

# Cobb Photographic Society



March 2025



Competition Theme: *The Ordinary*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome  
*Hello, Lamp Post*  
Phyllis Westland

(Above) Winner- Color  
*The Portal*  
Melissa Moody



Winner- Novice  
*One Shot Appeal*  
Joyce Harrison

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# Upcoming Activities and Events

## March 2025



**Month of March. Photo Challenge: Shoes.** Marc Moskowitz, our Photo Challenge moderator, set up a club FB album for you to post your photos [here](#). This is a **fun event for all**. Photos by **Marc Moskowitz, Lori Mitchum, and Mark Chandler**. **All are welcome to submit photographs.**

**Sat, 1 Mar, 11:30 AM. Social. CPS Weekend Lunch.**



Ready for a weekend lunch at the Marietta location of Taqueria Tsunami? The restaurant, a block off from Marietta Square, is 70 South Park Square NE, Marietta, GA 30060. RSVP/Sign up [here](#).

As before, it's all about good food and conversation that invariably leads to photography.



*New Member  
"Chat and Plan"*

**Sat, 1 Mar, 1 PM. New Members. "Chat and Plan".** New members will meet other new members and several other experienced club members to discuss their photography goals and plan how to get the best out of their club membership. This month, we'll hold our meeting right after the CPS Weekend Lunch at Taqueria Tsunami, 70 South Park Square NE, Marietta, GA 30060. **Ronda Clark**, Membership Chair, will directly contact new members via email. All are welcome; if you'd like to join as well, you can email Ronda [here](#). **New members and other club members are welcome.**

**Mon, 3 Mar, 7 PM. Competition. *Doors and Windows*.** Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. This evening's competition is **Prints-Only**; there will be no Zoom access for this competition. After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**



**Wed, 5 Mar, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. *Lightroom Classic (LrC) Basics- Photo/File Management (2 of 4 sessions)*.** Join **Pat Fahey**, over Zoom, as we

explore, in the second session, how LrC manages photos and final tips to organize your photos for easier searches. You will receive sample files for hands-on work during the Zoom session. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**



**Thu, 6 Mar, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. *Adobe Camera Raw (1 of 2 sessions). Session 1: Adobe Camera Raw (ACR)- Basic Editing and Exporting*.** Join **Ümit Yüksel**, over Zoom, as we explore the first of two sessions of ACR. RSVP/Sign [here](#). **Club members only.**



**FYI. Sun, 9 Mar, 2 AM. Daylight Savings Time Change.**

Advance clocks an hour ("Spring" ahead).



**Sat, 15 Mar, 9 AM.** (8:30 AM, Depart Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center). **Field Trip. *Stone Mountain Wildflower Tour*.** **\*Final Details coming\***: With multiple trail options and considering the year-to-year variations in how this unique area's wildflowers choose to bloom, Larry will develop his plan details very close to the trip date. We may explore, for instance, the Songbird Habitat, the Songbird Trail, Nature Garden Trail, "The Island", the Quarry Exhibit area and/or other locations for beautiful floral and

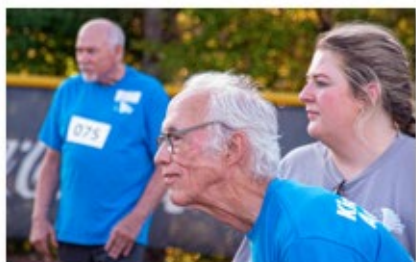
landscape images. So again, stay tuned - especially to learn the starting location within Stone Mountain Park. Photos by **Rick Olson**. RSVP/Sign up [here](#).



## Continuing Education Evening

**Mon, 17 Mar, 7 PM.** [Continuing Education](#). **Presentation Evening**. Join our host, **Hylos Barrett**, for this evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

**Tue, 18 Mar, 7 PM.** [Welcome](#). **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's resources and review the process of competing in our monthly competitions. Q&A time is included. The Zoom meeting URL will be emailed to new members a couple of days before the Zoom session. **New members only.**



**Sat, 22 Mar, 2 PM (1 PM departure from Sewell Mill Library).** [Community Outreach: "Kicking Back Against Parkinson's"](#). Club member, **Marge Kinder**, invites all to come out to Rome's *Braves Stadium* to enjoy the afternoon photographing local Parkinson's patients participating in a fun kickball event and their families.

