



Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club

A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers
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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Out of Focus is published monthly by the Focus Photo Club.

Announcements and articles relating to photography, photo contests, and events are strongly encouraged.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 13 - May Meeting

Kevin Loughlin - Galapagos Islands

Art from the Heart - Joyce Willis

Member Video - Pat Elliott

Theme: 'This Crazy Year...'

June 10 - Annual Awards Gathering at Paw Paw

Shelter in Hills & Dales Park

July 8 - July Meeting

August 12 - August Meeting

September 9 - Sept Meeting

October 14 - Oct. Meeting

Presentation: Begins at 7:00pm (see Registration link below)

"GALAPAGOS: The Enchanted Islands."

Kevin Loughlin, owner of Wildside Nature Tours, has led 39 tours to the Galapagos Islands as of 2019. This destination is truly one of his favorite places in the world and going back time and again only reinforces that love and desire to return.



As Kevin shares some of his many images made during his many trips to the Galapagos, he will discuss the many aspects of Galapagos history, geology and, of course, the amazing wildlife to be seen and enjoyed!

Kevin's most recent projects include working with author John Kricher to completely rewrite John's book, "Galapagos: a Natural History," published by Smithsonian in 2000 and reprinted a few years later by Princeton Press. With Princeton Press, Kevin and John will be updating the text as well as recreating the book in full-color using Kevin's images.

Kevin Loughlin was raised to appreciate nature while exploring the woodlands of Pennsylvania as a child. At age six, during a family trip through the American West, Kevin became fascinated with photography as well as gaining a love for travel and seeking new, exciting destinations. He felt a desire to share his experiences with others and in 1993 he created Wildside.

Kevin's photographs and articles have appeared in publications such as Audubon, Nature Photographer, WildBird, Birding and Philadelphia Magazines, as well as many natural history books, most recently "Peterson's Reference Guide to Owls of North American and the Caribbean" by Scott Weidensaul. Kevin's current projects include co-authoring a complete revision of John Kricher's popular book "Galapagos: A Natural History."

Registration link:

https://www.bigmarker.com/wildside-nature-tours/GALAPAGOS-The-Enchanted-Islands-6ef119a9a5c4241978b2a11d?utm_source=Facebook

Once a member registers, they will receive a confirmation and unique link for them to join the webinar, as well as a link to add a reminder to their calendars.

NOTE... the confirmation link is unique to each registrant and cannot be shared.

Reminder emails will be sent to each participant 24 hours and again 1 hour prior to the webinar.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 2021



I hope everyone is enjoying the arrival of spring and the slow opening up of opportunities as more people become vaccinated. May flowers are abundant around us and their vivid colors are filling our environment, all posing and waiting for you and your camera. Now is the time to try out your skills in macro photography, show those petals, leaves and flowering buds in ways that bring out the ooh's and ahh's of viewers looking at your images!

I can't thank all of you enough for staying with the club, becoming tech savvy and Zoom platform professionals! We've come a long way. It was a great way to keep some sense of normalcy. Through this year, the club has provided us with educational opportunities and new challenges with our photography skills. I, for one, have certainly enjoyed the year zooming with FOCUS. One good thing that has come out of this new way of meeting is the ability to get speakers who are not local or otherwise accessible to provide presentations to the club...like our presentation this month by Kevin Loughlin! It's a wonderful opportunity and I appreciate him taking the time to meet with us.

Special Note About Election of Board Officers

We all enjoy our photography, and especially the comradery we enjoy with every meeting or photo outing. However, the club needs many volunteers to keep it running smoothly. With each position that goes unfilled, we will all suffer a bit. The events get fewer, communication suffers, and the glue that holds the club together gets thinner. Overall, we all miss out on that "little extra" in the club we have grown to expect.

Right now, our Board Positions are ready to be filled for the coming year. I have spent 2 years as President and have been so impressed with each of our Board Members. I would like to ask every Focus member who enjoys the membership, meetings, and other events the club sponsors to consider whether they can kick in some of their extra time and help. It's a great way to give back to the club and you will never be alone or feel 'stuck' on what to do as we all pitch in and get the job done. At our meeting this month, we will discuss our current nominations and process for voting. Feel free to contact me at susan.willin01@gmail.com if you would like to discuss the possibilities of joining the Focus Board. We would be glad to have you!

