

Fellow Coastal Camera Club member:

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This is a January 21, 2024 eNews brief of upcoming events for your planning.



Upcoming Events/Club News

Camera Donations **New!**

From an article in the Cape Gazette 1/19/24:

Teaching artist and Sussex County native JuneRose "JR" Futcher recently announced a statewide camera donation drive to support arts education and applied photographic arts students. The camera has a unique value in visual arts education and produces an accurate visual study for young artists, Futcher said.

All types and brands of digital point-and-shoot and single-lens reflex cameras and accessories are needed to provide a diverse photographic lesson for young artists. While digital cameras are being replaced by cellphone cameras, many camera types will be used during the studies. Viewfinder cameras will be useful and important in the complete lesson on observation and capture of photo subjects.

Futcher created her first program in 2018 with Christina Cultural Arts Center, and she aims to continue and expand photographic arts programs as a credentialed teaching artist with the Delaware Institute for Arts in Education. Futcher is a five-time Delaware

Division of the Arts individual artist grant recipient, a studied showcase photographer, working artist and arts activist.

Futcher is asking for community support to help with locating and donating any brand of digital camera. All accessories are encouraged to be included, such as SD cards, USB cables and rechargeable batteries.

Organizers of the drive are also asking for frames in 5-by-7 and 8-by-10-inch sizes or larger, with mattes, glass and accessories. They aim to provide a complete studio experience where the young artists can sign and assemble their favorite photographs.

Donation arrangements may be made by calling 302-645-8829 or emailing jrfdelaware@gmail.com for collection venues. Appointments can be set up for personal delivery in Sussex County and for collection at House of Coffi in Dover.

To read the full article go to:

<https://www.capegazette.com/article/camera-donations-needed-support-photographic-arts-education/269746>

Smart Editor Tutorial

When Mike Moats presented to the club at the end of November, he mentioned this class.

Here is the link to Mike Moat's info about the Smart Photo Editor tutorial Zoom meeting on February 10th. He will run it again at a later date if you can't make it. Non-refundable \$19.95. Mike uses Smart Photo Editor to help make his images look more artistic.

My Image Post Processing with Smart Photo Editor - Michael G Moats
(<https://www.tinylandscapes.com/workshops>)

More info: <https://www.anthropics.com/smartphotoeditor/>

January Competition

The January Competition will be held **Wednesday, January 24th, 6:30pm!**

Assigned Topic for January is Purple: Image should include the color purple which is a blend of red and blue and is often associated with rarity, royalty, mystery, and piety.

Activities and Information

Membership **Renewals** **Due**

Important!

When renewing your membership you need to sign into the "Members Only" section first. Then go to the drop-down on the main site to renew. You only have to enter your credit card information.

<u>January</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Type</u>
Debora	Fajer	Individual
Suzanne	Howarth	Individual
Chuck	Ward	Individual
Carol	Bell	Individual
Christine	Lay	Individual
Gerald	Whipple	Individual
Joan	Gourke	Individual

<u>February</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>Type</u>
Wayne	Thomas	Individual
Shaun	Searson	Individual
JoEllen	Jordan	Individual

Joseph		Pillion	Individual
Donald	Collins		Individual
Alfreda		Daniels	Individual
Michael	Bukarica		Individual
Ronald		Pullman	Individual
Terri		Kordal	Individual
Paul		Chaney	Individual
Paula		Shannon	Individual
John	Chirico		Individual
Thomas		Miller	Individual
Linda		Stager	Individual
Carmen		Spratt	Individual
Susan	Lee		Individual
Glen	Griffiths		Individual

New			Members
Joel			Miller
Lyn			Miller
Francesca			Spero
Nancy			Smith
Sharon		Sheehan	Frost
Mary			O'Neill
Jill Steiner			

National Wildlife Photo Contest *New!*

The 53rd annual National Wildlife Photo Contest is open for entry!

Whether you're an avid amateur or a longtime professional, this contest is for you. Show off your best photos of wildlife and wild lands, around the world and in your own backyard.

Submit images in one or more of these nine categories:

- Birds

- Mammals
- Baby Animals: young of any species
- Other Wildlife: underwater life, reptiles, amphibians, insects, spiders, macro and more
- Landscapes & Plants: from broad vistas to single blooms
- People in Nature: responsibly enjoying wildlife or the outdoors
- Mobile: taken with phones or tablets
- Young Nature Photographers: open to ages 13 to 17
- Portfolio: a collection of up to 10 images built around a common theme related to nature or conservation

Winners receive cash prizes, with the grand prize winner garnering the National Wildlife Nature's Witness Award and \$5,000. The winner of the portfolio category receives \$750. In each of the eight additional categories, first place wins \$500, and second place wins \$250.

All winners will be announced in a press release, highlighted through our social media channels and published in print and/or online in early 2025. Photo contest entrants are also eligible for the People's Choice Award. Anyone 13 years of age or older can support their favorites and vote! Photo contest entrants are also eligible for the People's Choice Award.

Modest entry fees support the National Wildlife Federation's conservation work, and your photos inspire our millions of members and supporters to care about wildlife and to act on its behalf.

To enter, go to https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-home.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8

Free Webinar Sponsored by Delaware Photographic Society *New!*

Jennifer King Presents

"Creative Composition: It's Not What You Photograph, It's How You Photograph!"

Monday, January 29, 2024, 7PM, Via Zoom

Open to the Public

A flyer with complete information is on the attached flyer or can be accessed at <https://www.delawarephotographicsociety.org/Downloads/97b53854-715b-4549-b99a-7f379c9d59c6?o=y>

No registration required. To attend: On the night of the webinar go to www.dpsphoto.org, scroll down to the meeting notice and click on the Zoom Meeting link.

- Carole Clarke, Publicity Chair, Delaware Photographic Society

Maryland Photography Alliance Free Webinar *New!*

Thursday, February 22 - 7:00 PM ET

The incomparable Ted Forbes from "The Art of Photography" podcast will illuminate the lessons to be learned from past and contemporary masters. FREE registration for "Learning From the Masters".

To register, go to: <https://www.mdphotoalliance.org/ted-forbes-artist-spotlight>

Landscape SIG upcoming events

- February: nightlights at one of the cities near us (Philly, Baltimore or DC)
- March: Assateague

For more info contact Bill Crnkovich at bestwestphoto@gmail.com

Member Recognition

Please let us know of any current, outside accomplishments that can be included in this section by sending an email to nallen8305@msn.com.

Don James *New!*

Congrats to Don! He has been invited to join a small group of artists in the "Trains: A Journey Through Time" exhibition at the Manor Mill Gallery in Monkton, MD. He will be exhibiting his photos from the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton, PA and the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Station in Cumberland, MD. Here are the exhibition/reception dates:

- Exhibition dates: March 9 - April 21, 2024
 - Opening reception & artist talks: Saturday, March 9, 3-6pm
 - "Train Day" (workshops, classes, discussions, etc.): Saturday, March 30, 12-5pm
 - Closing reception w/ artist Meet & Greet: Sunday, April 21, 5-6pm
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Mark Cohen *New!*

Congrats to Mark! He received an honorable mention in Adult Wildlife Category and a First place in Adult Flora and Macro in the Blackwater NWR Photo Contest.

Robert Pilkington

Congrats to Bob! His image "Follow Me" appears as the September page of the Delaware Seashore 2024 Scenic Calendar.

For Sale:

Please check here for equipment for sale. This information will be carried on 2 newsletters unless we hear the equipment has been sold. Send detail information to nallen8305@msn.com.

Cheers, Nancy Allen

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