

# Cobb Photographic Society



April 2024



March's Monthly Competition Theme: *Negative Space*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome

*Walk in the Mist*

Phyllis Westland

(Above) Winner- Color

*Spice Lady*

Ben Moravitz



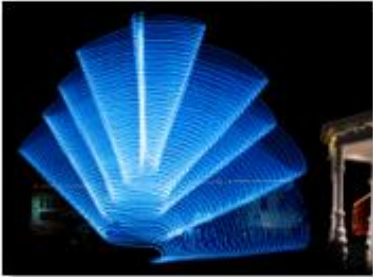
Winner- Novice  
*Montezuma Castle Archway*  
Joyce Harrison

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# Upcoming Activities and Events

April 2024

**Mon, 1 Apr (no kidding), 7 PM. Competition. Monthly Competition Evening, Theme: *Symmetry*.** Join us in-person at [Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center](#) or via Zoom [here](#). After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**



**New! Sat, 6 Apr, 6 PM. Learning Workshop/Field Trip. Light Painting Basics: *Capturing Light Wand Images*.** Join us as we continue to progress, capturing only our creative light wand images (no ambient light). We'll meet at the East Cobb Health Park meeting rooms, [3747 Roswell Road, Marietta, GA 30062](#). Photos by **Ümit Yüksel** and **Pat Fahey**. RSVP/Sign up [here](#) for the remaining sessions. **Club members only.**



**FYI: Mon, 8 Apr, 1:45-4:21 PM. Solar Eclipse.** Atlanta partial eclipse totality is projected at ~82%. More info [here](#). Please practice personal (eclipse glasses) and camera (sensor) safety! Check out Fernbank Science Center's free activities [here](#).

**Mon, 15 Apr, 7 PM. Continuing Education: Presentation Evening.** Join our evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

**Tue, 16 Apr, 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 of competing in our monthly competitions. Q&A time is included. The Zoom meeting URL will be emailed to all new members a couple of days before the Zoom session. **New members only.**



**New!** Sat, 20 Apr, 11:30 AM. **Social. Weekend Lunch.** Several members remarked that, due to work, they couldn't make our last mid-week lunch. Well, this lunch will accommodate those members at Taqueria Tsunami, 70 S Park Sq NE, Marietta, GA 30060-2291. An informal lunch and time for chatting. No agenda: just lunch and time to chat. **All are welcome.**



**24 Apr through 28 April. Extended Field Trip. Central Florida Wetlands.** Our club's Field Trip chair, **Rick Olson** is finalizing plans for us to visit several wildlife/birding locations during our extended field trip to Florida. RSVP/sign up [here](#). Photos by **Rick Olson** and **Georgia Wilson**. **Club members only.**

**Mon, 29 Apr, 3 PM. Competition: Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: Nature.** Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the form and photos to [cpsdigital2023@gmail.com](mailto:cpsdigital2023@gmail.com). **Club members only.**

**Tue, 30 Apr (9 AM- 8 PM). Exhibit. Artist Drop-off at [The Art Place](#).** **Club members only.**

## **Future Activities and Events**

**Spring. Mentoring. Afternoon at [Swift-Cantrell Park](#).** RSVP/Sign up in April. **Club members only.**

**Thu, 2 May, 6 PM. Exhibit. Opening Night Exhibition Reception.** All club members and guests are welcome at the opening of our May exhibit at [The Art Place](#). Light refreshments. Remember to vote for your favorite photograph. **All are welcome.**

**Thu, 2 May- Wed, 29 May. Exhibit. Month-long exhibit at [The Art Place](#).** **All are welcome.**

**Sat, 4 May.** [Potluck Lunch, Social, and Learning Workshops](#). More info in April. **Club members, invited guests, and family only.**

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

***New!* Wed, 29 May, 7 PM.** [Learning Workshop](#). [Milky Way Photography - Introduction & Refresher Zoom session](#). RSVP/Sign Up out in April.

