

Grand Rapids Camera Club
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From GRCC President Jan Lewis

It's June ... our last meeting month before our Summer recess! This also marks the end of my second term as President of GRCC. Who knew when I stepped into this role 4 years ago that we were going to be navigating a life-altering pandemic event that would last nearly 3 years and change so many things about how people gather and interact? It has been a privilege to serve as the Club President.

New leadership is integral for an organization to grow and stay vibrant. Thank you to Russ Barneveld who has agreed to serve as our VP-Programming, arranging and securing our monthly meeting program content. If you have an idea for a program, or know someone who might be able to present an interesting program, please let Russ know! As for President, unfortunately, no one has been willing to step into this vital role. It isn't a difficult role. It primarily requires organizational and interpersonal skills. Without someone in this office, the responsibilities fall onto other officers and board members, who are already committed with other responsibilities.

I will not be disappearing from GRCC. I will likely take on some other responsibility that is less in the limelight. I have learned giving back to an organization is the most rewarding way to be a part of it.

Thank you to Evie Carrier who has knocked it out of the ball park by arranging such great speakers and programs for the last 3 years; Jeanne Quillan and Shea McGee-Sarns who keep our monthly Competition running smoothly; Christine Mooney for keeping us fiscally aware; Della Landheer for recording all our discussions and decisions; Russ Barneveld and Steve Port for coordinating the Out of the Box Zoom sessions, and Greg Ferguson who prepares and sends out our monthly newsletter. Many thanks also to the Board Members who have helped whenever and wherever needed: Mike Bergeon, Richard Coombs, Jack Eichner, Kathy Kendall, Steve Port. Together we have been a great team. Most of these individuals are staying on the Board, and we will welcome newcomer Ruth Thornton in the fall.

I will be traveling in June and so VPs Jeanne Quillan and Evie Carrier will be carrying the reins at the June meeting. Plan to stick around after the June Program on June 21, as we are going to celebrate the arrival of summer with the return of our Ice Cream Social. Our June competition images will be shown after the refreshment break.

Be sure to check out Jeanne's Competition Corner for the announcements of our 2024 Assigned subjects. You can get a head start on shooting images for those subjects during the summer break!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jan".

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OUR JUNE 21 MEETING



“ROAD TRIP – My Love Affair with Cars”

Presented by Diane Durand

June 21, 2023 at 7:15 p.m.

Two things happened when I turned 16, I fell in love with cars and I fell in love with photography!! To be able to combine them both is a dream come true. However, travelling to car shows and trying to get great images of cars was frustrating. All those other car lovers wanted to walk around the subject I was trying to capture. Don't they know I'm trying to take pictures here?? That frustration led me to look at cars and car photography in a

completely different way. I do what I call “macro” car photography. I usually do NOT include the entire car, but distill the image to what I see as the essence of that particular vehicle. Come along on my road trip to see how I capture the heart and soul of a car.



About Diane Durand

Diane Durand has been a member of the Grand Rapids Camera Club for 25 years. Diane served as secretary for two years and president for 12 years. Diane is also the Treasurer for the Southwestern Council of Camera Clubs (SWMCCC). Diane got her start in photography at 16 when she received a Canon SLR for her birthday from her grandfather. Diane enjoys most types of photography including cars, sports, nature and landscapes.



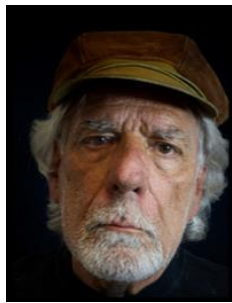
This meeting will be in-person at the home of Grand Valley Artists, 2661 29th Street SE, Suite B, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. The meeting on June 21 will start at 7:15 p.m. (so plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m.). Come catch up with your friends, see the June competition image and enjoy an ice cream sundae to celebrate summer.

CELEBRATE SUMMER – Bring it On!

We are celebrating Summer with a Sundae Party after the program presentation on June 21.

The ice cream beckons, it is generously crowned with fluffy whipped cream, forming soft peaks that add an indulgent touch. The whipped cream sits atop the ice cream, ready to melt slightly and mingle with the other delectable components.

Now, imagine taking your first spoonful of this heavenly creation, where the warmth of the waffle bowl contrasts with the coolness of the ice cream, and each bite offers a perfect combination of textures and flavors. This ice cream sundae in a warm waffle is a true delight for all your senses, making it an irresistible treat for any dessert lover...softness and crunchiness all rolled up together.



