

Cobb Photographic Society



June 2026



Competition Theme: *Unusual Perspective*

(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Look Into My Eyes
Patrick Olmsted

(Above) Winner- Color
The Stool
Spiff Carner



Winner- Novice
Get Off My Tail
Maryann Crow

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This Month's Activities and Events

June 2026



All Month. Photo Challenge. Theme: *What Is That?* **Marc Moskowitz**, our Photo Challenge moderator, set up a club FB album for you to post your month's photos [here](#). *This is a fun event for all*. Photos by **Marc Moskowitz, Margaret Waage, Spiff Carner, Jeff Westland, and Pat Fahey** are just some of the photos uploaded so far. **All are welcome** to submit photographs.



FYI: All Month. Member Exhibition. Club member **David Batley's** exhibition at Sewell Mill Library publicizes and calls us to action, encouraging our efforts to promote preservation of our Georgia coastline for future generations.

Images of the coastal area, including some of the barrier islands, show how fragile this ecosystem can be because of natural forces as well as human intervention. The exhibition **ends on 11 July**.



Competition Evening

Mon, 1 Jun, 7 PM. Competition. Theme: *Wildlife and Water*. Come and join us at the Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center for this evening's **Prints Only** competition. For this competition, there will not be Zoom access. We always encourage you to stop by to view the prints and hear the competition photos critique by our visiting judge. After the meeting, we'll head out for optional social time. **All are welcome**.



6 Jun, 6:50 AM (Carpool 5:45 AM from Sewell Mill Library and depart 6:50 AM from Publix, Dawsonville). **Field Trip. Grist Mills and Covered Bridges.** Photos by **Joe Kovarik**. More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**



Sat, 13 Jun, 11 AM. Social/Learning Workshop. CPS Spring/Summer Social. Our annual potluck and hands-on learning workshop will be held at Switzer Library's Rogers Room. Switzer Library is about four blocks from Marietta Square. The library address is [266 Roswell St NE, Marietta, GA 30060](#). More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members, family, and friends are welcome.**



Sat, 13 Jun. Membership. New Members' Meeting. Our June meeting will be held concurrently with our Spring/Summer Social, **Sat, 13 June.**

Ronda Clark, Membership Chair, will meet with our newest members attending our 13 June Spring/Summer Social/Workshops at Switzer Library and learn about upcoming field trips, learning workshops, and other activities for the rest of the year. **New members only.**

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Mon, 15 Jun, 7 PM. Continuing Education. Presentation Evening. Join our host, **Hylos Barrett**, for this evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [here](#). Hylos will email all club members the week before with more information. **All are welcome.**

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SOCIETY **Welcome/Orientation Evening**

Tue, 16 Jun, 7 PM. Welcome/Orientation. New Members Zoom. **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 included. Dee Dee will email the Zoom meeting URL a couple of days before the Zoom session to our new members. **New members only.**

FYI: Sun, 21 Jun. Father's Day.



Wed, 24 Jun, 7 PM. Learning Workshop. Zoom session for photographing Milky Way and Star Trails. Refresher for the upcoming August field trip. More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**

Mon, 29 June, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Patterns*. Using the updated CPS entry form [here](#), email the entry form and photos to cpsdigital2023@gmail.com. FYI, digital photos are required for both **Digital Only** and **Prints Only** competitions by the above deadline. **Members only.**

Upcoming Activities and Events

Wed, 1 Jul, 7 PM. [Learning Workshop](#). [Zoom session for photographing deep space objects](#). Refresher for the upcoming August field trip. More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**

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FYI: Fri-Sun, 3 Jul-5 Jul. Labor Day weekend and federal holiday.

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Sat, 11 Jul. [Field Trip](#). [Atlanta Botanical Gardens at Gainesville](#). More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**

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Mon, 13 Jul, 7 PM. [Competition](#). [Theme: Patterns](#). Come and join us at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, 2051 Lower Roswell Road, Marietta for this evening's **Digital Prints** competition. For this competition, there will be Zoom access [here](#). (**Note:** Date change is due to the 4th of July's three-day weekend). After the meeting, we'll head out for optional social time. **All are welcome.**

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Sat, 8 Aug. [Learning Workshop](#). [Orton Effect Editing in Photoshop and Lightroom](#). More information/RSVP soon. Vinings Library. **Members only.**

