

Cobb Photographic Society



October 2026



Competition Theme: *Tunnels and Bridges*
(Cover) Winner- Monochrome
Welcome to Gibbs
Melissa Moody

(Above) Winner- Color
The Dare
Melissa Moody



Winner- Novice
Douro Reflections
Joyce Harrison

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Note: This month's abbreviated edition excludes *Articles and Tips*

This Month's Activities and Events

October 2026



All Month. Photo Challenge. Theme: *Parts and Pieces*. **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**. **All are welcome** to submit photographs.

Sat, 3 Oct, 5:30 PM. Field Trip. Oakland Cemetery. Please join us for an afternoon-to-evening exploration of Atlanta's most photogenic "garden cemetery", and also for the chance to photograph models attired in the Halloween spirit! WHAT FUN!! FREE models, dressed and posing spooky. (Spookily?) More information/ RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**



Mon, 5 Oct, 7 PM. Competition. Theme: *Taken With a Smartphone*. Come and join us at the Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center for this evening's **Digital** competition. For this competition, there will be Zoom access here. We always encourage you to stop by to view the prints and hear the competition photo critiques by our visiting judge. After the meeting, we'll head out for optional social time. **Members Only.**

Note: (Oct 2026) Due to inappropriate access to our previously open **Digital** competitions, our Zoom host, Hylos, will email the evening's Zoom access URL to club members.

Sat, 10 Oct, 8 AM at TVRM. Field Trip. Train Chase. Come join **Ronda Clark** and **Mike Sussman** as we once again chase the **TVRM** (Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum) steam train. We'll be chasing and photographing the train as it leaves Chattanooga on its way to Summerville, GA and back to Chattanooga.

We will meet at the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum in Chattanooga at 8:00 am and leave around 8:30-8:45 to chase and photograph the train. We'll try to hit some new spots as well as some old favorites, and I'll have a printed itinerary with GPS coordinates and addresses available the morning of the trip. (Shortly before the event, I'll also email the itinerary to those who've signed up for the trip). More information/RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**



Continuing Education Evening

Mon, 12 Oct, 7 PM. Continuing Education. Presentation Evening. Join our host, **Hylos Barrett**, for this evening's Zoom-only educational presentation [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. FYI, signup is now closed. **Members only.**

Thu-Fri, 22-23 Oct, 10 AM-7 PM. Exhibits. Exhibit Photos Drop Off. Drop off at the Cultural Center Desk (before the exhibit area and library).

Mon, 26 Oct, 3 PM. Competition. Deadline for Digital Images, Theme: *Bokeh/Pleasant Blur*. 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.**

Thu, 29 Oct, 6-8 PM. Exhibits. Reception. Join **Mark Chandler**, Exhibits Chair, as we collectively enjoy our fellow club members' works.

Thu, 29 Oct-12 Dec. Exhibits. **Fall 2026 CPS Exhibit.** Missed our opening night? Feel free to stop by our Fall Exhibit at Sewell Mill Library. While you're there, at the Cultural Center's main desk, vote for our *Best of Show* photo.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Mon, 2 Nov, 7 PM. Competition. Theme: *Bokeh/Pleasant Blur*. Come and join us at the Sewell Mill Library/Cultural Center for this evening's **Digital Prints** competition. For this competition, there will be Zoom access [here](#). We always encourage you to stop by to hear the competition photos critique by our visiting judge. After the meeting, we'll head out for optional social time. **Members only.**

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Fri-Sat, 13-14 Nov. Field Trip. **Fall Colors, Swamp Style!** More information/ RSVP [here](#). **Members only.**

Mon, 16 Nov. Elections. **CPS Club Officer Elections** (during the Presentation/Continuing Education Evening).

