

Cobb Photographic Society



July 2025



Competition Theme: *Wet*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Carving the Wave
Patrick Olmsted

(Above) Winner- Color
Wet Finish
Jeff Whittingham



Winner- Novice
Thawing is Beginning
Maryann Crow

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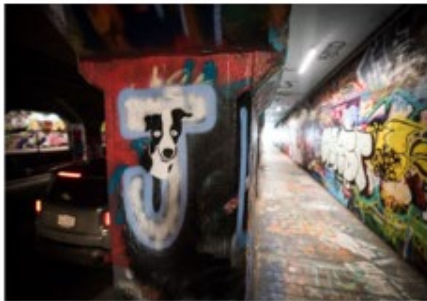
Upcoming Activities and Events

July 2025



All Month. July Photo Challenge: *Feels Like I'm Home*. 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 Moskowitz, Patricia Bonilla, and Chandler Bridges**-uploaded so far. **All are welcome to submit photographs.**

Mon, 7 Jul, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Seasons*. Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the entry form and photos to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com. This is a digital photo competition. **Club members only.**



Sat, 12 Jul, 4 PM (Sewell Mill Library carpool departs at 3:15 PM). **Field Trip. *Krog Street Tunnel/Graffiti/Jackson Street Bridge*.** Join **Pat Fahey**, as we explore downtown Atlanta's Inman Park/Cabbagetown neighborhoods to visit eclectic graffiti concrete panels, Krog Street Tunnel, and Jackson Street bridge. We'll enjoy dinner on the nearby Beltway. RSVP/Sign up form [here](#)." Photo from the [Daily Krog Tunnel](#) and photos from **Mark Chandler**. **Club members only.**



Competition Evening

Mon, 14 Jul, 7 PM. **Competition.** **Seasons.** Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta. This evening's digital competition; attend in-person or online [here](#). After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**



Continuing Education Evening

Mon, 21 Jul, 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 Jul, 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.**



*New Member
"Chat and Plan"*

Sat, 26 Jul, 11 AM. **New Members.** **"Chat and Plan"**. Join us at Switzer Library's meeting rooms to 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. Optional lunch and Marietta Square walkabout after lunch. **Ronda Clark**, Membership Chair, will directly contact new members via email. **New members and invited guests.**

Mon, 28 Jul, 3 PM. **Competition.** **Deadline for Digital Images, Theme:** **Motorcycle/Bicycles/Tricycles.** Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the entry form and photos to cpdigital2023@gmail.com. This is a digital photo competition. **Club members only.**

Future Activities and Events

Mon, 4 Aug, 7 PM. Competition. Theme: *Motorcycle/Bicycles/Tricycles*. Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta or attend via Zoom [here](#). Note this is a digital photo competition. After the meeting, we'll head out for social time. **All are welcome.**

Sat, 16 or 30 Aug. Learning Workshop. Light Painting Cars and More! More information and RSVP/Sign up in July. **Club members only.**

Fri, 22 Aug. Field Trip. Milky Way and Star Trails. RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**

Notes from Around Our Club

Competition Evening- *Wet.*



Larry Wilson, a former member of the club years ago, judged our **Prints-only** competition evening at Sewell Mill's *Black Box Theatre*.

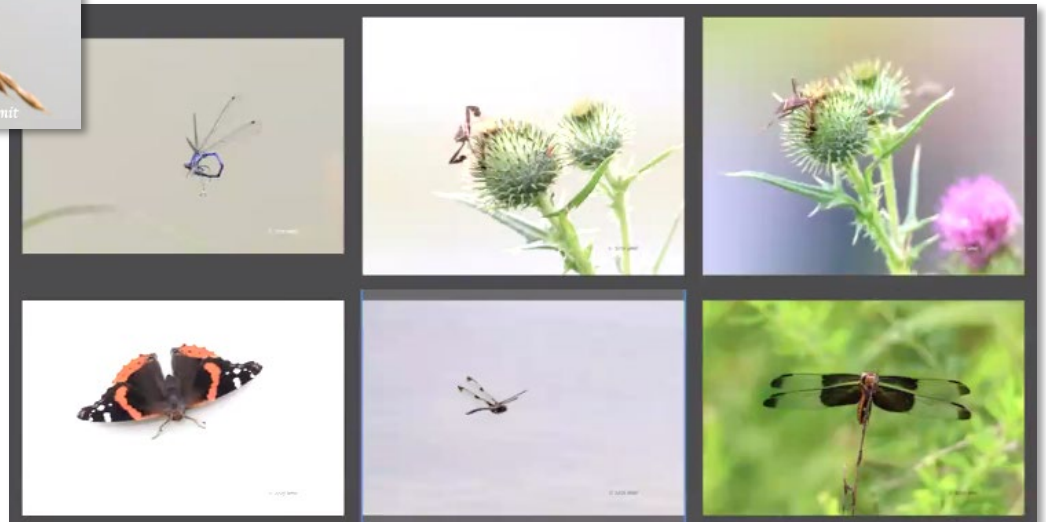
Hats off to Larry for filling in as a first-time judge!



