

Cobb Photographic Society



August 2024



July's Monthly Competition Theme: *Roadways/Paths*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Fez Alleyway
Paul Shimek

(Above) Winner- Color
Ben Gurion Ave, Haifa
Paul Shimek



Winner- Novice
Around the Bend
Lori Mitchum

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Upcoming Activities and Events

August 2024



Fri, 2 Aug, 7 PM. Social/Field Trip. New Members Meet and Greet and Live Concert. Join us for a fun social evening as we meet our newest members and... photograph one of the best bands to hear and capture their light show at Norcross' [Thrasher Park](#). No charge for the concert. Bring your own beverages and chairs. Pat's photos above are from a previous *Black Jacket Symphony* concert. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). Sign up and we'll save you space in our marked-out area. **Bring the family; all are welcome.**

Mon, 5 Aug, 7 PM. Competition. Monthly Competition Evening, Theme: *Frame Within a Frame*. Join us in-person at [Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center](#) or via Zoom [here](#) for our competition. After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**

Mon, 19 Aug, 7 PM. Continuing Education. Presentation Evening. Join our evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

Tue, 20 Aug, 7 PM. New Members. CPS Welcome/New Member Zoom Orientation. **Dee Dee Bonesteel**, our club's 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.**

Sun, 25 Aug. Exhibit. Deadline for October's Exhibit Images. **Mark Chandler**, Exhibit Chair, says, "For this exhibit, we are limited in exhibit space, so we will make selections on the photos that will be accepted (submit up to three photos), but our goal is to include all who would like to participate; [Editor: More information on page 9.]

Deadline for submissions is **August 25th**. Email mchan18078@aol.com."



Sat, 31 Aug, 10 AM. Learning Workshop. Macro Photography. Join **Ümit Yüksel**, Learning Workshop Chair, for a presentation and hands-on workshop to photograph tiny things life-size and larger at [Switzer Library's Rogers Room](#) (four blocks from Marietta Square). Photos by **Joyce Harrison**, **Jeff Whittingham**, and **Mark Buckert**. **Update:** The workshop is full; RSVP/Sign up for the wait list [here](#).

Future Activities and Events

Mon, 2 Sep, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Backlight*. Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the form and photos to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com. **Club members only.**

Mon, 9 Sep, 7 PM. Competition. Monthly Competition Evening, Theme: *Backlight*. Join us in-person at [Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center](#). **Note:** There will be **no Zoom session** during this **Prints-Only** competition. After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**

Mon, 30 Sep, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Solitude*. Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the form and photos to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com. **Club members only.**

Late Summer. Mentoring. Afternoon at either Marietta Square area or [Swift-Cantrell Park](#). RSVP/Sign up info in June. **Club members only.**

Early Fall. Learning Workshop/Field Trip. Light Painting. TBA. Club members only.

Fall. Learning Workshop. Capstone session: Light Painting. Club members only.

Fall. Learning Workshop. Quarterly Learning Workshop. Club members only.

October. Exhibit. Club members exhibit at Sewell Mill Library. 10 Oct- 16 Nov exhibition dates. All are welcome.

Sat, 2 Nov. Pre-NG3C Competition Recon/Field Trip. NG3C Pre-Shootout Site Survey/Fall Colors. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Sat, 9 Nov. Inter-Club Competition. North GA Camera Club Council (NG3C) Shootout at Barry College. More information soon. **Club members only.**

Tue, 15 Nov. Social. *Club Lunch.* More information in October. **All are welcome.**

Sat, 23 Nov. Field Trip. Sloss Furnace. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

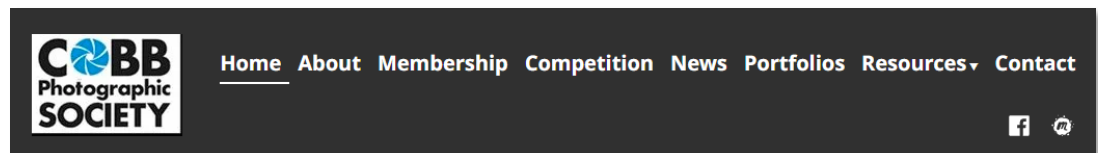
December. Social. Annual Social, Dinner, and 2024 Award Presentations. **Club members, invited guests, and family members.**

