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GRCC President Letter



Jan Lewis

It's GRCC Election Time... We Have a Few Positions Opening Up

We are in need of a few good men or women. It is election season for GR Camera Club. Three officers are up for election: President, Vice President – Programs, and Secretary.

I have agreed to continue as your President and Evie Carrier has agreed to stay on as VP – Programs (assuming that you, the membership, elect us!)

However, the position of Secretary is open. Kathy Kendall has served in this position for ten years! I can't thank her enough for her dedication and service to GRCC. This is a 2-year term, and primarily involves taking minutes during our Board meetings and then emailing those minutes to Board members prior to the next Board meeting. Occasionally she has also sent out thank you notes or cards to members or individuals who have assisted the club. Not difficult tasks... but a very necessary role. If you would be interested in serving as our Secretary, please email me at info@grcameraclub.org ! I would be glad to add your name to the ballot.

We have three 2-year Board Member positions and one 1-year Board Position up for election as well: Several current Board members have agreed to run again, but several are stepping down. These positions involve attending board meetings (in the odd months). If you would like to add your name to the slate, I am taking names for that as well.

Since we are not yet meeting in person, our elections will be conducted in the same way as last year... through a Google form vote sometime in April or May. Club members in good standing will receive an email with the proposed slate. Please be sure to cast your vote when you receive the email!

With that business behind me, I hope that each of you have the opportunity to get out and enjoy the coming of spring. There are a multitude of photographic opportunities as the world awakes from winter's slumber. If you are more inclined to stay inside, I encourage club members to get involved with our new monthly Editing Challenge! Contact Russ Barneveld at barnever@gvsu.edu for the details. No judging or scores involved!

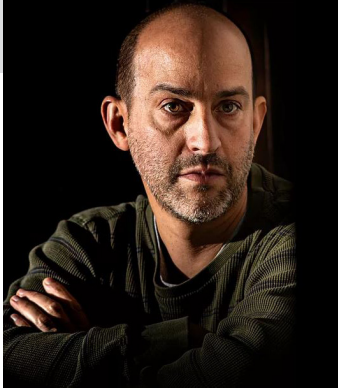
Wishing you Good Light!



Our April Meeting

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Wed.

Zoo Photography Lecture



Presented by John Scalera

Artist Statement

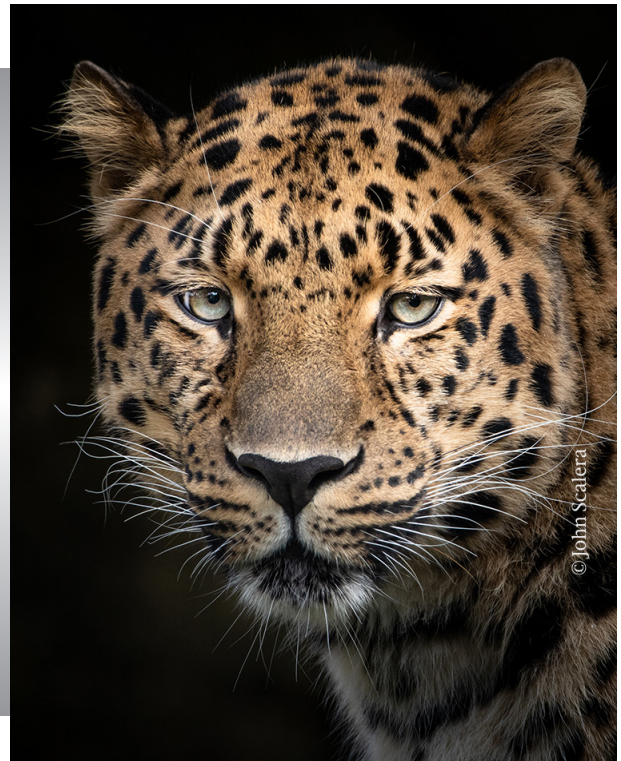
Wildlife and Nature have always been an integral part of my life. The World is such a magical and extraordinary place, a sanctuary for life from the smallest insects to the giants who cruise the deepest oceans. A powerful, oftentimes inexplicable bond has been forged between all living beings, and when I observe it through my camera lens, it brings me an unparalleled sense of awe: The stoic poise of a lioness relaxing in the sun in the late afternoon, the intensity of a jaguar's stare, or the mischievous play of lowland gorillas. It's my hope that my photography captures the majesty of those intimate moments that I am fortunate to bear witness.

