



Out of Focus

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

Nov 11 — “Lightroom: Start to Finish”

Laura James Shares Her Process

Scheduled Events

- Nov 8—deadline:
Upload digital photos for competition before midnight
- Nov 11—monthly meeting:
Focus’s Birthday;
Laura James on Lightroom
- Dec 9—monthly meeting:
Bring non-perishables for food pantry;
International Contest finals displayed;
“members’ choice” print competition see page 4;
Holiday Party
- Jan 13—monthly meeting:
Stan Rohrer on aperture and depth of field

We are pleased to welcome Laura James as our program presenter for the November meeting. She will share her expertise and rationale for loading, editing, and organizing photos with Lightroom.

A little background: Laura’s been shooting for about 15 years, has progressed from a point and shoot camera to technically advanced full frame DSLR equipment. She says her favorite subjects are trees, but that fog is what grabs her, always.

She describes a new effort, “. . . working in a darkroom using my digital images to make negatives. Doing both platinum palladium and most recently silver gelatin. Currently working on a series of images of Spirit Women where I am using a blending technique to create images with a woman superimposed on a background image. I will bring with me several of these images.”

Laura has had a photo accepted by a gallery in SoHo NYC; two copies were sold. She says that feels like her biggest accomplishment. She also won best of show several years ago at the Middletown Art Center and has had images hung at Wash Art Park Gallery and Manifest Gallery in Cincinnati.

You can see her work and gain insight into her love of photography on her website, www.lightwriterimages.com.

Come for cake. Wear your mask. Bring your smile. We’re having a whole club picture taken at the November meeting as part of our birthday celebration. Bill Brandewie will offer brief remarks on our beginnings.

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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 or print the membership form available on

the *About-Us* page of the website, www.focusphotoclub.com, 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.



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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.

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President's Corner

Happy Birthday Focus Photo Club! In November, many years ago, our club was formed by Nancy Roach and Brook Brandewie as not only a Competitive Photo club but also a Social one. These principals are what have brought us the most talented photographers in the area.



Part of improving our photography skills is learning from one another. One of our experts, Stan Rohrer, has offered to critique club photos on Facebook. Please post any competition photos with a request for comments and critiques and he will gladly share some of his insights.

At the November meeting, we will introduce a new process for entering your monthly PRINTS starting in December for competition using Photo Contest Pro. If you've already entered digital prints previously, you are already familiar with the PCP process of uploading.

December is our holiday party! We'll have a slide show announcing our standings in the International Competition with clubs in England and Australia. The 'Focus Photo Cookie Elves' will once again provide an abundance of yummy goodies for your indulgence.

In lieu of a program in December, we'll have our traditional photo exchange. Bring an 8 x 10 photo without any identification of the photographer, either by watermark or signature.

Also in December, bring your photos from the 2021 Club Adventures for the People's Choice competition. 2021 Club Adventure events include the Wildflower Walk at Sweetwater Reserve; Deeds Point/Dayton Art Institute; Lavender/Poppy fields; Fireworks Friday in July; and Columbus Zoo in September. You may bring two entries per person. Winners will be selected by the membership. These prints also need to be anonymous.

I am thankful and grateful and look forward to seeing your interpretations of this month's theme 'Thankful for...'

See you the 11th!

Judy Fellner
 Club President

Proud Moments

Kathy Moore has been approached by a potential client regarding the purchase of one of her images—a photo of an unfurling Solomon’s Seal leaf taken years ago during a trip to the Smokie Mountains. Latest word is that the sale has closed!

Ned Pennock is now the contributing photographer for the *Centerville-Washington Neighbors* magazine which is circulated to more than 3,600 households in Centerville-Washington Township.

Susan Willin’s image, “Out on Fifth”, has been accepted into *The 2021 Greater Dayton Photography Group Photo Exhibition and Competition* which takes place November 4, 2021– November 30, 2021 at The Gallery at Lofino Plaza, 3868 Dayton-Xenia Road, Beavercreek, Ohio 45432.

Susan describes the image this way: “It is a puddle reflection I took at the Oregon District during one of its ‘Out on 5th’ events which occur each weekend during the summer. The streets are closed to traffic. After a short but strong rain storm, Judy Feller and I made sure to stop by to take advantage of the safe street photography opportunities and the puddles!”

This photo also placed in the October competition at Focus. You can see it for a brief time (until November winners are posted) on www.focusphotoclub.com with the other *Projected Color Unlimited Editing Open* winners on the Competition page.

You, Focus Member, Do you have a proud moment which could go here?



Snaps from October/Halloween meeting



Take Away from Ned Pennock’s October meeting presentation, ‘Creating a Compelling Image’: Regardless of your subject matter or the image you’re after, reach beyond that which you already know will give you acceptable results. Experiment with camera settings, with shooting angles, with light control. . . . See what happens. Learn as you go.