How Cobb Photographic Society touches our photographic community:

[Facebook](#)



[CPS Website](#)



[Meetup](#)



Notes from Around Our Club

Competition Evening- *Roadways/Paths.*



Lauren Holley, an established Atlanta graphics designer and photographer, passed on her tips to improve our photos. Specifically considering our evening's theme, she stressed that the subject of the photo (roadways/paths) be fully revealed [Editor: so your eye can visually "walk" the roadway/path]. Photos by **Jeff Westland**.



Presentation Evening- *Quality of Light and Color.*



John Mariana, a long-time friend of the club, presented informative insights into how light and color can effectively yield better photos. From re-learning the quality and direction of light to considering complementary colors in your composition... it's all here.

You can view John's video presentation [here](#).

Quality of Light and Color

Three Properties of Light?

- Color – *Bold, Soft, Intense*
- Quality of light
 - *Soft Light (Low contrast)*
 - *Hard Light (High contrast)*
- Direction –
 - *Side Light*
 - *Light From Within*
 - *Light From the Front*
 - *Back Light*
 - *Overhead Light*



John Mariana

They Say It's Your...

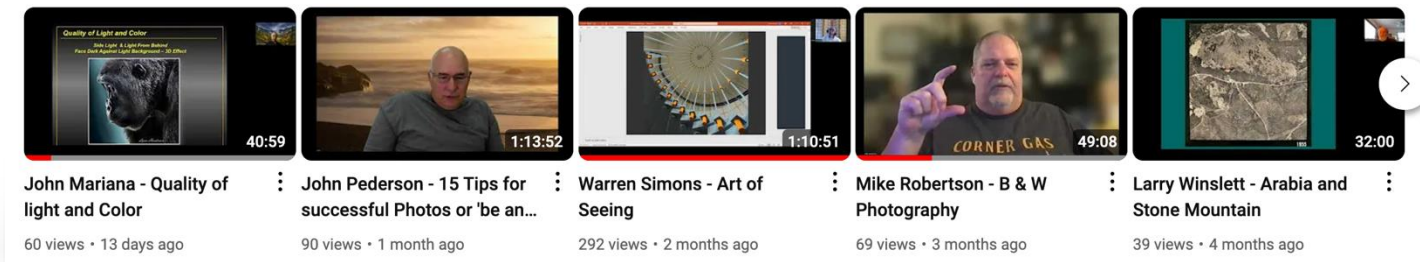
Birthday!

- Roger Parvin, 1 August
- Chandler Bridges, 5 August
- Brian Moss, 8 August
- Tanya Burr, 10 August

2024 Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

Overall: **Paul Shimek**
Novice Division: **Joyce Harrison**
Standard Division: Monochrome: **Paul Shimek**
Standard Division: Color: **Paul Shimek**

Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



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

Bon Voyage to Former Member, Becca McCoy.

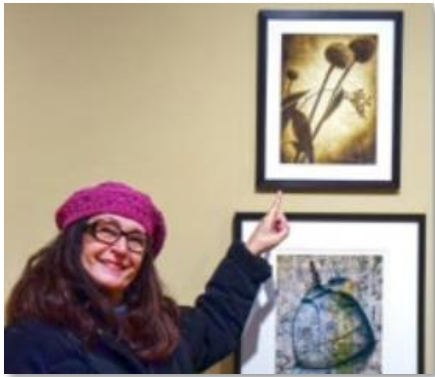


As you read this note, Becca and Justin are relocating to Florida.

We enjoyed Becca's websight articles, highlighting not only her and Justin's work, but also the work of other artists and community art events.

We hope to capitalize on Becca's recommendation to establish ties with a local Heron Sanctuary for yet another birding location to photograph next year- a bit closer to home.

