

Cobb Photographic Society



October 2023



September's Monthly Competition Theme: *Toys*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Bath Man
Jeff Westland

(Above) Winner- Color
Danger
Jeff Westland



Winner- Novice
Kevin the Crane Facing Dragons
Anand Saokar

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Upcoming Activities and Events

October 2023

Mon, 2 Oct, 7 PM. **Competition:** **Monthly Competition Evening, Theme: Shapes.** Join us in-person at [Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center](#) or via Zoom [here](#). After the meeting, we'll head out for social time and food at a nearby establishment. **All are welcome.**

Mon, 2 Oct. **Exhibition:** **Drop off artwork** at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center. **Members only.**

Mon, 2 Oct. **Social Media:** **Monthly Photo Challenge.** All club members will receive an email detailing the challenge topic and the hyperlink to upload their photos to our club's Facebook page album. The *Photo Challenge* is **not** competitive but gives members and visitors an opportunity to challenge themselves with a specific theme and receive helpful, constructive feedback from fellow club members. **All are welcome.**



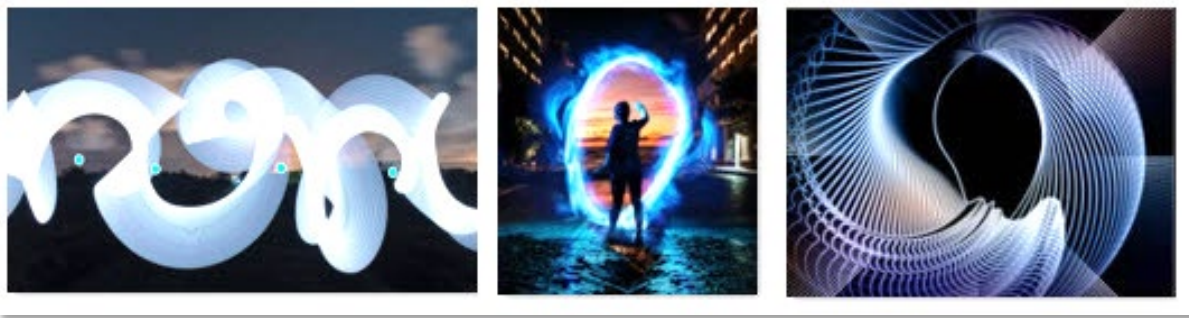
Thu, 5 Oct, 6-8 PM. **Exhibition:** **CPS Fall Exhibit Reception Evening** at Sewell Mill Library. Please note that the exhibition runs until Sat, 11 Nov. **All are welcome.**



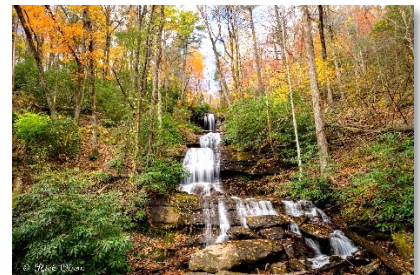
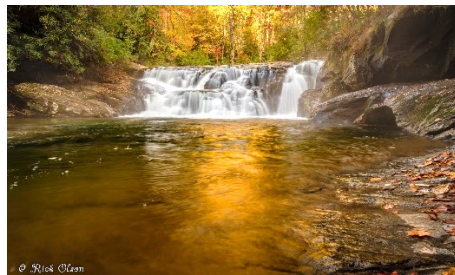
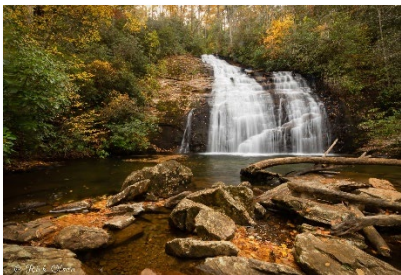
Sat, 14 Oct, Noon. **Field Trip: Chalktoberfest.** We'll meet at the **Marietta Square fountain**, located at 50 North Park Square NE, Marietta, 30060. This is one of the club's top three field trips during the year to photograph chalk work and artists from all over the US. Most chalk art is 2-D but you'll find several that are 3-D (depth illusion when you stand in a designated spot). RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **All are welcome.**