Overview

John Scalera will be discussing his workflow, composition, equipment, settings, locations and processing techniques. A variety of his work will be shown and backstories shared. His goal is to engage and educate. John will talk about his tools and techniques, and answer any questions you may have.



Gorilla Waiting (1)



Amur Leopard (1)

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Biography

John Scalera is an award-winning photographer who specializes in zoo photography. He hails from the hills of Northern New Jersey. His fascination and passion for animals began at a very early age and continues today through his work. His viewers experience a very deep and personal relationship with the subjects he photographs. The beauty and expression of each animal is expressed in each of his photographs.



Demarcus Chewing (1)



Fargo Profile Howling (1)



April 21, 2021 at 7:15 PM

Club members will receive the Zoom meeting link by email prior to the meeting. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting and may request the Zoom meeting link by sending an email to programs@grcameraclub.org or info@grcameraclub.org
Meeting Starts at 7:15 PM (So ask to join 5-10 minutes before 7:15 PM).



Photo Sharing Online

By Russ Barneveld, GRCC Member



One of the reasons I compete in the monthly GRCC competitions is to have a chance to share my photos with others. In this digital age we no longer have photo albums that we carry around to show our work to others. Now we rely on the internet to show off our photos.

If you are like me, I have more photos lurking on my hard-drive than I can enter into competition or share with family on Facebook. Several of us in the club are now joining online photo sharing groups. This widens the audience that can see our work. The best part is that the membership in these groups is worldwide. This allows us to see a variety of styles, techniques, and subjects.

In many of the groups there is an “Assigned Subject” that may be posted for a couple of days or even a week. These groups are not really competition groups, but most do feature what the administrators consider the most unique photos that fit the category. With a little luck you may get a featured photo, best photo, or even the cover photo for the group.

Below is a list of some of the groups that our members are taking part in. I am sure with a search on Facebook you can find one that fits the niche you are into.

Some online photo groups that our members use:

- Photo Challenge
- Photo Showcase
- The Universe of Colour Photography
- Great Lake Lighthouse Photography
- Fine Art Photography
- Black and White Photography (BWP)
- Let's See Your Best Shot
- Show Us Only Your Best Photography

Here are some samples of shared photos (others are on the following page).

Russ

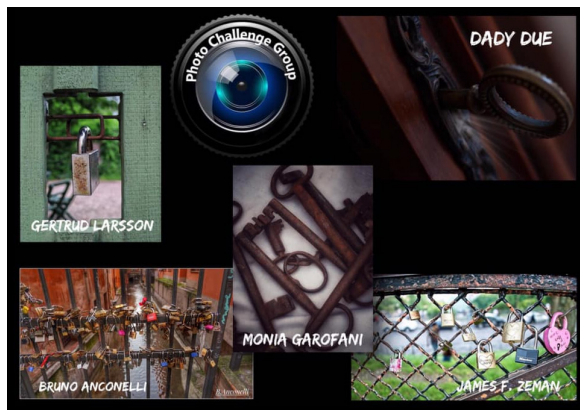
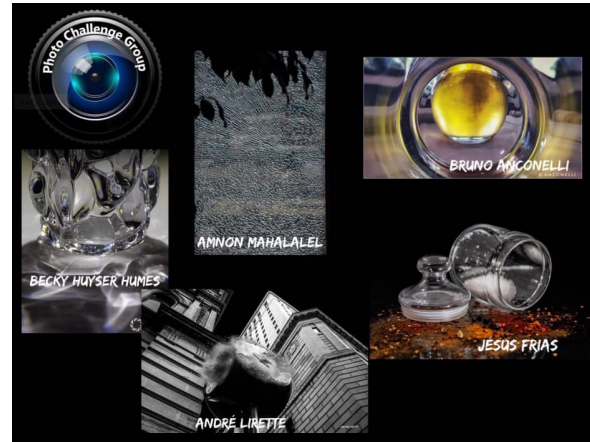
Stay protected and healthy!



