



# Out of Focus

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

## Scheduled Events

May 9—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and print photo information for competition before Midnight

May 12—monthly meeting:  
**Legacy Award Competition (see page 2);**  
Election of officers for 2022-23;  
Norma Cser, all about Butterflies

Jun 9—monthly meeting:  
EOY awards, food, prizes . . . . (details, page 3)

Jul 11—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and print photo information for competition before Midnight

Jul 14—monthly meeting

## Norma Cser IS ‘all about Butterflies!’

We look forward to a timely and inspiring presentation at the May meeting. She’ll talk about raising butterflies and photographing them in all of their stages. She’s been doing that, and sharing her experience, for 20+ years, beginning at the time she volunteered to work at the butterfly house at Cox Metro Park.



Norma says, “most challenging for me is getting a soft, clean background and sharp butterfly.... I am so glad for photoshop.” Obviously, she succeeds.

You may have seen her images on Cox educational and promotional material—yes, even on a t-shirt. Her work has also been covered by articles in our local newspaper and in “Birds and Blooms” magazine.

**Competition themes for 2022-23 announced, 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 available on the *About-Us* page of the website and send with your check to Focus Photo Club  
6254 Wilmington Pike #1059  
Dayton, OH 45459

**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.

**Send mail to Focus Photo Club**  
**6254 Wilmington Pike #1059**  
**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?  
**Contact [pelliott1@woh.rr.com](mailto:pelliott1@woh.rr.com).**

Executive Board 2021-2022	
Interim President	Susan Willin
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Co-founder	Nancy Roach (d.)
Co-founder	Brook Brandewie (d.)

## President's Corner

We are gearing up for a busy meeting this month! It's our last competition month and it looks like it will be a very tight race for Photographer of the Year! We will also be electing our FOCUS Board officers for the new year starting in July. All positions are open except for President. I have compiled the nominations and will have a voting sheet for all at the May Meeting. It's still not too late to volunteer or to nominate someone for a position. Our presentation speaker is the one and only Norma Cser who will share her knowledge and excitement of butterflies and tips on how best to capture their beauty.

We also have a lot of great events coming up to look forward to. Our End of the Year Banquet is coming up on Thursday, June 9th at the church. This will be an awesome end of the year celebration with a potluck carry in dinner, awards for the top photographers, our traditional 'Legacy Award', and a 50/50 raffle. We will share and discuss the details at the meeting this month.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 12th!

Susan

### Competition for the Legacy Award

will take place at the May meeting. Entries must be prints which are matted or mounted on backing, but not framed. Each club member may enter up to 2 images. Otherwise, restrictions are few: doesn't matter if a print has been in competition before, does not need to be associated with a club event, it **should** adhere to the clubs rules about good taste.

Be sure that you can not be identified as the photographer—no water marks or signatures. At the meeting, each print will be assigned a number which will associate it with you.

Every member in attendance at the meeting will have the opportunity to vote for their favorites. Winners will be announced at the June Awards Ceremony.

**The Legacy Award is a tribute to Focus Photo Club's founders, Brook Brandewie and Nancy Roach.**

## EOY Awards Banquet

Members and guests will gather to celebrate each other's achievements, revisit significant moments from the past year, try their luck in the raffle, and EAT at **Central Christian Church, our usual meeting place, at 7:00 pm on Thursday, June 9th.**

**Cost is \$10 per person.** Pre-pay at the May meeting or on line at <https://end-of-year-banquet-64661.cheddarup.com/>

**THE MENU: It's a potluck!** Pulled chicken and pulled pork sandwiches will be provided. Bring a side dish or desert to share. **Sign up at the May 12th meeting.**

If you have photos you'd like included in a **video review of the club year**, forward them to Julie Lucht at [juliealucht@gmail.com](mailto:juliealucht@gmail.com).

### THE AWARDS:

-Based on accumulated points from monthly competition -

**Top competitors in each category** and  
**Overall Photographer of the Year**

-As voted on at the May meeting -

**Legacy Award** in tribute to club founders,  
Brooke Brandewie and Nancy Roach

-AND arbitrarily decided on by Louise Haws,  
coveted **Weezie Awards.**

### THE RAFFLE:

50/50 plus merchandise donated by members



"SPRING is time for cleaning and enjoying the FOCUS PHOTO CLUB end of year AWARDS banquet. Part of the fun is dropping your raffle tickets into a bowl in front of the various items members have donated. Throughout the night we pick the "winners" by random drawings. To make this work, we need DONATIONS. **See the flyer [attached to the same email which delivered this news letter] to get ideas of what YOU might be able to donate."**

### Competition Themes

May	In Bloom
2022	
Jul	Triple Trouble (groups of three)
Aug	One Word Essay (title of the image will be read during judging, "impact" will consider how well image reflects the title)
Sep	Purple
Oct	Beginnings
Nov	Frames
Dec	Doors
2023	
Jan	Top View (view from above)
Feb	Shoes
Mar	Faces in Things
Apr	Fragile
May	Boxes

