



# Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club of Southwest Ohio  
A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers

## December Meeting Is All About Us!!

### Scheduled Events

Dec 6—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and  
**print photo information**  
for competition before  
Midnight

Dec 7— Cookie Bake  
See Page 3

Dec 9—monthly meeting:  
**Bring non-perishables  
for food pantry;**  
International Contest finals  
displayed;  
“people’s choice” print  
competition;  
Holiday Party

Jan 13—monthly meeting:  
Stan Rohrer on aperture  
and depth of field

Feb 10—monthly meeting

**International Contest results** will be revealed in a slide show which includes all 75 entries, 25 from each of the 3 participating clubs, with their scores from the final judging. See how *Focus Photo* compared with *Kettering and District Photographic Society* in England, *Corio Bay Camera Club* in Australia. Expect to be inspired by variety and expertise.

Participate in our own **People’s Choice print competition** by bringing prints of your own photos taken at a club official outing and/or by voting for your favorites during the meeting. **See details on page 3.**

... . AND plan to party. Wear your ugly Christmas sweater if you have one. Come early enough to have your picture taken with photo-booth props, maybe even with Santa and Mrs Claus. Bring prints to exchange in our traditional **photo swap game**—see details on page 3.

Stan Rohrer and Susan Willin will be available before the meeting, anytime after 6:00 pm, to answer photo-shop questions. There will be regular competition—theme is “’Tis the season”. Stan will offer critique of selected images following the meeting. After clean-up, the party will move on to Archers.

**Remember to don that seasonal sweater. And your mask.**

**NEW: On line competition print registration. See Page 4.**

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### Focus Membership

Basic \$30.  
+ Family + \$24 each  
additional person  
Charter \$24.  
Earned free  
Mid-year \$15.  
Pay in person at a meeting, on line

at [www.focusphotoclub.com](http://www.focusphotoclub.com), or  
print the membership form avail-  
able on the *About-Us* page of the  
website and send with your check  
to Focus Photo Club  
6254 Wilmington Pike #1059  
Dayton, OH 45459

**NOTE: new address as of 11/2021**

**Focus Photo Club meets** on the 2nd Thursday of the month, July—May, from 6:45—9:00 pm at Central Christian Church, 1200 Forrer Blvd, Kettering, OH. Guests are welcome.

**Find Focus Photo Club on the web** at <https://www.focusphotoclub.com>, for rules and regulations, history of competition results, images from the most recent competition and links to some members' personal web pages.

**Check Focus Photo Club on Facebook** for conversations between members, timely reminders, and the latest on group outings.

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**Dayton, OH 45459**

**The newsletter, *Out of Focus***, is published monthly to inform members and friends of Focus Photo Club about club events, club competition, and other photography/photographer items of interest. **Distribution is via email.** A copy is also posted on [www.focusphotoclub.com](http://www.focusphotoclub.com).

**Do you have corrections** to or suggestions for the newsletter content?  
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## President's Corner

I have no words for the loss of Richard Fox. He was more than an important and longtime member of the club, he was also a great friend and mentor. He was among the first friends I made in the club and I learned A LOT from him. Being a new member of the club, I quickly learned of his quick and wicked sense of humor. Picture this...the competition theme was 'Wicked' and I saw the image come up on the screen...it was Tim Highley in a wedding dress! I nearly fell off of my chair. I was so new to the club, but I learned right then and there that Richard was a force to be reckoned with. His knowledge and photography expertise earned him recognition not only in the club but in the community as well. It goes beyond saying but I will miss my friend very much. We hope to hold a memorial for Richard in the near future and we will keep everyone informed.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and I can't believe 2022 is rapidly approaching. Remember this month will be a busy and action-packed meeting. We have the Food Drive, the results of the International Competition, our Christmas Photo Exchange, and our People's Choice' voting!

See you all at our next meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup>!

Susan

## In Focus: "Say Cheese"

Julie Lucht

Say Cheese!!! How many times have you heard or said that? An infinitesimal amount, to be sure. Hi, I'm Julie Lucht, member of Focus Photo Club since 2010. I joined the club to meet people who shared my passion for photography, learn new skills, travel and explore, hopefully make new friends and to have fun. And that is exactly what I got, in spades!!!

I think my interest in photography was sparked when I was about 7-8 years old. My Dad received a Polaroid camera from a work promotion. It sat on a shelf for months, unopened and unused. I got curious, opened it up and figured out how to use it all by myself. My parents were so impressed. From then on, the camera was mine and I was hooked. I still have some of the pictures from that first camera!!

I recently read a quote that really spoke to me, "The camera is an instrument that teaches people to see without a camera." For me, photography opened a whole new world to me. It has helped me truly appreciate the wonder and intrinsic beauty in so many things that I may have overlooked in the past.

Anyway, Cheers Focus Photo Club members!! I am so glad to be a part of this wonderful group!! Happy Holidays and may you keep striving to get that next perfect shot!!

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*In Focus* features the thoughts of Focus Photo members on topics related to photography.