JUNE 26 Out of the Box submitted by Russ Barneveld

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 (but we really encourage it), you are welcome to join us and add to the discussions.

At our next session on June 26th our topic will be “Developing a Style – Is it a plus or minus?” During this session we will discuss developing a style in your photography. We will also debate the question, “Is developing a noticeable style a plus or minus in club competition?”

Again, everyone is encouraged to submit images that you would like to share or have critiqued. Send us as many images as you would like. During the zoom session you will be able to share your images and talk about why and how you created the images.

The zoom sessions are open to anyone who would like to attend. ***Please submit images to Russ by June 24th.***

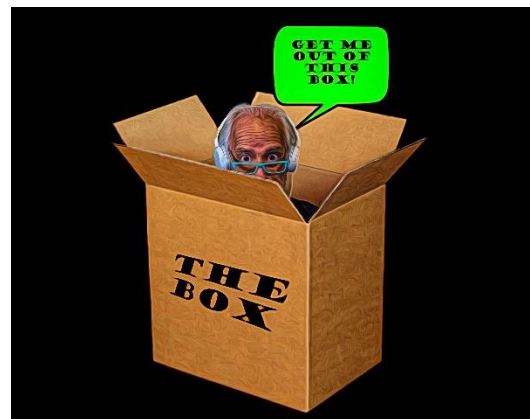
You can submit images in one of the following ways:

Email Russ @ barnever@gvsu.edu

OR Send your images via the Free WeTransfer site: <https://wetransfer.com>

Zoom Link: <https://gvsu-edu.zoom.us/j/98488913175?pwd=WkxCM1BxdFhvaEtwcmlyMXhsSkh5UT09>

If you have any questions, please contact Russ (at the email above). See you online at 7:00 PM on June 26th.



Russ



COMPETITION CORNER

Submitted by Jeanne Quillan

It is traditional that we announce our assigned subjects for the coming competition year in June. This is to give competitors a heads up, so that if they would like they can be capturing images that meet these categories in the coming months.

2024 Assigned Subjects

JANUARY: Doors – a moveable barrier for opening and closing an entranceway, cupboard, cabinet or the like, commonly turning on hinges or sliding in grooves.

MARCH: Winter – Images depicting the season of winter typically showing the effects of the cold - snow, ice, frost, etc.

APRIL: Churches – A building typically used for worship.

MAY: The Color Yellow – Your subject must be predominantly the color yellow.

JUNE: In the Rain – Images captured in rainy weather.

SEPTEMBER: Silhouettes – The outline or general shape of something generally dark, outlined against a lighter background.

OCTOBER: Reflected – To reflect inward, as if in a mirror

NOVEMBER: Intentional Camera Movement – (ICM) Photographic capture while intentionally moving your camera during exposure to create a more abstract rendition of the subject.

DECEMBER: Weathered – worn, disintegrated or seasoned. Affected by exposure to the weather.

As a reminder the Assigned subjects for the remainder of 2023 are

2023 Assigned Subjects

September: Floating October: Window Light November: Long Exposure December: Abstract

JUNE Digital Competition

June 2023 Competition Deadline is midnight **Wednesday, June 7**. Email your entries to images@grcameraclub.org **June's Assigned subject is "Circles."**

PRINT Competition

The next print competition will be held in October 2023. Plan your prints over the summer and bring them to the September meeting, for judging in October.



Email: photobug49@comcast.net or competition1@grcameraclub.org

IMAGE OF THE MONTH MAY 2023



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“The Watcher” by Michael Koole. Chosen by Becky Humes

ABOUT MY IMAGE: We often hear: “Work your subject.” That was the case in this series. We were traveling the old US Route 66 through Carthage, Missouri and I was initially drawn to the old Plymouth/DeSoto Sign. I knew DeSoto was an older, discontinued line and I later found out the last Desoto rolled off the assembly line in late 1960. I circled the building scouting for textures and such, hoping to perhaps catch sight of left behind vehicles or parts. But I had an uneasy feeling, you know, like the

song “... sometimes I feel like somebody’s watching me.” As I continued exploring, I froze and came face to face with The Watcher. Remember, as I say, “Look Deeper.” – Mike

WHY I LIKED IT: The Image for this month is from our Assigned Subject “Take Three”. The Watcher is a great series of images with a plot twist at the end as to what the subject *really* was. Mike was very clever and had a great eye. – Becky



PHOTOGRAPHY OPPORTUNITY

If you are interested in sports, and/or enjoy photographing sporting events, the Meijer State Games are returning with summer events held throughout June. The Meijer State Games of

Michigan is a multi-sport, Olympic-style event that welcomes all athletes regardless of age or ability. Sports include bowling, lacrosse, water skiing, archery, softball, rugby, baseball, tennis, swimming, tae kwon do, shooting, basketball, disc golf, track and field, boxing, field hockey, paintball, golf among others.

