



# Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club  
A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers  
Meeting at Central Christian Church, 1200 Forrer Blvd, Dayton OH on the  
Second Thursday each month

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

October 10 - October Meeting - Light Painting Outdoors - John Murphy

October 12 - BLINK Adventure - 4-10

October 17 - Circleville Pumpkin Fest Adventure - 8 - 5

October 19 - Train Shoot - John Murphy

November 14 - November meeting - Food Photography - Curt McAdams

December 7 - Lebanon Horse Parade Adventure - 4-10

December 12 - No program - party and photo exchange



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## TONIGHT'S MEETING



Long-time member John Murphy will provide the presentation at the October meeting. It is entitled "Night Photography Using Creative Lighting Techniques" or "Another Excuse to Play with Flashlights."

According to early photographers, photography is "Light Writing." We all work at finding interesting and attractive scenes where the light is 'just right.' Often enough, there is not enough light, or it is just not doing what we envision would be most attractive. So we supplement or replace it.

John will discuss his favorite ways to do this in a creative fashion. He will also make suggestions on how to avoid easy-to-make mistakes. Naturally he will have some good photos to show, but also some duds to illustrate some pitfalls. After all, experience is the best teacher, and so are mistakes - preferably belonging to someone else.

## ANNUAL TRAIN SHOOT

To avoid conflict with the Cincinnati Blink event, the date for the cookout and Train Shoot is set for October 19. Tim Hyde reminded me that sunset will be at 6:53, so we can do night shots easily. The whole daylong session is a terrific photography learning experience. There will be several very knowledgeable members there at all times who will answer questions and make suggestions.

The plan is for the museum to be open to Focus members from 10am until the last photographer is finished, usually around 9pm. Some members can only come early or late in the day; a few can stay all day. Come whenever you can. The cookout is about 5 or 5:30.

How many museums will let you climb all over the exhibits taking pictures, cook for you, then stay open late just for you? A large turnout on our part will be a show of appreciation.

Admission to the museum is \$6 and the cookout is another \$6 or \$7, depending on the cost of food. That is still far less than a meal in a restaurant on the way home. Everyone staying for dinner is encouraged to bring a dish to share. More details at the meeting.

John Murphy

President's Message

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I was watching one of my favorite shows, 'Life Below Zero', and heard something that made me rewind my DVR to hear it again:

Experience is Knowledge,
Knowledge is Confidence,
Confidence is Success...

And they all go together in that order.

Wow! How true is this and is perfectly stated. I have taught for many years and see my own students and graduates progress in this manner. I also think this is very true in photography and I can relate to it very much as a newer photographer.

But how do you become successful in photography? I think a good start is to gain experience by shooting what you are passionate about. It might be macro, landscapes, architecture, anything that you love to do. This will keep you motivated to continue in order to gain the technical knowledge you need to gain confidence.

I like night photography and my first hot air balloon glow shoot was a total disaster. But I learned so much about how to adjust my camera to capture the rapidly changing light and conditions. It was painful but I learned some valuable lessons and gained both knowledge and confidence after several balloon shoots.

I don't think confidence guarantees success but if you make an effort toward continual learning this cycle repeats itself. Experience, knowledge and confidence will naturally come as you continue your photography journey. Continuing in photography is success!

Susan Willin, President

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 and Associates with your credentials with your information.

If you have questions, please email digitalcompetition@focusphotoclub.com.

If you do not have an email address, there are several free sites. Please check that all is OK with your account at least one week prior to the due date. Notify us of problems using digitalcompetition@focusphotoclub.com.

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.

Nancy Christolear, Digital Competition VP

FOR SALE

Nikon D750 with a 24-120 lens
\$1100 by Kenny Harville
Oldtorch2@gmail.com

Executive Board 2019-2020

Table with 4 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number, Email Address. Rows include 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, Co-founder (Nancy Roach), Co-founder (Brook Brandewie), and Liaison (John Murphy).

## **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.

## **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!

## **EXHIBIT AT MURPHY'S BOOKSTORE**

We can continue to display photos at Murphy's Used Bookstore, as they are NOT going out of business. Murphy's is located at 2852 Wilmington Pike, Kettering, Ohio, 45419. Let Crystal Allen know if you want to display photos for three months, starting in October. Crystal's email is [ajfan90@hotmail.com](mailto:ajfan90@hotmail.com).

## **PEOPLE'S CHOICE IN NOVEMBER**

In November, we will have a special People's Choice Competition. The subject will be Focus Photo Club Adventures and all pictures must have been taken at one of our adventures. Members will vote on the photos entered.

## **FOCUS PHOTO'S 30th ANNIVERSARY**

In November the club will celebrate its 30th anniversary. The first meeting was held in November of 1989. Nancy Roach and Brook (Oldham) Brandewie were the founders of the club. Besides Nancy, Brook and Maurice Jennings, who have all passed away, those who are still charter members include Tim Highley, Tom Entingh, Richard Waters and TJ Highley. If you are still in contact with any former members, encourage them to attend the November meeting and celebrate with us.

