

# Cobb Photographic Society



August 2025



Competition Theme: *Seasons*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome

*The End*

Jeff Westland

(Above) Winner- Color

*Portending to Spring*

Ralph Burr



Winner- Novice  
*Fading Spring*  
Joy Rogers

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# Upcoming Activities and Events

## August 2025



**All Month. Photo Challenge: *America the Beautiful!*** 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 **Lori Mitchum, Patrick Olmsted, and Margaret Waage-** uploaded photos so far. **All are welcome to submit photographs.**



**Competition Evening**

**Mon, 4 Aug, 7 PM. Competition. *Motorcycles, Tricycles, and Bicycles.*** 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, 18 Aug, 7 PM. Continuing Education. *Presentation Evening.*** Join our host, **Hylos Barrett**, for this evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). **All are welcome.**

**Tue, 19 Aug, 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.**



**Fri, 22 Aug. Field Trip. Milky Way and Star Trails.** Join us as we gear up for our “astral evening” with **Ümit Yüksel** and **Rick Olson**. This year, we have a *new location* that Ümit and Rick found for star trails and the Milky Way. Rain date is Sat, 23 Aug. Photos by **Ümit Yüksel** and **Rick Olson**. More information and RSVP/Sign up [here](#). **Club members only.**



*New Member  
“Chat and Plan”*

**Sat, 23 Aug, 11 AM. Membership. “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.**



## **Lunch Social and Optional Walkabout**

**Sat, 23 Aug, 1 PM. Social. Weekend Lunch.** Join us at *Taqueria Tsunami*, 70 South Park Square, Marietta, GA 30060, located right off Marietta Square. Afterwards, an optional walkabout near the Marietta Square if it’s not too hot. Please RSVP/Sign up so we can reserve a seat for you and your guests. RSVP/Sign up out in early August. **All are welcome.**



**Sat, 30 Aug. Learning Workshop. Light Painting Cars and More!** More information and RSVP/Sign up in early August. Photos by [machinewithsoulds.com](http://machinewithsoulds.com), Joel Grimes, and Bernard Rauscher. **Club members only.**

## Future Activities and Events

**Mon, 1 Sep, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Shadows*.**

**Mon, 1 Sep. Photo Challenge. Theme: *Nighttime Lights*.**

**Mon, 8 Sep, 7 PM. Competition. Theme: *Shadows*.**

**Mon, 15 Sep, 7 PM. Continuing Education (Zoom Meeting).**

**Tue, 16 Sep, 7 PM. New Member. Welcome Zoom (New Members).**

**Sat-Sun, 20-21 Sep. Field Trip. JapanFest.**

**Sat, 20 Sep. Learning Workshop. Light Painting at JapanFest.**

**Sat, 27 Sep. Membership. Chat and Plan (New Members).**

**Mon, 29 Sep, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Architecture*.**

# Notes from Around Our Club

## Competition Evening- Seasons.



**Louis Tonsmeire**, a long-time club supporter as a judge and presenter, returned to be our evening's judge. His practical tips were well-received by the members as well as a more advanced tip to always look for another photo within the initial photo to better "tell the photo's story".



Photos by  
**Jeff  
Westland**

## Presentation Evening- Off Camera Flash



**Mike Robertson** conducted a timely presentation on *Off Camera Flash* (OCF) that addressed a request by several members. Mike did a great job overall and two tips especially hit home:



**LIGHTING SETUPS AND SCENARIOS**

- ▶ Fill flash in outdoor daylight
  - ▶ Great for either fill light or Overdriving the flash to darken the background
- ▶ Creative rim or backlighting

- Set your ambient light first and then adjust your flash.
- Pay particular attention to how the flash falls across the subject's face (think loop lighting as an option).

They Say It's Your...

*Birthday!*

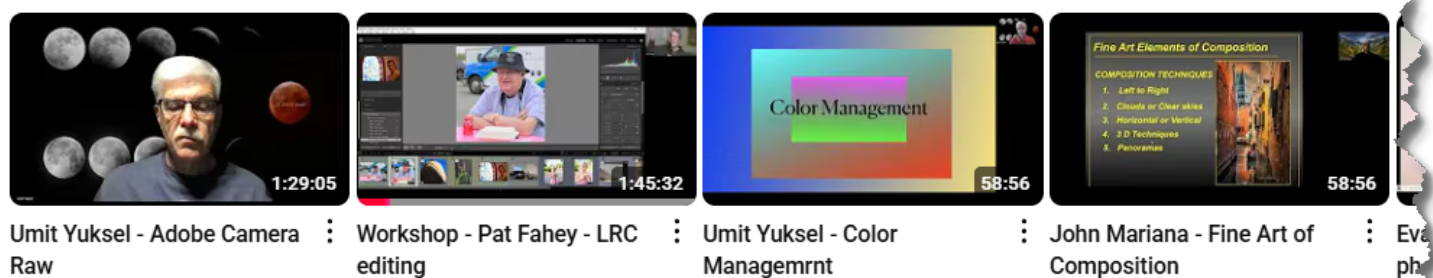
- 1 Aug- **Michael Parvin**
- 5 Aug- **Chandler Bridges**
- 8 Aug- **Brian Moss**
- 8 Aug- **Martin O'Toole**
- 10 Aug- **Tanya Burr**
- 21 Aug- **Larry Landrie**
- 24 Aug- **Brian Chapman**
- 27 Aug- **Jason Hill**