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Fri, 14 Aug. [Field Trip/Learning Workshop](#). [Annual Astral Event](#). Join Rick Olson and Umit Yuksel at Chatuge-Ledford Church Rd Boat Ramp for an exciting evening of “heavenly” sight-seeing and photography. **Note:** Cloudy sky fail-over to **Sat, 15 Aug**. More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**

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Sat, 17 Oct. [NG3C](#). [North Georgia Camera Club Council \(NG3C\) inter-club competition](#). Day-long competition between ~10 photo clubs at Dallas, GA. **Members only.**

Notes From Around Our Club

Competition Evening- *Unusual Perspectives.*

A longtime judge for our club competitions, **Joe Boris**, did a top-notch job. Joe took the time during the critique to mention not only the basic tips but more advanced tips to better our photography (Tips: Use cropping to remove/limit unnecessary elements from your photo to help the viewer “see” what is important. If storytelling, all the elements support the story.)



Presentation Evening- *Capturing Dynamic Wildlife Photos.*

A long-time friend of the club, **Larry Winslett**, did a professional presentation showing not only truly dynamic wildlife photos but also explained how he prepared and captured the inspiring photos.



They Say It's Your...

Birthday!

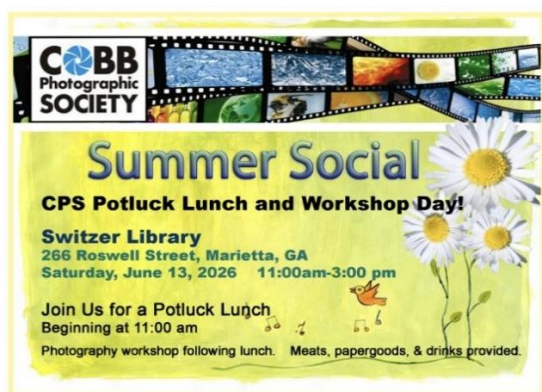
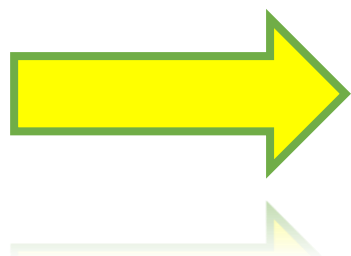
- 6 June- **David Batley**
- 8 June- **Jimmy Gatt**
- 15 June- **Chris St. Aubin**
- 19 June- **Rick Olson**
- 22 June- **Patrick Olmsted**
- 22 June- **Pat Fahey**
- 26 June- **Mark Chandler**
- 30 June- **Mark Moskowitz**

2026 Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

Every January, we clear the totals and begin fresh for next year. The 2026 end of year winners are determined by a running point total, January through November, for each of our three divisions.

Overall:	Melissa Moody
Novice Division:	Joyce Harrison
Standard Division: Monochrome:	Jeff Westland
Standard Division: Color	Ralph Burr, Melissa Moody

Join Us Sat, 13 June Annual Spring/Summer Social and Workshop.



Dee Dee Bonesteel, Social Chair, and **Ümit Yüksel**, Learning Workshop Chair, are working to ensure we have a fun and productive time on **Saturday, 13 June**.

We will be holding a potluck and a portrait learning workshop led by **Melissa Moody** (we'll have a model- bring your camera!) at Switzer Library and we hope that you can make our annual get-together. As always, **family members and guests are welcome!**

For more information/RSVP, click [here](#).

CPS Spring Exhibit at *The Art Place* and *The Winner Is...* (1 of 2).



I know that you are dying to see who won the exhibit's *People's Choice Award*: **CJ Andretta!** Hats off to CJ for capturing a photo of one of those critters that some folks have in their yards. CJ is on the next page with this photo.

BTW, CJ printed out a very small photo of "Chippy" and gave it to Chippy as an expression of his gratitude for such a striking portrait in dappled light. :)



CPS Spring Exhibit at The Art Place and The Winner Is... (2 of 2).



Still Open to Your Participation to “Step Up” Your Fine Art Skills.