## **FOOD DRIVE TONIGHT**

As part of our agreement with the church we are to have a food drive four times a year. This will be our 4th food drive this year. Please bring a few items of food, either canned food or otherwise non-perishable food. With Thanksgiving coming up, it's a good chance to share with those who might not have enough food for their holiday meal. There will be a barrel in the meeting room where you can place your food donations. Thank you!

**Since it's October, feel free to come to the meeting in costume**



## SEPTEMBER TOP TEN

1.	Kathy Moore	34
	Sally Oberbeck	34
3.	Susan Willin	30
4.	Robin Brandewie	28
	Louise Haws	28
6.	Richard Fox	26
7.	Ned Pennock	24
	Carolyn Willis	24
9.	Linda Madden	22
	Julie Lucht	22

### ICON ACHIEVERS

**75 Points**

**Susan Willin Kathy Moore**

**Ned Pennock**

**50 Points**

**Robin Brandewie Louise Haws**

**Richard Fox Dan Borzynski**

**25 Points**

**Carolyn Willis Julie Lucht**

**Holly Smith Dean Brown**

**Sally Oberbeck**

### THEMES

October	Round Things
November	Night
December	Broken Glass
January	In Flight
February	Architecture
March	Let's Play
April	Night Lights
May	Umm Umm Good
June	Banquet - No Competition
July	Let There Be Light
August	Garden Beauties

## September - Theme - War & Peace

### COLOR OPEN

1. One Blue Jean Frog on a Vine - Sally O.
  2. Coming Down the Line - Richard Fox
  2. Looking Up - Robin Brandewie
  2. Sunny Delight - Julie Lucht
  2. Untitled #139 - Dan Borzynski
  3. Two Water Lilies - Eleanor Hilton
  3. Beeing Around - Kevin Bowers
  3. Drink - Robin Brandewie
  3. Mandrill - Eleanor Hilton
- HM - Chain Link Finch - Ned Pennock  
HM - Untitled #140 - Dan Borzynski

### COLOR THEME

1. Caught Ya - Robin Brandewie
  2. Quarreling Quackers - Sally Oberbeck
  2. Storm & Calm Old San Juan - Robin B.
  3. Bombs Away - Richard Fox
- HM - Union Jack - George Sucich

### MONOCHROME PRINT UNLIMITED PROJECTED MONOCHROME

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. After the Ice Storm - Sally Oberbeck | 1. Nodding Trillium - Kathy Moore |
| 1. Attention! - Louise Haws             | 2. Before the Show - Kathy Moore  |
| 1. Tobacco Seller - Sally Oberbeck      | 2. Girl in Bonnet - Judy Fellner  |
| 2. Niagara in Winter - Louise Haws      | 2. Soccer - Dean Brown            |
| 3. Striped Plant - Julie Lucht          | 3. Deeds Park - Carolyn Willis    |
| 3. Untitled # 141 - Dan Borzynski       | HM - Marblehead - Tina Hatfield   |
| HM - St. Peters Church - Holly Smith    | HM - The Meet Up! - Susan Willin  |

### PRINT EXTENDED OPEN

1. Ancient Art - Richard Fox
1. Big Orange - Ned Pennock
1. Majestic Monarch - Julie Lucht
2. Pretty in Pink - Carolyn Willis
2. Rainbow Colors - Louise Haws
3. TN Cascade - Eleanor Hilton
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### PRINT EXTENDED THEME

1. Rest in Peace - Ned Pennock
  2. In Memoriam - Carolyn Willis
  3. Face of Defeat - Richard Fox
  3. Fort Stanwix - Holly Smith
  3. USA! - Louise Haws
- HM - Rest in Peace - Holly Smith

### STANDARD OPEN PROJECTED STANDARD THEME

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| 1. High Up - Kathy Moore             | 1. The Referee - Kathy Moore                 |
| 2. I'm Looking at You - Linda Madden | 2. Flag Day - Luciana Lieff                  |
| 2. It's My Ball - Dean Brown         | 2. Marines Engaging - Linda Madden           |
| 3. Facing the Sun - Carolyn Willis   | 2. War Jets & Peace Officers - Luciana Lieff |
| 3. Lake Erie Sunset - Stan Rohrer    | 3. C-S in the Sun - Stan Rohrer              |
- HM - Mr. McFly - Ned Pennock  
HM - Shrimp - Luciana Lieff  
HM - Wade in the Water - Tod Brining

### PROJECTED EXTENDED OPEN PROJECTED EXTENDED THEME

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| 1. First People - Susan Willin              | 1. Peace Out! - Susan Willin                     |
| 1. Gomo! - Susan Willin                     | 2. Cannon at Calvary - Pat Elliott               |
| 2. Sunflowers Through Glass - Judy Fellner  | 3. Flag Trak Parachuter - Judy Fellner           |
| 3. Brittany at Smith Gardens - Linda Madden | HM - B-25J Armament - Tod Brining                |
| HM - The Tackle - Dean Brown                | HM - Beaver Creek 911 Memorial - Keith<br>Bowers |
|   | HM - Bombardier - Stan Rohrer                    |
|   | HM - Peace & Love Bug - Linda Madden             |