The opportunity to photograph during a leisurely played kickball game and share your photos with the patients and families is soul-satisfying. Hot dogs and drinks will be served. For those who RSVP/Sign up before **Wed, 5 Mar** will receive a commemorative T-shirt in their size). The event will take place at Rome Braves Stadium- *Miracle Field* address is 755 Braves Blvd NE, Rome, GA 30161. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). Photos by **Rob Herman**. **All are welcome.**



**FYI. Mon, 23 Mar- Thu, 26 Mar. FYI. Photoshop Creativity Virtual Summit.**

Here's a chance to attend free (limited 48 hour access to view the online classes) admission or paid (admission for lifetime access and course files). *"There will be classes aimed at all levels of experience, from beginners to experienced users. Before the summit begins, we will offer a free mini-course for beginners to help prepare for the summit."*

You can sign up for your free pass or paid VIP pass [here](#). You can purchase the VIP (early bird rate until 23 Mar) pass [here](#).

**Mon, 31 Mar, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: Georgia On My Mind** (photos must be taken in Georgia). Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the entry form and photos to [cpsdigital2023@gmail.com](mailto:cpsdigital2023@gmail.com) for the next competition. **Club members only.**

## Future Activities and Events

**Mon, 7 Apr, 7 PM. Competition. Georgia On My Mind** (photos must be taken in Georgia). Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta or via Zoom [here](#). After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**

**Wed, 9 Apr, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. Lightroom Classic (LrC) Basics- Basic Editing (3 of 4 sessions).** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

**Thu, 10 Apr, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. Adobe Camera Raw (2 of 2 sessions).** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

**Thu-Sun, 24-27 Apr. Extended Field Trip. Florida Birding and Wildlife Trip. Note:** Thursday and Sunday are largely days of travel. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

**Wed, 7 May, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. Lightroom Classic (LrC) Basics- Intermediate Editing (4 of 4 sessions).** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

**Thu, 8 May, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. Introduction to Photoshop (1 of 1 session).** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

# Notes from Around Our Club

## Competition Evening- *The Ordinary*.



**Robin Davis** joined us again for an evening of reviewing club photos covering anything but “ordinary” photos.

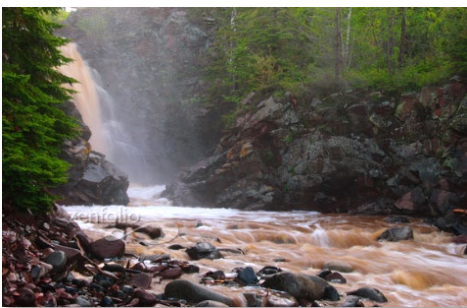
Offering helpful techniques as well as insights how color and composition help make a good photo better... that was Robin!



Photos by  
**Jeff  
Westland**

## Presentation Evening- (cancelled) **Waterfalls**.

Due to a family emergency, **David Johnson** did not present his educational presentation, "Magic of Waterfall Photography: How to Photograph Moving Water".



We will reschedule David's presentation for another presentation evening.

They Say It's Your...

*Birthday!*

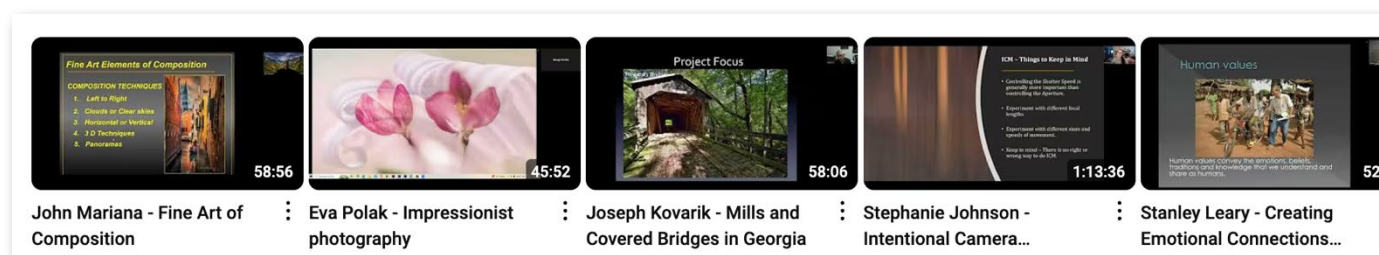
- 2 March- **Robert Hatch**
- 3 March- **Paul Shimek**
- 7 March- **Marge Kinder**
- 12 March- **Carter Darnell**
- 19 March- **Cory Huntington**
- 22 March- **Michael Brown**
- 24 March- **Jeanene Hamaker**
- 24 March- **Anand Saokar**