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Free Mat Board Available to GRCC Members

The owner of Framed Images in Cedar Springs has retired and closed the shop. He gave lots of mat board to the Cedar Springs Library at 107 N Main, Cedar Springs, MI 49319. The Library called me about the mat board, and I told them our GRCC members might want some. If interested, call the library first at 616-696-1910 to make sure they still have some available and when would be the best time to come. Remember to wear a mask when you arrive to protect yourself and everyone there.

- Ranger Steve Mueller

GRCC Has YouTube Recordings of Meetings

Recordings of many of GR Camera Club's Zoom programs can be found on the club's YouTube channel [here](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). This link can be found on the club's website at www.grcameraclub.org if you need to access any recording later. It's easy to find...it's on our club's homepage under "Upcoming Events".

You can also go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for Grand Rapids Camera Club.



Competition Corner

By Jeanne Quillan,
GRCC VP - Competition

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Help is there for the asking...

If you are a member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club, you are one step closer to improving your photography. And if you are entering your images into competitions, you are even closer. Research shows that those who enter our competitions regularly improve their photography. With the pandemic last year, we have not been meeting in person, and is hard to interact with other members for thoughts and feedback. Critique of your images is always helpful, but difficult on a regular basis.

● Reach out to us!

If you would like input on your entered images, perhaps why they received the score they did, just ask. Drop me an email after the competition asking for input on your image or images, and I would be always willing to give an opinion, and many other judges feel the same. It is awkward for judges to give opinions on images unless you ask (they don't want to offend anyone with unsolicited advice).

● The Editing Challenge

As you know, the enhancements and edits of your images before you enter is an important part of photography. Each month, an image is made available for you to edit, using any and all of your resources, (Photoshop, Lightroom, and many other programs). At the end of the month, members can join in Zoom, whether you attempted an edit or not, to discuss how other photographers improved the monthly image.

● Join PSA

PSA (Photographic Society of America) offers a wealth of opportunities for photographers. Some of these include study groups, image evaluation services, online courses, mentors, travel information, PSA Journal and more. Personally, I have benefited from several study groups, (members of the group critique each other's photos), and I have a certificate in Image Evaluation from PSA. The PSA Journal is a great magazine, and offers many articles helpful to photographers. Membership starts at \$45 per year.

The website is <https://psa-photo.org/>

Contact me at
photobug49@comcast.net or
competition1@grcameraclub.org

Last call to send in suggestions for the 2022 Assigned Subjects – I will be sending the final list to all members to vote for their favorites in the coming month.

Our Assigned Subject List For 2021

Old
Vehicles

April Old Vehicles
May All In A Row
June Odd Or Unusual

SUMMER BREAK

September . Rivers
October Nautical
November.. Harvest Time
December .. Curves

The Assigned Subject List is available on our website on the Competition Corner page.

March Image of the Month

Compiled by Jeanne Quillan

The Image of the Month is chosen by one of our members as the image that appeals to them the most. Each month, the honor of choosing the image is assigned to a different GRCC member. This month's favorite image from our March competition was chosen by Jim Shearer Jr.



"Kindergarten Joy"
by
Mike Bergeon

Chosen
by
Jim Shearer Jr.

ABOUT MY IMAGE:

After being fully vaccinated, and itching to connect with the grandkids, I asked my daughters if the grandkids could model for my first attempt at low-key portrait shots. Everyone was on board, so I hung a piece of black cloth from the fireplace mantle as a backdrop and away we went. Exposure: "ISO 100, f/8.0, 1/250 sec. This yields a completely black frame with the room lights on. A single speedlight pointing into a partially closed white umbrella 3 feet from Kenny completed the lighting. Kenny is a very expressive child and I feel this image captures his inner joy.

