

Grand Rapids Camera Club Lights & Shadows

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GRCC President Letter

Hello 2022! Wishing you a Happy New Year!



Jan Lewis



It's a fresh start and want to remind you that our club meeting on January 19th will be held in person at Grand Valley Artists.

Properly-worn Face Masks will be required to attend this meeting.

For those who are not yet comfortable gathering in person, or do not wish to wear a mask, the meeting will also be available via Zoom and recorded. If you are feeling under the weather, we would also ask that you attend the meeting via Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent via email to club members and is also posted on the club website. I look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting!



This meeting will also mark the return of our Print Division Competition.

With the New Year I also must remind you that if you have not yet renewed your Membership, now is the time! You can do it online or by snail mail. Just. Do. It.



Beating the Winter Doldrums

If you aren't into winter sports, winter in West Michigan can be a downer. The days are short and the sun seems to have lost its way behind gray, overcast skies. Many of us find that our cameras get packed away and don't begin to capture light again until spring returns. However, I encourage you to re-think this time of year and get creative with some still life and/or macro photography. Look around you and you will see potential close-up shots everywhere. Everyday objects seen at close range look very different. Start in the kitchen. Pots, pans, cooking utensils, and cutlery are all prime subjects. Food can also be a great subject. Slice up kiwi, an orange or cabbage and backlight them with a lightbox. Play with dropping a strawberry in a clear vase filled with seltzer water. Outside the kitchen, you can find interesting subjects – closeups of electrical appliances, or crayons, toys, tools, bottles, coins, or feathers. Pick up a bouquet of flowers and photograph the flowers' details. Add a mirror to create different reflection effects. Create interesting abstract photographs by mixing oil and water in a flat glass dish set over a colorful background.

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Beating the Winter Doldrums

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You can create a small table top set up with a portable table, and foam boards, or a piece of fabric for the background. Pick up a few inexpensive LED work lights if you don't have other light sources. You will probably need a tripod, as shutter speeds may not always be fast enough to hand hold. If you don't have a macro lens, there are closeup filters that are relatively inexpensive, as well as extension tubes which will help make your subject bigger in the frame.

The internet abounds with macro photography ideas. Just type "indoor macro photography ideas" into your browser search engine and you will be presented with a long list of links to get your creative juices going. For inspiration on still life projects, the internet will also help or you can rewatch the May 2021 GRCC program presentation with Betsy Wilson who takes still life to the next level.

So don't let the Winter Doldrums get you down. Use the time to challenge your creativity and I bet you will end up with some fabulous images to share or enter into competition! I look forward to seeing your images!

Jan



Did You Renew Your Annual Membership?

If you haven't renewed your club membership, be sure to do it now. Dues are the only source of revenue for our club, and your prompt renewal will help us to budget for this year. Annual Dues are just \$35. You can renew online using the PayPal link on the club website. There is a small service fee to cover PayPal fees, but you won't have to worry about an envelope, a stamp and getting it to the mailbox. Alternatively, you can renew the old-fashioned way by mailing a check (made out to Grand Rapids Camera Club) to our treasurer.

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

Please let Christine know if there are any changes to your contact information... email, mailing address, or phone (did you drop your landline that you provided years ago?).

Our January Meeting



Hand-Coloring Photos



Presented by Dianne Carroll Burdick

Dianne Carroll Burdick will utilize a slide show in her presentation showing how she does her hand-coloring of black and white photos. Dianne will also bring in examples and the tools she uses to hand-color. And she will answer your questions.



The Dream of Trees

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LISTEN TO THE LANDSCAPE



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haiku by Linda Nemeč Foster | images by Dianne Carroll Burdick

forewords by Jill Enfield and Diane Wakoski

Listen to the Landscape Books

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About Dianne



Dianne Carroll Burdick, a Western Michigan University graduate with a BFA in Photography, is a free-lance photographer in West Michigan. Her clients have included Park Township in Ottawa County, USA Today, TIME magazine, The Grand Rapids Press, Grand Valley State University, the Grand Rapids Art Museum, Grand Rapids Community College, the Grand Rapids Symphony, the Public Museum of Grand Rapids, United Way, The Salvation Army, School News Network and Opera Grand Rapids. She has been a Photography Instructor at Grand Rapids Community College and also as a Continuing Studies Instructor at Kendall College of Art and Design where she taught Digital Photography. She gives workshops at Lowell Arts Council and Frederic Meijer Gardens. She has participated in over fifty art exhibitions and her work is included in six books and several corporate and private collections. Dianne is the recipient of fifty awards in Photography. Her images are on the Grammy-nominated CD of Debra Henson-Conent with the Grand Rapids Symphony. Her book Listen to the Landscape was released in August of 2006, a collection of twenty-eight hand-colored photographs, with haiku by Linda Nemece Foster, and published by Eerdmans Publishing, in it's 2nd edition. She provided the images for the CD Treasures From the Great Lakes, Music for Bassoon, Horn and Piano, released in July of 2009. This was also a multi-media presentation that was performed / viewed throughout that year. Her book, Tasting and Touring Michigan's Homegrown Food, A Culinary Road Trip, holds over 250 images of Michigan and was published May 2012 by Arbutus Press, written by Jaye Beeler. Her latest book, Antique Apples, was published in the Fall of 2015 featuring Michigan apples, Arbutus Press. She lives with her husband Rob Burdick, and their 2 black cats Frannie Annie and Fluff in their 130-year-old Heritage Hill home in Grand Rapids.



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Dance RGB



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Where Sunlight Sleeps

Jan. 19 Wed.