## 2025 Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

In January, we clear the totals and begin fresh for 2025. The 2025 end of year winners are determined by a running point total, January through November, for each of our three divisions. Points are awarded for each winning 2025 photo based on the award level (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Honorable Mention). The highest points= *Photographer of the Year* in the *Novice; Standard: Color*, and *Standard: Monochrome* divisions. And the one award to rule them all (Standard: Color + Standard: Monochrome), *Overall Photographer of the Year*.

Overall: **Phyllis Westland**  
Novice Division: **Lori Mitchum, Joyce Harrison**  
Standard Division: Monochrome: **Phyllis Westland**  
Standard Division: Color: **Judy Ghormley**

## Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



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

## 2025 Dues Are... Due.



Please pay your 2025 \$40 dues.

A couple of options are:



- PayPal link: You can click [here](#) (go to the bottom of the club's web page for the **Pay with PayPal** button).
- Pay by cash or check in-person at our competition meeting or any field trip, learning workshop, or social event. You can mail your check directly to our Treasurer, **Rob Herman** at: Cobb Photographic Society, c/o Rob Herman, CPS Treasurer 1020 Millridge Lane SE Marietta, GA 30067-5472.

## 2025 Monthly Photo Challenge Schedule.

This is a **FUN month-long challenge** for all members to participate and post their photos to a specific club FB album. No prizes and no awards; just your personal participation in a fun environment! If you have questions, contact Marc [here](#).

Monthly Photo Challenge (all month)	Photo Challenge Theme
January	Patterns all around us
February	Celebration
March	Shoes
April	Puts a smile on my face
May	It's alive!
June	Colors of spring
July	Feels like I'm home
August	America the beautiful
September	Nighttime lights
October	I found it on a walk
November	Past their prime
December	(no challenge; enjoy the holidays)

## CPS 2025 Monthly Competition Themes Schedule.

Monday Deadline for Digital Submission	Monday Competition Evening	Competition Theme
<b>2025</b>		
December 30	January 6 *	General – Vintage (no theme or 2-year limit)
January 27	February 3	The Ordinary
February 24	March 3	Door(s) / Window(s) <b>Prints-only</b>
March 31	April 7	Georgia On My Mind (Photos taken in GA)
April 28	May 5	Trees
May 26	June 2	Wet <b>Prints-only</b>
July 7	July 14 **	Seasons
July 28	August 4	Motorcycle(s) / Bicycle(s) / Tricycle(s)
September 1	September 8 **	Shadows <b>Prints-only</b>
September 29	October 6	Architecture
October 27	November 3	Something Broken
November 17	(closed) ***	Winning 2025 photos compete for a wild card 1 <sup>st</sup> place in each of the three divisions. ***
None	Xmas Party	End of Year Awards Ceremony

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

\* January's Competition is wide open! No limit on the theme (family-friendly) or date the photograph was taken.

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

\*\*\* The month of November 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 divisions. Winners are announced at our December Christmas party.

**Prints-only** - Three themes a year are set aside for **Prints-only** monthly competitions. There is no Zoom session during the three Prints-only competitions; we encourage you to come to Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center and view our members' print craftsmanship.

**Note:** No AI is allowed in any submitted photo; it must be *all your work*.

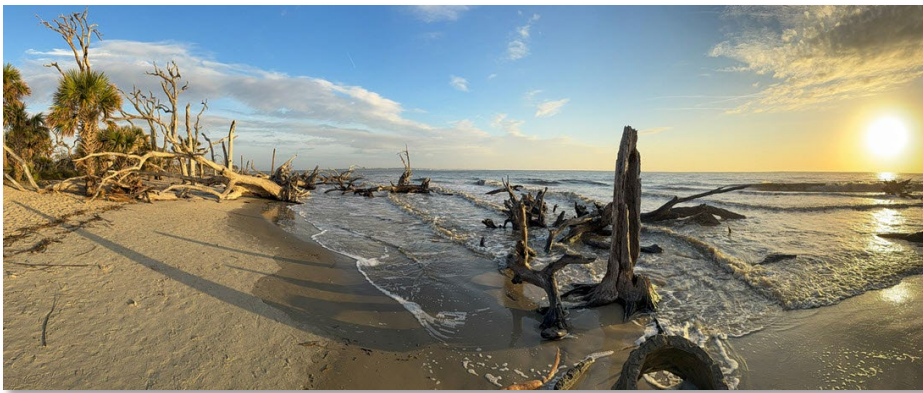


## How Many CPS Members Does It Take to Tour Costal Georgia?

In February 2025, **David Batley**, **Ümit Yüksel**, and **Jim Moran**, visited the Georgia coastal area, including Darien, Sapelo Island, and Jekyll Island.