Sat, 21 Nov, 9:30, (Depart Sewell Mill at 9 AM). Field Trip. **Exploring the Atlanta Beltline.** Join **Rick Olson** as we explore the Atlanta Beltline. There will be lots of opportunities to photograph other walkers, bikers, and folks riding other things. You'll see and hear street musicians! Historic sites, interesting people, brightly colored walls of graffiti and other public art, and more. There is a skate park - about 1.2 miles from where we'll park; opportunities there to photograph some amazing young athletes. (This is a "real deal" skate park, with multiple bowls and obstacles designed to let the kids show their stuff!). More information/RSVP [here](#).

Sat, 21 Nov, 10:30 AM. Chat and Plan. Next Chat and Plan meeting. Our next meeting (no October meeting) will be at Switzer Library. A follow-on lunch and Marietta Square walkabout and gear talk is optional. Ronda will email new members who haven't attended with more information.

TBA- December. Annual Club Awards Dinner and Presentation.

Notes From Around Our Club

Competition Evening- *Bridges or Tunnels.*



A past club supporter, **Judy Pishnery**, is back again! Judy did a top-notch job offering suggestions to make our prints better. Energetic and professional, Judy certainly brought a memorable touch to our photo print competition.

Photos
by
**Jeff
Westland**



Presentation Evening- *From Capture to Impact: A Workflow for Better Images*



A blast from the past club supporter, **Judy Pishnery**, did double-duty this month as competition judge (above) and this month's presenter using photos to demonstrate Adobe Lightroom editing's best practices.

They Say It's Your...

Birthday!

- 4 Oct- **Goetz Steinmetz**
- 7 Oct- **Margaret Waage**
- 10 Oct- **Samantha Hudson**
- 10 Oct- **Rakesh Korda**
- 21 Oct- **Peter Ciro**
- 26 Oct- **Jim Moran**
- 26 Oct- **Michael Sylvester**

2026 Competition Standings- Overall and Division.

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

Overall:	Melissa Moody
Novice Division:	Maryann Crow
Standard Division: Monochrome:	Jeff Westland
Standard Division: Color	Melissa Moody

Fall 2026 Member Exhibit at Sewell Mill Library.

Our annual fall exhibit will be held at the Sewell Mill Cultural Center from **October 29th through December 12th**. This is a member showcase exhibit where there is no specific theme, just highlighting our best work. We want to highlight your best work, so please consider participating. Our exhibit is open to all current CPS members, from novice to expert.

Note: Even though the deadline's passed, feel free to contact Mark to see if open slots remain at mchan18078@aol.com.

Restricted Access to CPS Competition & Continuing Education Evenings.

(Oct 2026) Due to inappropriate access to our previously open **Digital** competitions, our Zoom host, Hylos, will email the evening's Zoom access URL to club members before our competition and continuing education.

This is a work in progress and the Zoom logon process may change.

Club Members: Consider Becoming a Club Officer [reprint].



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.

2026 has two opportunities!

2026 is the last year that **Pat Fahey** and **Hylos Barrett** will serve as club officers. It's been a great five-year ride for both of us to help 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.

FYI, Treasurer **Rob Herman** and Secretary **Dee Dee Bonesteel** will continue.

Questions?

- Feel free to email Pat at Faheyatlanta@gmail.com and call home: 7709777465.
- Hylos is equally open to your questions at hylosbarrett@gmail.com and cell: 6787723542.

M2R FENCE: Featuring Marc Moskowitz

Fellow club member, **Ümit Yüksel**, passes on the following:

“Marc, Congrats on having four photographs displayed in the *M2R FENCE* exhibit (<https://www.m2rfence.com/main-gallery>), currently at the Swift Cantrell Park in Kennesaw. *After the Storm* is my favorite.”.



Photo
by
Marc Moskowitz

Display Your Portfolio on the CPS Website [reprint].

Did you know that you can have a portfolio page on our club website?

Fellow members, family, invited guests, and other photographers can view your photos and your story on one page.

Consider that 11 club members already have a portfolio page. Yes, you know the members who posted their portfolio are pretty good photographers. Heck, Paul Shimek, our emeritus club member, has his own page with its own URL!