## 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:	<b>Phyllis Westland</b>
Novice Division:	<b>Joyce Harrison</b>
Standard Division: Monochrome:	<b>Melissa Moody</b>
Standard Division: Color	<b>Phyllis Westland</b>

## Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



You can review our club's saved presentation videos from the last 3+ years [here](#) except for these two videos:

- Jul 2025 Mike Robertson's presentation video, *Off Camera Lighting*, is [here](#).
- Jun 2025 Tom Wilson's presentation, *Favorite Places to Photograph Just Outside GA*, video is [here](#).

(Reprint) **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](mailto:Faheyatlanta@gmail.com) or home: 7709777465.
- Hylos is equally open to your questions at [hylosbarrett@gmail.com](mailto: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 during the months of January through November.

**Marc Moskowitz**, Photo Challenge Chair, will open the next month's theme about a week early for posting to a FB album. As an example: Friday, 25 July, Marc provides all club members with a link to the August Photo Challenge album, *America the Beautiful*, for uploading from 25 July through the end of August.

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)

## New Members.

This month, we are pleased to announce that **Mike Robertson** and **Camille Josey** joined us in July.

We hope to have more information soon so we can "introduce" them to you via the CPS magazine with a photo and biography.

## 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 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*.







# Standard- Color Competition Winners



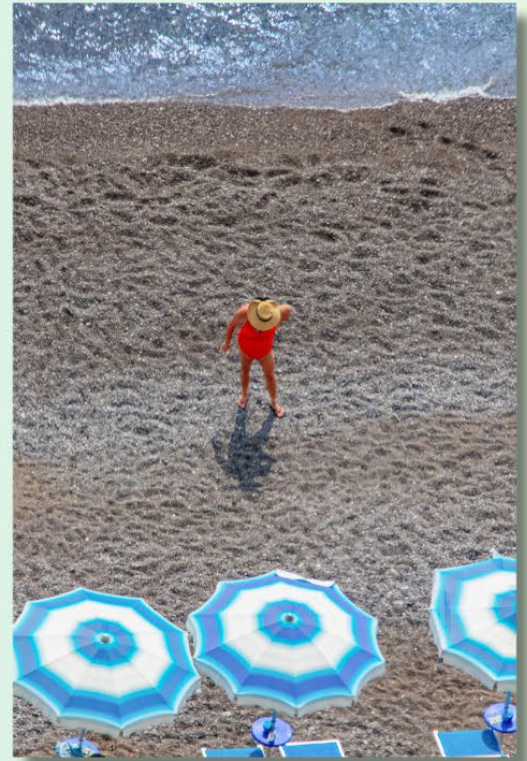
Second Place  
*Singing a Silent Song*  
Mike Buckert



