

Grand Rapids Camera Club

Lights & Shadows

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GRCC President Letter



Jan Lewis

Our Hall of Fame

All the Details

The Grand Rapids Camera Club has a [long history](#). Founded in 1899, it is one of the oldest continually operating Camera Clubs in the United States. That is over 120 years! An organization does not exist for that long without dedicated individuals sharing their knowledge, and volunteering their time and energy to keep the organization relevant and vibrant.

In 2001 the board established a means of recognizing individuals who have made significant and outstanding contributions to the club with the creation of the GRCC Photography “Hall of Fame.” It has been a number of years since any new names have been added to the club’s Hall of Fame. I suspect that many of our current members are unaware that the Hall of Fame exists, let alone what the criteria or nominations process is.

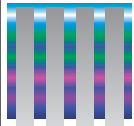
My goal with this article is to remedy that! You can see the names of these honored individuals on the [Hall of Fame page](#) on our website. Many of these individuals are no longer with us... but there are a few names there that should ring a bell as they are still active members ... Larry Heydenburg (a member of GRCC for 50 years!), Ranger Steve Mueller, and Dave Whitson. Some of our long-time members will also remember Marie Velting, Jack Carter, Marian Carter, and Don Wollander.

So what are the criteria for being nominated to the Hall of Fame? Well, there is a [document](#) for that and it is available on our website! Among other things, it includes 10+ years as an active member, served as an officer or board member, served as a judge, participated in our monthly competition, attended photography seminars or workshops, presented photography related programs to GRCC or other clubs, shared skills and knowledge with club members and enhanced the reputation of the club in the community.

Also available on the [Documents and Forms page](#) of our website is link to a PDF which lists the [guidelines](#) for nominating a member to the Hall of Fame. At the bottom of the Documents and Form page is a link to the [Hall of Fame nomination form](#).

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Basically, the guidelines indicate that a candidate does not need to meet EVERY item on the criteria list but should tick a number of the boxes. Nominations can be made by any member of the club, and the completed nomination form should be presented to the board no later than November 1. If the board approves the nomination, the award would be presented at our annual Awards meeting generally held in February each year. Recipients of this honor have their name added to our Perpetual Plaque and also the club website.

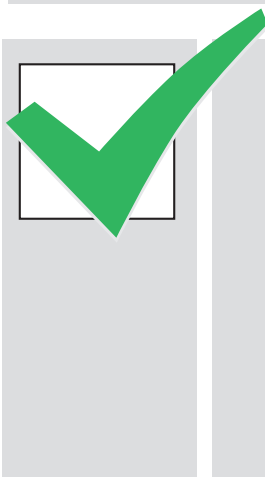
If you think that there is a club member worthy of this big honor, I encourage you to read the criteria and procedures documents and print and fill out the nomination form and submit it to the board for consideration!

Stay happy and healthy.

Jan



2022 Elections - State of the Slate



The officers up for election in 2022 are Vice President of Competition and Treasurer. In addition, there are three Board Members-at-large positions up for election. All positions are 2-year terms. Below are listed the positions and the candidates. With the approval of the change to our Constitution and By-Laws at the April meeting, elections will be conducted with an online vote. Members will receive a link to a google form to cast their vote during the month of May.

