

Cobb Photographic Society



April 2025



Competition Theme: *Doors/Windows*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Waves

Melissa Moody

(Above) Winner- Color
Going Somewhere
Phyllis Westland

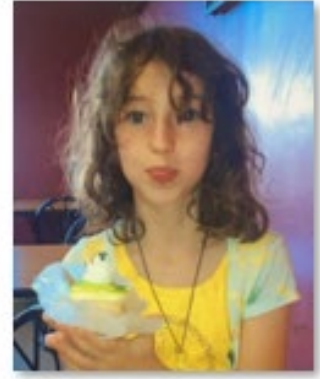


Winner- Novice
Winter Window Wink
Joyce Harrison

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Upcoming Activities and Events

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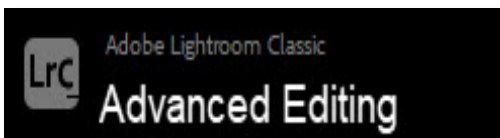
This Month's Member Challenge Photos. Photo Challenge: *Puts a Smile On My Face*. **Marc Moskowitz**, our Photo Challenge moderator, set up a club FB album for you to post your photos [here](#). *This is a fun event for all*. Photos by **Mark Chandler**, **Patrick Olmstead**, and **Marc Moskowitz**. **All are welcome to submit photographs.**



Thu, 3 Apr, 7 PM. Member Speaker. GNPA Chapter Presentation. CPS member, **Mike Birnbaum**, will be speaking to the GNPA's Roswell Chapter meeting on *Photographing Nature's Food Chain* at the Chattahoochee Nature Center at 9135 Willeo Rd, Roswell, GA. Mike's talk will cover many different food chains in nature that are close to home.

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SOCIETY **Competition Evening**

Mon, 7 Apr, 7 PM. Competition. Georgia On My Mind (photos taken in Georgia). Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. This evening's competition in-person or Zoom access [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 > Basic+ Editing (3 of 4 LrC sessions)*. Join **Pat Fahey**, over Zoom, as we explore, in the third session, a few final *Library Module*

tips and jump into the *Develop Module* where your “photo magic” begins. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**



Thu, 10 Apr, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. *Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) (2 of 2 sessions)*. **Session 2: Adobe Camera Raw (ACR)- Editing and Exporting.** Join **Ümit Yüksel**, over Zoom, as we explore the second of two ACR sessions. RSVP/Sign [here](#). **Club members only.**



Sat, 19 Apr, 11 AM. 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. **Ronda Clark**, Membership Chair, will directly contact new members via email to meet at Switzer Library’s study rooms. 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, 21 Apr, 7 PM. Continuing Education. *Presentation Evening*. Join our host, **Hylos Barrett**, for this evening’s Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

Tue, 22 Apr, 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.**



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

Mon, 28 Apr, 3 PM. **Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: Trees.** Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the entry form and photos to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com for the next competition. **Club members only.**

Mon-Tue, 28-29 Apr. **Exhibit. Drop off prints for the Spring CPS Exhibit.** Drop off your prints and registration sheet at The Art Place from 9 AM to 9 PM, 3330 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

Future Activities and Events

Month of May. Photo Challenge. It's Alive! More information on where to post your photos towards the end of April.

Thu, 1 May, 6-8 PM. **Exhibit. Exhibit Reception Evening.** Join us as we enjoy our members' photographs at *The Art Place*, 3330 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

Thu, 1 May – Thu, 28 May. **Exhibit. Spring CPS Exhibit.** If you can't make our evening reception on **Thu, 8 May**, 6-8 PM, the hours are from 9 AM to 9 PM at *The Art Place*, 3330 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

Sat, 3 May. **Field Trip. Stone Mountain Wildflowers.** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

FYI. Sat, 3 May to 5 Jul. FYI. Traveling M2R Fence Gallery in Marietta. Consider viewing the photos in the relaxed, downtown Marietta area. The outdoors exhibit will move on to Acworth, Kennesaw, and more Cobb county cities. More information at m2rfence.com/call-for-art.