Mon, 16 Oct, 7 PM. **Continuing Education: Presentation Evening.** Join our evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

Tue, 17 Oct, 7 PM. **New Members: CPS Welcome/New Member Zoom Orientation.** **Dee Dee Bonesteel**, our club's Secretary and Welcome Chair, welcomes our newest members to learn about our club resources and review the process to compete in our club's competition. Q&A time is included. The Zoom meeting URL will be emailed later to new members. **New members only.**



Pending Date Confirmation **Sat, 21 Oct, 8 PM.** **Learning Workshop - #2 of 3: Light Painting Basics: Practice Session: Adding Ambient Light Backgrounds.** With newly purchased light tools, we'll practice in Marietta for our final November Learning Workshop/final field trip to a downtown Atlanta location/nearby city or in a nature setting. More location information and RSVP/Sign [here](#). **Club members only.**



Sat, 28 Oct, 8 AM at Dick's Creek. **Field Trip: North Georgia Waterfalls.** Our field trip leader, **Rick Olson**, will lead us on an out-in-nature experience in northern Georgia to photograph several waterfalls. Meet at Dick's Creek using these GPS

coordinates: 34.679662 -83.936480. Note this is about a two-hour drive from Sewell Mill Library. Carpool/RSVP/Sign up information [here](#). **All are welcome.**

Mon, 30 Oct, 3 PM. **Competition:** **Deadline for digital image submissions with entry forms** for our October competition: *Windows*. Email your digital images with entry forms to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com. **Club members only.**

Future Activities and Events

Fall 2023. **Learning Workshop:** *Portrait and Group Photo Session with Compositing for a Magazine Cover or Digital Christmas Cards.* **Club members only.**

November. **Learning Workshop/Field Trip- #3 of 3:** *Capstone Light Painting Lighting Basics: Adding Ambient Backgrounds to Light Painting.* Blue Hour/cityscape photography at an Atlanta location/nearby city or in a nature setting. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Mon, 6 Nov, 7 PM. **Competition:** **Monthly Competition Evening, Theme: Windows.** Join us in-person at [Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center](#) or via Zoom [here](#). After the meeting, we'll head out for social time and food at a nearby establishment. **All are welcome.**

Fri, 10 Nov, 8 PM. **Learning Workshop/Field Trip:** *Star Light, Star Bright: Nebula Photography.* **Club members only.**

Sat, 18 Nov, 9 AM. **Field Trip:** *Old Car City.* Old Car City is a photographer's icon in Georgia, going back decades! With 34 acres of easy trails through rusting cars and trucks, where those from the '70's are the youngest, you'll find endless opportunities for interesting compositions. Some 4,400 vehicles adorn the trails of this wooded land, and a good many unexpected oddities as well! Textures, rust, decay, vehicles overgrown with trees and vines, that amazing look ancient automotive glass can get, patinas of lichen on everything...what's not to like? Entrance is \$30 for photographers and cash only. Located at 3098 US-411E, White GA, 30184, GPS: 34.26982, -84.75201. Carpooling and more information for RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **All are welcome.**

December. Annual Dinner/Social and Awards Ceremony.

Notes From Around Our Club

Competition Evening- Toys.



