



Digital Forum Newsletter

Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization



Best of Show - 1st Place Open Special Theme – Weather
Curious Clouds By Diane Werner – Unlimited Vision Camera Club

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CALENDAR - 2022 - 23

Saturday - February 4, 2023

9 AM - 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

This will be a Zoom meeting. Delegates will be notified a few days before the meeting.

Saturday - May 6, 2023

9 AM - 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

11:30 AM
Spring Competition

Photographer Quote

There is only you and your camera. The limitations in your photography are in yourself, for what we see is what we are.

Ernst Haas



*Honorable Mention - Nature Special Theme - Animal
The Good Stuff is Under the Snow By Roger Crill - Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Newsletter

I hope everyone is having a good Fall is coming up fast.

We are always looking for articles and photos to publish in the newsletter. When submitting an article and photos, please attach photos separate from the article. Photos should be sized at 2100 pixels on the longest side. The article can be a Word document or a Pages document. They can be emailed or you can use www.wetransfer.com which ever is easiest.

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www.wicameraclubs.org

Please make sure you look at the website as it is updated on a regular basis with new information for coming events. We hope to keep improving the site, with other new information in the near future.

If your club is on the WACCO website, please let us know of any changes, so we can keep you club's page current.

Our WACCO website won **2nd** place in the PSA Website contest. Congratulations to Phyllis for another outstanding job on the website. The PSA Chapter won **1st** place (Marty Welter). The Menomonee Falls Camera Club (Jeffrey Klug) also won a **2nd** place in the same contest for Medium clubs.

Jeffrey Klug
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WACCO General News

Highlights from the last delegates meeting:

We had our November delegates meeting virtually.

Competition Committee Report - We held our Fall Competition for 2022 the results are starting on page 5.

Program Report - Our March 2023 seminar will be virtual with Jennifer Renwick and David Kingham. See page 13.

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Words from the President

WACCO Members,

As we move back to normalcy in everyday living, we (the WACCO officers and delegates) are seeking feedback from our members to help guide our decisions on which WACCO activities should continue to be held virtually, and which might move back to in-person events. As someone who has signed up for the Digital Forum newsletter, you will be receiving a brief survey regarding WACCO activities. We ask that you take the time to complete the survey and return to waccoprograms@gmail.com. Your responses will help us make decisions that meet the needs of the majority of our members.

That being said, WACCO members need to realize while the organization has several hundred members, only a handful of dedicated individuals are responsible for organizing and managing these events, most notably Jeff Klug and Ken Warning. WACCO cannot even consider offering in-person events such as the Print Competition or an Out of Chicago outing if we don't get additional volunteers to step forward and help in a variety of ways, both prior to and during the event.

Please consider offering your time and talent to one of our committees – Programs, Competition, Exhibits – we will be a stronger, more vibrant organization with your help. We need extra “helping hands” at competitions and activities to keep the event running smoothly and in a timely manner. We need help in researching possible activities or venues, which could be as simple as making phone calls or checking a particular location out for photographic opportunities. Please reach out to me if you are interested in helping or want additional information on our needs. Thank you.

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WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Limit Monochrome Open Projected



*1st Place
Storm Brewing
Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Visions Camera Club*



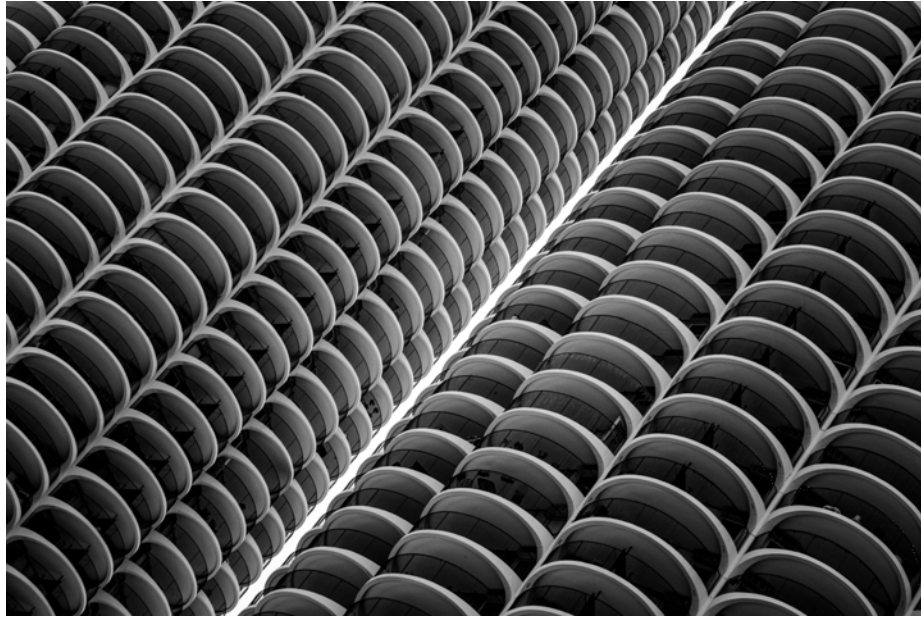
*2nd Place
Very Large Array
Jeff McDonald
East Troy Viewfinders*



