trips: Shady Lane and the Zoo.

Finally, July 9th will be our annual get-together at Rotary Park in Menomonee Falls. More details in the June Newsletter, but this has always been a great way to catch-up on what is going on—*Ellen*



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12 MOTHER'S DAY		14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO ELLEN FOR NEWSLETTER	25 DIGITAL FORUM 10:00am
26	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31 CHALLENGE IMAGES TO CLINT FOR SLIDESHOW	JUNE 1 ZOO PHOTO SHOOT OUTDOOR 9:00am