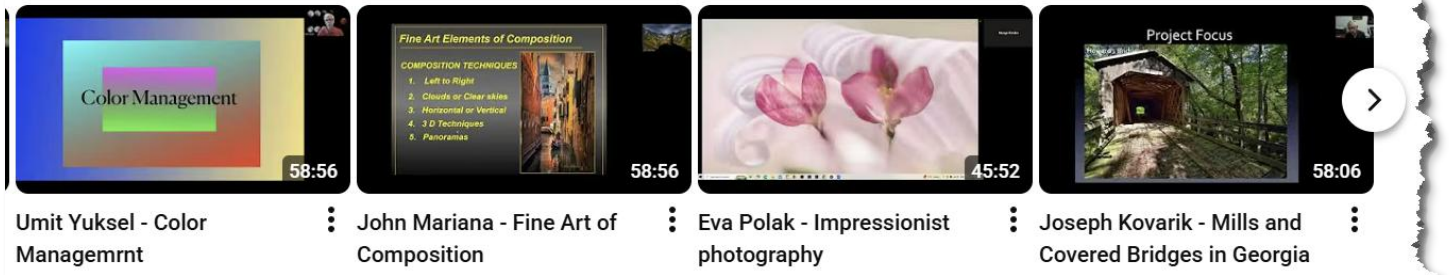
For members who **sign up by 15 June**, we’re planning a new Zoom workshop for you in late June. Current members who previously signed up will also be notified of the June workshop.

RSVP below and be a part of a new way to present your photography!

Sometimes the best way to improve your photographic story telling is to learn a new way of telling your story. In March, **Robin Davis** presented a challenge to all club members to tell their story through a series of 3-5 digital prints and present their photo series at our **Monday, 13 July** Continuing Education Zoom Presentation evening (original June date changed to accommodate Robin Davis’ schedule).

For more information/RSVP, click [here](#). Photo Series by **Robin Davis**.

Monthly CPS YouTube Presentations.



Over the last months, we've experienced problems posting to our CPS YouTube site. These missing videos are listed below and older videos are posted on our YouTube site [here](#):

- May 2026, Larry Winslett's *Capturing Dynamic Wildlife Photos* is [here](#).
- Apr 2026, John Mariana's *The Fine Print Art* is [here](#).
- Mar 2026, Robin Davis' *Creating Your Photographic Series* is [here](#).
- FYI: Feb 2026 presenter unable to attend.
- Jan 2026, Mike Moats' *Creative Ways to Photograph Flowers* is [here](#).
- Dec 2025. No presentation during December; family time.
- Nov 2025, Glen Varnhagan's *Planning Your Trip* is [here](#).
- Oct 2025, Mike Birnbaum's *Photographing Nature's Food Chain* is [here](#).
- FYI, Sep 2025 presenter unable to attend. Time was spent between members sharing photos and a lot of informative, "Behind the Scenes" details.
- Aug 2025, David Johnston's *The Magic of Waterfall Photography* is [here](#).
- Jul 2025, Mike Robertson's *Off Camera Lighting* is [here](#).
- Jun 2025, Tom Wilson's *Favorite Places to Photograph Just Outside GA*, video is [here](#).

The Continuing Travel Photos of Paul Shimek (1 of 4) and Next Page.

Hi everybody! I'm still in Costa Rica and next month I'll post images from that country. In the meantime, here are some more photos from last year's trip to Italy, Slovenia, Austria, Denmark, Mexico, Guatemala, and El Salvador. Paul



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The Continuing Travels of Paul Shimek (2 of 4)- Previous Page.

01- Venice, Italy

Venice, Italy has over 400 bridges spanning its intricate canal network, and this is a view from one of them in morning light.

Technical Data: 10/3/25; iPhone 16

02- Rome, Italy

Interior view of The Pantheon in Rome, Italy, an ancient 2nd century Roman temple and, since AD 609, a Catholic church called the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs. This image depicts the Altar of St. Joseph with a marble statue titled "Saint Joseph and the Holy Child" sculpted by Vincenzo de Rossi in 1548.

Technical Data: 12/1/25; iPhone 16

03- Ljubljana, Slovenia

The stairway inside the viewing tower of Ljubljana Castle, the medieval fortress overlooking the capital of Slovenia, is a modern, octagonal spiral staircase. This view is from the top looking down.

Technical Data: 10/20/25; iPhone 16

04- Ljubljana, Slovenia

This statue in the Slovenian History exhibition inside Ljubljana Castle appears multiple times in reflective panels.

Technical Data: 10/20/25; iPhone 16

05- Ljubljana, Slovenia

Wet autumn color in the botanical garden of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

Technical Data: 10/21/25; iPhone 16

06- Vienna, Austria

This image of the Michaelertrakt (St. Michael's Wing), the central gate entrance to Hofburg Palace in Vienna, Austria, was made during a light blue-hour drizzle.