How to make this happen:

1. Select a head and shoulders or $\frac{3}{4}$ photo of yourself.
2. Write up a bio that you want others to see.
3. Select about 1-20 photos that shows off your talent.
4. Email **Mark Chandler** who will take of posting all the items above that becomes your portfolio page. Mark's email is mchan18078@aol.com.

Mark Chandler

Mark is a long-time member of the Cobb Photographic Society having first joined in 1980. He has served in multiple capacities with the club, including past president. Mark is a native of Cobb County and enjoys photographing various subjects, particularly sports and night photography. He teaches photography classes for Smyrna Parks and Recreation and works for Cobb County Parks.



website: [MarkChandlerPhotography](http://MarkChandlerPhotography.com)

[Click image to view full-size.](#)



Jeff Westland



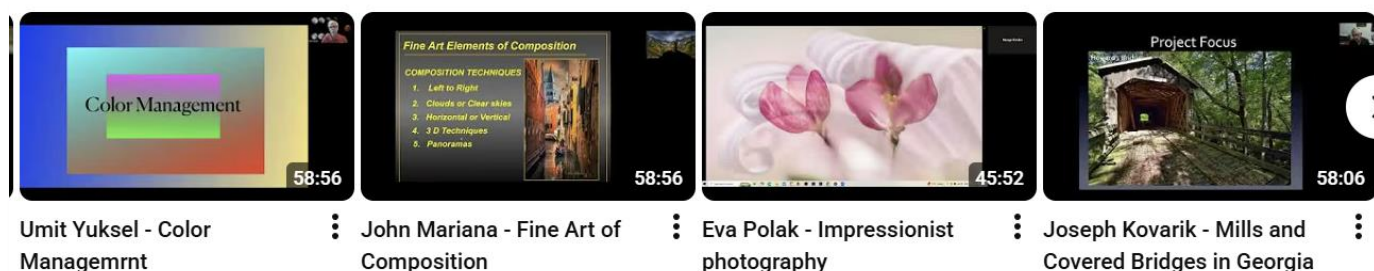
Jeff grew up in Calgary, Alberta, between the mountains and the prairies, and developed an appreciation for the beauty in the world around him. His desire is to not only to express his interpretation of the world as he sees it, but to capture moments that can be developed in the minds and hearts of those who see his photographs. He wants the viewer to not see his images as answers or end points, but the start of a journey that raises questions and begins a story in their minds.

website: westlandphoto.com | [facebook](#) | [instagram](#)

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Monthly YouTube's CPS Continuing Education 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](#):

- Sep 2026, (No video) Judy Pishnery's, Lightroom Presentation.
- Aug 2026, Tom Wilson's, *A River Runs Through It* is [here](#).
- Jul 2026, Robin Davis', *Creating Your Photographic Series* is [here](#).
- Jun 2026, Marvin Price's *Travel With an iPhone (Smartphone)* is [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](#).

Standard- Color Competition Winners



Second Place
Have Hope
Melissa Moody



Third Place
Cannakale Bridge
Angie Nasrallah



Honorable Mention
Amsterdam
Ben Moravitz

Honorable Mention
Shall We Continue
Jeff Whittingham



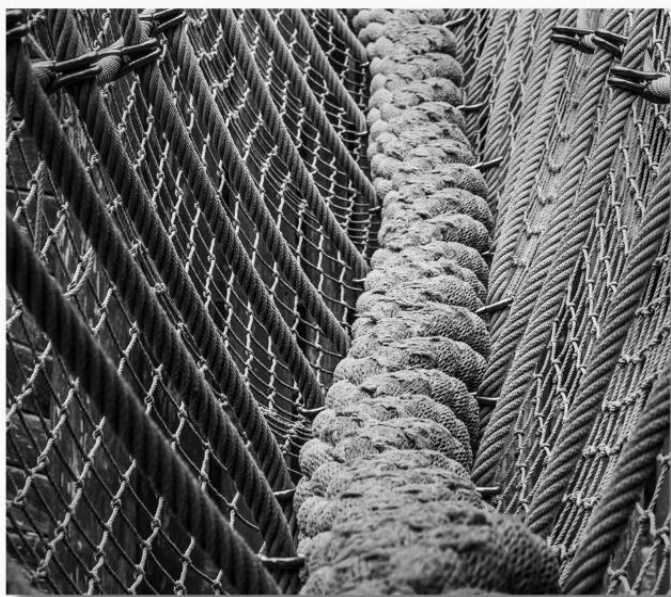
Standard- Monochrome Competition Winners