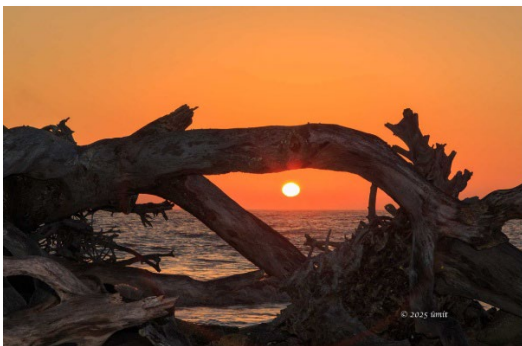
Below is a recap by David of the men's three day adventure:

"We challenged each other to select 12 images of the many hundreds captured that would represent what we found unique during our three-day visit. This gallery represents these 36 choices--much like in the "film days," when one had a roll of 36 exposure film to capture an experience. Although the three of us were photographing in close proximity to one another during much of this trip, we saw different things of interest as reflected in our individual choices.



*Driftwood Beach*  
by  
Jim Moran

The Georgia coast presents great opportunities to photograph the landscape, seascape, and cultural expression that dominates and defines this portion of the state. The coastal area is always in a flux of change, similar to the tides, yet at the same time, many places seem to remain the same. The coast area is fascinating.



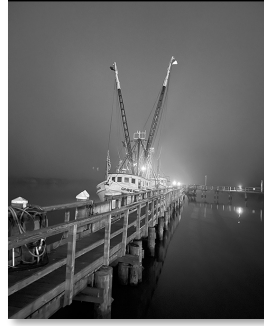
*Driftwood Beach Sunrise*  
by  
Ümit Yüksel

Both Sapelo Island and Jekyll Island are considered barrier islands, along with several others stretching along the Atlantic coast. Both islands are owned by the State of Georgia, with the exception of a portion of Sapelo, where Hog Hammock is a privately owned community belonging to the descendants of the former slaves and tenant farmers employed by the island's plantation owners in the 19th century. Visiting Sapelo

Island requires a reservation and is accessible by ferry, while visiting Jekyll Island is always open to the public by crossing a causeway that connects to the Brunswick area. There is a small fee to enter the island at the end of the causeway.



*In the Mist, Doboy Sound*  
by  
Jim Moran



*Night on the  
Darien River*  
by  
David Batley



*Morning- Sapelo Island*  
by  
Ümit Yüksel

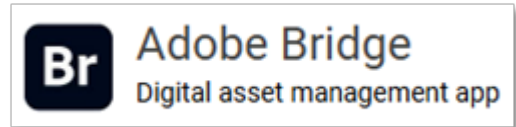
Both islands have a rich history, as does the town of Darien. Darien is considered the unofficial fishing capital of Georgia, with a large fishing fleet based on the Darien River. Sapelo Island contains several significant features: Tens of thousands of acres that are designated for wildlife and timber; the University of Georgia Marine Institute; the R.J. Reynolds mansion; and the previously noted community of Hog Hammock. Jekyll Island has a large historic area containing restored homes and structures from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the Georgia Sea Turtle Center, nature trails, public beaches and much more.



*Saint Luke's Church, Hog Hammock,  
Sapelo Island*  
by  
David Batley

Altogether, a visit to the Georgia coast can be a fun and educational experience. I have been a regular visitor to this area for five decades, sometimes with fellow photographers. You can visit a few of my other galleries within my website that contain images from previous visits to this area, as well as Cumberland Island located south of Jekyll Island." View the three-day photo album [here](#). Visit David's website [here](#).