Face to Face

TWO WAYS TO SEE THIS MEETING / PRESENTATION:

NEW LOCATION – the home of **Grand Valley Artists, 2661 29th Street SE, Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49512**. This is a store front space behind Schuler's Book Store. It is at street level and there are no stairs (so access should not be an issue for anyone). When you enter there is a large gallery space in the front... walk through to the back where the large meeting space is. The meeting on January 19th will start at 7:15 p.m. (so plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m.).

A properly worn mask will be required during the entire meeting. If you are unable or unwilling to wear a mask for the duration of the meeting, then you should not plan to attend in person.

Virtual

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).



Competition Corner

By Jeanne Quillan,
GRCC VP - Competition

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YEAR-END COMPETITION

By now you have probably already received a list of your eligible entries for the 2021 Year End Competition. If you have entered in 2021 competition and you have not received your list of entries, please contact me ASAP at photobug49@comcast.net. If you have not already returned your form, remember the deadline for entries is **Friday, December 31, 2021**. The entries will be judged starting mid-January by a trio of excellent photographers not affiliated with the Grand Rapids Camera Club. Together they will select the best images of 2021. The awards celebration will be held at our February meeting, February 16, 2022. Be sure to set the date aside and be there to view all the awarded images.

NEW ENTRY RESOLUTION

Beginning with the January monthly competition, the maximum size of your entries is increased to 2160 x 2160. Please be aware of this when sending in your January entries.

PRINT COMPETITION

Prints are back! Prints need to be dropped off prior to the competition at one of three drop off points – Jan Lewis (E) 616-446-7573; Becky Humes (NW) 616-558-6080; or Jeanne Quillan (SW) 616-581-5703. The deadline to receive the prints is January 8. Please include duplicate labels on your prints as before. The print labels are available on our website under Resources/Documents and Forms and can be printed from there. Guidelines for entering prints can be found in the Membership Manual, also found on the website. Prints will be displayed at the January meeting.

NEW RULES REGARDING SCAPES

The Membership Manual has been updated regarding entries in the 'SCAPES' category. Beginning January 2022 - Use of manipulation to change the appearance of the original scene, adding backgrounds, textures, skies and elements not present in the original image will not be allowed in the Scapes category.

Use of these elements ARE allowed in the other categories of Assigned, Creative, Monochrome, Open and Portraiture with the exception of Nature and Photojournalism.

Jeanne

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](#). 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.

December 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 December competition was chosen by Steve Port.



© Russ Barneveld

"Sculpture Curves"
by
Russ Barneveld

Chosen
by
Steve Port

ABOUT MY IMAGE:

My image "Sculpture Curves" was taken on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale. Grand Valley has the second largest art collection in the state of Michigan. The sculpture is titled "Heaven and Earth" and was created by James Clover in 1991. I came across this image while doing a photo walk on campus on a spring day. The image was taken from a low angle with my iPad. The curves and straight lines caught my eye as they reached up to cloudy sky. I was intrigued by the sunlight as it tried to poke through the clouds. On that particular day I thought the title of the sculpture was very fitting.

- Russ

WHY I LIKED IT:

I often look at abstracts and think, "That's pretty, I wonder what it is?" This shot had much more impact for me because it implied movement, sort of inviting me in. My eyes and my mind were drawn to the sunlight, past the sculpture and into the dramatic sky. It encouraged emotion and wonder, two things that most pictures do not provide.

- Steve

Our Assigned Subject List For 2022

Something from your childhood

January Something from your childhood
March Athletes
April Pairs
May Music

June Neon



September . In the Garden
October..... Night Street Scene
November.. Barns
December .. Glass

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



ITEMS FOR SALE

By Ranger Steve and Karen Mueller

We are downsizing photography equipment and support items.

EQUIPMENT

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

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 - **Sale for \$40** (original \$149.00)

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

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**

SUPPORT ITEMS

We have 3 notebooks of Photo Traveler newsletters (about 50 issues) and 2 for Photograph America (about 40 issues). 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 each and sets of 10 sold for \$60.

We will bring the support items to a club meeting for preview. **Sale price: \$25** each separate notebook including notebook binder, or the set of three binders of Photograph America for **\$40** (about 40 issues) and set of two Photo Traveler for **\$60** (about 50 issues).

Ranger Steve (Mueller)
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Treasurer Reports

Christine Mooney,
GRCC Treasurer

Welcome New Member

We have a former member who rejoined our club recently:
Ronald DeHaan who shoots with Nikon D7500
Please welcome back Ronald when you see him.

Have Changes?

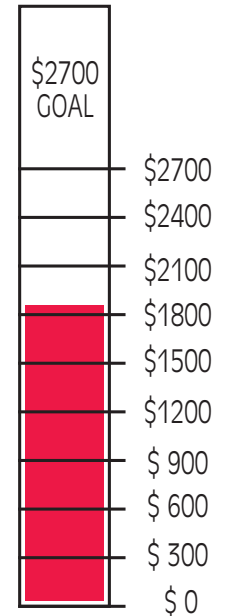
If your email or other information has changed, email me at treasurer@grcameraclub.org to help keep our membership list up to date.

Equipment Fund

Thank you to members who have donated to our fund (including Van Maas and George Ritz). The total collected so far is \$ 1,838.48 .



We're at 68%



Equipment Fund

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

Membership Dues

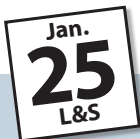
Membership runs January through December. Dues are just \$35 for each member. Please check the website for additional information regarding dues. We also have PayPal available on our Grand Rapids Camera Club website for your convenience (a small PayPal processing fee will be applied). Click on "Join"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

Christine

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Deadline For February Issue

by Greg Ferguson
GRCC Lights & Shadows Editor



Jan. 25, Tuesday, Noon

Please add this date to your smartphone calendar.

Before is much appreciated!

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