Third Place  
*Summer*  
Angie Nasrallah



Honorable Mention  
*Holy Saturday*  
Angie Nasrallah



Honorable Mention  
*Summertime Hues*  
Jeff Westland

# Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners



Second Place  
*Sun and Sand*  
Phyllis Westland



Third Place  
*A Winter's Tale*  
Phyllis Westland



Honorable Mention  
*Baby Feet*  
Angie Nasrallah



Honorable Mention  
*A Winter's Day*  
Jeff Westland

# Novice Competition Winners



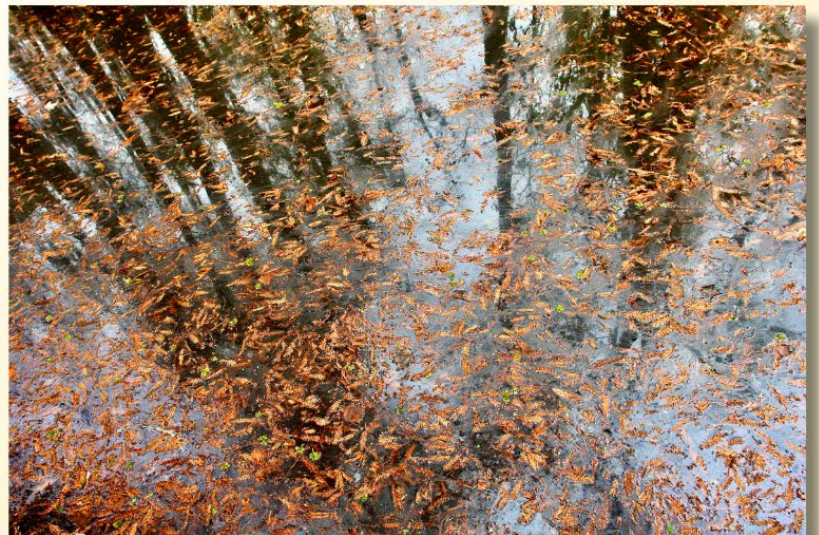
Second Place  
*Someday*  
Maryann Crow



Third Place  
*ConGRADulations*  
Mariann Crow



Honorable Mention  
*Marching Band Season*  
Maura Davies



Honorable Mention  
*Reflections*  
Patricia Bonilla

# Member-2-Member's Classifieds and Websites

## ***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 during 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.

David is 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.

## ***Photographic Books/Magazines/DVD Offer.***



**Michael Parvin** and **Pat Fahey** will have over 50 books, DVDs, and magazines for the taking at the **Mon, 4 Aug** Competition at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center and at the **Sat, 26 Jul** Lunch Social at the Taqueria Tsunami, right off Marietta Square.

## Judge's Featured Website: Louis Tonsmeire.

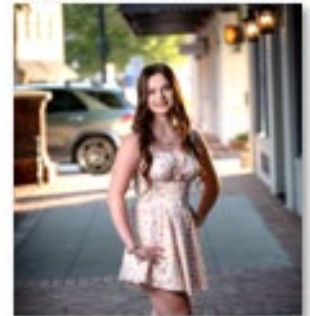


Louis and wife Jenny's *About* webpage reads, in part: "Louis has certainly made a name for himself, receiving accolades from the nation's top photography associations. He shares his passion for the industry by spending time as an instructor sharing his expertise with other photographers. As past President of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) and Georgia Professional Photographers Association,

Louis's wife, Jenny, brings the attentiveness of a mother and grandmother to the studio when assisting clients with orders and choices for decorating their home."

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

## Presenter's Corner. Mike Robertson.



Mike bills himself as a digital creator but we know Mike for his teaching talents and continually pushing himself to better his (and our) craft. Mike conducted an excellent presentation to our club: Off Camera Flash (OCF), a topic that comes up from our members who want to know more of how OCF can give their photos a special touch.

After a hiatus, Mike is restarting his photographic journey and we look forward to sharing our club's photographic opportunities via field trips and learning workshops.

All photos are Mike's work.

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

### What Taking Two Million Photos Taught Me About Photography.



**Simon d'Entremont** shares some obvious and not-so-obvious tips he's learned over the years as a nature photographer.

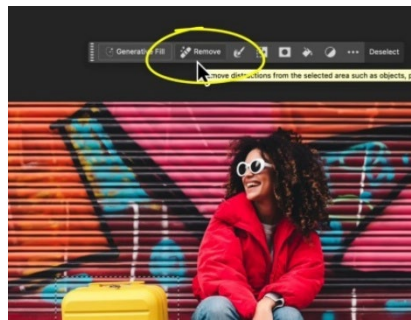
A Canadian living in Nova Scotia, Simon has videos that contain detailed information that is based on facts (not opinion) crisp delivery speed (no foot-dragging here),

researched that adds his experiences, and always offers a tip you probably didn't know.

An obvious tip: "Get out of bed early." Can you see me squirming in my chair as I read this tip?

I recommend this video. View Simon's 12:22 video [here](#).

### Photoshop Version Updates: Harmonize, Remove, ...



There are some editing tasks that are only done in Photoshop; compositing is one of those tasks.

**Colin Smith** has a quick video that covers

a new work-in-progress tool in Photoshop beta and other tools that are now in the most recent Photoshop versions.

The tool now in Photoshop beta (probably be released during the annual Adobe Max convention's October timeframe) I find intriguing is *Harmonize*, a one click tool that blends two layers' images/selections, adds shadows to the selection, and "harmonizes" the color between the two layers. It's a work-in-progress but shows great promise.

You can view Colin's 7:59 video covering *Harmonize* (beta) and regular updates [here](#).

**Matt Kloskowski's 11:11 video** covers some of the same topics with a more detailed focus on the *Removal* tool updates [here](#).

## Featured Website: DPReview: Editors' 20 Favorite Landscapes.

The [DPReview](#) website has wonderful landscape photos from a July Photo Challenge. A common thread to my eye is the use of light, either through shadows or time of day. Enjoy the landscape photos and the photographers' stories [here](#). FYI, at the top of the page are links to other challenges and information on upcoming challenges (to enter).



Photo credits:

↑ *Kilauea*, **fcarucci**

*The Hand of God*, **julendelaval** →

↓ *Sunset at Sand Harbor*,  
**rishabhonnet**



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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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