## Upcoming Workshops: *Lightroom Classic, Camera Raw, and Photoshop.*

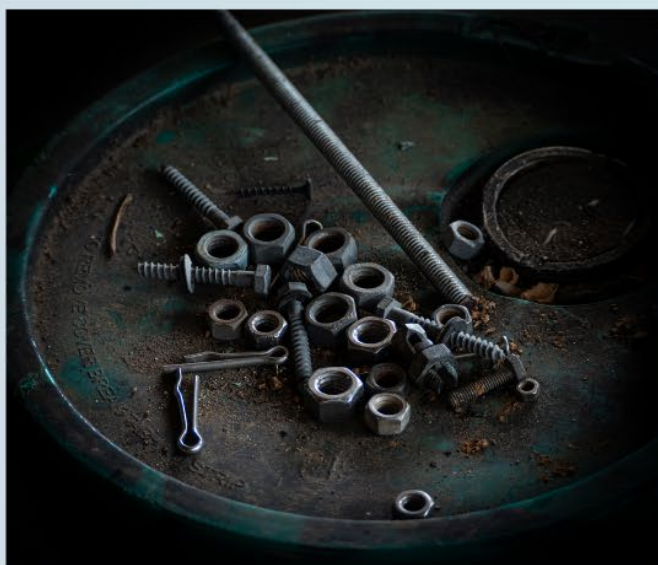


During February, **Pat Fahey** ran the first of four *Lightroom Classic* Zoom workshops while **Ümit Yüksel**, Learning Workshop Chair, headed up the single-session, *Adobe Bridge* Zoom workshop.

Pat and Umit will continue to offer monthly Zoom classes on *Lightroom Classic* (photo/file management and editing), *Adobe Camera Raw*, and an *Introduction to Photoshop* through May.

You can sign up for a specific workshop or all via our RSVP/Sign up [here](#).

# Standard- Color Competition Winners



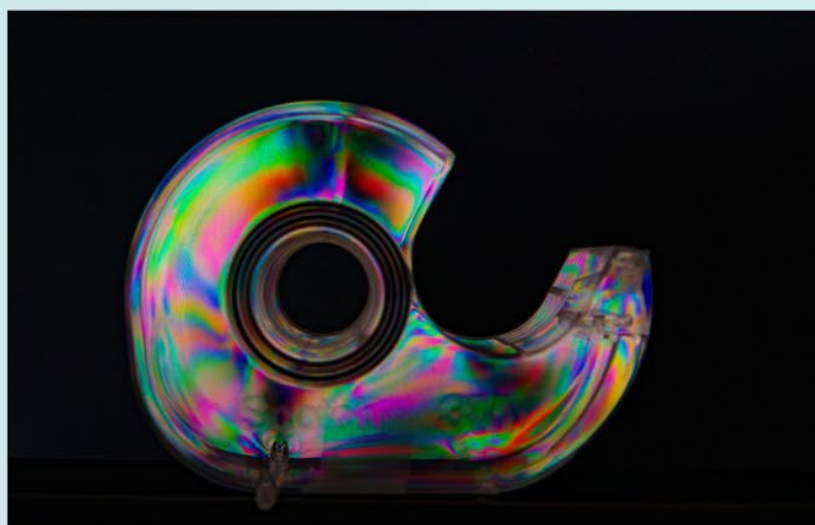
Second Place  
*Nuts and Bolts*  
Natalie Birnbaum



Third Place  
*Air Jordans*  
Jeff Westland



Honorable Mention  
*Old Glory*  
Natalie Birnbaum



Honorable Mention  
*Alien Tape*  
Michael Birnbaum

# Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners

Second Place  
*Bird on a Limb*  
Angie Nasrallah



Third Place  
*Prelaunch*  
Melissa Moody



Honorable Mention  
*Measuring Tape*  
Mark Buckert



Honorable Mention  
*Heavy Snow Walk*  
Jeff Whittingham

# Novice Competition Winners



Second Place  
*Finial Geometrics*  
Joyce Harrison



Honorable Mention  
*The Art of Lines*  
Lori Mitchum



Third Place  
*Afternoon Fun*  
Joy Rogers

Honorable Mention  
*Broken Dreams*  
Lori Mitchum



# Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

## Free Nikon DSLR Wireless Remote Shutter



Club member, **Pat Fahey**, offers a wireless shutter release that works with **Nikon DSLR** cameras that have a 10-pin connector. The make and model is RFN-4s Wireless Remote Shutter Release for Nikon DSLRs with MC30 Type Connection: Nikon D200, D300, D300s, D500, D700, D800, D800E, D810, D1, D2, D3, D3x, D3s, D4, D5

- Transmitter and Receiver Set.