October's Exhibit Dates and 25 August Image Submission Deadline.



Says our Exhibit Chair, **Mark Chandler**, "The Cobb Photographic Society Fall exhibit will be **October 10 - November 16** at Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center.

Open to all club members, anyone interested in participating can email me up to three images they would like to be included in the exhibit. For this exhibit, we are somewhat limited in space, so we will make selections on the photos that will be accepted, but our goal is to include everyone who would like to participate.

Deadline for image submissions is **August 25th**. Email mchan18078@aol.com."

CPS Monthly Themes Calendar Will Soon Include 2025 Themes.

CPS 2024 Monthly Competition Schedule.

Monday Deadline for Digital Submission	Monday Competition Evening	Competition Theme
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

We've learned over the years that you would like to know upcoming themes so that, when on vacation or a photo shoot, you can take some time and photograph extra photos that can be submitted for a particular theme.

Look for the 2025 themes to be included before September's magazine.

Did You Know We Have a Facebook Presence?



We do a great job advertising our CPS website, home to our competition rules/ results/themes, past digital magazines, and what we offer during a calendar year

in the way of exhibits, field trips, learning workshops, and social events.

But, did you know we have a Facebook (FB) website presence as well? To access our CPS FB home page, click [here](#). To access our past photo albums, from the top area click **Media > Albums** to view our past events.

CPS Website Portfolio Showcase: Mark Chandler.

Mark Chandler is one of our longtime club members who, from behind the scenes, makes our club run so successfully. Mark serves as our *Social Media Chair* and *Exhibit Chair*. Mark also heads up our monthly *Photo Challenges* which are a lot of no-stress fun for everyone with no time limit as to when the photo was taken.

Mark is a long-time member of the Cobb Photographic Society having first joined in 1980. He has served in multiple capacities with the club, including past president. Mark is a native of Cobb County and enjoys photographing various subjects, particularly sports and night photography. He teaches photography classes for Smyrna Parks and Recreation and works for Cobb County Parks.



Contact Mark Chandler, our Social Media Chair, to **add your own portfolio page** at mchan18078@aol.com.

It's super easy: Your photo +10-20 photos + a bio is all it takes; Mark does all the layout work for you!

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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/Motion
November 25	Xmas Party	Winning 2024 photos compete for a 1 st place

Unsure of what a theme means/looks like? Our Competition Chair, Laura Prescott, developed a document with definitions/pictures to help you get going. View the document [here](#).

* July and September Competition evenings are always pushed back a week due to the 4th of July and Labor Day holidays.