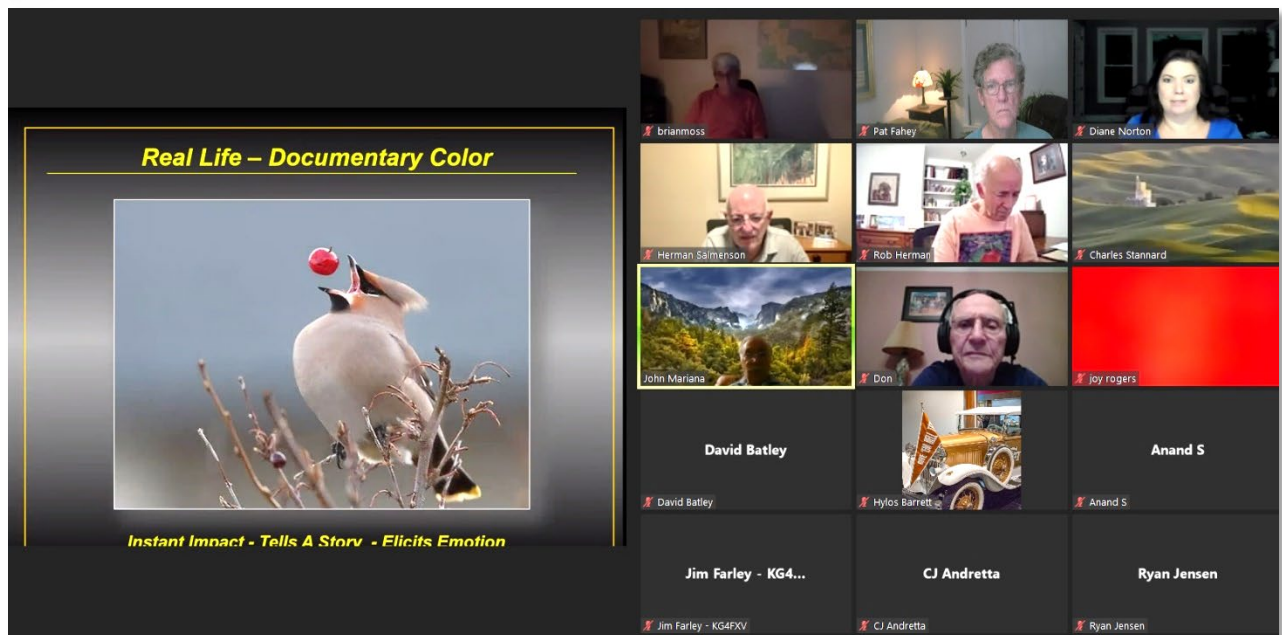
Robin Davis, a friend of the club over the years and an international professional workshop instructor, judged our month's **Prints-Only** competition. With a positive vibe, Robin passed on her comments and tips on what worked in each of the photos.



Presentation Evening- Artistic Reality.



John Mariana, an experienced local and nationally-recognized professional photographer and workshop instructor, presented top-notch examples of tips that all of us can use every day. You can view his presentation [here](#).



They Say It's Your

Birthday!

- **Margaret Waage**, 7 October
- **Tim White**, 10 October
- **Jim Moran**, 26 October
- **Jack Martin**, 31 October

Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



John Mariana - Nature
Captured and Presented



Lightroom basics



Bruce Byers - Travel and light
problems




John Mariana - photo development

You can review our club's presentation videos from the last 2+ years [here](#).

2023 Year to Date Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

Overall: **Jeff Westland**
Novice Division: **Joy Rogers**
Monochrome Division: **Paul Shimek / Jeff Westland**
Color Division: **Jeff Westland**

Upcoming CPS Fall Exhibit: *Flora and Fauna*.



Cobb Photographic Society Member Showcase:

FOR THE LOVE OF NATURE

OCTOBER 5TH-NOVEMBER 11TH
Opening Reception: October 5th, 2023 6pm-8pm
Gallery Hours Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm
Call for Evening and Weekend Hours

Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center
2051 Lower Roswell Road
Marietta GA 30068
770-509-2711

COBB PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Drop off artwork: Mon, 2 Oct

Reception : Thu, 5 Oct, 6 PM
Club members, guests, and
the general public are invited.

Artwork courtesy of **Lexi
Brendel**, Sewell Mill Cultural
Center Arts Coordinator

CPS New Member: Diane Norton



My husband decided to start a school photography business in 2005.

At the time, neither of us knew anything about photography, but my husband is excellent at running a business and I used to be an accountant (so I could handle all the bookkeeping and payroll side of the business.)

He hired photographers, but since I felt it was wise for at least one of us to be knowledgeable about photography, I started learning. It turned out that I enjoyed it!

I like to take portraits of friends and relatives, but I haven't been doing it very often. I'm hoping that by joining this group I will make some new friends and carve out more time for photography.

Editor's note: With her new membership dues check still in the mail to CPS, Diane's enthusiasm has been sky-high to learn all that she can from our club. We look forward to her participation in the club's field trips and learning workshops. As we all know, when you participate you... and the club... get better.

CPS 2023-2024 Monthly Competition Schedule.