Vice President – Competition: Jeanne Quillan

Treasurer: Christine Mooney

Three open Board Member positions: Mike Bergeon, Kathy Kendall, James Zeman

Our May Meeting

Capturing Emotion In Portraiture, Not Your Say Cheese Smile

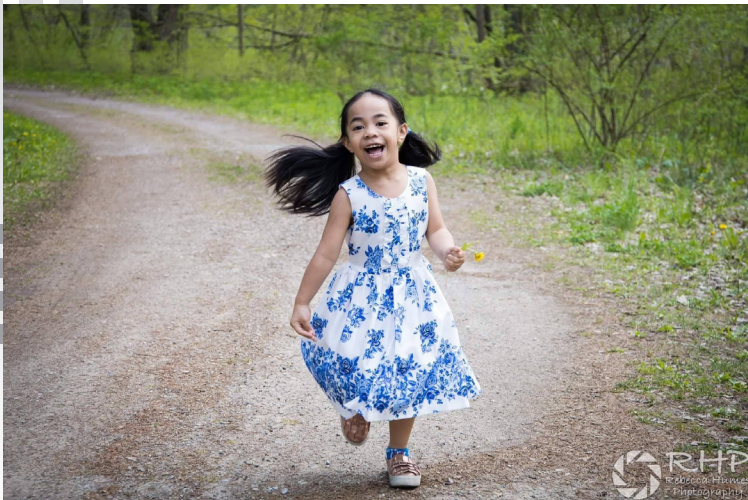
May
18
Wed.

Presented by Rebecca Humes, Rebecca Humes Photography

Becky is a professional photographer who will walk you through some of the prompts and tricks she uses during her portrait sessions to capture the real subject. She will talk about capturing the bond during couple and family sessions.

“I love capturing the joy of childhood, and capturing each and everyone’s individual personality during their sessions.”

Here are some samples of her exceptional work...



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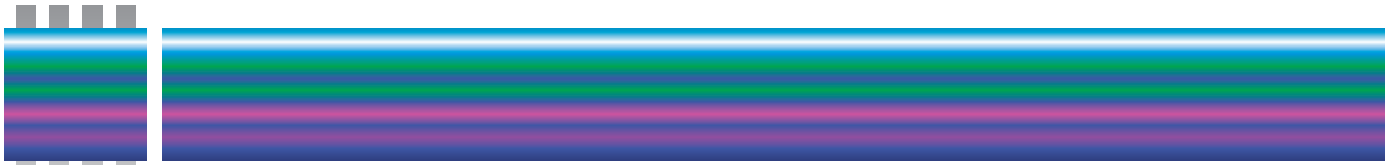
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May 18 Wed.

TWO WAYS TO SEE THIS MEETING / PRESENTATION:

Face to Face

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 May 18th will start at 7:15 p.m. (so plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m.).

Masks are encouraged, but not required to attend this meeting

Virtual

You can join the Zoom meeting on 5/18/22 starting at 7:00 p.m. The join link will be sent via email to club members prior to the meeting. It will also be posted on the club website events page the day of 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

photobug49@comcast.net or competition1@grcameraclub.org

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See below...

Jeanne

Our Assigned Subject List For 2022

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May Music
June Neon

SUMMER BREAK

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.

Our Assigned Subject List For 2023

The new
Assigned Subject List
for 2023
will be announced soon.

April 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 April competition was chosen by Rebecca Humes.



"Chihuly Portal"
by
Van Maas

Chosen
by
Rebecca Humes

ABOUT MY IMAGE:

The real credit for this image goes to Dale Chihuly for creating this mesmerizing window, or "portal", for the Franklin Park Conservatory and Gardens in Columbus Ohio, which I visited along with some family members in February. The Chihuly creation is in the roof of a tunnel underneath the waterfall in their Pacific Island Water Garden, which is very similar to Meijer Garden's Tropical Conservatory, waterfall and all. I don't know the details of how Chihuly created the piece, but its striking interplay of shapes and colors immediately grabbed my attention. Given my familiarity with Meijer Gardens' similar waterfall structure it's likely I would have otherwise skipped walking through the tunnel, but the path I was on and the group I was with were headed through, so I followed along. This garden was very busy with people looking for and watching the butterflies that were on display, and the tunnel was just as busy. Upon entering it, I understood why. I didn't have my Canon with me but when I looked up and saw the remarkable window, I knew I wasn't going to leave the tunnel without grabbing a shot of it. Using the iPhone with its wide angle 26mm lens the exposure was 1/332 sec. at f1.8, ISO 25. Under the circumstances, I felt lucky to have come away with a striking image.