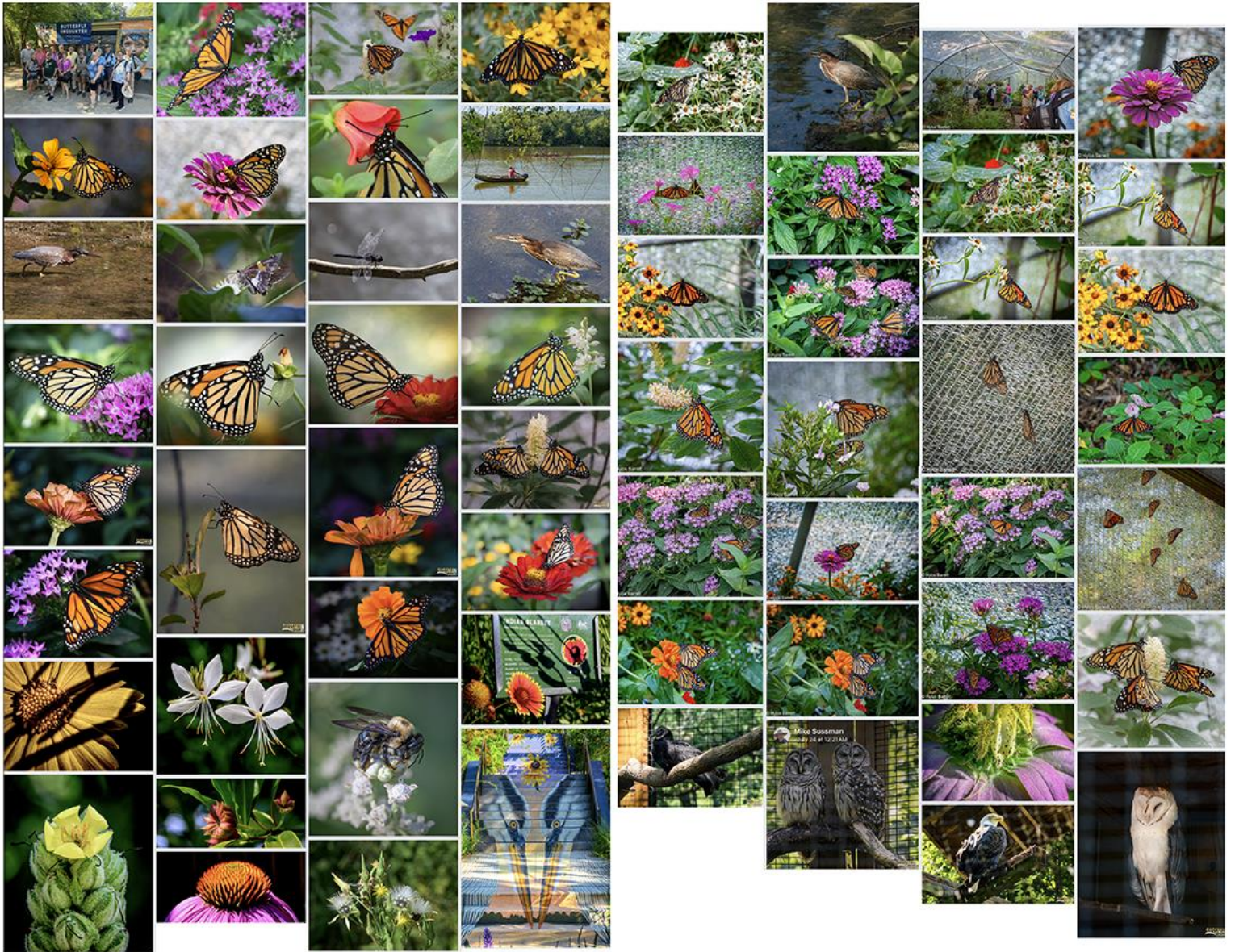
** January's Competition evening is pushed back a week this year because our meeting location will be closed due to the library/cultural center's holiday schedule.

*** The month of December is not open for a general competition. Club members who placed 2nd through Honorable Mention compete for a wild-card first place in the Best of the Year competition in our Novice, Standard: Color, and Standard: Monochrome categories.

Prints-only - Three themes a year are set aside for **Prints-only** monthly competitions.

Field Trip: *Chattahoochee Nature Center: Butterflies.*

Click the link to view the photos on Facebook: [CPS Field Trip-Chattahoochee Nature Center \(July 2024\).](#)