**Wed, 29 May – Thu, 30 May (9 AM- 5 PM).** [Exhibit](#). [Artist Pick-up](#) at [The Art Place](#).

***New!* June.** [Learning Workshop/Field Trip](#). [Milky Way/Star Trails](#).

**Summer.** [Learning Workshop](#). [Capstone session: Light Painting](#). **Club members only.**

**Summer.** [Quarterly Learning Workshop](#). **Club members only.**

**Fall.** [Quarterly Learning Workshop](#). **Club members only.**

**November** (Exact November day is pending). [Competition/Social](#). [North GA Camera Club Council \(NG3C\) Shootout](#). **Club members only.**

**October.** [Exhibit](#). [Club members exhibit at Sewell Mill Library](#). **All are welcome.**

**December.** [Social](#). [Annual Social, Dinner, and 2024 Award Presentations](#). **Club members, invited guests, and family members.**

# Notes from Around Our Club

## Competition Evening- *Negative Space*.



**David Batley**, an accomplished club member, filled in for our visiting judge. Consistent with David's style of teaching, he offered meaningful critiques of all images. Thanks for filling in as judge for our March **Prints-Only** competition, Dave! Photo by **Jeff Westland**.

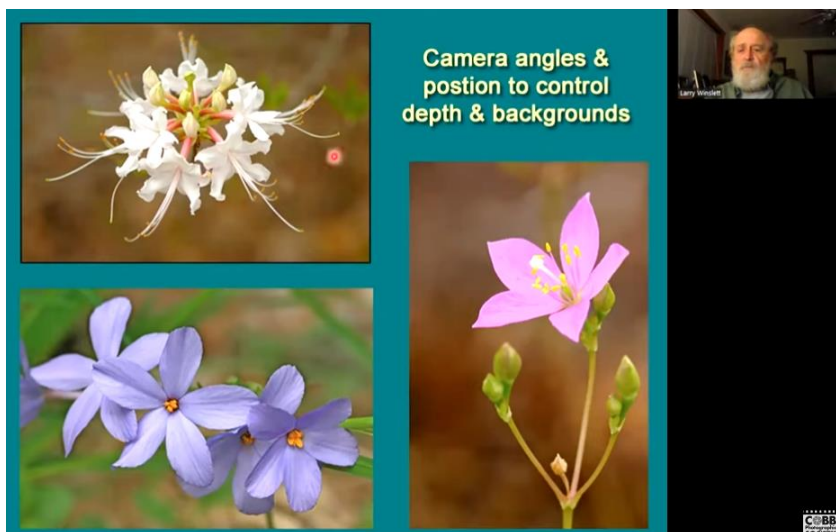


## Presentation Evening- *Photographing Flowers and Close Ups*.



**Larry Winslett** presented a timely presentation filled with tips of photographing flowers and what equipment works best. This was especially noteworthy because this preceded our March field trip to photograph the small flowers frequenting the vernal pools of Arabia Mountain.

You can view the video presentation [here](#).

