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This is a July 7, 2024 eNews brief of upcoming events for your planning.



## Upcoming Events/Club News

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### July Program Guest Speakers

Date: Wed, July 10, 2024 6:30 pm

Speakers: John Whitmore and Anne Rhoads

Title: " Exploring Water Droplet Photography "

### Description:

Enjoy an informative program about techniques and equipment used to create stunning images of water droplets. Numerous examples will illustrate the results of John's and Anne's shooting. A live demonstration of the process in action will originate in Anne's studio and promises to be very entertaining.

### Bios:

Anne Rhoads has been a member of Coastal Camera Club since its beginnings. Anne's interest in photography started in 1964, taking photos at the NY World's Fair on film. She switched to digital when she joined the CCC in 2000. Her photography interests include infrared, water droplet, still-life, portraits, seascapes, and landscapes. She is active and very generous with her time spent photographing events for other non-

profit organizations through the CCC Event SIG. She is well known in competitions for her clever creative images.

John Whitmore is a long-time member of the Coastal Camera Club and continues to be active in multiple areas of service to the club. As the Webmaster, he keeps our website organized and up to date with accurate information. He serves as the chair of the CCC SIG's, as well as leading the Expanded Vision SIG and co-leading the Night Sky SIG. Droplet photography has long been an interest of John's and he keeps his apparatus set up in his studio, ready to use. On a dark, clear night, you will find John pursuing another of his passions: Night Sky and Milky Way Photography.

Register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsdOispjwvGteCZ1caaETjeklp9rNmBOP>

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### **SOMD SIG Exhibits**

The Southern Maryland Sig would like to thank Beth Fabey for setting up and coordinating 4 photography exhibits for the club this year. The exhibits include:

June-July PAX River Naval Air Museum,

August-Sept-- PAX River Naval Air Museum: military reenactment or military aircraft,  
Southern MD

August-Sept. --Lexington Park Library and

Oct.-Nov.--Leonardtwn Library

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### **Education and Training**

The club is offering three very lucky members money to attend educational training of their choice. It can be on-line training, in person classes or a field workshop.

We will pick the winners during our 2024-2025 Peek Under the Tent on August 14th.

We will draw 3 names during the raffle. One name will be selected for a prize of up to \$500 for one or multiple educational training sessions and two names for one or multiple

educational training sessions up to \$250 for each person. We will request an invoice for proof of attendance or registration.

If interested in the drawing please enter your name by sending an email to [jmtfoto@yahoo.com](mailto:jmtfoto@yahoo.com) **no later than August 13th.** Good luck and Happy Learning!

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## Activities and Information

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### 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.

#### July

Jon Joyce

Laura Legge

Christina Abramowicz

Cynde Pfirrmann

Dottie Teixeira

Ted Pfirrmann

Eric(Rick) Dammeyer

Susan Dammeyer

Marc Toplin

Suzanne Kricker

George Hessler

Stella Vardoulakis

Keith Steck

Clara Licata

Stephen Licata  
Linda Rosenbluth  
Brian Cox  
Kathy Boyd  
Pam Switzer  
Melanie Berlin  
Andy Rubenstein  
Mardi Thompson  
Chris D'Amico  
Claire Ingley

**New Members**

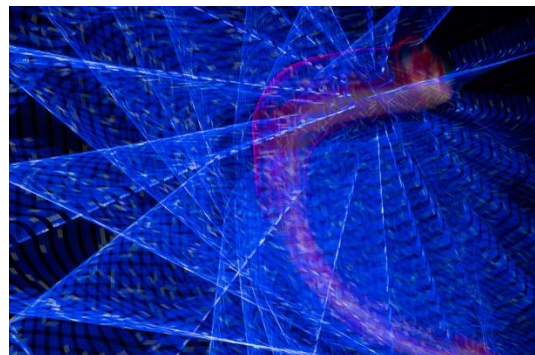
James McCue  
Jeri McCue  
Bill Cheadle  
Blake Kimbrough

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**Landscape SIG July Field Trip *New!***

We will again be shooting the night lights at the Delaware State Fair. I am looking at one of the evenings during the week of July 22nd. The actual date will be determined by weather and availability of those wanting to go. For more information, contact Bill Crnkovich at [bestwestphoto@gmail.com](mailto:bestwestphoto@gmail.com) or 801-949-9665.

Here are a couple of Bill's photos from last year's outing



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**Creating Colorful Abstract Works of Art From a Single Photograph *New!***

with Phil Atiyeh

Explore your artistic side by creating dozens of colorful, abstract images from a single photograph. The presentation will take you step-by-step through the process where a select array of Photoshop tools are used to create a large, colorful master file - or tapestry - where images are ultimately extracted. Several other examples are presented showing variations of the process and the boundless image styles that can be created.

To register:

<https://event.webinarjam.com/register/127/kr939bkg>

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**Free webinar with David duChemin *New!***

July 17 - 2:00pm

To register:

[https://www.photomasters.com/event-details/photo-masters-live-with-david-duchemin?utm\\_campaign=970e3771-3d2d-4a67-9641-de661f63e0ae&utm\\_source=so&utm\\_medium=mail&cid=d9079b37-7939-4cb3-ac56-19622abc0012](https://www.photomasters.com/event-details/photo-masters-live-with-david-duchemin?utm_campaign=970e3771-3d2d-4a67-9641-de661f63e0ae&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=d9079b37-7939-4cb3-ac56-19622abc0012)

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**Event SIG**

The Club's Event SIG thanks the following photographers for volunteering their time and skill to documenting this year's Wings of Hope event held at Milton Memorial Park, Saturday, June 22.