Second Place
Tunnel Vision
Jeff Westland



Third Place
No Light at the End of the Tunnel
Jeff Westland



Honorable Mention
Rope Bridge Detail
Ralph Burr



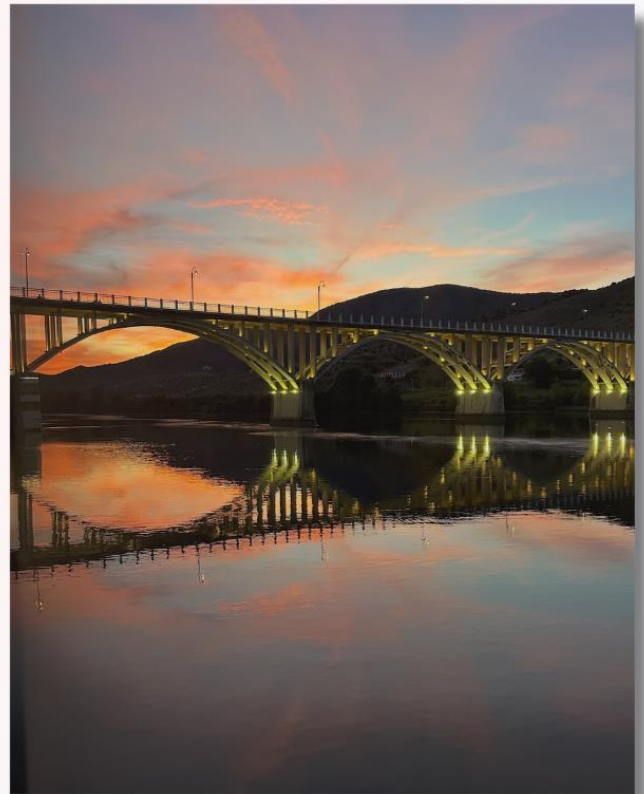
Honorable Mention
New River Gorge
Angie Nasrallah

Novice Competition Winners

Second Place
Alaska White Pass Tunnel
Ronda Clark



Third Place
Bridge to the Forest
Maryann Crow



Honorable Mention
Portuguese Sunset
Joyce Harrison



Honorable Mention
Cilleyville Bridge
Maryann Crow

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 2026-2027 Monthly Competition Themes Schedule.

Monday Deadline for Digital Submission	Monday Competition Evening	Competition Theme	
2026			
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. ***	
2027			
	January	General *	
	February	Food	
	March	Portrait	
	April	Door(s)	
	May	Smoke / Fog / Mist	
	June	Glass / Colored Glass	
	July **	Texture	
	August	Curves	
	September **	America the Beautiful	
	October	Transportation	
	November	Street Life / Cityscapes	
(closed)	(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 2027 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*.

A dense, colorful collage of numerous small images, likely generated by a diffusion model. The images are arranged in a grid-like fashion, overlapping slightly. The subjects are diverse, including: landscapes (lakes, mountains, sunsets, forests), architecture (bridges, buildings, arches, windows), animals (birds, penguins, a dog, a cat), and abstract art (swirls, patterns, light effects). Some images contain text, such as "MARIELLA PROPER", "CLOSED", and "CHRISTMAS". The overall style is vibrant and artistic, with a focus on visual detail and composition.

Member-2-Member Classifieds

(Open to all members and club supporters)

Ongoing Exhibition with Club Member, David Batley.



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.

Did you enjoy our club's monthly magazine?

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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