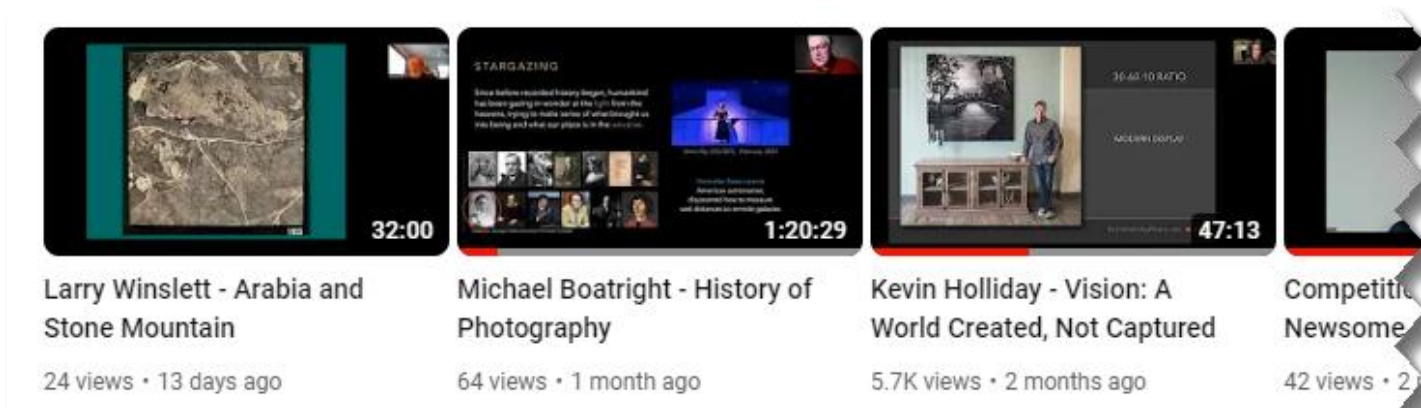


## They Say It's Your

# Birthday!

- **Jim Farley**, 6 April
- **Mary Abernathy**, 19 April
- **Natalie Simonton**, 22 April
- **Mary Ann Ortiz**, 30 April

## Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



You can review our club's presentation videos from the last 3+ years [here](#).

## 2024 Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

Overall:	<b>Phyllis Westland</b>
Novice Division:	<b>Tied: Joyce Harrison and Lori Mitchum</b>
Standard Division: Monochrome:	<b>Phyllis Westland</b>
Standard Division: Color:	<b>Paul Shimek</b>

## New Members This Year.

We're pleased to welcome the following new members and look forward to reading their biographies over the next month or two in this magazine's future editions:

- **David Fine** 19 January (David's biography was in the Jan edition)
- **Sandra Richmond** 20 January
- **Terri Lively** 23 February
- **Robert Kaercher** 26 February
- **Mike Gutting** 9 March
- **James Gatt** 18 March
- **Patrick Olmsted** 21 March

## CPS 2024 Monthly Competition Schedule.

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

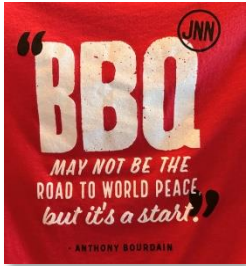
Our Competition Chair, **Laura Prescott**, developed a document with definitions and example pictures to help you get going. View the document [here](#).

\* and \*\* July and September Competition evenings and image submission dates are pushed back a week due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and Labor Day holidays and for 2024, our January meeting date is pushed back one week as well. The presentation evening is always on the third Monday every month of the year.

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

**Note:** Competition Themes for 2025 will be published Jul/Aug 2024.

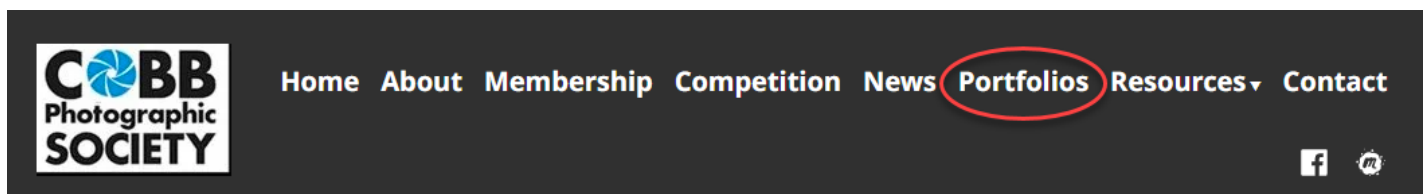
## CPS Weekend Lunch.



About 12 members showed up at our first mid-week lunch that featured BBQ at Jim 'n Nicks. The time passed quickly around the talk of photography and upcoming events. We all enjoyed the camaraderie and, guess what? No one took a lunch table group photo. Maybe better next month. (photo Jim 'N Nicks BBQ wall).