The transmitter/receiver set will be available at the next club competition evening at Sewell Mill Library. First-come, first-served.

## Upcoming Private Tutoring with Club Member, David Batley.



**David Batley**, a recognized club member and experienced instructor, will be teaching once again at Smith-Gilbert Gardens each month on Saturdays beginning in April (April 12).

These workshops will feature various subjects ranging from basic operation of your camera to more specific topics like effective macro photography. All the sessions will include hands-on time in the gardens to practice what you learn.

The gardens have been under renovation for the past several months, so the upcoming workshops will resume in April. Watch for more details in next month's CPS Magazine.

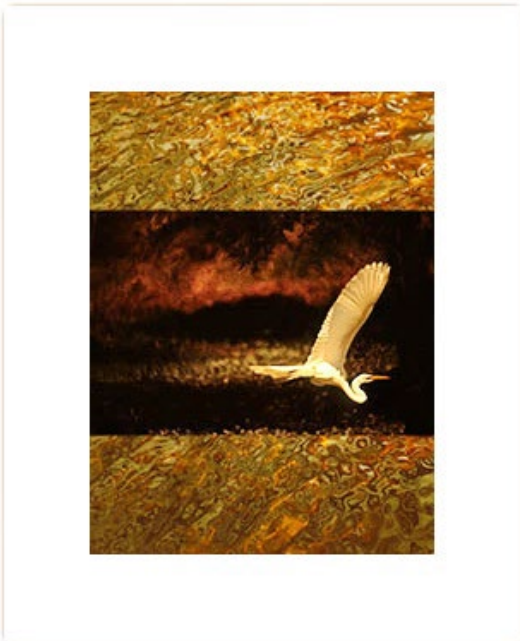
Contact David at 4043146359 or by email: [dbphotodesign@comcast.net](mailto:dbphotodesign@comcast.net).

## Stay Tuned for Upcoming Courses with Mark Chandler.



Another experienced instructor who is a long-time club member and our Social Media Chair, **Mark Chandler**, will have classes in the near future. Check back here next month for Mark's upcoming classes.

## Judge's Featured Website: Robin Davis.



The photo is Robin's work.

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.

She divides her time between Atlanta and Cortona, Italy where she has been teaching the Cortona Center of Photography workshops since 1998.

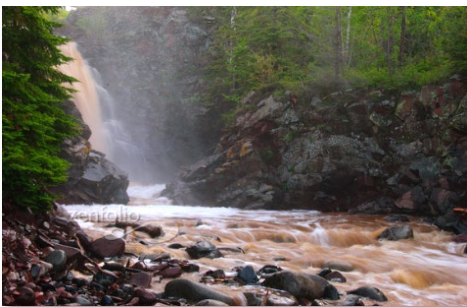
In addition to the Italy Workshop in Tuscany, her Atlanta Georgia photography workshops in the US are offered through The Third Eye photography workshops and adventures.

The workshops feature coastal photography workshops in Savannah; Jekyll Island; St. Simons Island; and Charleston, South Carolina.

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

## Presenter's Featured Website.

Due to a family emergency, **David Johnson** did not present his educational presentation, "Magic of Waterfall Photography: How to Photograph Moving Water".



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

## Upcoming *Photoshop Creativity Virtual Summit*.



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What skill levels should attend? The website FAQs state “*There will be classes aimed at all levels of experience, from beginners to experienced users. Before the summit begins, we will offer a free mini-course for beginners to help prepare for the summit.*”

Why do we keep advertising these annual summits for folks who didn’t judge or do a presentation for our club?

- First, you will learn from some of the best Photoshop instructors.
- Second, **Dave offers a limited-time opportunity to take the four day training for free.** The stipulation is that at the end of each of the four day’s sessions, you have the opportunity, for 48 hours, to access that day’s sessions. You can sign up [here](#).

Of course, you can purchase the VIP (early bird) pass [here](#). With the VIP purchase you have access to all the training and downloads with no date restrictions.

## **(Repost) John Mariana’s 2025 Smoky Mountain Workshop.**

John Mariana Photography  
*Photography Workshops*  
“Photograph that which stirs your heart and excites your mind.”