Mon, 5 May, 7 PM. Competition. *Trees*. 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, 7 May, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. *Lightroom Classic (LrC) Intermediate+ Editing (4 of 4 Zoom sessions)*. You will receive sample files for hands-on work during the Zoom session. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Thu, 8 May, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. *Introduction to Photoshop (4 of 4 Zoom sessions)*. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Sat, 17 May, 9 AM. (Depart Sewell Mill at 6:45 AM). **Field Trip. *Providence Canyon and White Water in Columbus, GA*.** RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Thu-Fri, 29-30 May. Exhibit. *Pick up CPS Exhibit artwork*. Please pick up from 9 AM to 9 PM, *The Art Place*, 3330 Sandy Plains Rd, Marietta, GA 30066.

New!* Sat, 21 Jun. Social and Learning Workshops. *CPS Spring Social at Switzer Library's Rogers Room. More information coming in April.

Notes from Around Our Club

Competition Evening- *Doors/Windows*.

John Haigwood joined us again for an evening of reviewing club photos covering creative photos of our monthly theme: Doors and Windows.

Tip: John stressed that your photos are more interesting when they “tell a story”.

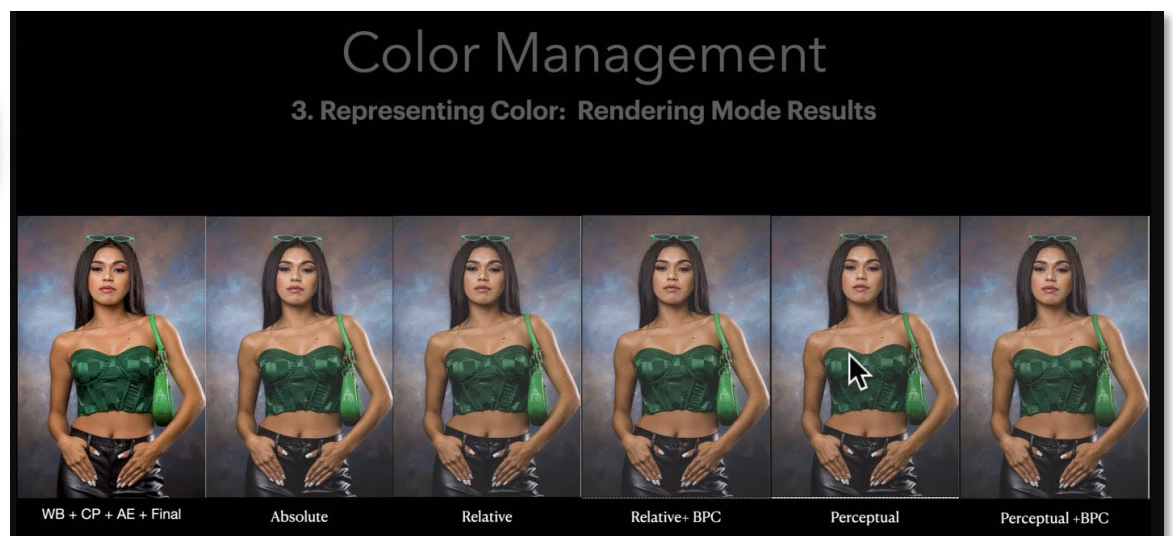


Photos by
**Jeff
Westland**

Left: **John
and Melanie
Haigwood**

Presentation Evening- Color Management.

Fellow CPS member, **Ümit Yüksel**, presented an in-depth discussion of how understanding color spaces and using different color profiles will yield better-looking photographs. As always, Ümit presented a complex subject in a clear manner.



They Say It's Your...

Birthday!

- 19 April- **Mary Abernathy**
- 30 April- **Mary Ann Ortiz**

And two new birthdays for last month:






- 18 March- **Ralph Sell**
- 29 March- **Maura Davies**

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 (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 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:	Joyce Harrison
Standard Division: Monochrome:	Phyllis Westland
Standard Division: Color:	Phyllis Westland

Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.

				
Umit Yuksel - Color Management 29 views · 12 days ago	John Mariana - Fine Art of Composition 37 views · 1 month ago	Eva Polak - Impressionist photography 265 views · 4 months ago	Joseph Kovarik - Mills and Covered Bridges in Georgia 61 views · 5 months ago	Stephanie Johnson - Intentional Camera... 233 views · 6 months ago

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

Welcome New Members.