Monday Deadline for Digital Submission	Monday Competition Evening	Competition Theme
2023		
July 3	July 10 *	Macro/Close-Up
July 31	August 7	Portrait
September 4	September 11 *	Toys Prints-only
September 25	October 2	Shapes
October 30	November 6	Windows
November 27	Xmas Party ***	Winning 2023 photos compete for a 1 st place
2024		
January 1	January 8 **	General – Vintage (no theme or 2-year limit)
January 29	February 5	People
February 26	March 4	Negative Space Prints-only
March 25	April 1	Symmetry
April 29	May 6	Nature
May 27	June 3	Smoke / Fog / Mist Prints-only
July 1	July 8 *	Roadways / Paths
July 29	August 5	Frame within a Frame
September 2	September 9 *	Backlight Prints-only
September 30	October 7	Solitude
October 28	November 4	High Speed
November 25	Xmas Party ***	Winning 2024 photos compete for a 1 st place

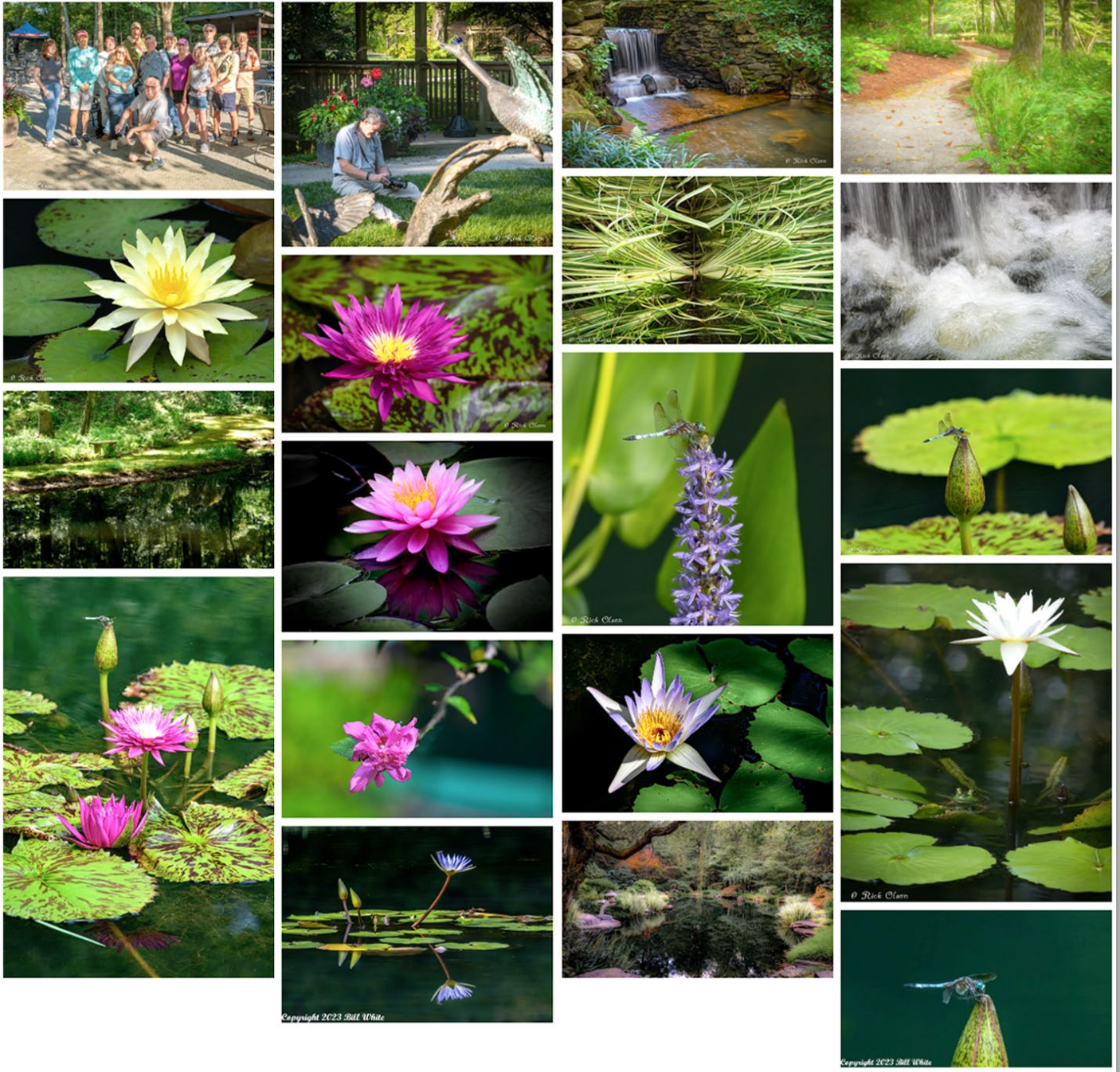
Our Competition Chair, **Laura Prescott**, developed a document with definitions and example pictures to help you get going. View the document [here](#).