Photos by
**Jeff
Westland**

Presentation Evening- *Making Lemonade...*

We had the unfortunate situation of our presentation speaker not able to access the internet to present his Zoom meeting. That said, we did just fine looking at each other's photos from eclipses, birds, to dragonflies... our very own "Nature Night"!



They Say It's Your...

Birthday!

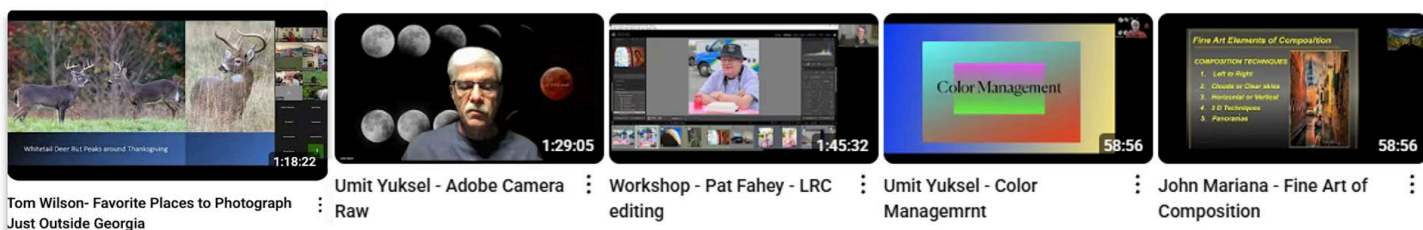
- 18 Jul- **Hylos Barrett**
- 18 Jul- **Anne Say**
- 19 Jul- **CJ Andretta**
- 20 Jul- **Amanda Jenkins**
- 24 Jul- **Jeff Estes**

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:	Melissa Moody
Standard Division: Color	Phyllis Westland

Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



Due to our June presenter not having internet access, we do not have a June presentation.

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

FYI, Tom Wilson's May video had a glitch with uploading to our YouTube Channel page. Please find that video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDnF0YE00PA>

Volunteer to Support Your Club and Members in 2026.



Opportunities exist in any club to volunteer on an as-needed basis, or when your personal/professional time permits, as a club chair or an officer for a one-two-year term.

2025 is the last year that **Pat Fahey** and **Hylos Barrett** will serve as club officers. It's been a great four-year ride to provide assistance to new members, get to know club members at a personal level, and assist all with opportunities to grow their photography skills and strengthen our club's social connections.

Both Pat and Hylos enjoyed on-the-job training from their predecessors and both will be happy to assist their replacements with transitional job training and experience.

The 2026 position openings are:

- **President.** Ensure all club leadership have the resources needed to execute their areas of responsibility, perform an annual audit, coordinate the planning and execution of the annual club calendar of events and activities, and pass on recommendations from the membership to better our club's offerings to all members.
- **Vice President/Continuing Education Program.** Solicit and schedule presentation speakers during our monthly continuing education evenings as well as host the evening's Zoom agenda. (Humor ahead) Assist the president in wrapping meetings up and nudging the president to say "Good Night" in a timely manner at all club meetings.

Please note that we always have an open invitation to volunteer and assist our chairs with their duties: *Socials, Exhibit, Photo Challenge, Membership, Social Outreach, Competitions, Field Trips, and Learning Workshops.*

Questions?

- Feel free to email Pat at Faheyatlanta@gmail.com or home: 7709777465.
- Hylos is equally open to your questions at hylosbarrett@gmail.com and cell: (678) 772-3542.