Welcome to the club! We're thrilled to have you join our community of passionate photographers. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just starting, this is a place to share, learn, and grow together. We can't wait to see your work!



Maura Davies: “I am a librarian and hobbyist photographer. I became interested in photography as a teen and have been playing with cameras ever since. Photography classes were a part of my college art major; I continue to learn informally through various sources, including local photography clubs and the Birmingham School of Photography.

Favorite subjects include plants (especially natives), nature, family, musicians, architectural details, and macro subjects.

Photography has been a way for me to share the visual beauty of the things that I am inspired by and find joy in. Often, these are scenes that may not be noticed until you stop, change your vantage point, and explore.”

[Ed: Upon joining, Maura entered February’s Novice competition and earned Third place with her photo, *Fun With Dad*.]



Martin O’Toole: “Born in NY, I spent my youth in Elmont, NY, and the Empire State Building was visible from the 3rd floor of my high school. After an eclectic career as a police equipment salesman, weekly newspaper editor, and real estate salesman, I graduated from the University of Georgia College of Law and began my law career in Marietta and ended it at the same partnership in 2018.

My primary photographic interest is railroading. I made my first photo of a New Haven locomotive in Grand Central Station, New York in 1965 and have taken thousands of

shots since then.

In pursuit of the Iron Horse, I’ve visited 47 states and 11 foreign countries. I am a member of the Center for Railroad Photography and Art (<https://railphoto-art.org/>), which is an elevated platform. The CRPA members show what is possible with a more artistic eye.

My primary tools are a Nikon Z6 and a Nikon Z8. A Nikon D2xs, Nikon D700, and three Hasselblad film cameras are “stored serviceable” as the railroads would say.

My primary goal in joining the club is to learn editing and post-production enhancement. I hope some better composition techniques may be transmitted as well.”

Club Member Speaker at GNPA Roswell's April meeting.



On **Thu, 3 Apr**, 7 PM, CPS member, **Mike Birnbaum**, will speak to the GNPA Roswell Chapter's meeting on *Photographing Nature's Food Chain* at the at the **Chattahoochee Nature Center** at 9135 Willeo Rd, Roswell, GA. Mike's talk will cover the many different food chains in

nature that are close to home. Visitors are welcome. Email Mike [here](#) for more details.

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
2025		
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) Prints-only
March 31	April 7	Georgia On My Mind (Photos taken in GA)
April 28	May 5	Trees
May 26	June 2	Wet Prints-only
July 7	July 14 **	Seasons
July 28	August 4	Motorcycle(s) / Bicycle(s) / Tricycle(s)
September 1	September 8 **	Shadows Prints-only
September 29	October 6	Architecture
October 27	November 3	Something Broken
November 17	(closed) ***	Winning 2025 photos compete for a wild card 1 st 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*.

Photo Challenge: Shoes.