* July and September Competition evenings and image submission dates are always pushed back a week due to the 4th of July and Labor Day holidays. The presentation evening is still on the third Monday every month of the year.

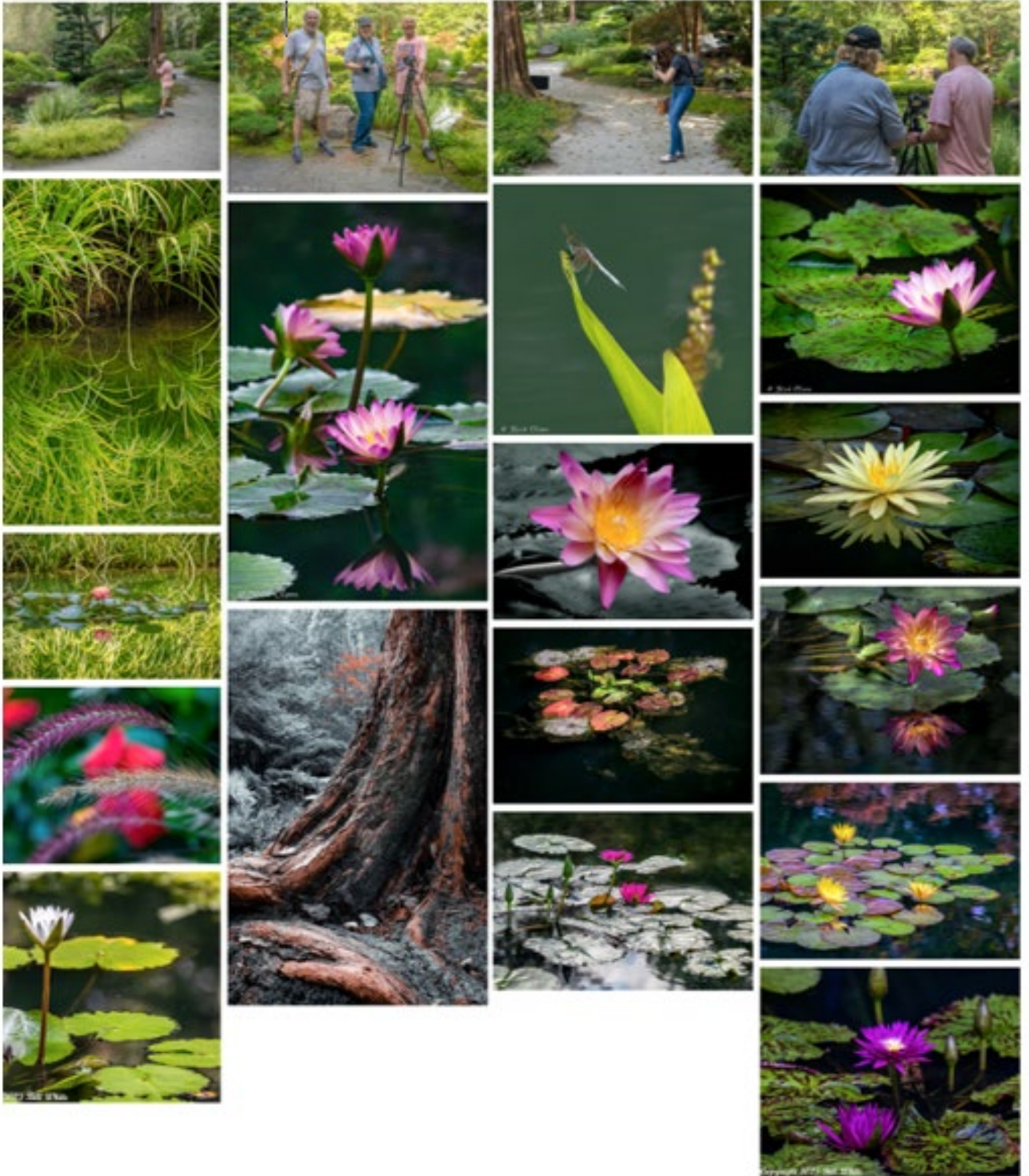
Prints-only competition evenings are in-person only; no simultaneous Zoom session.