**THE SMOKY MOUNTAIN SPRING**  
Workshop with four nights’ accommodations and five days photography  
Monday, April 21 through Friday, April 25, 2025

Join me in one of the beautiful National Parks. I’ve taught many workshops here and have visited the best photographic areas many times. There is an abundance of water and fresh spring color. The images in this flyer are from several years. You can see that spring is perfect for photography.

**THE SMOKY MOUNTAINS**

You will receive one-on-one instructions as we photograph. We will photograph in the Roaring Fork area with the many farmsteads, old mill and waterfalls. In Cades Cove we will photograph the old churches, the buildings in the village and some of the barns and upper lofts. At Elkmont there are the abandoned houses that are now falling apart. Tremont there are numerous river images and striking waterfalls.

**WORKSHOP HIGHLIGHTS**

- Roaring Fork Loop
  - Water Falls, River Runs
  - Cabins – exteriors and interiors
- Cades Cove
- Elkmont abandoned structures
- Little Greenbrier Abandoned School
- Tremont – water falls and more
- Evening and afternoon working sessions - Photoshop
- Image Reviews and critiques

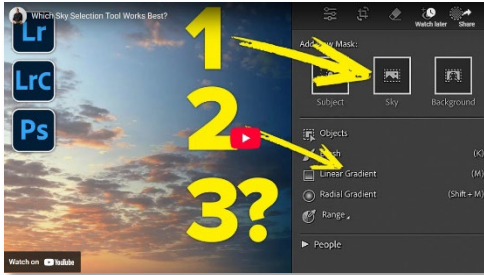
**John Mariana**, a long-time supporter of CPS, is again offering his annual Smoky Mountain workshop, “The Smoky Mountain Spring.” The workshop covers locations throughout the area that are photographically interesting and you benefit from John’s expert assistance.

The workshop runs from **Mon, 21 Apr through Fri, 25 Apr**. John confirmed he still has several seats open. If interested, contact John by email:

[jmarianaphotography@gmail.com](mailto:jmarianaphotography@gmail.com).

## Which Selection Tools Work Best To Fix Troublesome Edges?

This *Selection-O-Rama* training is dedicated to **Melissa Moody** who asked me two years ago how to refine a sky selection in Lightroom Classic. Since then, the tools have really improved. It's a good time to see how to fix rough edges/selections.



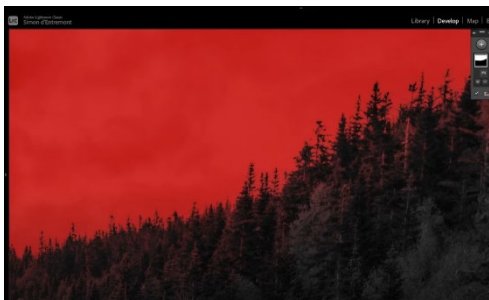
**Matt Kloskowski** covers how Lightroom Classic handles selecting the sky area and what tools to better select the sky. He quickly shows how to refine your sky selection. The second masking video adds to the discussion.

He offers his paid video tutorials... a soft sell, though.

Both of Matt's videos are nine minutes. Sky selection video: [here](#). Masking video: [here](#).



Another YouTube video from **Christian Moehrle** also shows his technique to mask the sky using MULTIPLE masks and color grading. His detailed technique is ***much more detailed*** but it's good to have this in your Lightroom toolbox. **IMHO, it's for intermediate++ users; skip it and maybe come back to it.** The 12 minute video is [here](#).



And, you guessed it... another masking video. This time exploring Lightroom's intersecting masks from **Simon d'Entremont** (very good nature photographer). He starts out covering the basics of why and how to use intersecting masks using animal and landscape photos. Great tip at nine minutes- ***mind-blowing***.

The 11 minute video is [here](#).

Finally, another video from **Christian Moehrle** shows **15 Tips and Tricks for Lightroom Masks**.

I found the video to be well worth the view and jotted down notes for those extra hard selections. This is an intermediate+ video that introduces you to new uses for the Lightroom tools. I like how both **Christian** and **Simon** use linear gradients on landscapes to prevent the entire landscape having the same lighting.

The 16 minute video is [here](#).



## Website Feature: 2025 World Nature Photography Awards.



A collection of striking photos from all over the world with the focus on animals in their natural environment.

View the WNPA website [here](#).

**The Robber Fly photo at the WNPA website is amazing!**

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**Tom Nickels, Finland**



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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!



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1974 - 2025

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