



# Out of Focus

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

## Scheduled Events

- Aug 8—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and print photo information for competition before midnight
- Aug 11—monthly meeting:  
Kevin Myers, *Dayton Ohio Photos*
- Sep 5—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and print photo information for competition before midnight
- Sep 8—monthly meeting:  
Bring non-perishables for food pantry
- Oct 10—deadline:  
Upload digital photos and print photo information for competition before midnight
- Oct 13—monthly meeting

**Kevin Myers, Presenter at August Meeting, says he'll "talk about some of the places I've photographed around Dayton** and my short journey to get there. . . . I'm rather new at photography (other than taking pictures of my kids over the years), starting about 2.5 years ago." He is also a relatively new member of Focus Photo Club.

Kevin's work has a focus on Dayton's skylines and intricate architectural interiors. However, his *Dayton Ohio Photos* Facebook page and website reveal an expanding reach—Huffman Prairie, Yellow Springs, San Diego . . . . as well as evocative images from the Dayton National Cemetery.

Kevin says he prefers shooting at night and just before and after sunrise - "when there are no people around." The latter refers to people who would be in the photos not people who might also be taking photos! You may have seen his invitations, on the Focus Facebook page, to join him for shooting at a Dayton location on a particular evening. Regardless of whether you've had the chance to do that, don't miss this opportunity to get to know him and his photography better.

**2022-23 dues are due now, see how to pay below. Assure your eligibility for competition, details p.2**

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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 [pellott1@woh.rr.com](mailto:pellott1@woh.rr.com).**

## President's Message

Happy August! Wow, the photo opportunities these past few weeks have been hard to keep up with! Fireworks, airshows, festivals, local parks! Our area really is a treat if you want to enjoy local events. Dayton never disappoints.

My summer is pretty much defined by finding festivals. Ohio is a gold mine of Festivals! They offer many photography opportunities to get out and explore...funnel cakes mostly for me :) The recent fireworks and the airshow definitely provided many opportunities and challenges for me to learn and improve - a little frustration, a little joy all equal learning which is always my goal.

We have a great meeting ahead this month. Local photographer Kevin Myers will be our presenter this month. He will highlight his images of Dayton that make us all proud of our city! I look forward to his presentation and seeing everyone soon!

Susan

Paying Focus Photo Club dues supports the basic operations of the club and **allows you to participate in competition.**

**If you were a paid member in 2021-22,** August is your last courtesy competition month. You must pay dues prior to the September meeting in order to continue to compete.

**If you are new, or your membership has lapsed,** then you must pay dues and attend at least 1 meeting prior to the first month in which you wish to compete.

Executive Board 2021-2022	
Interim President	Susan Willin
Vice President	Stephen Goldberg
Secretary	Kathy Moore
Treasurer	Joyce Willis
Competition Chair	Louise Haws
Historian	Julie Lucht
Hospitality Chair	<i>committee</i>
Membership/ PR	Pat Elliott
Program Chair	<i>committee</i>
Site Liaison	John Murphy
Webmaster	Susan Willin
Co-founder	Nancy Roach (d.)
Co-founder	Brook Brandewie (d.)

## Members' Proud Moments

Alison Bour's stunning image, Flamingo in Repose, has been selected by the Dayton Society of Artists as one of the works to be featured during the **Art in the City** event.



The photo will be displayed in the window of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce office, 8 N Main St, Aug 5-20. You can support Alison by participating in "Voting for Favorites" via Dayton.com, also from Aug 5th through 20th.

**Linda Daegele** reports:

"The garden club that I belong to, the Osborn Historic Garden Club, had their biennial summer garden tour on June 18. They also included an art and garden fair in the downtown Fairborn Commons. In addition, Spark Fairborn, a kitchen incubator for culinary entrepreneurs, had a garden affair open house. There were 12 families near downtown Fairborn who opened their private gardens to the public for the tour, plus 14 exhibitors at the art and garden fair."

Linda assumed the role of photographer for the garden club. To the right is her picture of the Mercer-Smith house, one of the four images which were used in the local newspaper's account of the event. You can see the entire collection on her Flickr page at [2022-06-18 OHGC Garden Affair \(medium\)](https://www.flickr.com/photos/2022-06-18_OHGC_Garden_Affair/medium/).



## Mark Your Calendars

- **Art in the City, August 6, 1-7pm**

See <https://www.downtowndayton.org/things-to-do/summer-in-the-city/art-in-the-city/> for details on this Dayton downtown-wide event.

- **CALL FOR ENTRIES! Art of Recovery 2022**

The Tri-County Board is now accepting entries for Art of Recovery 2022. The art will be displayed from October 3-14 at Edison State Community College, and from October 17-November 10 at the Board's new Administration & Training Center at 1280 N. County Road 25-A, Troy .

[Home \(tcbmds.org\)](http://Home(tcbmds.org)) for details

- **Middletown Arts Center 2022 Photography & Digital Art Competition and Exhibit**

September 9 - October 20, 2022

Main Exhibition Hall

Preview Event: September 9, 6-8pm

Submission for entries starts Monday, July 25 and will end on Thursday, August 11, 2022 at 8pm.