Field Trip: Gibbs Gardens (1 of 2).

Judy Ghormley, assisted by our field trip chair, Rick Olson, headed up our annual trip to Gibbs Gardens. You can see more photos [here](#) of our club members and closeups of the wonderful flowers and landscape scenes available at Gibbs Gardens.



Field Trip: Gibbs Gardens (2 of 2).



Learning Workshop and Field Trip: JapanFest (Page 2 of 3).



Learning Workshop and Field Trip: JapanFest (Page 3 of 3).

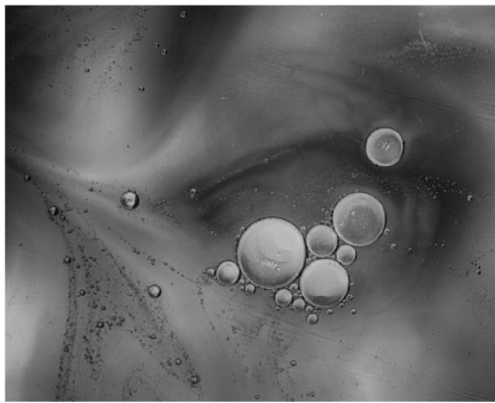


Club Photos in the *Around Kennesaw* & *Around Acworth* Magazines.

Cobb Photographic Society

Congratulations to everyone who entered the Cobb Photographic Society competition. The topic for July was "Macro/Close-up," and the guest judge was photographer Larry Winslett. The Cobb Photographic Society is a club open to photographers of all skill levels. It meets the first and third Monday of each month. For information, visit www.cobbphotosociety.com.

Monochrome



Charles Stannard - First Place (Oil Drops)

Novice



Krissy Finch - First Place (King of Flies)



Joy Rogers - Second Place (Blooming Dahlia)

Color



Paul Shimek - First Place (Cactus)

Congratulations to our July 2023 competition winners with the theme, *Macro/Close-Up*:

- Standard- Color, First Place, **Paul Shimek**, *Cactus*
- Standard- Monochrome, First Place, **Charles Stannard**, *Oil Drops*
- Novice, First Place, **Krissy Finch**, *King of Flies*
- Novice, Second Place, **Joy Rogers**, *Blooming Dahlia*



The *Around Acworth* magazine features our winners in print and online <https://aroundacworthmagazine.com/> at the rear of the magazine.

The *Around Kennesaw* magazine features our winners in print and online <https://www.aroundkennesawmagazine.com/> at the rear of the magazine.