Press Passes will be available giving you access to the events up close and personal. State Games of Michigan only asks that you share some of your best images with them for publicity purposes. Many of the images you might capture are ideal for competition submission in our Photojournalism or Open categories.

You can learn more about the Meijer State Games of Michigan at <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/>

Event schedules can be found here <https://www.stategamesofmichigan.com/summer-event-schedule>

If you are interested in photographing any of these events you can reach out to Nicholas Luther, volunteer coordinator, by email to obtain access to the events. nluther@stategamesofmichigan.com



TIMED EXPOSURE – Tolerance for Change

Submitted by Steve Port

For some months now I seem to be preoccupied with our changing world. I dream of miracles to come and so, so miss things lost to the advance of time. Example: Anyone besides me go to the grocery only to find a beloved seasoning, salad dressing, or fish taco sauce missing in action? Yet the shelves are full of things I've never tasted nor ever even heard of.

Photography, of course, is not immune to this experience. The software you painstakingly mastered over months and years now bears no resemblance to what is being released today. Methodically using some selection tool to isolate an object or subject now occurs in a heartbeat with addition of AI to the equation.

As I contemplate the potential intrusion of AI into everything I think I know, I watch yet another YouTube video on other enormous changes right around the corner. Renowned physicist Michio Kaku recently elaborated on the next giant step in computing as the prospect of home quantum computers takes shape. His claim of affordable devices with speeds millions of times faster than that which sits on my desk today seems truly beyond imagination. I have assumed for some time that this would never impact our generation or even that of my grandchildren but now, I wonder.

So, how does the 2023 member of the GRCC deal with the often overwhelming "intimidation factor" of change occurring at light speed? Scary, scary stuff to many but, as for myself, I am making the conscious decision to set my fear aside and leverage the power of many hands to deal with this issue. Alone I might be helpless, but together with a group of dedicated photographers such as the GRCC I believe we have a fighting chance. Let's teach each other what we learn individually in order to grow the knowledge base of what we can do together. I believe that we can jointly turn great fear into great sport regardless of age or social position.

Keep shooting!

Steve Port

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GRCC CLUB ELECTION RESULTS

The results of the election are in. All candidates listed on the slate were elected.



Welcome to **Russ Barneveld** our new **Vice President of Programming**.

Congratulations to **Della Landheer**, re-elected for a second term as Secretary. Congratulations to returning Board Members, **Richard Coombs**, **Jack Eichner**, **Steve Port** on their re-election to another 2-year term. Welcome to new Board member **Ruth Thornton** elected to a one-year term.

The President office remains unfilled.

RAPTOR SHOOT REPORT

We had a great turnout for the Raptor Photoshoot at the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland on April 29th. Twenty-one photographers attended and were treated to up close encounters with 8 different raptors. The forecasted rain held off until later in the afternoon and we actually had partly sunny skies and warm temperatures for the duration of our event. Thanks to all who attended! We look forward to seeing some of your images soon!



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TREASURER & MEMBERSHIP NEWS submitted by Christine Mooney

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO GRCC

We have several new members who joined our club recently.

Nancy Patterson who shoots with Nikon D750.

Valentina Grigorieva

Welcome Nancy and Valentina!

Christine

EQUIPMENT FUND

Thank you very much to the members who have donated to our Equipment Fund. The current total in the Equipment Fund is \$ 1,910.61.

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

There is also a PayPal Donation option on our [website](#) under the Join/Donation

When Changes Occur – Let Christine Know

If you have any changes to your email address or other information (to keep our membership list up-to-date), email Christine Mooney at treasurer@grcameraclub.org

Membership Dues

Membership runs January through December. Dues are \$35 for each member. Please check the website for additional information regarding dues.

We have PayPal available on our Grand Rapids Camera Club website for your convenience (a small PayPal processing fee will be applied). Click on "Join/Donate" tab to find the PayPal link.

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



DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER ISSUE submitted by Greg Ferguson

Tuesday, August 22, 2 p.m. Earlier is always appreciated.

Please add this date to your calendar!

Email articles to gcferguson@me.com

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