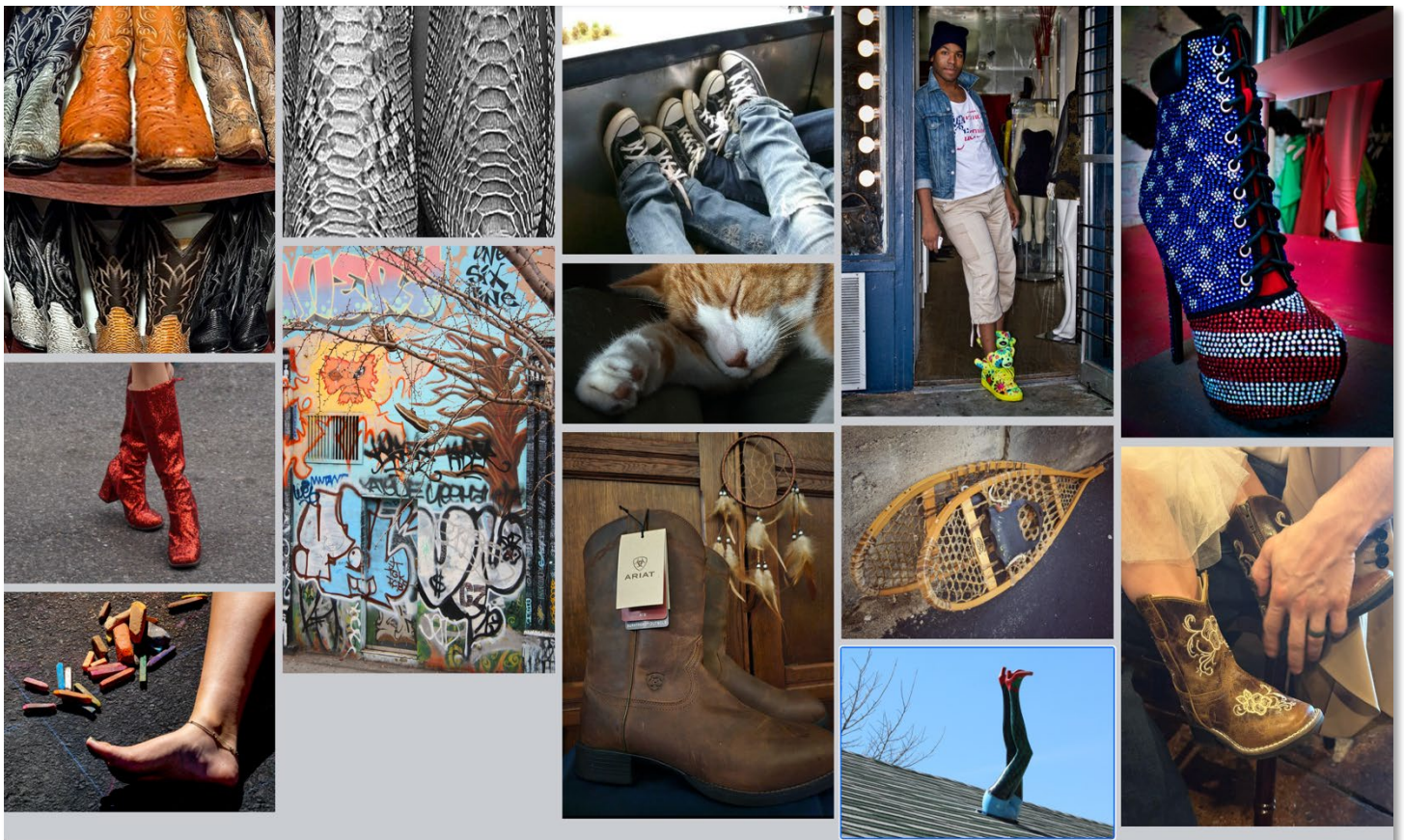
Attention, CPS members and anyone else reading this magazine.

What is the easiest way to further your photo skills in the most fun way?

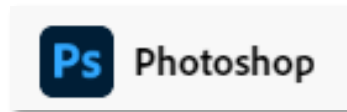
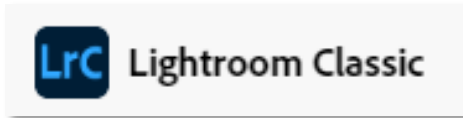
HAVE FUN WITH THE MONTHLY PHOTO CHALLENGE!

It's fun to see your photo up on our Facebook monthly CPS album and in our monthly magazine. Try it; you'll like it.

To see the larger images, click [here](#).



Remaining Workshops: *Lightroom Classic, Camera Raw, and Photoshop.*



During April, **Pat Fahey** finishes the third of four *Lightroom Classic* (LrC) Zoom workshops on basic+ editing while **Ümit Yüksel**, CPS Learning Workshop Chair, heads up the second of his two Adobe Camera Raw Zoom workshops.

In May, Pat and Ümit will wrap up their last Zoom classes. Pat finishes with LrC intermediate+ editing while Ümit finishes with his Zoom session, *Introduction to Photoshop*.

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

CPS and Family Members Display Quilting Talent.



It's always a pleasure seeing club and family members engage in other creative arts.

During our March **Prints-Only** competition at the Sewell Mill Cultural Center, one of the local quilting guilds displayed their creative skills at a

large, month-long Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center exhibit.