See [EVENTS & EXHIBITS | Middletown Arts Center](#)

- **30th Annual Piqua Fine Art Exhibition**

Friday, September 9 - Friday, September 30.

Registration deadline, Friday, August 19, 2022. See

[Art Show \(piquaartscouncil.org\)](http://Art Show (piquaartscouncil.org))

### Competition Themes

**2022**

Jul Triple Trouble  
(groups of three)

Aug **One Word Essay / Emotion**  
**(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	



July Printed Image Competition Results

**OPEN**

**Printed Color Standard Open**

1st	Sally Oberbeck	Bronzed Tailed Hummingbird
2nd	Stephen Goldberg/Along the River Bank	
	Stan Rohrer	Carriage Hill Red Barn
3rd	Stephen Goldberg/Machu Pichu#2	
	Louise Haws	Learning What to Eat
	Sally Oberbeck	Yellow Eye-lash Viper
HM	Miriam Jennings	Jesica #2
	Miriam Jennings	Sunrise Higgins Lake

**THEME, Triple Trouble**

**Printed Color Standard Theme**

1st	Julie Lucht	Lillies on Green Valley
2nd	Julie Lucht	Bleeding Heart and Art
3rd	Stan Rohrer	Three Fireworks
	Tom Temple	Ducks
	Tom Temple	Rhino
HM	Ed Webb	Just Chillin'

**Printed Color Unlimited Editing Open**

1st	Stephen Goldberg/Eagle #2	
2nd	Louise Haws	Cedar Waxwing
3rd	Julie Lucht	Vases
HM	Stephen Goldberg/Lone Tree	
	Stan Rohrer	Mingus Mill

**Printed Color Unlimited Editing Theme**

1st	Ed Webb	Three to get ready
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**Printed Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open**

1st	Sally Oberbeck	Snow Leopard Profile
2nd	Stan Rohrer	Cincinnati Union Terminal
3rd	Ed Webb	Dinner Time

July Projected Image Competition Results

**OPEN**

**Projected Color Standard Open**

1st	Robin Brandewie	In my sight
2nd	Alison Bour	Good Hair Say #2
	Dean Brown	3600 meters
	Marilyn Silver	Allie Model Shoot
	Scott Young	You called?
3rd	Linda Daegele	It's An Upside Down World
	Denice Martz	My Rockies
	Al Ritchie	Esther's Quilt
HM	Crystal Allen	Mansfield Prison
	Linda Daegele	Whoops Pardon Me!
	Tim Highley	Pull My Chain
	Tim Highley	Remembering Veterans
	Lynn Milenkevich	Yellow Rose
	Kathy Moore	It's Slobber Time

**THEME, Triple Trouble**

**Projected Color Standard Theme**

1st	Sally Oberbeck	Three's a Crowd
2nd	Miriam Jennings	3 Explosions
	Kathy Moore	Meerly Three
3rd	Dean Brown	Horses
	Scott Young	3-way lights
HM	Crystal Allen	Palm Sunset
	Crystal Allen	Pelicans
	Al Ritchie	Bride

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July Projected Image Competition Results (continued from page 5)

**OPEN**

**Projected Color Unlimited Editing Open**

1st	Denice Martz	Milkway at Balanced Rock
2nd	Linda Daegele	Doubles
	Louise Haws	Storm a Coming!
3rd	Tod Brining	Fantasy Flower
	Tod Brining	Kestrel Portrait
	Tim Highley	Good Times
	Denice Martz	Hoot
	John Murphy	Small Falls
	George Sucich	Pikes Peak
	George Sucich	Sad Sack
HM	Alison Bour	Lady in Red
	Linda Daegele	Hey What's Hangin
	Debbie Lehman	Split Personality

**THEME, Triple Trouble**

**Projected Color Unlimited Editing Theme**

1st	Pat Elliott	roses
2nd	Susan Willin	3 Amigos!
	Susan Willin	3 Peas in 3 Pods
3rd	Louise Haws	Hummers Hanging Out
	Holly Smith	Muddy Racers
	Scott Young	Lego Mind Games
HM	Joann Jozwiak	Trillium
	John Murphy	Slipped Clutch

**Projected Monochrome Unlimited Editing Open**

1st	Denice Martz	Three Beauties
2nd	Tod Brining	1964 Alfa Romeo TZ
	Kathy Moore	Follow the Leader
3rd	Dean Brown	Cincy
	Dean Brown	TD Squirell
HM	Alison Bour	Standing Out in Black and White
	Robin Brandewie	Long cool drink
	Lynn Milenkevich/BW	Bloom
	Al Ritchie	Wheels
	George Sucich	Mamaya
	George Sucich	San Fran hill

**July's Icon Achievers\***

25 Points  
Denice Martz  
Sally Oberbeck

**July's Top Ten Point Earners**

Sally Oberbeck	32
Denice Martz	28
Louise Haws	24
Stephen Goldberg	24
Dean Brown	22
Julie Lucht	22
Stan Rohrer	22
Tod Brining	18
Linda Daegele	18
Kathy Moore	18
Ed Webb	18
Scott Young	18

\*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.