2025 Monthly Photo Challenge Schedule.

This is a **FUN month-long challenge** for all 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)

Run, Don't Walk To Register for October's Tremont Field Trip.

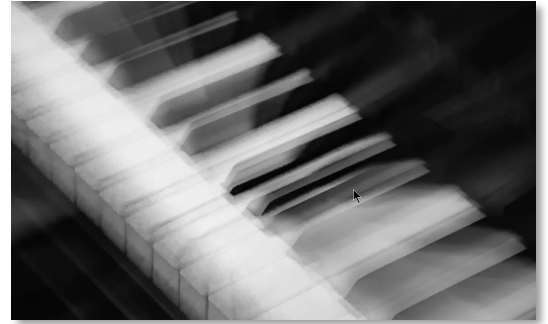
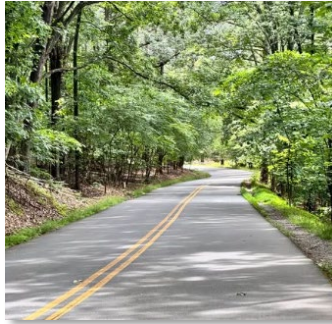


We have one member slot left for our extended **23-26 October** field trip to Tremont, Tennessee- located in the Smoky Mountains.

Run, Don't Walk to register [here](#).

Bears, Elk, waterfalls, and beautiful scenery, oh, my!

Visitors Upload Photos To Our FB Page & Monthly Photo Challenges.



Over the last three years, we've had visitors from all over Northern Georgia who enjoy posting photos to our club FB site and participate in our monthly Photo Challenges.

FYI, all visitors are welcome to participate in our monthly Photo Challenges.

Pete Connally (flower) and **Denise Richard** (winding road), posted in the club's FB feed. **Paula Thomas Lee Kaczmarowski**, a local elementary school music teacher, (piano) participated in our July Photo Challenge, ***It Feels like Home***.

Upload your *It Feels Like Home* photos for the July Photo Challenge [here!](#)

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 the date when 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.

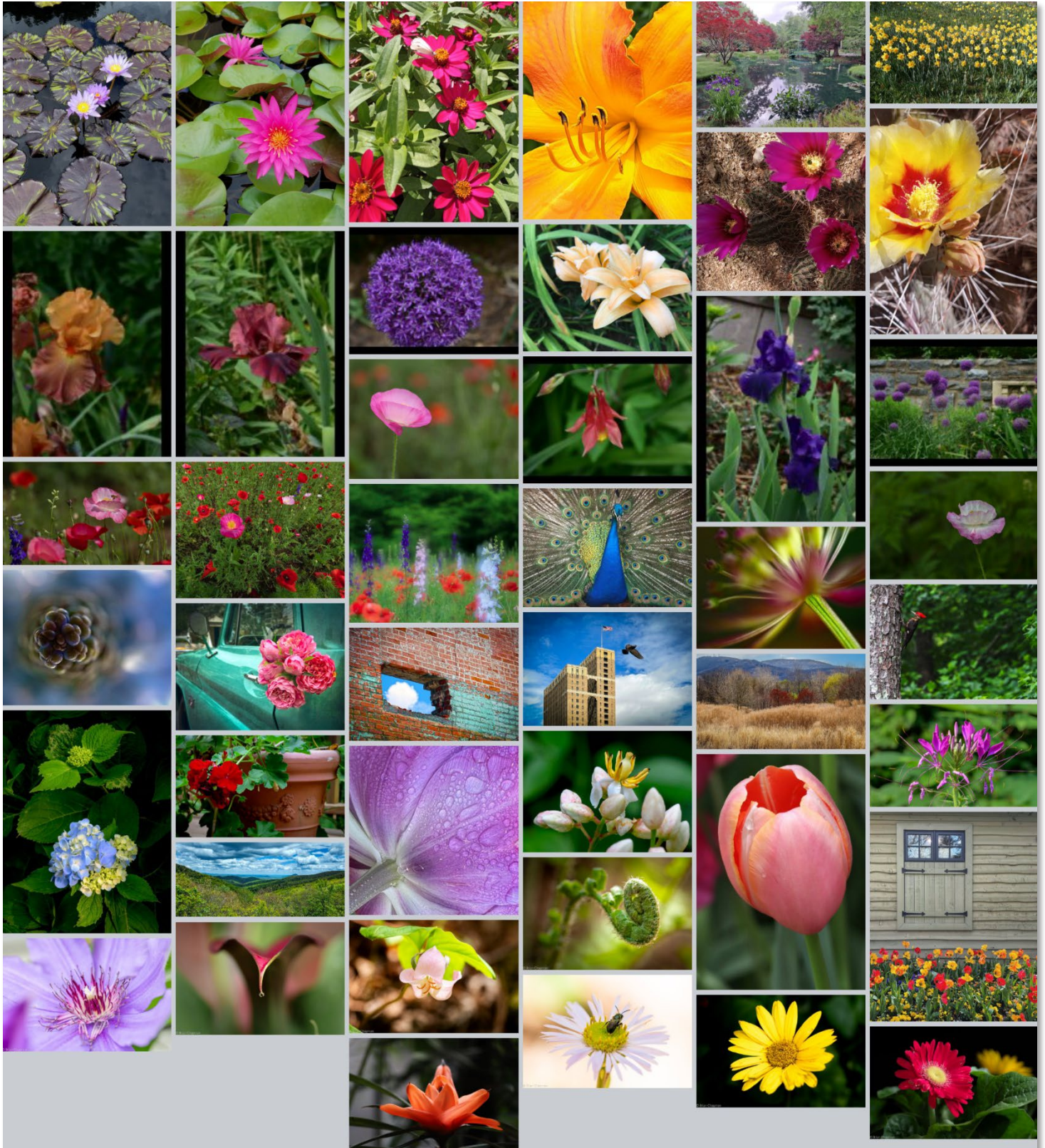
*** The month of November is not open for a general competition. Club members who placed 2nd through Honorable Mention compete for a wild-card first place in the *Best of the Year* competition in our Novice, Standard: Color, and Standard: Monochrome divisions. Winners are announced at our December Christmas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