**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.

All entries, print and projected, 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).*

	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	

Avoid disqualification



April Printed Image Competition Results

OPEN

Printed Color Standard Open

1st	Stephen Goldberg/Galapagos Land Iguana Stephen Goldberg/Machu Pichu
2nd	Stan Rohrer GBH Looking for Lunch #795 Tom Temple Pinky
3rd	Ted R. Allison East Channel Lighthouse #1
HM	Tom Temple Purple Beauty

Printed Color Unlimited Editing Open

1st	Ned Pennock Dancing Crane Stan Rohrer Dayton Arcade Giant #186
2nd	Stephen Goldberg/Galapagos Lava Lizard Louise Haws Feasting
3rd	Ed Webb Hocking Hills Church

Printed Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open

1st	Ned Pennock Sandhill Cranes in Flight
2nd	Stephen Goldberg/Synchronized Fishing Louise Haws Door in Alaska Stan Rohrer 765 Steam Engine #377
3rd	Ted R. Allison The Peculiar Institution
HM	Ted R. Allison Hindu Temple

THEME, Color Explosion

Printed Color Standard Theme

1st	Tom Temple Color of Glass Ed Webb Color Slide St. Louis
2nd	Ed Webb Magical Car Hood

Printed Color Unlimited Editing Theme

1st	Louise Haws Bottles in Color
2nd	Ned Pennock Colored Pencils with Ink Explosion
3rd	Stan Rohrer Delco Park Sunrise #338
HM	Ed Webb Living Color

April Projected Image Competition Results

OPEN

Projected Color Standard Open

1st	Kathy Moore Bashful
2nd	Joann Jozwiak Overachiever
3rd	Sally Oberbeck Chickadee on Berries Sally Oberbeck Owl Eyes George Sucich Zoo Train
HM	Dean Brown Passing Tanker Truck Debbie Lehman Desert Blooms Lynn Milenkevich /A Sudden Uprising

THEME, Color Explosion

Projected Color Standard Theme

1st	Linda Daegele Count the Colors—I Dare You
2nd	Marilyn Silver Bryce Canyon Hoodoos
3rd	Joann Jozwiak Bee on Blue Salvia
HM	Linda Daegele Alien Fire bush Lynn Milenkevich /Up Up and Away Sally Oberbeck Chihuly Exploding Holly Smith Colors of Blink

April's Projected Image Results continued on page 6

April Projected Image Competition Results (continued from page 5)

OPEN		
<b>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Open</b>		
1st	Tod Brining	Optical Wreath
2nd	Kathy Moore	Buds
	Susan Willin	Stewart St. Bridge at Dusk
	Joann Jozwiak	Hosta in Bloom
3rd	George Sucich	Raincoat
HM	Tod Brining	LaCrosse Action
	George Sucich	Bird Lovers

THEME, Color Explosion		
<b>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Theme</b>		
1st	Scott Young	Linear Release
2nd	Linda Daegele	Purple Cobras Dancing Around the Fire
	Ned Pennock	Hummingbird on Balloon Flower
3rd	Susan Willin	Why Be Normal?
	Louise Haws	Windows in Color
	Holly Smith	Stained Glass
HM	Susan Willin	Sunflower Kaboom!
	Alison Bour	Supernovae 2
	Linda Daegele	Alien Garden
	Joann Jozwiak	Hot Air Balloons
	Holly Smith	Graffiti

<b>Projected Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open</b>		
1st	Dean Brown	Jefferson Memorial
	Kathy Moore	What's this?
2nd	Sally Oberbeck	Zebra Swallowtail on Milkweed
3rd	Tod Brining	American Kestrel
	Marilyn Silver	Daisy Petals
HM	Tod Brining	On the Road—South 12 Beach Rd.
	Debbie Lehman	Play Time
	Kathy Moore	Hurry Hurry Hurry

April's Top Ten Point Earners	
Stephen Goldberg	32
Ned Pennock	32
Louise Haws	28
Kathy Moore	28
Stan Rohrer	28
Ed Webb	24
Linda Daegele	22
Joann Jozwiak	22
Tod Brining	20
Sally Oberbeck	20
Susan Willin	20

April's Icon Achievers*	
150 Points	Tod Brining
275 Points	Holly smith
	Stephen Goldberg
125 Points	Ned Pennock
	George Sucich
250 Points	Louise Haws
	Stan Rohrer
	Susan Willin
100 Points	Linda Daegele
	Ed Webb
75 Points	Joann Jozwiak
	Ted R. Allison
50 Points	Kathy Moore
	Sally Oberbeck
25 Points	Scott Young
	Tom Temple
	Marilyn Silver

\*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.