On the left, club member **Karen Kaderlik** proudly displays her quilt. Club member, **Ronda Clark**, also a quilter, passed on that her cousin, **Joan Roeber-Jones** of Marietta, quilted the pool scene on the right. It is a portrait of her swim coaches made from a photo. FYI, Rob Herman's wife, **Adri Herman**, is also a quilter.

Yes, no f/stops or shutter speed practiced here but rather an experienced quilter bringing their vision to reality with an arresting skill and talent though the medium of cloth.



Community Outreach: Kicking Back Against Parkinsons (1 of 2).

Club member, **Marge Kinder**, asked the club to enjoy another year up at Rome photographing and getting to know Parkinsons patients and their families- in a fun-filled afternoon. **Hylos Barrett, Joy Rogers, and Pat Fahey** had full access to the venue... including the awesome hamburger line.

To see a short and fun video, these images and more, in a larger format, click [here](#).



Community Outreach: Kicking Back Against Parkinsons (2 of 2).



Standard- Color Competition Winners



Second Place
Bricks and Lace
Phyllis Westland



Third Place
Window Dressing
Jeff Westland



Honorable Mention
360 Views
Umit Yuksel

Honorable Mention
Medieval Door in Lecce
Marc Moskowitz



Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners

Second Place
Ripples from my Window
Jeff Westland



Third Place
Go Ahead Make my Day
Phyllis Westland



Honorable Mention
Discarded
Ralph Burr

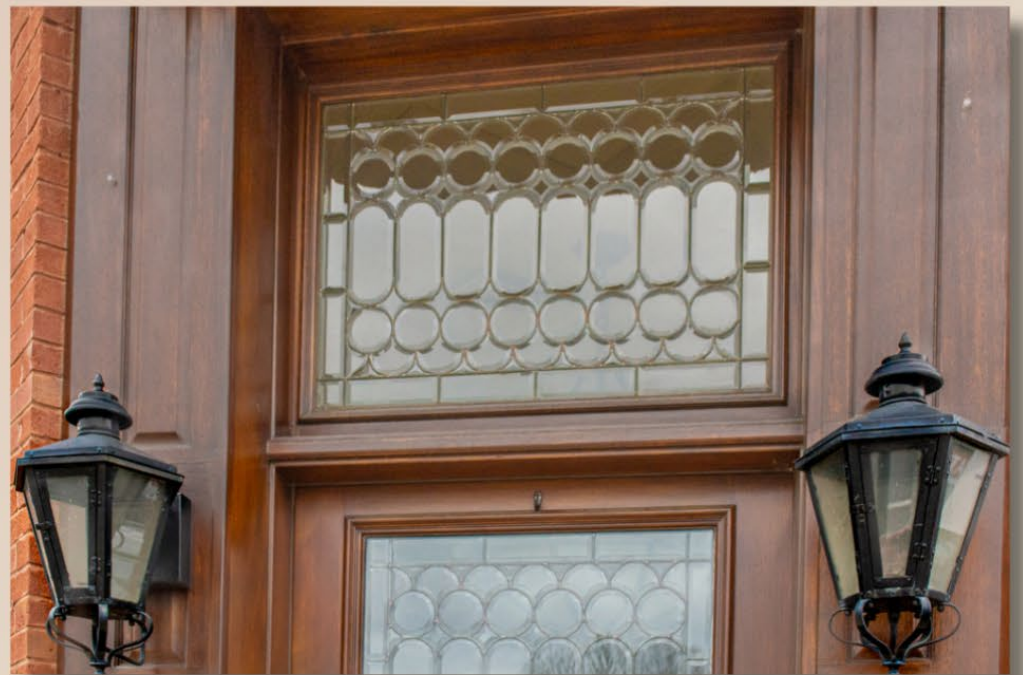


Honorable Mention
Apparitions
Phyllis Westland

Novice Competition Winners



Second Place
Gnome Home Welcome
Joyce Harrison



Third Place
Victorian Entry
Rob Herman

Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

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.

The previously announced April photo workshop at Smith-Gilbert Gardens has **been moved to May**, due to ongoing construction at the gardens.