Standard- Color Competition Winners



Second Place
Lighting the Way
Patrick Olmsted

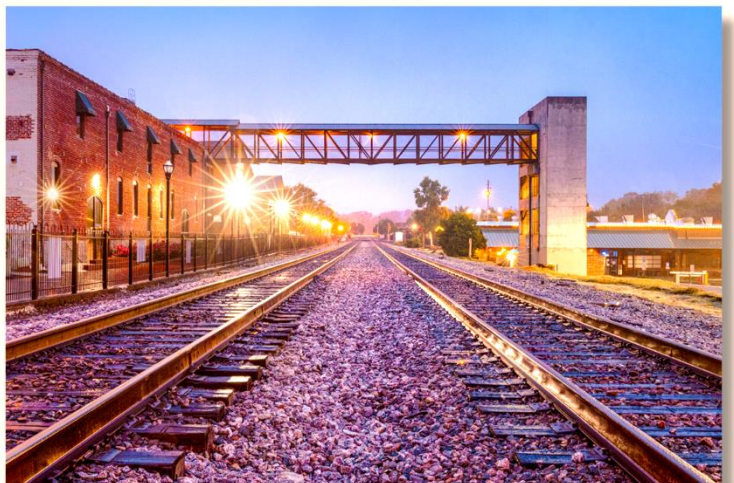


Third Place
Beacon
Melissa Moody



Honorable Mention
Bixby Bridge
Patrick Olmstead

Honorable Mention
Morning Fog
Melissa Moody



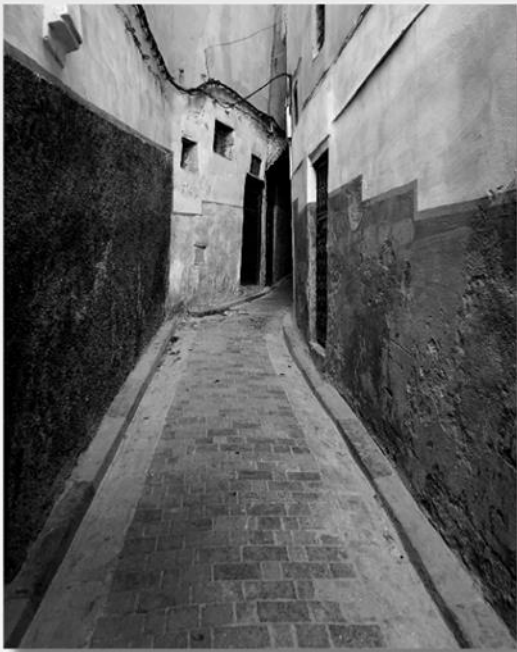
Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners



Second Place
The Carefree Road Less Traveled
Phyllis Westland



Honorable Mention
Harbour Bridge Walkway
Paul Shimek



Third Place
An Alleyway in Fez
Marc Moskowitz

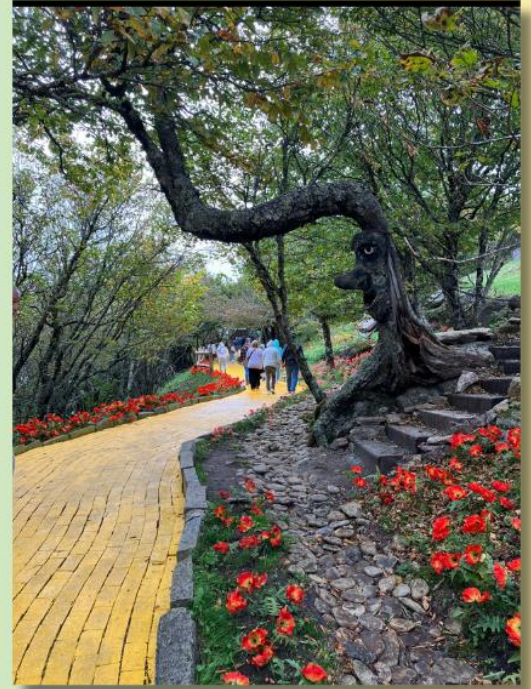


Honorable Mention
South Point Windmills
Melissa Moody

Novice Competition Winners



Second Place
New Beginnings
Lori Mitchum



Third Place
Follow the Yellow Brick Road
Joyce Harrison



Honorable Mention
Road to the Past
Ronda Clark



Honorable Mention
Staircase to Engagement
Anand Saokar

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.

Local Private Tutoring with Club Member, David Batley.



David Batley, a recognized club member and photographer, is available for his popular "What Button Do I Push Now?" with private tutoring.

Don't be frustrated. Learn the most important stuff about your camera. Sessions are usually about 2 or 2 and 1/2 hours and the fee is \$99.

Contact David at **4043146359** email : dbphotodesign@comcast.net.

Local Course with Club Member, Mark Chandler.



Another experienced instructor who is a long-time club member and our Social Media Chair, **Mark Chandler**, will be heading up a course:.