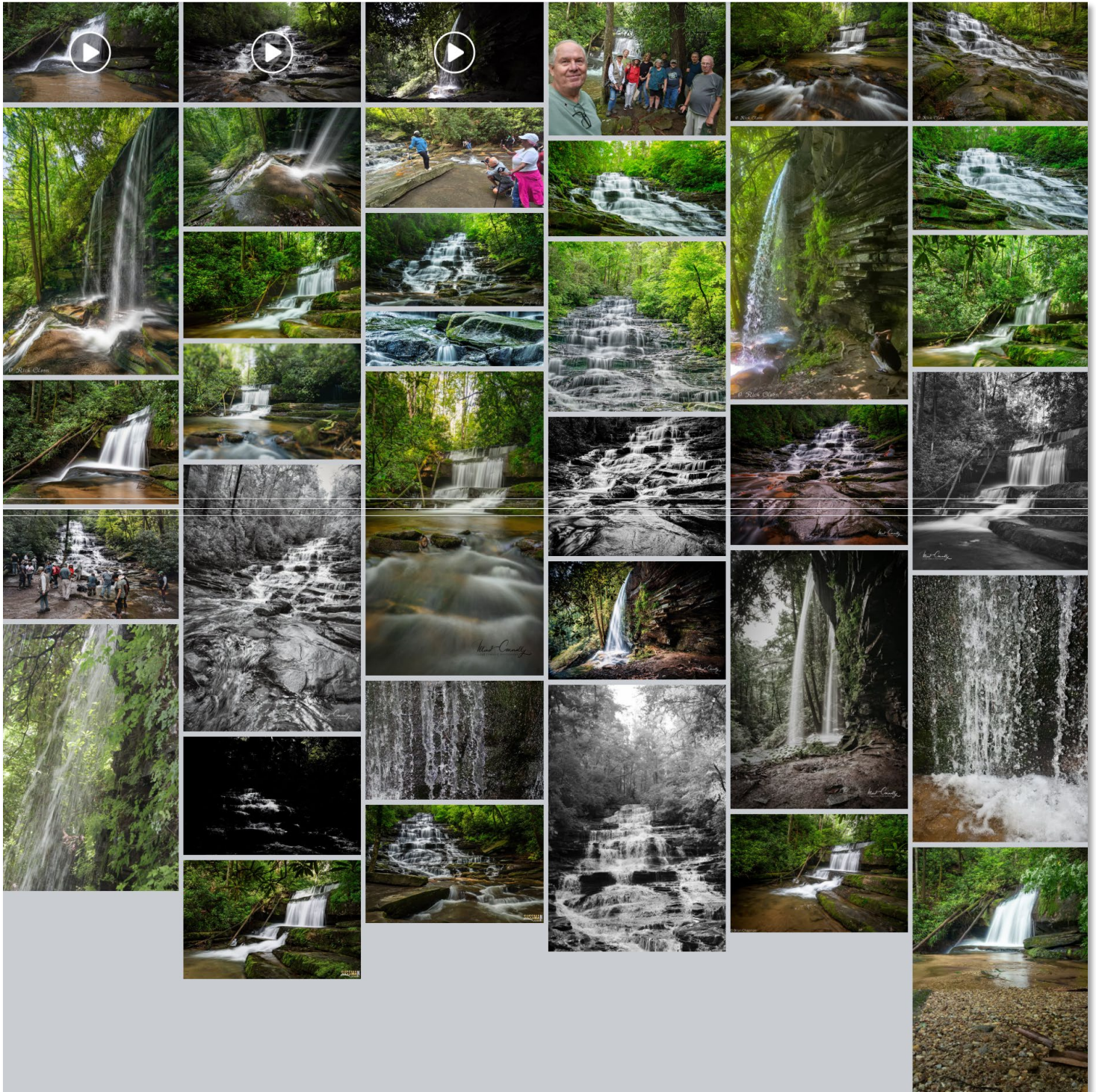
June Photo Challenge: Colors of Spring.