Novice Competition Winners



Second Place
Pop-eye
Joy Rogers



Third Place
Attached at the Hip
Joyce Harrison



Honorable Mention
Let's Celebrate Thomas Birthday
Anand Saokar



Honorable Mention
Ocean Explorer
Joyce Harrison

Standard- Color Competition Winners



Second Place
Forgotten in a Corner
Pat Fahey



Third Place
Jurassic Caves
Jeff Westland



Honorable Mention
Flood Watch
Mark Buckert



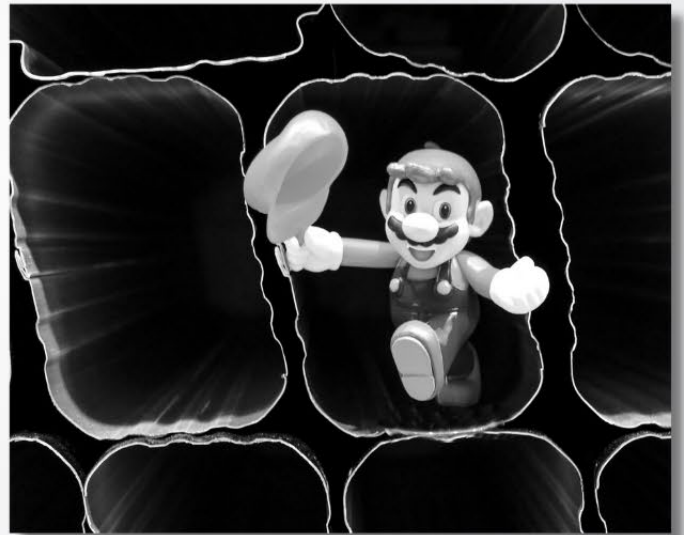
Honorable Mention
Hurry Mario!
Mark Buckert

Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners



Second Place
Delight Saber
Jeff Westland

Third Place
Mario Adventure
Mark Buckert



Honorable Mention
Wonder Woman
Mark Buckert

Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

Email faheyatlanta@gmail.com if you have photographic items for sale or events that you or your business would like to advertise in our next magazine. Advertising your business website is OK as well. We encourage you, a member in good standing, to use your magazine as a resource.

Photo Classes, WTC Exhibit, and Items for Sale.



David Batley, a club member, announces: "I would like to announce a couple of items of interest to the club.

Upcoming classes. I have two photo classes scheduled at the Art Place at Mountain View. Both classes are identical: "What Button Do I Push Now?" This is a fun class for both beginners and those more experienced in the basics of your camera, primarily learning to shoot in the manual mode and become comfortable with adjusting for the best exposure.

There is a Tuesday evening class from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, or a Wednesday morning class from 10:00 AM to Noon. Both classes meet once each week for 3 weeks. Registration is on the Cobb County Parks [website](#) or call the *Art Place* directly to register at 770-509-2700. If you have any questions, call me at 404-314-6359.



WTC Exhibit. My one-man photo exhibit, "Towering Views: The World Trade Center (WTC) After 9/11", continues at the Smyrna Public Library **through October 30**, in conjunction with the 22nd anniversary of the events on 9/11. This is a "must see" exhibit featuring images captured from the 92nd floor of the North Tower, World Trade Center, just prior to 9/11, followed by images of the rebuilding of Ground Zero ten years later.

Items for sale. I am selling a complete "kit" of Olympus E-M1X pro camera and 9 lenses, as well as the speedlights, and other related accessories. All equipment is in excellent condition, with several items "like new." Contact me for a complete listing and pricing either individual items or the entire kit at 404-314-6359. I am offering an additional 15% off for CPS members."

Free Online October *Photoshop Virtual Summit 5* Conference.



Dave Cross and a slew of other nationally known Photoshop instructors are hosting their fifth annual online conference beginning **30 Oct** through **3 Nov**.

Once registered, you'll receive an email each of the days, listing all the day's online sessions. Pick and choose the courses you'd like to watch.

The catch for the free training?

- Sign up before the conference begins 30 Oct [here](#).
- View the recorded, individual training sessions within 48 hours.

If you'd like to have life-long access to the courses, you can sign up for the conference as a paid VIP Pass member. More information [here](#).

You'll enjoy training by the likes of **Dave Cross, Matt Kloskowski, Colin Smith, Tim Grey, Blake Rudis**, ... a total of 20 instructors during the online conference.

I've attended selected sessions over the last four years. You'll pick up Photoshop tips, processes, and techniques to leverage the latest and the tried-and-true Photoshop skills.

Upcoming International Photographic Workshops.



Bruce Byers, a New York photographer who conducted an exceptional presentation to the club earlier this year, passes on his upcoming workshops:

- **Jan 12th, 2024:** Gujarat, India [here](#).
- **Feb 9th, 2024:** Cuba [here](#).
- **March 1st, 2024:** Cuba [here](#).

Judge's Featured Website: Robin Davis.

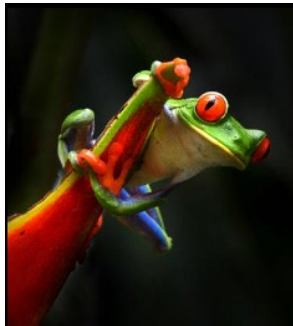


Robin is a graduate of the University of Georgia, and in 1984, attended the UGA's *Studies Abroad Program* in Cortona, Italy, which deeply influenced her approach to the medium of photography.

