

# Grand Rapids Camera Club

## Lights & Shadows

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Jan Lewis

### GRCC President Letter

## A New Website Is In The Works

The club website is one of our most important outreach tools. A very large percent of those who visit and/or join GRCC learned about the club through our website. Our current website was designed and built by former member Matt Hendricks in 2012. Though functional, it is getting a little “tired” looking. Meanwhile, Matt has moved on to other interests besides photography, and I have been serving as interim webmaster since (in addition to my duties as President). But - I am not a web design guru, and I know just enough about website maintenance (and the “back end” workings of a website) to “get myself in trouble.” A recent urgent notification from our web hosting service alerted us that our site no longer meets their minimum standards. The difficulty of making the necessary changes to bring it up to those standards has brought the club to a website crossroads.

The Board has voted to embark on a re-boot of the club website. As it turns out Shealyn McGee-Sarns, who most of you know as our Digital Coordinator, has experience and a background in website design. She is willing to take on the role of revamping the club website. Jeanne Quillan and I will take over Shea’s Digital Coordinator duties while the web design work is underway. Our current site will remain up and running in the interim, and it will likely take several months before you see any changes. Thank you Shea for agreeing to take on this very important task!

Since we are talking about the club website... Last year I wrote an article about it... but we have quite a few new members in the club so I think it is worth reprinting a portion of that article again:

There is a wealth of information to be found on the club website. On the **Events/News** tab you can always find information about our upcoming meetings, workshops, and events; and a link to our You Tube channel where you can revisit some of our previous programs. Also on this page are links to the current and past newsletters, so beautifully put together each month by Greg Ferguson (THANK YOU, Greg!). On the **Competition** tab you can view the results and images of our monthly competitions, as well as recent Year End competitions. On the **Join/Donate/FAQs** tab you can renew your membership or make a donation to the club. On our **Documents and Forms** page (found under the Resources tab) you can find our Constitution and Bylaws and our Membership Manual (RECENTLY UPDATED by the way, with changes especially related to Print Competitions!). The Membership Manual outlines how to participate in our Monthly Competitions, instructions on how to resize and save your images for competition, as well as our judging guidelines to learn how scores are awarded in the judging process.

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### President Letter About Our Website

One last tab is the **Galleries**. Did you know that as a club member you are welcome (and encouraged) to provide us with a small selection (around 15 images) to be posted here as your gallery? The instructions and guidelines on how to have your gallery added to the club website are outlined in a Gallery Guidelines document found under Resources tab and Documents and Forms category. The Member Gallery is a great opportunity to show other members what you like to shoot and also attract new members when they see all our fine galleries. You do not need to participate in our monthly competitions to take advantage of this opportunity. The only requirement is that you be a paid club member. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [info@grcameraclub.org](mailto:info@grcameraclub.org) or 616-446-7573.

### Upcoming 2023 Elections

Now that April is here, we are beginning the annual nominations process for our Officers and Board. The officers up for election in 2023 are President, and Programs Vice President. These are two key officers who are integral to the functioning of our club. Program VP is particularly critical. Please consider stepping up to fill these important roles.

Three of the current Board Members-at-large have agreed to put their names forward once again, and will be on the election slate. The one-year position remains open.

Please contact Jan Lewis at [info@grcameraclub.org](mailto:info@grcameraclub.org) if you are interested in serving as an officer or on the Board. Nominations can be taken from the floor at our April meeting.

The final slate will be announced in coming months and voting held this spring.



### REMEMBER

Members who become involved with an organization  
usually reap the most rewards –  
please consider stepping into a leadership role.



## Birds of Prey Photo Shoot

Many members have expressed interest in club photography gatherings and workshops. We are pleased to offer this unique photo opportunity to GRCC members. Space is limited. In addition we need a minimum of 13 participants to make this a "GO." Thus far, it has been announced only to GRCC members to give them "first dibs" at this event. Beginning April 3, this event will be made public and opened up to non-members. If you are interested in participating, please let us know very soon!

We are collecting payment beginning April 1. Checks for \$40, made out to GRCC, should be sent to Jan Lewis, 1244 Camille Dr. SE, GR 49546. Checks will be held until the day of the event. If you require an electronic form of payment, please contact Jan at [info@grcameraclub.org](mailto:info@grcameraclub.org) to discuss options.

9-11 AM  
 APR 29 SAT  
 RSVP BY  
 APR 19 WED



At the Outdoor Discovery Center  
4274 56th Street, Holland, MI  
Saturday, April 29, 2023  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m

Cost: \$40  
 RSVP by April 19, 2023  
 to [info@grcameraclub.org](mailto:info@grcameraclub.org)  
 Limited to 25 participants

We will have the opportunity to photograph a total of 8 different raptors. These birds are ambassador birds for the Nature Center, so they will be tethered. There will be two perch stations, and 2 birds will be out simultaneously for approximately 30 minutes. Participants will be able to easily move between the two perch station areas to get photos of both birds.