It's all about us and  
it's all about prints!

**People's Choice Competition** Plan on bringing prints of two of your best images from official 2021 club outings\* to the December meeting. Focus members who are present will vote for their favorites! Results do not contribute to end-of-year standings but they do count towards affirmation of your skills and talents. Most important—we get to see more of each other's good work.

\*These outings qualify:

4/23/2021 Friday at Sweet Arrow Reserve for wild flower walk

5/21/2021 Friday evening at Deeds Point, DAI  
and other downtown exteriors.

6/13/2021 Sunday afternoon at Sunset Ridge Lavender Farm  
and Speedway poppy field.

7/23/2021 Friday night at Cincinnati Reds post game fireworks.

9/19/2021 Sunday at the Columbus Zoo.

11/23/2021 Tuesday evening at Carillon Park for the tree lighting.

**The Photo Swap** is one of the highlights of the holiday party. To participate, bring an 8x10 print of one or two of your photos. Make sure that you cannot be identified as the photographer—no water marks, no signature—not even on the back. When you arrive, someone will assist you in putting your prints into plain white envelopes. At the conclusion of the game, you will have one or two of someone else's photos to take home. In between . . . . we'll make no attempt here to describe how the swap proceeds. Be assured there will be laughter. And surprise. And friendly rivalry. And actual theft. Followed by cookies.

**It's NOT all about us. Remember to bring non-perishables for the food pantry.**

**Cookies for the December meeting** will be baked at Louise Haws' house on Tuesday 12/7 from 1:00 until ?? If you'd like to bake, bring your recipe and the necessary ingredients, or come ready to help, or just show up and visit.  
670 Hathaway Trail, Tipp City.

### Proud Moments

**Ned Pennock** reports "I have been selected by the City of Centerville and Centerville Arts Commission as the Artist of the Month for January 2022. Some of my work will be on display at the Centerville Police Station gallery (155 W Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458) from January 2-31. I will hold a reception on Saturday January 8th. All are welcome to stop by the reception, or any other time, to view the work I have on display."

**Richard Waters** had a full page published, with photo credits, in the Nov-Dec issue of RideOn Motorcycle Magazine. Images were from a photo shoot he did with models at a VFW.

**Take Away** from Laura James' November meeting presentation, 'Lightroom: Start to Finish':  
You, too, can have organized catalogues of your images, categorized and flagged in ways that make sense to you. Taking advantage of Lightroom's capabilities may be among our New Year's resolutions!

**Competition Themes**

2021	
Jul	In Camera Abstract
Aug	Liquid
Sep	Reflection
Oct	Dark and Moody
Nov	Thankful for . . .
<b>Dec</b>	<b>Tis the Season</b>
2022	
Jan	Shapes and Patterns
Feb	Backlighting
Mar	Green
Apr	Color Explosion
May	In Bloom

**Focus Photo holds a monthly photo competition** for printed images and projected digital images. The optional competition theme for the month adds a challenge, or maybe an incentive, for the photographers. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and Honorable Mention places are recognized in each category. Points based on placement level are accumulated towards End-of-Year awards.

“Winning” aside, we all benefit from seeing each others’ work. Participation is a great opportunity for honing technique, stepping outside of usual subject arena, building a critical eye.

A qualified member (**dues must have been paid in advance, the member must be present at the meeting\***) may enter up to 4 photos per month but no more than 2 per category.

	Competition Categories			
	Printed		Projected	
	Open	Theme	Open	Theme
Color Standard	X	X	X	X
Color Unlimited Editing	X	X	X	X
Monochrome Unlimited Editing	X		X	

All entries must be uploaded/registered by 11:59 pm on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. Print entries must arrive at the meeting no later than 7:15.

*\* A member may compete one time per year without being present. See complete rules on the **Competition** page of the website, [www.focusphotoclub.com](http://www.focusphotoclub.com).*

Avoid disqualification

**New Print Registration Process**

In order to standardize and simplify the management of competition entries, beginning in December 2021, all entries will be pre-registered through PhotoContest Pro (PCP), the app that's currently used for digital entries. Nothing will change for digital entries. **Print entries will still be judged from the actual prints.**

**Here's what's new:**

- A digital copy\* of the print image must be uploaded to PCP\*\* before midnight of the Monday before the meeting. The uploaded copy must be given the same title that will be used to refer to the actual printed image.
- PCP will use the resulting information - photographer, title, contest category - to produce a list with entry numbers for each category.
- Upon arrival at the meeting, the photographer will check off their entry on the list and record

the entry number on the back of their print.

- Following judging, when winners are announced, the uploaded copy of the print image will be displayed on the screen instead of the print being held up at the front of the room. (Prints will still be available for viewing at the back of the room until they are picked up by the photographer.)

\* The digital copy can be any .jpg image as long as its title is the same as your print, but it is recommended that it resemble the printed copy. It might be the photograph at any point from out of camera to final edit. It might be a snapshot or scan of the print you're bringing to the meeting.