My beginner photography class begins Thursday, September 5 from 6:30pm - 8pm at the Smyrna Community Center. Registration is in progress, you can [follow this link](#).

August Update Equipment for Sale, Paul Shimek.



Says **Paul**: "Hey everybody, I am retiring in December so that I can travel the world full-time.

[Editor: Over the years, you've seen the quality of the photos that Paul's submitted to our competitions. His photographic equipment (in part, next page), composition, and his professional editing make up his "secret sauce" to top-notch photography.]

I'm downsizing to a backpack for my mirrorless camera equipment, and I'm selling all my other possessions. If you would like to buy my remaining photography equipment, which has served me well, consider the next page of a partial list; I will add to it soon.

I've taken good care of these cameras, lenses, and accessories, and they are all in their original boxes.

Interested? Please feel free to email me at paul@paulshimek.com, office: **7704241913** or text **7709246661**."

***August Update* Equipment for Sale, Paul Shimek (continued).**

Description, Make/Model, and Price (sold items not shown here)



- DJI Air 2S Drone Fly More Combo with SanDisk Extreme 128 GB Micro SD card, case, remote controller,
- 3 batteries, charger, spare blades & throttles, ND Filter Set,
- Freewell Circular Polarizer, PGYTECH Propeller Holder,
- and SYMIK retractable landing gear extensions; original box (Mint condition; used only twice!)

\$800.00



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- DSLR body- **Canon 6D Mark II** (*includes battery, charger, BG-E21 Battery Grip, and Flashpoint Zoom Li-on TTL Speedlight*)

\$800.00

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- DSLR body- **Canon 5D Mark II** (*incudes battery, charger, and 6 SanDisk CF cards 16 & 32GB*)

\$400.00

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- DSLR body- **Canon 50D** (includes 4 batteries, 3 chargers, 6 SanDisk 8GB CF cards, and G-E2 Battery Grip)

\$175.00



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- Lens- **Canon EF 16-35mm f/2.8 L II**

\$700.00



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- Lens- **Canon EF 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6 L IS**

\$800.00

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- Lens- **Canon EF 50mm Compact Macro f/2.5**

\$150.00

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- Lens- **Canon EF 70-200mm f/2.8 L**

\$750.00

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- Lens- **Canon EF 300mm f/4 L IS**

\$500.00

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- Flash- **Canon Macro Twin Lite MT-24EX**
(for use with Canon MP-E 65mm, EF 50
f/2.5, and 100 f/2.8 Macro Lenses)

\$350.00

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- Timer/Remote- **Canon TC-80N3** for EOS
Digital Cameras (includes battery; New
condition; Never Used)

\$ 50.00

End of Paul Shimek's equipment for sale.

Equipment for Sale, David Batley.



David Batley has several small camera bags for sale, mostly small and ideal for mirrorless cameras. They are all top-quality brands, with adjustable interiors for camera body, lenses, and accessories.

Several are sling bags; one (Tenba) is brand new (never used) with the original tag, while others are in "Like New" condition. The smallest bag pictured is a Black Rapid sling bag designed for compact/point & shoot cameras. Prices vary, but all are priced very low.

Contact David for more information and pricing at **404316359**.

Judge's Featured Website: Lauren Holley.



Louisiana-born and raised, Lauren calls Atlanta home and runs her successful graphics/web design company, *Graphiknation*, here.

Her website lists her accolades, “Her work has graced the big screen in [Times Square](#), shared the stage with [Madonna](#) and gone social with [Tegan & Sara](#). She’s been featured in the [Atlanta-Journal Constitution](#), [Atlanta](#) and [Oz](#) magazines, and — most recently — won three Reader’s Pick categories in Creative Loafing’s Best of 2015 Awards for Local Artist Instagram, Street Photographer, and Best Fine Arts Photographer (tied with [Bhargava Chiluveru](#)).” To view Lauren’s bio and portfolio, visit her website [here](#). Photos are Lauren’s.

Presenter's Featured Website: John Mariana.