Karen Kaderlik, Margaret Waage, Charlie Stannard, Marc Moskowitz, Pat Fahey, Meryl Cook, Brian Chapman, and Paula Kaczmarowski had fun submitting photos that were rewarding to view. Feel free to view the June photos [here](#) AND feel free to participate in our ongoing July challenge, *It Feels Like Home* [here](#).



Field Trip: North Georgia Waterfalls.

Rick Olson, Field Trip Chair, guided the field trip to new waterfalls, a bit more easterly than previous field trips. A shout out to **Joe Kovarik**, NGPC, for assisting Rick. Pete Connally, Rick Olson, Mike Sussman, David Rye, Patricia Bonilla, Brian Chapman, and others, enjoyed a day of nature. View **all** the photos [here](#).



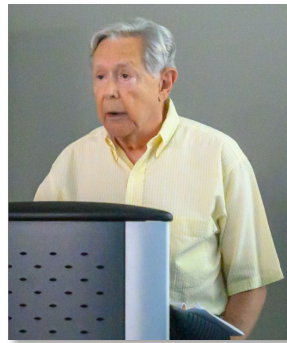
Spring Social and Learning Workshops.

With plenty of food and drink, club members socialized for a while over lunch before viewing our two workshops by **Michael Parvin** and **Mike Gutting**.

Thanks to the Social Chair, **Dee Dee Bonesteel** and Learning Workshop Chair, **Ümit Yüksel** for overseeing the afternoon's events.



Using “bee theme” ornaments (red arrows, first photo above), Dee Dee did a professional setup that displayed the potluck and club-purchased meats and cheeses in the best presentation.



Michael Parvin started the first of two workshops, detailing the steps to take a previously created texture background and combine the masked flower layer and the full texture layer. His other printed photographs showcased Michael's talents.

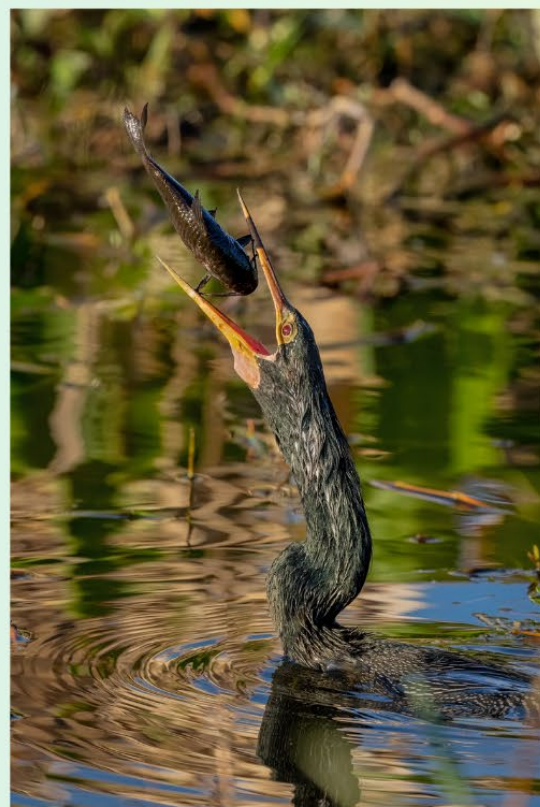


Mike Gutting freely shared his “holiday box” construction and tips to incorporate multiple photos into a makeshift Photoshop template. A creative person, Mike sees the final product and then plans and executes all the necessary steps to make it happen.