\*\* links to PCP, and to detailed instructions for using PCP, may be found on the competition page of the website, [www.focusphotoclub.com/competition](http://www.focusphotoclub.com/competition).

November Printed Image Competition Results

**OPEN**

**Printed Color Standard Open**

- 1st — Stephen Goldberg/ Rock House Long Exposure  
Ned Pennock Portrait of Bambi
- 2nd— Ted R. Allison Maid of the Mist  
Stephen Goldberg/ Cedar Falls  
Stan Rohrer Autumn Waterfall
- 3rd— Tom Temple Grass Hoppers  
Tom Temple Monarch Butterfly
- HM Al Ritchie Big Red  
Al Ritchie Smith Gardens  
Stan Rohrer Autumn Path

**THEME, Tis the Season**

**Printed Color Standard Theme**

- 1st — Ned Pennock Thankful for Corn  
Ed Webb Blissful Blessing
- 2nd— Ed Webb Thankful Squirrel

**Printed Color Unlimited Editing Open**

- 1st — Richard Fox Dream On  
Stephen Goldberg/ Upper Falls  
Stephen Goldberg/ Fireworks Over Dayton
- 2nd— Richard Fox Blowing in the Wind  
Stan Rohrer Autumn Bridge  
Tom Temple Crane

**Printed Color Unlimited Editing Theme**

- 1st — Ned Pennock Thankful for Family
- 2nd— Ed Webb Peaceful Living
- 3rd— Richard Fox Thankful for Beauty
- HM— Richard Fox Thankful for Dinner

**Printed Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open**

- 1st — Louise Haws Waiting on Mom
- 2nd— Stan Rohrer Stairs Shadow  
Ray Titcombe Old Glory
- 3rd Ray Titcombe Sunset

November Projected Image Competition Results

**OPEN**

**Projected Color Standard Open**

- 1st — Alison Bour Pensive Primate
- 2nd— Lynn Milenkevich/ For Brook  
Kathy Moore Singing in the Rain
- 3rd— Alison Bour Cold Shoulder  
Dean Brown Soccer  
Joann Jozwiak Mallards Out for a Stroll  
Kathy Moore Fall Mountain Stream
- HM Crystal Allen Florida Bird  
Scott Young Autumn Sunrise  
Scott Young Rolling Boxcars

**THEME, Tis the Season**

**Projected Color Standard Theme**

- 1st — Joann Jozwiak Grateful to Be Adopted
- 2nd— Holly Smith Thankful for Our Military  
Scott Young American Freedom
- 3rd— Linda Daegele Thankful for Bees
- HM— Lynn Milenkevich/ My Sunglasses, It's Sunny  
Out Here  
Holly Smith God Bless the USA

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November Projected Image Competition Results (continued from page 5)

OPEN		
<b>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Open</b>		
1st —	Susan Willin	Northern Traditional Dancer
2nd—	Tod Brining	Color Coordinates
	Joann Jozwiak	A Pair and a Spare of Pears
3rd—	Joann Jozwiak	Red-Spotted Purple Butterfly
	John Murphy	Carillon Sunset
	George Sucich	Impressionistic
HM	Tod Brining	Smoke Trails
	Louise Haws	Surprise!
	Susan Willin	Witch Hand Is It?

THEME, Reflection		
<b>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Theme</b>		
1st—	Susan Willin	Thank You, sunflower!
2nd—	Dean Brown	Thankful for Twinkies and Wine
	Linda Daegele	Thank You Lord!
	Lynn Milenkevich/	Thankful for My Flowers
	Ned Pennock	Grateful Chipmunk
	George Sucich	Dog/Field
3rd—	George Sucich	Blue
HM	Dean Brown	More Twinkies and Wine
	Linda Daegele	Bees Being Thankful

<b>Projected Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open</b>		
1st —	John Murphy	Terminal Indecision
2nd—	Kathy Moore	Wisdom
3rd—	Alison Bour	What do you have to say about it?
HM—	Tod Brining	Morning Mist
	Dean Brown	New Bedford
	Louise Haws	Bathing in Cade’s Cove Creek

November’s Top Ten Point Earners	
Ned Pennock	34
Stephen Goldberg	34
Joann Jozwiak	26
Richard Fox	24
Stan Rohrer	24
Ed Webb	23
Susan Willin	22
Alison Bour	20
Kathy Moore	20
Dean Brown	18
George Sucich	18

November’s Icon Achievers*	
150 points	50 points
Stephen Goldberg	Alison Bour
Ned Pennock	Tod Brining
125 points	John Murphy
Kathy Moore	25 points
Stan Rohrer	Crystal Allen
100 points ]	Linda Daegele
Richard Fox	Lynn Milenkevich
Louise Haws	Al Ritchie
Joann Jozwiak	George Sucich
Susan Willin	Tom Temple
75 points	Ed Webb
Dean Brown	
Holly Smith	
Scott Young	

\*An icon achievement happens when a person’s YTD points reach or pass an “icon” level during the competition month. Those levels are point counts which are multiples of 25. This list celebrates those events.