Technical Data: 9/24/25; iPhone 16

07- Copenhagen, Denmark

A decorative door in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Technical Data: 8/28/25; iPhone 16

The Continuing Travels of Paul Shimek (3 of 4) and Next Page.

You can see high-resolution versions of these images on my portfolio page at the CPS website.

The link is [here](#).



Google My Maps

Paul Shimek

The Continuing Travels of Paul Shimek (4 of 4)- Previous Page.

08- Oaxaca, Mexico

Street decoration in the Jalatlaco Barrio in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Technical Data: 7/13/25; iPhone 16

09- Lake Atitlan, Guatemala

The chevron patterns and enormous pink door are part of a community-led project to transform the village of Santa Catarina Palopó, Guatemala, by painting its houses with traditional Mayan textile designs. The woman is wearing a traditional Mayan dress, the colors of which symbolize the water of nearby Lake Atitlán.

Technical Data: 5/2/25; iPhone 14

10- El Nahuizalco, El Salvador

Street art and a local resident in Nahuizalco, a town along the Ruta de las Flores in El Salvador.

Technical Data: 2/14/25; iPhone 14

11- Playa La Punta Roca, El Salvador

Sunset at Playa La Punta Roca in El Salvador.

Technical Data: 2/17/25; iPhone 14

12- El Playa La Ventana, El Salvador

Window rock formation at Playa La Ventana, El Salvador at sunrise.

Technical Data: 2/19/25; iPhone 14

Standard- Color Competition Winners



↑ 2nd Place
Victoria Square
Melissa Moody



↑ Honorable Mention
Liftoff
Patrick Olmstead

↓ 3rd Place
Guiding Light
Patrick Olmsted

↓ Honorable Mention
The Last Cold Beer
Spiff Carner





↑ 2nd Place
Palm
Melissa Moody

↓ 3rd Place
No Entry
Pat Fahey



↑ Honorable Mention
Courtyard
Jeff Westland

↓ Honorable Mention
Looking Up
Melissa Moody





↑ 2nd Place
Ants Eye View
Maryann Crow

↓ 3rd Place
Up Close and Eye Level
Joy Rogers



↑ Honorable Mention
Doubletake
Joyce Harrison

↓ Honorable Mention
Reflective Staircase
Joyce Harrison



CPS 2026 Monthly *Photo Challenge* Themes Schedule.

This is a ***FUN month-long challenge*** for all to participate and post their photos to a specific monthly club FB album during the months of January through November.

Marc Moskowitz, Photo Challenge Chair, will open every 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 2025 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, helpful environment! If you have questions, contact Marc [here](#).

Monthly Photo Challenge (all month)	Photo Challenge Theme
2026	
January	Colors
February	A World in Black and White
March	Food
April	Tiny Things
May	Words Around Us
June	What is That? (Crop to an interesting portion of something we would normally recognize. Describe what the full photo is in the description when you upload the photo to the June FB album.)
July	Our Furry Friends
August	Planes, Trains, Buses, and Cars
September	Reflections
October	Parts and Pieces
November	Flowers
December	(no Photo Challenge; enjoy the holidays)

CPS 2026 Monthly Competition Themes Schedule.

Monday Deadline for Digital Submission	Monday Competition Evening	Competition Theme
2026		
December 29	January 5*	General
January 26	February 2	Metro Atlanta (Fulton, DeKalb, Cobb, Gwinnett, and Clayton counties)
February 23	March 2	Juxtaposition Prints-only
March 30	April 6	Shapes
April 27	May 4	Unusual Perspective
May 25	June 1	Wildlife and Water Prints-only
July 6	July 13**	Patterns
July 27	August 3	Something Old / Vintage
September 7	September 14**	Bridges or Tunnels Prints-only
September 28	October 5	Taken With a Smart Phone
October 26	November 2	Bokeh / Beautiful Blur
November 16	(closed) ***	Winning 2026 photos compete for a wild card 1st place in each of the three divisions. ***

Unsure of what a theme means/looks like? Our Competition Chair, Laura Prescott, developed a reference document with definitions/pictures for every 2026 month [here](#).

* January's Competition is wide open! No limit on the theme (family-friendly) or the date when the photograph was taken. Wide open competition for your best photos ever!