Standard- Color Competition Winners



Second Place
Alleyway
Jeff Westland



Third Place
Down the Hatch
Patrick Olmsted



Honorable Mention
Reflections
Phyllis Westland

Honorable Mention
Last of the Seven Pools
Marc Moskowitz



Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners



Second Place
Marietta Street
Melissa Moody



Honorable Mention
Frozen and Liquid
Jeff Whittingham



Third Place
After the Storm
Marc Moskowitz



Honorable Mention
Gone Fishing
Patrick Olmstead

Novice Competition Winners



Second Place
The Rain Gift
Patricia Bonilla



Third Place
Rain between friends
Mariann Crow



Honorable Mention
Drying Out
Joy Rogers



Honorable Mention
Space Invasion
Joyce Harrison

Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

*We take photos as a return ticket
to a moment otherwise gone.*

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Creative Photography Workshop with Club Member, David Batley.



David Batley will be conducting his next photo workshops at Smith Gilbert Gardens, on the last Saturday of the month for August, September, and October, 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Fee is \$35. The workshop is for photographers of all levels. We will have fun photographing the many flowers and landscapes in the gardens.

Registration is easy: contact Smith-Gilbert Gardens at 770-919-0248.

I am also available for private, one-to-one instruction. Call David for details, 404-314-6359.

Stay Tuned for Upcoming Courses with Club Member, 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.

Website Visitor -2- Member Equipment Offer.

David Wellons, dwellons1@gmail.com, left a message on our club's website offering camera equipment:

Message: "I have a 35mm film SLR and 3 lenses (Pentax K-1000, with 28mm, 55mm and 70-210 zoom, and flash) owned since new in 1978, and in perfect shape, for sale, as we are downsizing. Do you have members who may be interested in purchasing the outfit? Thank you for any advice you can provide. 404-213-9197."

Judge's Featured Website: Larry Wilson.



"Cat Stevens," Stuttgart, Germany



"Winter Oak," Conyers, GA



"New Growth", Hawaii

Larry's artist statement reads:

"Looking past the obvious to expose the intimate and unexpected details of natural and man-made objects, that we so often overlook, is the central focus of my work. The fascinating details of light, shadow, and texture create what I call *Hidden Landscapes*.

Often, the challenges of my hidden landscapes are to slow down and look beyond the distractions to capture the unique and often ephemeral juxtaposition of light, shadow, and texture; then observe and discover unseen beauty.

After nearly 40 years behind the camera, I have never lost the excitement of discovering these hidden treasures, the excitement is as fresh to me now as it was the day I took my first photograph.

Ultimately, my goal is to inspire those who see my work to look more carefully at the world around them, while discovering beauty in unusual places."

You can view Larry's photography [here](#). All photos are Larry's work.

Presenter's Presentation. No presenter presentation this month.

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



With the just-released feature upgrades for Lightroom Classic/Lightroom, the *Remove Reflections* tool is also available in Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) and Photoshop (via the Ps ACR plug-in).

While the process takes a while (for now, raw photos only), the results are amazing.

Good news for competition work: Adobe staff confirmed that the *Remove Reflections* tool is **not Generative AI** but only works with the original photo's information.

A Little Visual Humor This Month.



Overall, while I always find the internet's resources overwhelming and needing a decode ring at times, I enjoy using the internet to learn about photographic techniques and updates to the equipment I own.

This photo made me do a double-take and

reminded me to take what I find on the internet with a grain of salt and a healthy dose of common sense.

Clue for non-Nikon owners: You wouldn't advertise Guinness beer with a can of Miller Lite.

Featured Website: The Big Picture 2021 Competition.