The Saturday workshop date in May will be announced soon.

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.

You can register by calling Smith-Gilbert Gardens directly at 770-919-0248.

David continues to offer private, one-to-one photography tutoring. For details, contact David at 404-314-6359.

One More Time: 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.

Featured Judge's Website: John Haigwood.

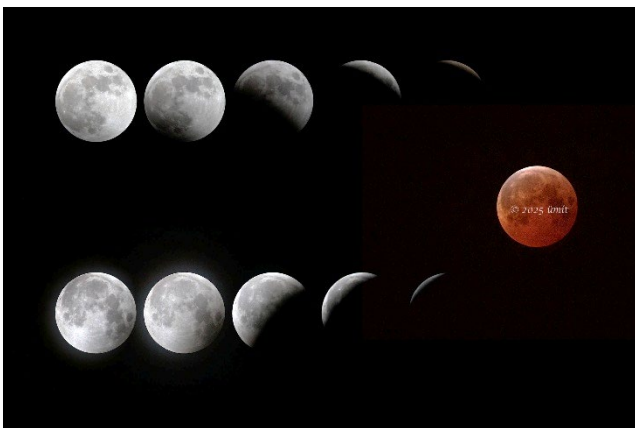


John started as a photographer right out of high school who did it all: weddings, babies, landscapes, portraiture, ... In 1988, John founded his company and now specializes as an advertising photographer as well as fashion and business headshots (among other fields).

Says client, **Cadi Tierney**, Encompass Group, LLC, "*Haigwood Studios is my go-to photography studio, for all our projects; Fashion shoots to celebrity endorsed videos, voice-overs to lay downs, at a fair price. I cannot endorse Haigwood Studios enough.*"

Photos are John's work. You can visit his website [here](#).

Featured Presenter: Ümit Yüksel.



I've learned over the years that Ümit is a friendly, inquisitive, and methodical person who takes on many challenges and gives his all, to any chosen endeavor.

For 23 years, Ümit worked for CryoLife, beginning as a scientist and closing that life chapter as a Senior Director, Research and Development.

Currently, Ümit is an independent consultant for Product Development and Project Management.

A club member for 25 years, Ümit served as projectionist (remember the days of slide film?), field trip chair, club president, and now as our Learning Workshop Chair. If a topic has to deal with (almost any) camera operation, macro photography, or astro photography, you'll find Ümit in the lead. The Blood Moon sequence is **Ümit's** work.

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

Mastering Flash Photography: 5 Lighting Principles for Beginners.



Westcott, makers of studio lighting equipment and modifiers, features photographers **Mark Behrens** and **Steve Batz**, in a 30 minute video on five lighting principles- when using flash.

Not covered in the video: Adding any light to enhance your subject is the final goal. Adding a V-flat, inexpensive whiteboard, or the side of a building may be all you need to enhance your subject.

The video explains the basic terms and how they work with the flash and walking through a photo shoot. And... the video covers High Speed Sync (HSS) and choosing strobe modifiers as well but the majority of the video sticks with the basics.

You can view the 30 minute video [here](#).

How to Use Light to Tell a Story (Beginner to Intermediate+).



Another Westcott video features **Joel Grimes**, an excellent photographer, using flash and modifiers to enhance your subject.

Not covered in the video. Small portable flashes on the camera or off camera wired/radio-linked flashes may be all you need to enhance your subject. Putting your subject in the shade or under a scrim allows you control the light that falls on your subject. Dust off

those portable flashes you have back in the closet and experiment!

I like this video because it is a basic-to-intermediate instruction by Joel that walks you through how, where, and why he photographed the rancher for the above photograph. He then takes it up a notch with posing, storytelling, multiple shots/angles, and more.

Good tips:

- Position your flash/softbox to light in the same direction as the sun.
- Tell a story (rope added in rancher's hand). [Ed: **John Haigwood**, this month's competition judge, would be happy to hear that.]

Both videos are a soft-sell of Westcott products but well worth the time. You can view the 21 minute [here](#).

Featured Website: 2024 National Wildlife Federation Contest Awards.

A collection winning wildlife photographs. Well worth the visit.

View the 2024 website [here](#).



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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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