*3rd Place
Ready and Waiting
Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Visions Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

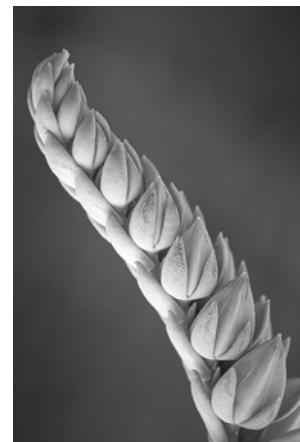
Monochrome Open Projected



*1st Place
Marina Valley
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Ballet Leap
Ken Warning
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Caterpillar
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Monochrome Nature Projected



*1st Place
Grandma's Fern in Black & White
Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Delicate
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Zoo – Monkey Island
Joseph Eicher
Urban Ecology Center Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Limited Color Open Projected



*1st Place
Sunny Side
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Celebration
Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Twins
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Color Open Projected



*1st Place
Great Spangled Fritillary on Thistle
Kurt Huebner
Retzer Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Canal Traffic
Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Fiery Skipper
Jessie Buchholz
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Color Nature Projected



*1st Place
Dueling Butterflies
Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Monterey Bay Aquarium Jellyfish
Roger Crill
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Momma Bear and Cubs
Bonnie Zuidema
Fox Valley Camera Club*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Open Special Theme – Weather



*1st Place
Curious Louds
Diane Werner
Unlimited Visions Camera Club*



*2nd Place
Sunny and Windy Day
Roger Crill
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Manitoba Aurora
Gerald Emmerich, Jr., HonFPSA, GMPSA_G
Image Makers*

WACCO Fall Competition 2022 Award Images

Nature Special Theme – Animal



*1st Place
Squished
Rona Neri
Drumlin Hill Photo Club*



*2nd Place
Polar Bear Love 3
Geri Laehn
Wehr Nature Center Camera Club*



*3rd Place
Swirl
Patrick Lynch
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

March Spring Seminar (Virtual) March 4, 2023 9 AM to 1 PM

For more information and to sign up for this virtual seminar go to:
<https://wacco-2023-seminar.eventbrite.com>

Photographing Abstracts: Making the Ordinary Extraordinary



By Jennifer Renwick

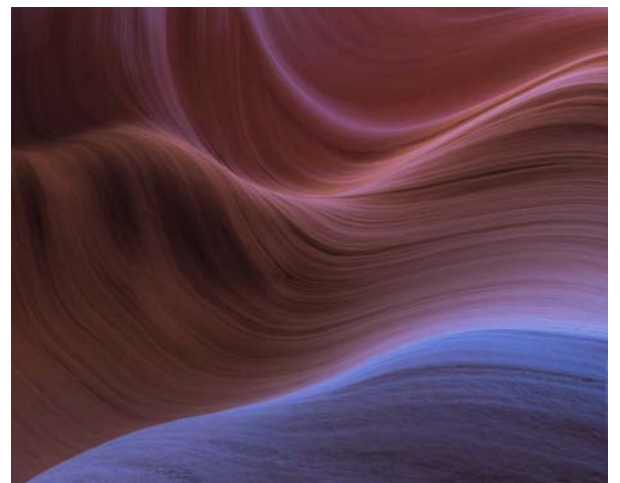
Natural abstracts are exciting, smaller pieces of the landscape that invite curiosity and wonder. Abstracts transcend context and leave the viewer asking, "what is this?" In this presentation, Jennifer will discuss why she enjoys photographing natural abstracts and explain what natural abstracts are. She'll go over how to find and compose them, discuss the technical aspects of capturing them with your camera and lens and share many examples of natural abstracts she has photographed over the years. This presentation will share how to see the ordinary but capture the extraordinary with your lens.

Bio

I am now based in Colorado but travel full-time in a travel trailer with my partner David Kingham teaching photography workshops, exploring and photographing the American West. I extend my photography passion to students by teaching visual storytelling, how to slow down in the field to connect with their subjects from behind their lenses, and how to express themselves through their imagery.

While I enjoy photographing landscapes, my real passion is focusing on the smaller details in those landscapes. Every grand landscape has many stories and nuances that make up the larger landscape, and each of these moments deserves to be shared. I enjoy practicing slow photography, visual storytelling, and expressing my emotions through my imagery. Whether I'm photographing dolphins in the ocean or positioned over a natural abstract in the desert, my goal is the same; I strive to make compelling photos that not only trigger emotions and feelings but, more importantly, help bring awareness to the inspiring but delicate natural world we live in.

<https://www.jenniferrenwick.com>



March Spring Seminar March 4, 2023 9 AM to 1 PM



By David Kingham

Do you struggle with Black and White images that are dull grey and seem to lack depth? For years I struggled to create interesting monochrome images. I went through various plugins including Nik Silver Efex, but the secret didn't lie in a plugin. The magic is in shaping light using burning and dodging techniques. I've come up with a simple yet powerful method that I think you'll enjoy as much as my Rethink Lightroom process.