Expected species:  
 Coopers Hawk, Red Shouldered Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, American Kestral, Eastern Screech Owl, Barn Owl, Snowy Owl, and Golden Eagle.

Species are subject to change at the discretion of the ODC staff.



*Jan*

Our April Meeting

AI in Art & Photography



Who: By Russ Barneveld
When: April 19, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.
Where: Grand Valley Artists



2661 29th Street SE, Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. This is a storefront 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 April 19 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.



What:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has made significant advancements in the field of photography, enabling automated image recognition and processing, as well as enhancing various aspects of photo editing and manipulation, AI-powered tools can help photographers with tasks such as image tagging, color correction, noise reduction, and even automatic composition.

Additionally, AI algorithms are being used to create new styles and filters, allowing photographers to experiment and create unique images. With the continuing development of AI, the possibilities for its integration in photography are endless.

In this program we will look at how AI is changing photography and causing some controversy along the way.

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AI in Art & Photography

Russ will be discussing what Artificial Intelligence (AI) is, and showing where AI is going. He will touch on its potential to negatively change art and if controls may be needed to protect photography.



About Russ Barneveld:

Russ Barneveld is a parent, grand parent, educator photographer, former square dance caller, ex-hockey player, and ex-sailor. He lives in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

“I got into photography many years ago and then took some time off to work, raise a family, and try other activities. Now that I am semi-retired, I decided it was time again to share what I see with others. This jump from film photography to digital images has been both fun and challenging. However, I do miss those endless hours working in the darkroom (NOT)”

Russ is a member of the following:

- Grand Rapids Camera Club
- Grand Valley Artists
- Lowell Arts

Website: <https://russ-barneveld.pixels.com/>

Fine Art America: <https://fineartamerica.com/profiles/russ-barneveld?tab=artwork&page=1>



# Competition Corner



By Jeanne Quillan, GRCC VP - Competition  
[photobug49@comcast.net](mailto:photobug49@comcast.net) or [competition1@grcameraclub.org](mailto:competition1@grcameraclub.org)

## Assigned Subjects For 2024

Please send me your suggestions for assigned subjects for 2024. The board will be voting on the suggestions in early May, and winning suggestions will be announced at the May general meeting.

## Upcoming Assigned Subjects

**April – Movie Titles.** Your image must be representative of the title of the movie you have chosen and you must title your image the same (name of the movie). You could include the year of the movie example: **Gone with the Wind 1939** .

**May – Take Three.** This is a bit unusual. You need to take 3 different images of the SAME subject. They can be combined into one image using PS, etc. OR you may enter three separate images. If doing so, name them Title\_1 Title\_2 and Title\_3. The title should be the same on all three images.

## GRCC Competition

Congratulations  
Della Landheer  
For GRCC  
Grand Masters Award  
(3000 merit points)



## PSA Interclub Competition

Awards 2nd Round  
Jan Lewis – Honorable Mention “Colobus Monkey” (Open)  
Della Landheer – Honorable Mention “Egyptian Lady” (Open)  
Jack Eichner – Merit Award “Summer Fun 2” (Photojournalism)

The third and final round deadline is April 15.  
Please send me your best images in the following categories:  
Open, Nature, Monochrome and Photojournalism.  
PSA image size is max 1400 Horizontal or max 1050 Vertical.  
These sizes are not interchangeable.

## Membership Manual

The Membership Manual has been updated to include changes in print competitions and year end for 2023. The new manual has a fresh, new look.

Check it out here: <http://grcameraclub.org/resources/documents-forms>

Also the document “Judging Guidelines” has been updated.

# GRAM

Presence: The Photography Collection of Judy Glickman Lauder

February 11- April 29, 2023

This exhibit features 145 photographs by 70 artists from the collection of Judy Glickman Lauder, a photographer, collector and humanitarian. Through Glickman Lauder’s selection of artists, Presence creates a dialogue between some of the most beloved and influential photographers of the 20th century, including Berenice Abbott, Diane Arbus, Richard Avedon, Margaret Bourke-White, Danny Lyon, Sally Mann, Gordon Parks, and James Van Der Zee. The exhibition also includes photographs by critical contributors to the medium’s history, such as Irving Bennett Ellis, Graciela Iturbide, Lotte Jacobi, and Alma Lavenson.