In addition to the Italy Workshop in Tuscany, her Atlanta Georgia photography workshops in the US are offered through *The Third Eye* photography workshops and adventures. The workshops feature coastal photography workshops in Savannah, Jekyll Island, St. Simons Island, as well as Charleston, South Carolina

You can see Robin's photography gallery [here](#). Photos are Robin's.

Presenter's Featured Website: John Mariana.



John is a long-time friend of our club, helping with occasional monthly judging and informative presentations.

He has a clear vision of how to excel in our current photographic community and... pushes the boundaries with his "artistic reality" photography to tell a story.

John's work speaks well of how we can improve our images with minor tweaks and composite additions to tell our artistic story. This month's presentation was rewarding.

John's captures our day world and his artistic reality world [here](#). Photos are John's.

Articles, Photo News, Tips & Tricks, & Featured Website

Sep 2023 Club Competition Rules Clarification.

Mandatory you check this box to certify that:

- All elements/images of the submitted photograph
- No Generative AI Fill, Generative AI Expand, or submitted photographs (including sky replacement)
- All the elements/images in each submitted photograph were taken within the last 24 months.

Our club competition rules have always stated that all elements/images used in a competition photo submission must contain only your own work.

We need to clarify our competition rules with the soon-to-be-released Artificial Intelligence (AI) in

Photoshop and Adobe Camera Raw. The AI will allow photographers to add elements (imagery) from Adobe Stock Photos that appear to be the photographer's work. While this is perfectly OK for non-competition work, **it is not allowed in competition submissions.**

The AI's main toolbar is called **Generative Fill** and when you enter text, like "blue sky", "jewelry around neck", or "blue parrot", Adobe will search Adobe's Stock Images and offer three AI-selected images to insert in your image's selection. In this example, a selection above a person's shoulder and typing "blue parrot" will offer you three images of blue parrots. There's more to this, but this gives you the idea of AI power.

Using the *Remove Tool* appears to draw information only from your image and is OK for submissions you plan to enter in our monthly competitions.

Do not use Generative Fill or Generative Expand. At this time, articles detail that Generative Fill and Expand use AI and create imagery using Adobe Stock. **Not OK for competition photos.**

- Beginning for our October competition, the club's competition form will be modified to add another statement to the certification checkbox that states: "No Generative AI Fill, Generative AI Expand, or other AI functions were used in any of my submitted photographs (including sky replacements).

If you are in doubt, contact our Competition Chair, Laura Prescott or any club officer.

Adobe Lightroom Classic/ACR Noise Reduction in Practice.

For several months now, Adobe's Lightroom and Adobe Camera Raw have the Denoise feature to minimize noise generated when using a high ISO.

- **The downside:** As of now, the photo must be in raw format (not jpg, pdf, tif...) and is available only with the Creative Cloud monthly subscription.
- **The good news:** it works as designed, allowing us to photograph at high ISO.

Why do I continue to bring up Denoise in Adobe Lightroom/Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) and the competing program, Topaz Photo AI? **Answer:** You can shoot at a higher ISO to reduce shaky photos/increase depth of field... and get good photos!

During September, the club's volunteer photographers were busy capturing performances and the folks who attended or supported JapanFest. Here's a photo:

Result for Adobe Denoise set to the 50% default (right frame). Denoise not only cleaned up the noise but slightly sharpened the photo. Photo taken at ISO 12,800.



Note: Take test shots to determine your camera's "upper ISO limit" that will yield acceptable photos when using any denoise feature.

Featured Website: Oceanographic Photographers of the Year.

You'll really enjoy the website's photos of our largely unseen undersea world. The website highlights 2020 through 2023 winners.

To navigate, click on the desired year and then the subcategory for the three category winners. View the website [here](#).



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JADE HOKSBERGEN
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MAGDALENA BAY, MEXICO

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Our club is a great community to expand your photo skills and make new friendships with other photographers.

Come join us!



<http://www.cobbphotosociety.com/membership>

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