Bio

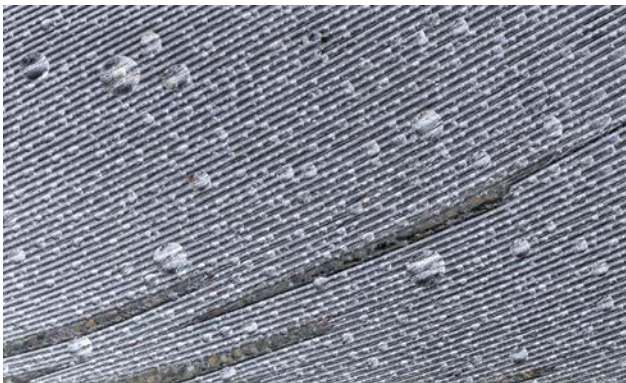
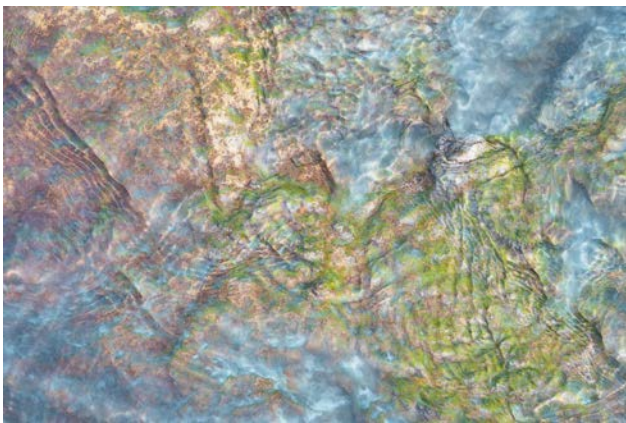
David is a Colorado native and a professional nature photographer who travels full-time with his partner Jennifer Renwick and their two cats in an RV. David believes images should be created with emotion and in turn, leave an impact on the viewer. He loves to share his knowledge with others through workshops and instructional videos. He also revived and runs the Nature Photographers Network because he believes a strong community within the nature photography community is important.

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*Photos By
David Kingham*



*Photos By
Jennifer Renwick*

Speaker Recommendation

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Digital Forum - The Meeting

By Jeffrey Klug



The Digital Forum is an educational type of program, but it will be a virtual program. Being virtual will give us more benefits; we will bring in speakers from different parts of the state. We will be able to have people across the country attend the meetings.

Digital Forum will be a two-hour meeting. The first hour will be general questions from both the Panelist and the members. The second hour will be on one specific topic or special speaker. It is held on the 4th Saturday of the month, and it will be from 10:00 AM till Noon.

I lead the meeting, and the group is broken into a group of Panelist that will help answer the question. They should have good audio, video and INTERNET. The second group is made up of the members, they also have a job of asking questions for the Panelists to answer. We do have a limit currently of 500 people that can attend the Digital Forum, but it will also be streamed on the WACCO You-tube site for those to view either during or after the event.

We will talk about equipment, programs, different techniques, anything that may help you expand your knowledge of photography. It will be a wide variety of topics from drone photography, still, nature, landscape, architectural, and sports Photography. There are many photographers out there with a vast range of knowledge that, hopefully, they will share. It is a great place to help you get answers to questions or problems that you might have in photography. We have a number of panelists that have a lot of knowledge and are willing to share that knowledge.

If you have questions about attending or topic suggestions or any suggestions to help make this an interesting virtual meeting, please send them to me at waccoprogram@gmail.com or give me a call at 262 893-3500.

I hope everyone will find these interesting and educational. I look forward to seeing you on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10 AM.

You need to register in advance for this webinar:

When: 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GyvFCirQIGFzMA9JDLxkw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. You only need to register once, this is a recurring webinar and you will be notified one day and one hour before the webinar.

(The above link can be shared with anyone that might be interested in joining us for this webinar, do not share your personal link once you are registered, just share the above link.)

I have created a page on the WACCO website with links to topics that were discussed in the meeting.

<http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/df-links-from-discussions>

Videos of the meetings are at

<http://www.wicameraclubs.org/digital-forum-1#/dfmeeting>



Fall Color By Jeffrey Klug, HonWACCO

Jeffrey Klug – Photography and Computer Instruction



I can help you create better photographic images, whether you are a beginner or are an advanced photographer. I will tailor your class to fit your needs and will work with you at a time convenient for you. Currently, I am just offering virtual classes through your computer. My classes are usually 1 to 2 hours per session.

The sessions' cost is \$60 for a 1-hour session or \$100 for a 2-hour session.

I am also offering to help set up your computer and get your files organized and backed up. I will show how to get all the photos into one place, on an external hard drive, and suggest different methods of backing up all your image files. Most of this can be done virtually through your computer, or if necessary, I can come to your home to get the computer working. I will work on Apple computers, Window computer I can help to a certain point.

Working on your computer and organize your files, the fee is \$60/hour plus any travel expenses.

If you would like to improve your photographic skills to create better images or have some questions or problems with your current equipment or software and would like to work with me to design and schedule a class, please call at 262 893-3500 or email me at kpw1255@me.com.

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