Competition Themes

2021	
Jul	In Camera Abstract
Aug	Liquid
Sep	Reflection
Oct	Dark and Moody
Nov	Thankful for . . .
Dec	Tis the Season
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. Digital entries must be uploaded by 11:59 pm on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. Print entries must be signed in 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.

	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	



Members’ 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.)

*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 Cincinnati Reds post game fireworks.
- 9/19/2021 Sunday at the Columbus Zoo.

October Printed Image Competition Results

OPEN	THEME, Reflection
<p>Printed Color Standard Open</p> <p>1st — Stephen Goldberg/ Red Panda</p> <p>2nd — Louise Haws Having Lunch Stan Rohrer Byodo-In Temple</p> <p>3rd — Stephen Goldberg/ Blue Heron Ballet</p> <p>HM — Art Ritchie Velocirhptor</p>	<p>Printed Color Standard Theme</p> <p>1st — Ed Webb Fill'er Up</p> <p>2nd — Al Ritchie Ceasar Creek</p>
<p>Printed Color Unlimited Editing Open</p> <p>1st — Stephen Goldberg/ Tree Under Milkyway</p> <p>2nd — Richard Fox Forever Home Richard Fox Hi, Come on in Ned Pennock Mating Dance</p> <p>3rd— Stephen Goldberg/ Shiny Green Car Louise Haws Geese Stan Rohrer Dayton Art Institute</p> <p>HM — Ed Webb Colors of Fall</p>	<p>Printed Color Unlimited Editing Theme</p> <p>1st — Richard Fox Somebody Is Home</p> <p>2nd — Richard Fox Dark and Moody</p> <p>3rd — Stan Rohrer Fear the Reaper</p> <p>HM — Ed Webb Black Bridge</p>
<p>Printed Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open</p> <p>1st — Louise Haws Hanging</p> <p>2nd — Stan Rohrer Delco Fireworks-#9478</p>	

October Projected Image Competition Results

OPEN	THEME, Reflection
<p>Projected Color Standard Open</p> <p>1st — Joann Jozwiak You can call me Henry</p> <p>2nd — Kathy Moore Dumbo's Got Nothing on Me Kathy Moore Speed Demon</p> <p>3rd — Dean Brown Dakota</p> <p>HM — Joann Jozwiak American Black Duck</p>	<p>Projected Color Standard Theme</p> <p>1st — Ned Pennock Charles Bridge at Dawn</p> <p>2nd — Joann Jozwiak Night Falling Scott Young Kellys Island Sunset</p> <p>3rd — Holly Smith Ghost Boat</p> <p>HM — Linda Daegele Spooky Autumn Lake Holly Smith Candle Light Scott Young Harvest Haze</p>
<p>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Open</p> <p>1st — Alison Bour Flamingo in Repose</p> <p>2nd — Alison Bour Good Hair Day</p> <p>3rd — Joann Jozwiak We Like Stripes! Lynn Milenkevich/ Wait for Me!</p> <p>HM — Tod Brining Thunderbirds Ned Pennock Juvenile Screech Owl George Sucich Ford Susan Willin Out on 5th</p>	<p>Projected Color Unlimited Editing Theme</p> <p>1st — Judy Fellner Haunting at Mansfield</p> <p>2nd — Louise Haws Cincy Bridge at Night</p> <p>3rd — Susan Willin Only the Shadow Knows</p> <p>HM — Ned Pennock Lighting Up</p>

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October Projected Image Competition Results (continued from page 5)

OPEN

THEME, Reflection

Projected Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open

1st —	Kathy Moore	I Got My Eye on You
2nd —	Susan Willin	Let the Light Shine
	Susan Willin	See You Spoon!
3rd —	Tod Brining	The Golden Triangle
HM —	Tod Brining	Light at the End of the Bridge
	Dean Brown	Doorway
	Kathy Moore	Nap Time

October's Icon Achievers*

100 points

- Richard Fox
- Stephen Goldberg
- Louise Haws
- Kathy Moore
- Ned Pennock
- Stan Rohrer
- Susan Willin

75 points

- Joann Jozwiak
- Scott Young

50 points

- Tod Brining
- Dean Brown
- Judy Fellner
- Holly Smith

25 points

- Alison Bour
- Linda Daegele
- Pat Elliott
- Phyllis Morrow
- Al Ritchie
- George Sucich

October's Top Ten Point Earners

Richard Fox	30
Stephen Goldberg	28
Louise Haws	28
Kathy Moore	26
Joann Jozwiak	24
Stan Rohrer	24
Ned Pennock	22
Susan Willin	22
Alison Bour	18
Ed Webb	16

*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.