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

*** Club members who placed 2nd place through Honorable Mention during the year can compete for a wild-card first place in the *Best of the Year* competition in our Novice, Standard: Color, and Standard: Monochrome divisions. Winners will be 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's *Black Box Theater* and personally view our members' print craftsmanship.

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

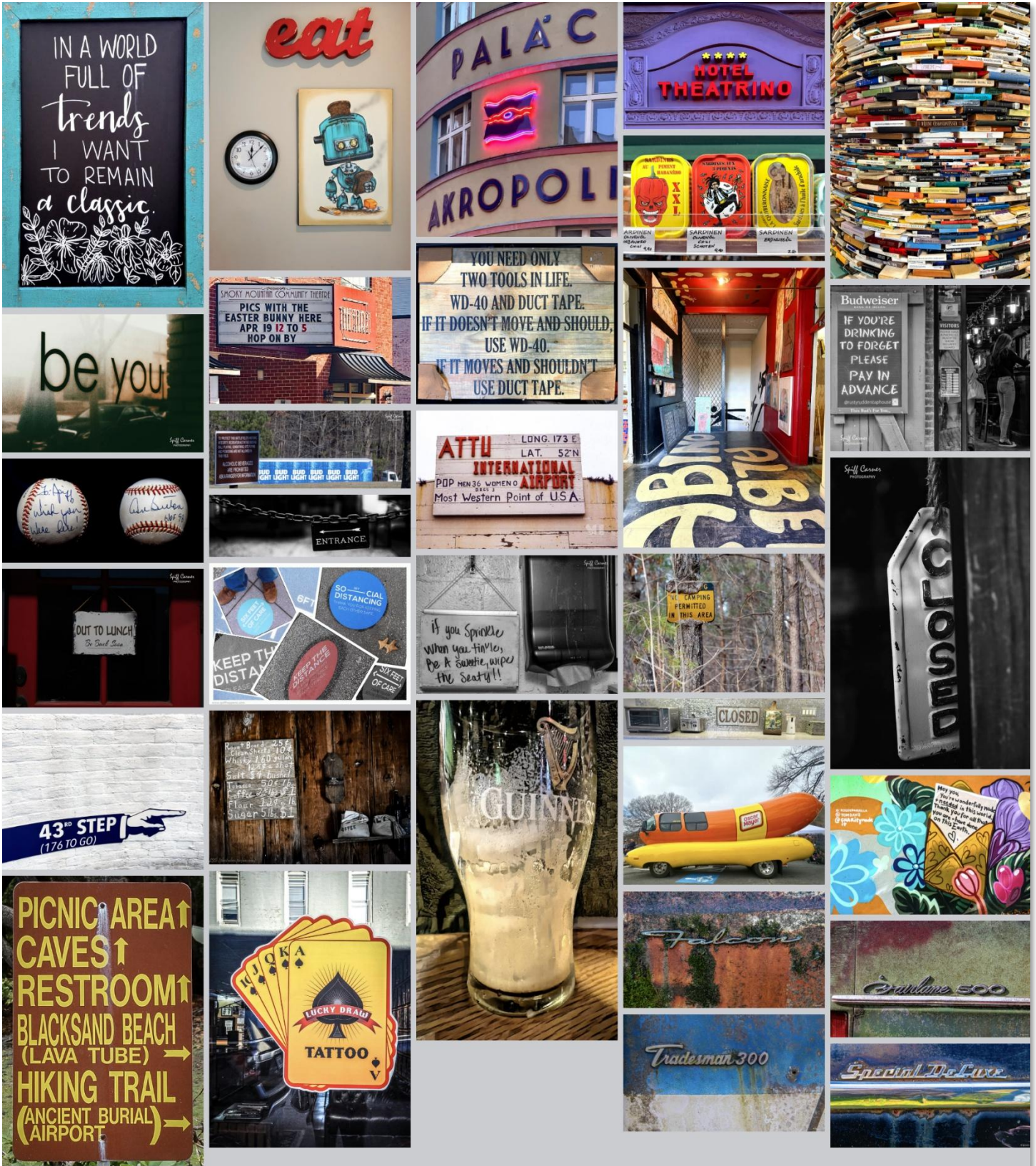
Field Trip: Gibbs Gardens.

Field trip leader, **Rick Olson** guided CPS and NGPC members to an annual favorite, Gibbs Gardens. You can view all the full-size photos [here](#).