Organized by the Portland Museum of Art (Maine), the Presence collection is inextricably shaped by her personal and artistic vision. As the daughter of a photographer and a master photographic activist and storyteller in her own right, Glickman Lauder developed her collection over several decades, resulting in an intimate, lifelong connection to the medium. As an artist, Glickman Lauder’s photographs have been exhibited worldwide and are represented in over 300 public and private collections, including the J. Paul Getty Museum, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the United States Holocaust Museum.

General information about the Exhibit: <https://www.artmuseumgr.org/exhibitions/presence-the-photography-collection-of-judy-glickman-lauder>.



## Our Assigned Subject List

2023

April ..... A Movie Title	 <p>SUMMER BREAK</p>	September . Floating
May ..... Take Three		October..... Window Light
June ..... Circles		November.. Long Exposure
		December .. Abstract

# GRAM



Image 11.2006.7 (shown above)  
Credit Text: Irving Bennett Ellis (United States, 1902–1977), Louise Weinstein Ellis, 1938, gelatin silver print, 9 x 7 inches. Portland Museum of Art, Maine, Promised Gift from the Judy Glickman Lauder Collection, 11.2006.7. Image courtesy Luc Demers  
© Judy Glickman Lauder Collection

Image 7.2021.4\_pm (shown at right)  
Credit Text: James Van Der Zee (United States, 1886-1983), Kate and Rachel Van Der Zee, Lenox, Massachusetts, 1909, gelatin silver print, 7 1/4 x 6 1/4 inches  
Portland Museum of Art, Maine, Promised Gift from the Judy Glickman Lauder Collection, 7.2021.4. Image courtesy Luc Demers.  
© James Van Der Zee Archive,  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art



Image 6.2018.17\_pm (shown above)  
Credit Text: Mario Giacomelli (Italy, 1925–2000), *Io Non Ho Mani Mi Accarezzino Il Volto (There Are No Hands to Caress My Face)*, 1961–1963, gelatin silver print, 11 7/8 x 15 7/8 inches. Portland Museum of Art, Maine, Promised Gift from the Judy Glickman Lauder Collection, 6.2018.17. Image courtesy Luc Demers. Archivio Mario Giacomelli © Simone Giacomelli





Outside The Box Challenge



Our “Out of the box” zoom sessions are proving to be fun and productive. If you haven’t attended a session yet put it on your calendar. Even if you don’t submit images, you are welcome to join us and add to the discussion.

IMAGES

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EMAIL  
APR 21

During our March session we talked about how “Breaking The Rules” can lead to a more interesting image. For those who attended we challenged you to create images where you broke the rules. In our April session we will share & discuss those images with the group. Please send your images to Russ Barneveld via email or the WeTransfer application by April 21st. My email address is: [barnever@gvsu.edu](mailto:barnever@gvsu.edu) .  
**WeTransfer URL:** <https://wetransfer.com> .

SESSION

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APR 24

At our session on April 24th our topic will be “Getting Inspiration”. During the zoom session we would also like to have you share any images that you are proud of or images that you would like critiqued. Those images can also be sent to Russ or **WeTransfer URL** above.

The zoom sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend.

**Zoom Link:**

<https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/98488913175?pwd=WkxCM1BxdFh-vaEtwcm1YMXhsSkh5UT09> .

If you have any questions, please contact Russ.  
See you online at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 24th.



### Treasurer Reports

Christine Mooney,  
GRCC Treasurer

### Welcome New GRCC Members

Please welcome Nancy Bennett who shoots with Nikon, Lynn Gibbs who shoots with Nikon, Panasonic and Samsung Phone, Dori McCourry who shoots with Olympus and Bill Larson who shoots with Apple iPhone, Canon, Contax, Fuji.

### Member Changes

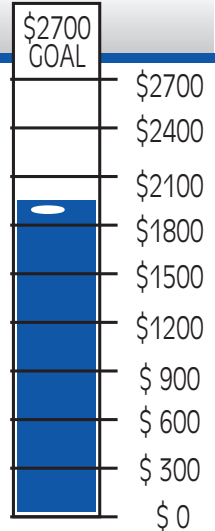
If your email or other information has changed, email me at [treasurer@grcameraclub.org](mailto:treasurer@grcameraclub.org) to help keep our membership list up to date.

### Equipment Fund

A battery was purchased for the scoring laptop for \$27.95 .

Thank you to members who have donated to our fund, including Della Landheer who donated the selling price of her framed photo in the Gallery at the Wyoming Library.

The total collected so far is \$ 1910.61 .



### Our 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

We're at 70%

### 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*

**The \$35 dues is for the entire year (It is not a monthly charge). It's a bargain !!!**

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

Greg Ferguson  
Lights & Shadows Editor



## April 25, Tuesday, Noon

Please add this date to your smartphone calendar.

Before is much appreciated!

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