During April, we're doing a Saturday lunch at Taqueria Tsunami, 70 S Park Sq NE, Marietta, GA 30060-2291, **Sat, 20 Apr, 11:30 AM.**

## New Feature for Club Members.



**Mark Chandler**, our Social Media Chair and website manager, added a new feature to our website: Member Portfolio pages.

Phyllis and Jeff Westland were the first to take advantage of the portfolio setup.

Mark says,

“We have added a new feature on our club's website - *CPS member portfolios*.

Available to all club members, this is a place where you can post your favorite photos, tell a little about yourself, and if you like, link to your personal website and social media pages. You can see two examples from club members [Jeff](#) and [Phyllis](#) Westland.

To participate, email me at [mchan18078@aol.com](mailto:mchan18078@aol.com) with:

- 10-15 images you would like to include in your portfolio.
- Photo of yourself.
- An artist statement or a brief description of you and your photography interests.
- If desired, links to your website and/or social media pages (again, only if you want to include; not mandatory).

If you have any questions, just email me at [mchan18078@aol.com](mailto:mchan18078@aol.com). Hope to hear from you soon!”

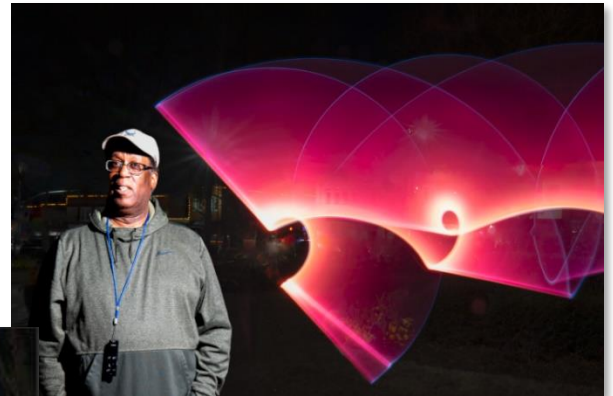
**Field Trip: Arabia Mountain.** Rick Olson led our joint field trip to view the Diamorpha and other flowers that bloom in the craggy, granite vernal pools. You can view the SmugMug photos [here](#).



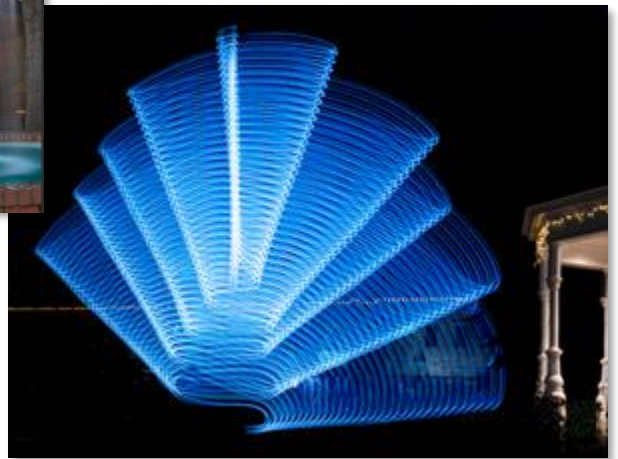
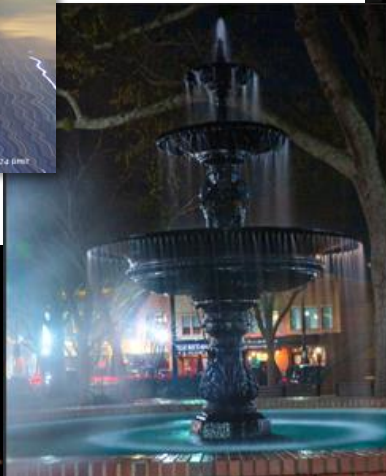
## Learning Workshop: Light Painting.

Our light painting skills continue with every session. This session at Marietta Square was an exercise to use light wands in an ambient light setting.