John is a long-time friend of CPS and, over the years, built quite a reputation among local and national photographers. To say John honors his craft but sees his images crafted at a different level is a compliment. John and his eye-catching interpretations make us aware that all the arts can skip across man-made boundaries for those willing to look beyond.

Says John’s bio, “As a “Photographic Artist”, I depict the world as first seen within my mind. My heart provides the emotional content. Color, light, shadows and special relationships are combined to bring you into my world. My specialty is seeing and presenting the world in my style, in my color palette.”

View John’s website galleries [here](#). Photos are John’s.

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

Introduction to Lightroom Classic Editing: Beginner/Intermediate.



Over the years, you've seen videos recommended here that cover Lightroom Classic's basic editing tools.

I happened on to Nickolas Warner's instructional video by accident but watched the entire 24 minute video because of his "No frills but loads of information" approach.

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

Mobile Tips for Lightroom for the Web (Mobile apps): Intermediate+.



This year, I've talked to several club members who've moved from *Lightroom Classic* to *Lightroom for the Web* (Mobile).

There is no video but a webpage with all kinds of tips for your mobile device (and desktop):

- Color grading.
- Import Raw files to your PC/Mac and edit on your phone.
- Masking (brightness tips, ...).

You can view the article [here](#).

How to Make Stunning Grand Landscape Compositions: Beginner+.



Ian Plant, presenting on PhotoPills, covers the basics and tips for landscape photographers.

Most of the tips are known to those who watched our CPS 3rd Monday presentation videos but... there are some insights that are new to me.

And, Ian details with helpful tips, how PhotoPills can help you plan for specific location photos.

View the webcast [here](#).

2024 Olympics Photo That You Can't Forget.

I'd like to highlight one photo that illustrates a modern-day decisive moment- an equal to **Henri Cartier-Bresson's**, *Behind the Gare Saint Lazare* (below bottom).

Olympic photographer, **Jerome Brouillet's** decisive moment success technique is well-known to wildlife photographers: know your subject's behavior, shoot a burst of photos around a specific moment (fighting, landing, ...), and hope for just a little luck. **Photo by Jerome Brouillet**, (photo not named).

You can read the background story [here](#).



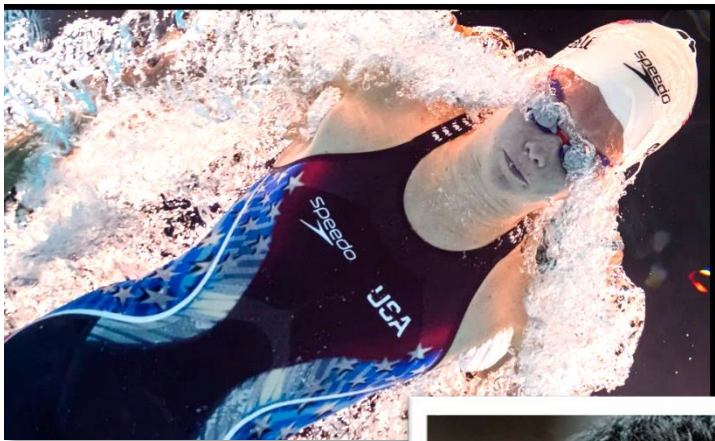
Featured Websites: CNN & Rolling Stone's *Best of the 2024 Olympics*.

This is the reason we encourage **EVERYONE** to submit competition photos throughout the year. Each month, we have a specific theme: Shapes, Windows, Negative space, Symmetry, Backlight, High speed, ...- are some of our 2023/2024 themes. If you need help getting started, email me [here](#) and we'll get you matched up with an experienced club member.

Your fifteen-minute challenge: Visit the two sites and determine what and why certain photos capture your interest. Is it leading lines, emotion, framing, color, ...?

Visit the *Rolling Stone* website [here](#) and CNN website [here](#).

Photos by **Francois-Xavier Marit, Cameron Spencer, Petros Giannakouris, Andreas Solaro, and Phil Noble.**



Did you enjoy our club's monthly magazine?

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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