- Mike

WHY I LIKED IT:

I really was impressed with the energy and life in this boy's face. If this were my child or grandchild a print would hold a prominent place in my heart and home. Highlights and shadows were perfect, and the dark background and shirt gave your eyes nowhere to go but his wonderful face. Well done!

- Jim

Items For Sale

by Ranger Steve Mueller, GRCC Member

Karen and I are downsizing... we have some photography equipment and support items for sale.

We have 3 notebooks of Photo Traveler newsletters and 2 for Photograph America. Each newsletter focuses on a particular location, region or subject. They are great to assist with planning trips with details for excellent subject shooting. Even without photography focus they highlight wonderful places to visit. Each is about 10 pages and sold for about \$10 and sets of 10 sold for \$60.

We will bring them to a club meeting for preview. Sale price: \$25 each notebook including notebook binder or the set of three binders of Photograph America for \$60 and set of two Photo Traveler for \$40.

Equipment:

Nikkor 80-200mm f2.8DAF Macro Zoom Lens (original \$899.95) - Sale for \$200

AF-S Nikkor 18-70mm 1:3.5-4.5 G ED - Sale for \$50

Kenko Auto Extension Tube Set for f/Nikon AF Lens (original \$149.00) - Sale for \$40

Nikon F100 Camera (original \$984.95) - Sale for \$100

Nikon Speedlight SB-800 like new and seldom used - Sale for \$50

Heavy-Duty Tripod - Sale for \$25

Nikon Coolpix 90 Camera - Sale for \$40

Cannon - Powershot A 3100 IS Camera - Sale for \$25.



AF-S Nikkor Zoom Lens 18-70mm



Nikkor 80-200mm f2.8DAF Macro Zoom Lens



Nikon F 100 Camera



Nikon Speedlight SB-800

Questions?

Email Ranger Steve at Odybrook@chartermi.net



Treasurer Reports

Christine Mooney,
GRCC Treasurer

New Digital Projector Fund

Thank You!

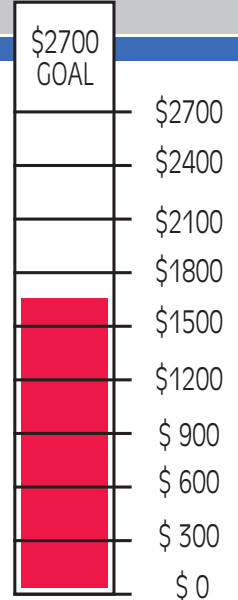
Thank you to members who have donated to our fund.
The total collected so far is \$ 1,643.48 .

Thanks to Dave Whitson for his recent donation.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation by check payable to GRAND RAPIDS CAMERA CLUB, you may send it to our Treasurer at:
Christine Mooney,
4280 Brooklawn Lane SE,
Kentwood MI 49512

We're at
60.8%

This goal is based on the Sony VPL-PHZ10 Laser Projector. See November newsletter for more details.



Member Changes

If your email or other information has changed, email me at treasurer@grcameraclub.org to help keep our membership list up to date.

Membership Dues

Membership runs January through December. Dues are just \$35 for each member. Please check the website for additional information regarding dues. We also have PayPal available on our Grand Rapids Camera Club website for your convenience (a small PayPal processing fee will be applied). Click on "Join" tab to find the PayPal link.

Christine

If you prefer to pay dues with a check, make it payable to GRAND RAPIDS CAMERA CLUB. Send it to our Treasurer at: Christine Mooney, 4280 Brooklawn Lane SE, Kentwood MI 49512

Deadline For May Issue



Apr.
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April 24, Saturday, Noon

Please add this date to your smartphone calendar.

by Greg Ferguson
GRCC Lights & Shadows Editor
Before is much appreciated!

Thank you so much!

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