If you have the commitment to our club, the gift of time, great ideas, and a willingness to serve to help keep our club among the best, please consider nominating yourself or another member for a Board position!

**Please see the next page for more information on the election of club officers!

I will 'see' everyone at our next FOCUS Zoom Meeting. As always . . . keep shooting everyone, and "stay focused"!

Executive Board 2019-2020	
President	Susan Willin
Admin VP	Tom Entingh
Competition VP	Louise Haws
Dig. Comp VP	Nancy Christolear
Secretary	Kathy Moore
Treasurer	Joyce Willis
Historian	Julie Lucht
Program Chair	Linda Madden
PR/News	Pat McCarthy
Hospitality	Judy Fellner
Webmaster	Judy Fellner and Susan Willin
Co-founder	Nancy Roach
Co-founder	Brook Brandewie
Liaison	John Murphy



ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of officers will take place following the May Meeting using a voting survey.
We will discuss the positions and the voting process at this month's Zoom meeting.

VOTING LINK WILL BE SENT VIA EMAIL FOLLOWING MEETING

The following list shows people who have agreed to run for various offices.

It's not too late to nominate yourself. Several offices have no one running.

Vacant positions will be appointed by the FOCUS Board.

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS

President - (must be a active member for 1 year) - Judy Fellner

Administrative VP - (must be a active member for 1 year) - Stephen Goldberg

Competition VP-Prints - (must be a active member for 1 year) - Louise Haws

Competition VP-Digital - Nancy Christolear

Treasurer - (must be a active member for 1 year) - Joyce Willis

Program Chair - Open with no nominations

Newsletter PR - Open with no nominations

Secretary - Kathy Moore

Hospitality - Open with no nominations

Webmaster - Susan Willin

Site Liaison - John Murphy



It's time to
VOTE!

To see a description of Board Member General Duties, click here (duties begin on page 4 of document):

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UPCOMING EVENTS

AWARD CEREMONY FOR THIS YEAR AND LAST YEAR



The Awards Ceremony will take place outdoors this year at Paw Paw Shelter in Oakwood.

Paw Paw Camp

2471 Deep Hollow Rd., Oakwood, OH 45419

The event will take place on **Thursday, June 10th, at 6:00**

Arrive at 6pm and awards will be given at 6:30. Thirty people will be allowed under the shelter, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair and sit on the lawn.

You must wear a mask if you are within six feet of anyone.

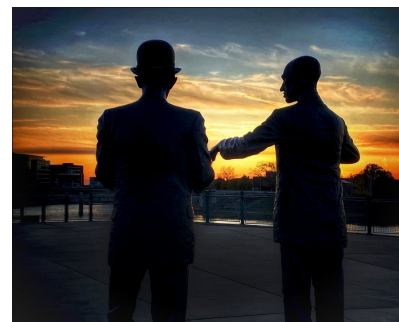
MAY 2021 ADVENTURE - Dayton at Night

This adventure will take place on Friday, May 21 at 6:45.

Stop 1 Meet at Deeds Point for Sunset and Liquid & Reflections.

Stop 2 is at the Dayton Art Institute for Architecture and Low Light.

Stop 3 is at the Shuster Center for Night Architecture.



COMPETITION GUIDELINES

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club (dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night. Each member may submit 4 entries, no more than 2 photos in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution. Projected entries must be uploaded by midnight of the Monday before the meeting.

MEMBER GALLERIES on

CLUB WEBSITE

If you haven't already checked out the Member Galleries on our Focus Photo Club Website, you're in for a treat. A number of our members have a selection of their photos on the website for people to view. There is some beautiful work being highlighted here.

DIGITAL COMPETITION

Welcome, new members. Just a few words about Digital (aka Projected) Competition. We use Photocontestpro.com to submit our digital format pictures. If all goes right, you should have an account created, using the email you gave us, within two weeks. Once created, you will receive an email from Moskowitz & Associates with your credentials with your information. If you have questions, please email digital-competition@focusphotoclub.com. If you do not have an email address, there are several free sites. Please check that all is okay with your account at least a week prior to the due date. Notify us of problems using the email above. If you wait till the last minute to notify us of problems, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to compete digitally that month.