We're planning for a session on Sat, 6 Apr, 6 PM in a dark environment to capture only light wand patterns that members can use in other night photos. See the calendar of events on page 4 for more session information.



Photos by Ümit Yüksel,  
Michael Barham, Judy  
Ghormley, and Pat Fahey





# Standard- Color Competition Winners



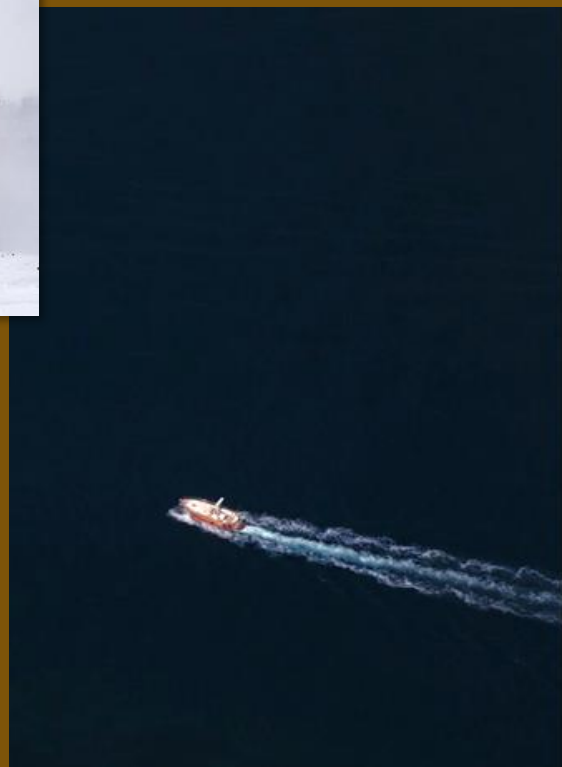
◀ Second Place  
*Light in the Darkness*  
Ben Moravitz

Third Place ▼  
*In the Spotlight*  
Mark Buckert



▲ Honorable Mention  
*East Meets West*  
David Fine

Honorable Mention ►  
*Out at Sea*  
Phyllis Westland



# Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners

Second Place ►  
*Lone Tree*  
Phyllis Westland



▼ Third Place  
*Short Light*  
Ralph Burr



▼ Honorable Mention  
*Sax In the Alley*  
Melissa Moody



◀ Honorable Mention  
*The Dive*  
Jeff Westland

# Novice- Competition Winners



▲ Second Place  
*Rainbow Bridge*  
Anand Saokar

Third Place ►  
*Reach for the Sky*  
Joyce Harrison



◀ Honorable Mention  
*Moorish Castle*  
Anand Saokar

## Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

Email [faheyatlanta@gmail.com](mailto: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.

### April Local Courses with David Batley.



**"Creative Photography in the Garden"**--Photo workshop at Smith-Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, **Saturday, April 6, from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm**. Cost is \$35. Emphasis will be on learning basic operation of your digital camera and using techniques to enhance your experience and have fun. Classroom instruction plus opportunities to explore the gardens and enjoy using your camera to capture a variety of subjects. All photographers are welcome. Register at Smith-Gilbert Gardens, 770-919-0248.

**"Creative Photography: What Button Do I Push Now?"** This is a chance to learn basics of your camera and begin taking control of your photography. Workshop meets three Tuesday mornings **beginning April 9, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm**, at The Art Place on Sandy Plains Road, Marietta. Cost is \$90. Register through [Cobb County Parks and Recreation](#), or call The Art Place at 770-509-2700.

**"What Do I Do with All My Photos? Learning to Manage Your Images and Gain Peace of Mind"** This is a 2-session workshop that is focused on learning how to manage the thousands of images (digital and film) you have on your computer, your hard drives, iPad, memory cards, your phone, and even the printed photos stored in albums, boxes, and who-knows-where. Suggestions and tips are offered, as well as techniques to archive images the right way so they can be passed on to the next generation. Cost is \$50. The workshop **begins Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 TO 8:30 PM** at The Art Place, Sandy Plains Road, Marietta, 770-509-2700. Final session is the following Wednesday, April 17. Register at [Cobb County Parks and Recreation](#).