- Van

WHY I LIKED IT:

This image instantly caught my attention. The colors are bright, but not overdone, the details are tack sharp. I just want to stop what I'm doing and take it all in. Kudos to the photographer for capturing this scene so perfectly.

- Becky



The Edit Challenge For May

by Russ Barneveld

CREATE A “GOOD IMAGE” OF THE GRANDVILLE CASTLE

The Grand Castle is a multi-family residential development in Grandville, Michigan with 520 apartment units. The Grand Castle’s design was inspired by the Neuschwanstein Castle, and it has been described “as the second largest castle structure in the world.”

Your challenge is to try to get a shot that will make this place look good! Let’s see if we can help Roger Lucas, the owner and the site’s developer.

Edit challenge images are due on the same day that our competition images are due. Also email your image(s) to [Russ Barneveld – barnever@gvsu.edu](mailto:Russ.Barneveld@gvsu.edu).

May 2022 Challenge

Create a “Good Image” of the Grandville Castle

Did you know that there’s a castle on 28th street in Grandville? The building has caught a lot of grief for its appearance. Your challenge is to try to get that “perfect” shot and make this place look good!

Happy Shooting!



WHAT’S COMING UP

June 2022 Challenge

Convert to Monochrome

Our club has a monochrome category in it’s monthly competition. Here’s your chance to shoot an image in color and then convert it to monochrome using your editing software. Find out what all those “sliders” can do.

September 2022 Challenge

Create an HDR Image

HDR! Some people love it, some hate it, but have you tried it? HDR can be created from a single image or a series of images. Most programs have an HDR feature. Now’s your chance to experiment with this interesting effect.

November 2022 Challenge

Create a Composite

Are you intrigued by the images you see in the creative category? Would you like to have a chance to try one of your own? Here is your chance to play and learn how to create this type of image.

October 2022 Challenge

Focus Stacking

Do you want to have an image where the foreground, the subject, and the background are all in focus? Here’s your chance to play with new techniques in your camera and then learn how to do the post processing of these images.

December 2022 Challenge

“I Did It All On My Phone!”

Everyone has taken photos with their cell phone at one time or another. But have you tried editing that image in your phone or with an app on your phone? In this challenge we’ll “DO IT ALL ON OUR PHONES!”



Treasurer Reports

Christine Mooney,
GRCC Treasurer

Welcome New Member

We have a new member who joined our club recently.
Susan Luce who shoots with Canon.
Welcome Susan !!!

Christine

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.

Membership Dues

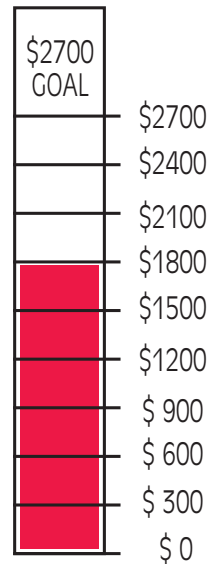
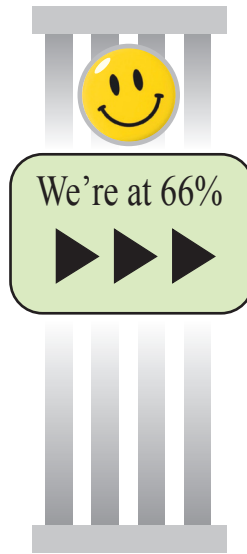
Membership runs January through December. Dues are just \$35 for each member. Please check the website for additional information regarding dues. We also have PayPal available on our Grand Rapids Camera Club website for your convenience (a small PayPal processing fee will be applied). Click on "Join"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

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

Equipment Fund

Thank you to members who have donated to our fund. The total collected so far is \$1,888.48. Thanks to Dave Whitson for his recent donation.

Microphones were purchased for \$112.98. The revised total in the Equipment Fund is \$ 1,775.50.



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Deadline For June Issue

Greg Ferguson
Lights & Shadows Editor



Tuesday, May 24, 2pm

Before is much appreciated!



Please add this date to your smartphone calendar.



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Remember to be kind to others