The *California Academy of Sciences*' bioGraphic website has wonderful photo contest winners that will have you viewing the photos for their astonishing photo detail and reading the "rest of the story" narratives.

Each of the 12 photos explains the photo through the eyes of the photographer. Well worth the visit not only for the photo but the stories behind the photos [here](#).

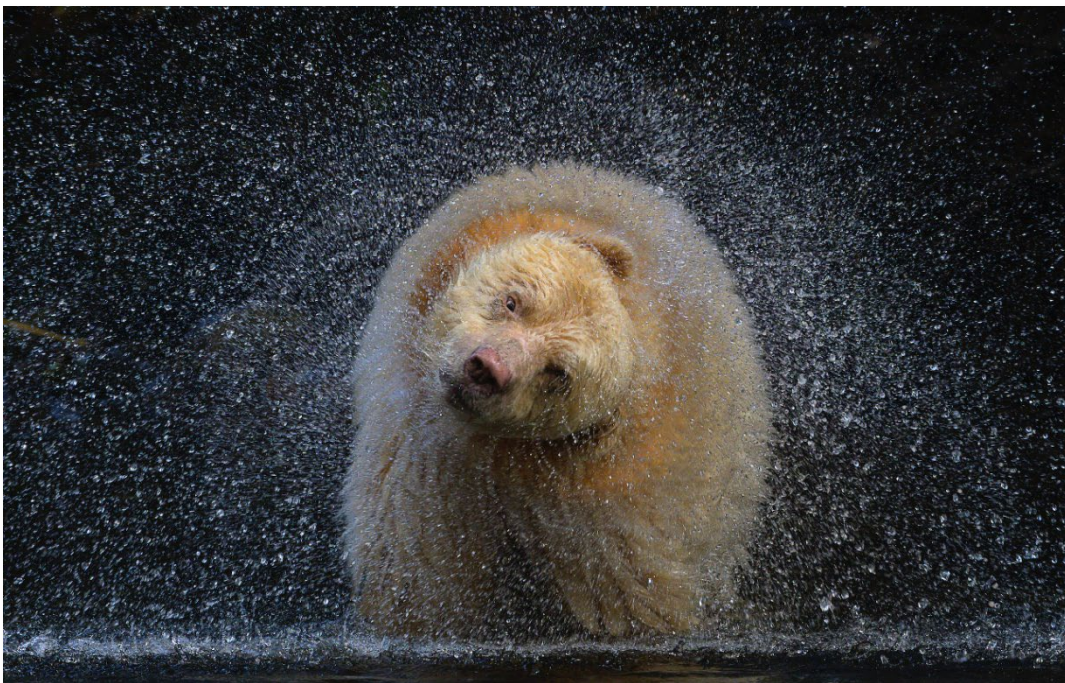
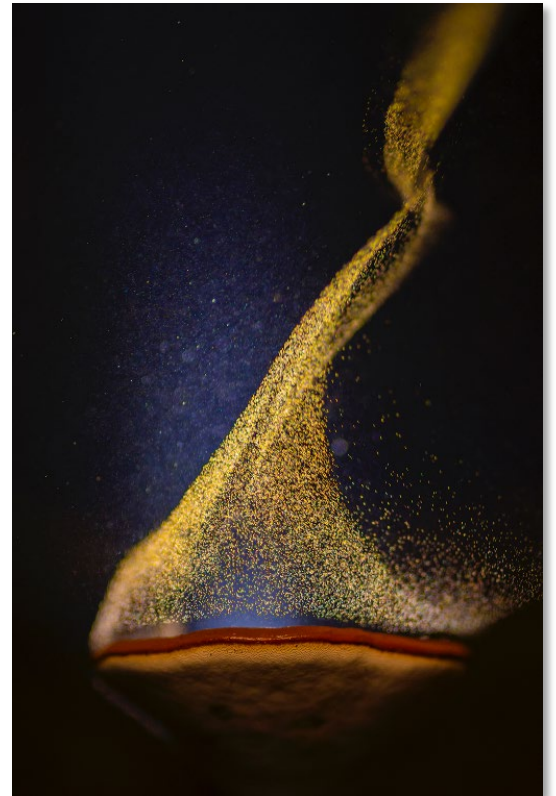


Photo credits:

↑ **Beak to Beak**, Shane Kalyn

Rain Dance, Sarang Naik →

↓ **Boss**, Michelle Valberg



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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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