Questions? Call David Batley, 404-314-6359.

### Leafmore April Events.

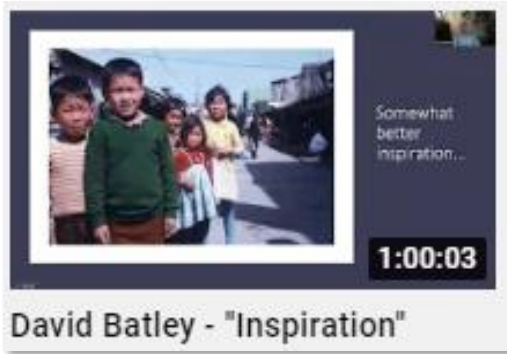


**Becca McCoy**, a club member, announces:

"It must be Spring, y'all... in theory, our car is grey, but at the moment, it is a dusty, dusty yellow until it rains. But, my goodness, the blooms are beautiful and there is nothing like literal new growth to inspire personal progress."

More information on Becca and Justin's events [here](#).

## Judge's Featured Website: David Batley.



**David Batley** is a valued club member and an all-around selfless volunteer who helps out wherever needed.

Over the years, David's helped with presentations, judging, and served as the lead to help members showcase work during COVID via a mini-portfolio page. That moment-in-time is captured [here](#).

Last year, David presented an hour-long club video, *Inspiration*, that is available on our CPS [YouTube](#) channel.

Photos are David's work.

## Presenter's Featured Website: Larry Winslett.



Larry Winslett's website says, "Larry is an award-winning nature photographer who has chronicled the natural world in many parts of the United States and Canada.

His photographs have been featured in a variety of publications, such as *Sierra*, *Wilderness*, and *Wild Mountain Times* and can also be seen in four permanent exhibits at Stone Mountain Park.

His fine art prints are also displayed in such diverse locations as Stanford University and Cox Communications, and his work has been the focus of major exhibits at Stone Mountain's Memorial Hall Museum and the Fernbank Natural History Museum.

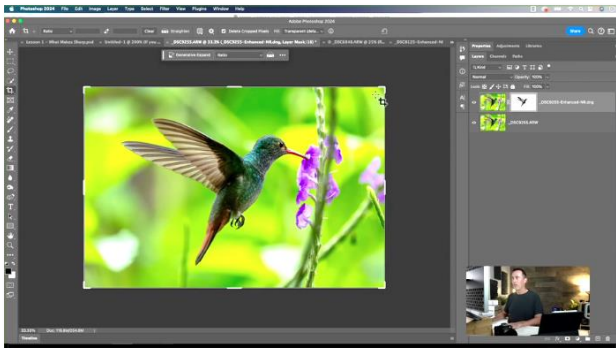
His photos have also been used by the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, the Georgia Poetry Society, and the Dahlonega Chamber Music Festival."

Take the time to visit Larry's website [here](#). Photos are Larry's work.



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

## Action Photography: Shooting and Editing Tips & Tricks.



**Matt Kloskowski** is offering a free webinar for photographers who need a little guidance on photographing moving objects.