Volunteer PHOTOGRAPHERS:

Anne Rhoads (Lead)

Mark Houlday

Andy Rubenstein  
Ed Goldenberg

More information is available here:

[https://cancersupportdelaware.org/event/2024-wings-of-hope/?instance\\_id=60259](https://cancersupportdelaware.org/event/2024-wings-of-hope/?instance_id=60259)

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### **National Park Photo Contest**

The 14th annual National Park Photo Contest is officially open and we're searching for the best landscape, wildlife and night skies photography from around our national parks. Will you have the winning shot? Submit your entries by August 31 for a chance to win a brand new Tamron camera lens.

For more information, go to:

[https://www.nationalparktrips.com/contests/national-park-photo-contest?utm\\_content=NPT+Internal+Promo&utm\\_medium=organic-social&utm\\_source=NationalParkTrips.com-facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3taUDKPMEFmVOsfr2lgNG-kGDRpl7ZP3gZSKAgCH91r1zKnngr8v-0Dic\\_aem\\_ZmFrZW15MTZieXRlcw](https://www.nationalparktrips.com/contests/national-park-photo-contest?utm_content=NPT+Internal+Promo&utm_medium=organic-social&utm_source=NationalParkTrips.com-facebook&fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR3taUDKPMEFmVOsfr2lgNG-kGDRpl7ZP3gZSKAgCH91r1zKnngr8v-0Dic_aem_ZmFrZW15MTZieXRlcw)

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### **Q&A on Adobe's New Terms of Service**

To read the entire blog, go to <https://mattk.com/blog/>

The problem is that people read this and then actually believe this junk. That Adobe is using their photos for a nefarious purpose, not to mention the cloud stuff. It's just false so I thought I'd write a little Q&A on the topic to help clear up some questions you may have, or didn't even know you had. Enjoy!

#### **Q. Does Adobe own my photos?**

A. No. You own your photos. Any license Adobe requires in it's TOS is there to operate it's services and does not take the place (or come in front of) your ownership rights of your photos. Also, this only applies to photos you have uploaded to the cloud, not photos that have not been uploaded that sit on your local hard drives.

**Q. Why does Adobe require ANY license to our photos?**

A. There are various legal reasons for requiring some type of license for Adobe to store your photos on it's servers. There are also many sharing options built in to Adobe apps and certain permission is needed for them to allow you to use these features.

Here's an example of a Backup service many of you use (Backblaze) and in my opinion, is very similar to what Adobe is doing, just written in a MUCH better way:

You can back up, host, store, and share your own files on Backblaze. The materials you upload to Backblaze are yours and yours alone. You give us permission to use that material solely to do what's necessary to provide our services, including storing, displaying, reproducing, and distributing those materials. We don't sell the files you store with us to third parties, and we don't use them for advertising purposes. We can disclose your files only in the limited circumstances described in our Privacy Notice.

Adobe's terms are similar - just written in a much more confusing way. But when it comes down to it, a certain amount of permission is needed from you for these companies to operate the services they provide.

**Q. Does Adobe use my photos to train it's AI?**

A. Yes and no. Adobe does have an option in your privacy settings that allows them to analyze your "content that is processed or stored on Adobe servers". However, they don't "analyze content processed or stored locally on your device".

That said, there appears to be two categories of content analyzation. The first category is "machine learning" to help improve things like the AI based auto selections, sky replacement, object selection, background replacement, etc... But there is also the "generative AI" features that creates content for us. While your content may be used (if you allow it) for the machine learning part, Adobe states this about the other stuff:

We don't train generative AI on customer content. We are adding this statement to our Terms of Use to reassure people that is a legal obligation on Adobe. Adobe Firefly is only trained on a dataset of licensed content with permission, such as Adobe Stock, and

public domain content where copyright has expired.

**Q. Does Adobe have access to my computer's local files?**

A. No.

**Q. Can I change any of my data and privacy settings?**

A. Yep. Log in to your Adobe account and go to "Data and Privacy Settings" and you'll see what you can turn on and off as well as learn more about what it means.

**Q. Should I turn that off?**

A. It's up to you. For me, I think of it this way. Adobe isn't taking my photos and using them or selling them for their profit. They are using them to make the apps (that I love) better, so that I can make my photos better.

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**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](mailto:nallen8305@msn.com).

**Don James**

Congratulations to Don James and the Coastal Camera Club for being awarded an Honorable Mention for the EOY Monochrome Interclub Competition. We are proud of and thank Don for being recognized along with the CCC!





## PID Monochrome Competition

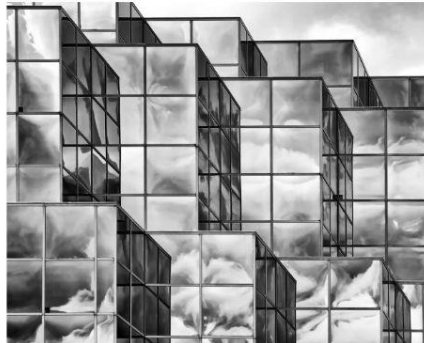
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**"Cloudy Day"**

**Don James**

*Coastal Camera Club*



Nancy Speaker, APSA, PPSA  
PSA Interclub Director

Christine Pence, APSA, QPSA  
PID Monochrome Director

***Honorable Mention***

### **Joanna Macaulay**

This is Joanna Macaulay's 11th year as volunteer photographer for the River Concert Series 5 classical concerts Friday nights June-July at St. Mary's College of MD. Thousands of classical music fans attend to see worldwide and local musicians and dancers.



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**Lorraine Quinn**

Congrats to Lorraine! She was accepted into the Art League of Ocean City's annual Beverly Bassford Juried Show.

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**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](mailto:nallen8305@msn.com).

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*Cheers, Nancy Allen*

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