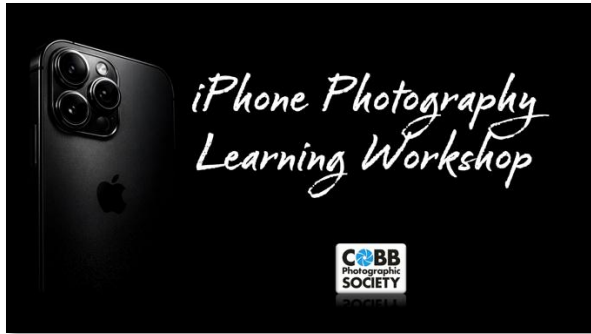


Photo Challenge: Words Around Us

Another fun month of photos submitted by members and anyone else with a photo that met last month's challenge theme. **Marc Moskowitz, Margaret Waage, Spiff Carner, Dee Dee Bonesteel, Jeff Westland, and Pat Fahey** submitted photos for the challenge. View the photos [here](#).



Learning Workshop: iPhone Photography.



The *iPhone Photography Learning Workshop* served as the last of two educational initiatives to educate our members how to best leverage their smartphone's camera and editing features/tools.

Rick Olson presented an earlier workshop for Android users.

Today's smartphones, in certain situations, can fill the breach for our primary DSLR/ mirrorless camera. In some ways, the smartphone's always-nearby presence, ease of use, intuitive editing, and easy access to cloud photos complements our DSLR/mirrorless cameras. Our club encourages smartphone members whose excellent photos continue to place during monthly competitions.

The best camera is the one you have with you when you need it.

Classroom photo by **Rick Olson**.



Screen Overview the iPhone Camera App- Photo

- Library: Shared (two heads) Personal (one head).
- File Format: HEIF at 12MP.
- Focus Box: Tap to specific focus point.
- Crosshairs: Level (align both for level).
- Lens in Use: 1X (optical) = .5x, 1x, 2x, 3x, [5x newer iPhones]).
- Camera Mode. Slide for more video and photo modes.
- Last Photo Preview. Click to open in the Photos app.
- Camera In Use Indicator. If visible, camera is active.
- Photo options for current selected camera/video mode. Current selection, Photo, is the default photo camera mode and has the most options. Six dots= Click for more options.
- Sun Icon. Slide up/down to manually adjust the recommended exposure.
- Start/Stop button.
- Selfie Front Lens Toggle.

Tap the mode button (photo, pano, ...) and quickly access all adjustment options for this mode [same as six button top window #9].

Start video while in Photo mode? Yes! **Quick:** Press and hold to start; release to stop. **Long:** Press and swipe to right; tap red button to stop.

Agenda

- iPhone Terms and Definitions
- Timeline of iPhone Models and Added Features/Capabilities
- iPhone Camera Setup Settings for Default, Everyday Use
- iPhone Camera Setup Settings for Different Situations
- Using the iPhone Camera App- Video
- Using the iPhone Camera App- Photo
- Other iPhone Camera Apps
- Using the iPhone Photos App
- Other iPhone Photo Editing Apps
- Hands-On Exercises Using Your iPhone Camera App- Video
- Hands-On Exercises Using Your iPhone Camera App- Photo



Member-2-Member Classifieds

(Open to all members and club supporters)

Ongoing Exhibition with Club Member, David Batley.



Take the time to view **David Batley's** Exhibition at Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center, *This You Should Know: Our Fragile Georgia Coast* from **28 May** to **11 July**.



David says, "The focus of this exhibit is to present the importance of how the natural beauty and value of our coast deserve our attention and encourage efforts to promote preservation for future generations. Images of the coastal area, including some of the barrier islands, show how fragile this ecosystem can be because of natural forces as well as human intervention.

FYI, David's next photo workshop at Smith-Gilbert Gardens will be in the Fall. The workshops are for photographers of all levels. You will have fun photographing the flowers and landscapes.

Upcoming Workshops with Club Member, Mark Chandler.

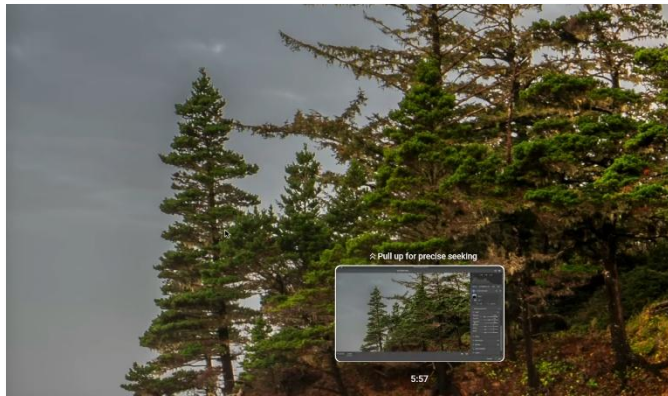


Another experienced instructor who is a long-time club member and our Exhibit and Social Media Chairs, **Mark Chandler**, will have classes in the near future.