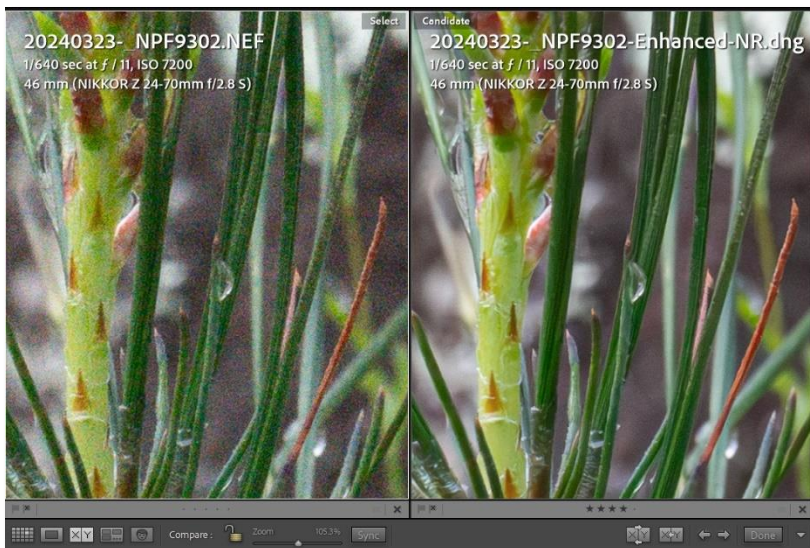
The webinar moves at a good pace and covers a lot of basic photography and editing tips and tricks. The webinar is [here](#).

## Lightroom Classic/ACR Enhance (Denoise/Sharpen) Revisited.

A couple of months ago, we covered new features in Lightroom Classic (LrC) and Adobe Camera Raw (ACR), including the tool *Enhance*, an effective way to denoise and add a slight sharpening. I'd like to revisit *Enhance* because I'm really impressed how *Enhance* frees us to use higher ISOs when we need a higher shutter speed and/or more depth of field with only a minor loss of detail to noise.

The photo below was taken on our March CPS field trip to Arabia Mountain. I wanted to maximize depth of field and a faster shutter speed because I didn't want to set up a tripod. I set the camera to manual and the ISO to Auto-ISO. I set 1/640 sec, f/11, and the camera auto-selected the ISO at 7200. Larger comparison file [here](#).

The *Enhance* option (right-click the image in the film strip), set to 50 (halfway) not only removed most of the noise but applied a little sharpening. In a later photo, the camera's Auto-ISO moved the ISO to 11,400. I adjusted the *Enhance* setting up to 75 and was pleased to see it easily handled the even-heavier noise at ISO 11,400.



### Couple of items:

- Presently, *Enhance* only works with raw files.
- Experiment with raw photos at higher ISOs to see what's the highest ISO you're OK editing.
- Recommend using lower ISOs when photographing people. *Enhance* is less forgiving for people.

## April 2024 Astrophotography: What to Shoot.



Here's an article with background eclipse information as well tips/links to other eclipse resources.

View the *Digital Camera World* article [here](#).

*Good luck to all the CPS members photographing the 2024 eclipse!*

## Lightroom Classic Editing Basics.



**William Patino** does a good job of covering the Lightroom (mobile version) basics to editing.

**Note:** All the tools/sliders in Lightroom (Mobile) are the same as Lightroom Classic but in slightly different locations.

The ten-minute YouTube video is [here](#).

## Improve your iPhone Portrait Photos.



A quick YouTube video from [Prodigy Studio Photography and Video](#), shows you how to tweak your iPhone settings to yield better people photos.

*Well worth the two minutes to walk through this video.*

Remember to save this link when you need to photograph and edit your next portrait photo.

View the video [here](#).

## Fun 15 iPhone Tips.



Another three minute video from *Prodigy Studio Photography and Video*.

OK... these are good general iPhone tips but it's intense; like drinking from a hose. Be prepared to pause the video a lot.

View the video [here](#).

## Featured Website: British Wildlife Photography Awards.

Just when I think I've seen every possible photo, along comes the "Best of the Year" British Wildlife Photo Awards.

Being an occasional photographer, I can only appreciate how much time and expertise it took to capture the winning photos. Nicely done.

Enjoy the British Wildlife Photo Awards [here](#).



Top to bottom:

- *Ocean Drifter*, Ryan Stalker
- *Raven Above Arran*, Robin Dodd
- *Cuckoo Wasp Sleeping*, Andy Sands

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