NEWSLETTER INFO

Please e-mail me any information you have for the newsletter. That include good news, like awards you've won, photos you've had published, and exhibits you're participating in. I can also use information about local photography events, contests or exhibits that might be of interest to the members. It's your input that makes my job easier and enables me to include information that is of interest to the members. Thanks!

patmcbirder@woh.rr.com

April - Theme - Skyscape

APRIL TOP TEN

Sally Oberbeck	28
Robin Brandewie	26
Stan Rohrer	26
Kathy Moore	24
Richard Fox	20
Ned Pennock	14
Crystal Allen	14
Linda Madden	12
John Murphy	12
Tod Brining	12

PROJECTED STD OPEN PROJECTED STD THEME

1. 25 Curious Cub - Sally Oberbeck	1. 25 Sunrise - Crystal Allen
2. 24 Concentration - Robin Brandewie	2. 23 Cox Cloudy Sky - Richard Fox
2. 24 White-necked Jacobin Hummingbird - Sally O	2. 23 Sunset in the South Pacific - Sally Oberbeck
3. 23 Impala - Kathy Moore	2. 23 Deeds Carillon Sunrise - Stan Rohrer
HM - 22 Dinner for Two - Robin Brandewie	3. 22 Sunset on the Ocean - Stephen Goldberg
HM - 22 Red Head Duck - Linda Madden	HM - 21 Evening Flight - Crystal Allen
	HM - 21 Eastwood Sunset - John Murphy

PROJECTED EXT OPEN PROJECTED EXT THEME

1. 24 Crimson and Cream - Tod Brining	1. 24 Istanbul Sunset - Ned Pennock
2. 23 Star Trails at Carillon Tower - R. Fox	1. 24 Delco Park Geese Sunrise - Stan Rohrer
2. 23 Going UP - Kathy Moore	1. 24 Heaven's Glory Shown Down - Stan Rohrer
3. 22 Angry Sky - Richard Fox	2. 23 Cades Cove Storm - John Murphy
3. 22 Li'l Lady Bug - Holly Smith	3. 22 Storm Over Great Miami River - Linda Madden
HM - 20 Cincy - Dean Brown	HM - 21 Sunburst in Dayton - Holly Smith
HM - 20 Eagle Squawk - Judy Fellner	HM - 21 Frozen Lake Sunrise at Mud Flats - K. Bowers
HM - 20 Jamba Eating Celery - J. Fellner	HM - 21 Sunburst in Dayton - Holly Smith

PROJECTED BLACK & WHITE

1. 26 Buzzard - Robin Brandewie
1. 26 It Pays to Be Queen - Kathy Moore
2. 24 Dragonfly - Robin Brandewie
3. 22 Harambe - Sally Oberbeck
HM - 21 Bed Time - Kathy Moore
HM - 21 Corwin Covered Bridge in Winter - Ned Pennock
HM - 21 Portrait of a Barn Owl - Scott Young

ICON ACHIEVERS

250 Points

Kathy Moore Ned Pennock

225 Points

Robin Brandewie

150 Points

Linda Madden Stan Rohrer

Richard Fox

125 Points

Sally Oberbeck

Competition Themes for 2021- 2022

Month	Theme
July 2021	In Camera Abstract
August 2021	Liquid
September 2021	Reflection
October 2021	Dark and Moody
November 2021	Thankful for....
December 2021T	is the Season
January 2022	Shapes and Patterns
February 2022	Backlighting
March 2022	Green
April 2022	Color Explosion

Monthly Facebook Photo Challenges

Month	Theme
May 2021-	Low Light Challenge
June 2021-	Water (Liquid, Water Drops/ Oil and Water)
July 2021-	Patriotic
August 2021-	A Street Scene (Street Photography)
September 2021-	What Is It? (Dave Lundy Memorial Tribute)
October 2021-	Spooky
November 2021-	Fall Covered Bridges
December 2021-	Sparkle (Night Lights/ Bokeh)
January 2022-	Shadow Play
February 2022-	Dynamic Tension
March 2022-	Sham- Rockin'! (All Things Irish/ Musical Instruments/ Rocks)
April 2022-	City Shapes
May 2022-	Park Patterns

Each month, a post will be placed on the Club's Facebook page announcing the month's Photo Challenge Theme. Members are asked to include their image on that feed for all to enjoy. It will be fun to see what members create!