Check back here next month for Mark's upcoming classes.

Articles, Tips & Tricks, and Featured Website

Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) Update: Bridge, Photoshop, and Lightroom.



Matt Kloskowski did a quick video on ACR's latest update covering improved masking's feathering/blending and color grading. ACR is the underlying raw editing engine for Bridge, Photoshop, and Lightroom; Matt uses Photoshop's (ACR) to cover the updates (**Bridge not updated**).

Matt's video is 10:39 and can be viewed [here](#).

But wait, there's more! **Mark Denney** has a video covering most of the same information using Lightroom and covers the color grading just a bit more than Matt.

Mark's video is 12:08 and can be viewed [here](#).

Reminder: Lightroom Virtual Summit: 1-5 June 2026 (Paid or Free).



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INSIDER TIPS & TRICKS

Dave Cross is accepting registrations for the *2026 Lightroom Virtual Summit* that spans five days from 1-5 June.

While Dave is more than happy to register paid attendees (VIP pass). Over the years, he's offered free access for a limited period after each day's online classes (free pass).

More information and register (paid and free) [here](#).

Coming Next Month: *iPhone Camera and Photos Apps Tips Page.*

Post-Workshop Update!



After the successful completion of our club's May *iPhone Photography Learning Workshop*, several members requested more iPhone tips and iOS camera/editing software/app updates.

As a result, this magazine will add a monthly page dedicated to iPhone camera and Photos app tips and updates.

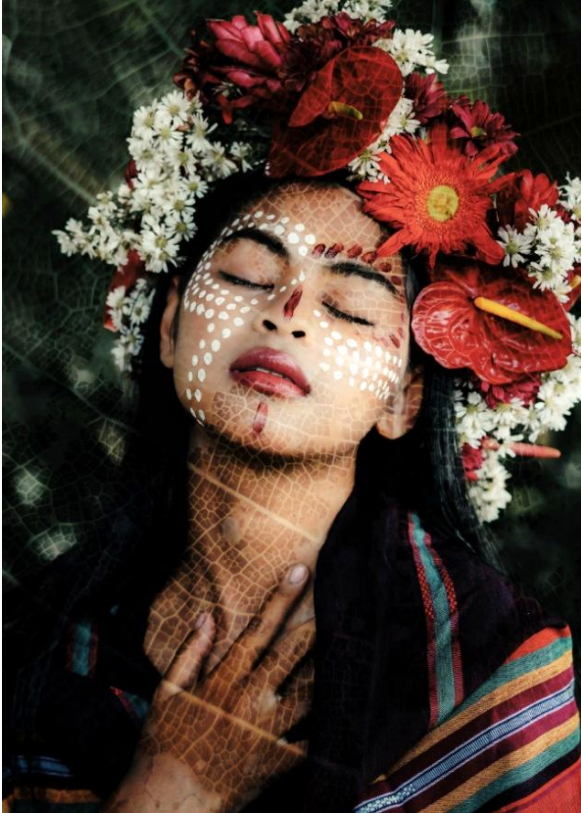
The tips will include basic tips and advanced tips. Some advanced tips will have a video and handout to cover the advanced topic.

Featured Website: 2025 Sony Competitions- National and Regional.

Over the years, I've found Sony competition winners march to a (slightly) different photographic drummer... in a good way.

Enjoy the 36 winning photos while noting what camera techniques: leading lines, monochrome, emotion, color, decisive moment, fine art composites, negative space, framing, action, cropping, ... make the photos special.

You can view the winning *Sony World Photo Awards* [here](#).



(Top left, left to right)

A Girl with a Flower Crown, **Eko Hardiyanto**- 1/36

Fishing Together, **Kyaw Zay Yar Lin**- 3/36

Celebrity, **Nelya Rachkova**- 14/36

Threads of Life, **Pinu Rahman**- 19/36

Eyes of the Mountain, **Nicolas Aguir**- 26/36



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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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