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Wisconsin Area Camera Clubs Organization



*Best of Show – Color Nature Projected – Great Egret and Babies
Bonnie Zuidema, Fox Valley Camera Club*

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CALENDAR - 2023

Saturday – August 5, 2023

9 AM – 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

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

Saturday – November 4, 2023

9 AM – 11 AM
Delegates Meeting

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

11:30 AM – 2 PM
Fall Competition

Link will be provide in the next newsletter

Photographer Quote

Light makes photography. Embrace light. Admire it. Love it. But above all, know light. Know it for all you are worth, and you will know the key to photography.

George Eastman



*1st Place – Mono Nature Projected – Grandma's Fern in Black & White
By Jane Hirst, Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Newsletter

I hope everyone is having a good winter, spring 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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Website

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.

Jeffrey Klug
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WACCO Delegates Meeting Highlights

We had our May delegates meeting digitally.

Competition Committee Report - The Spring competition is over, see page 5 for the medal winning images.

Program Report - We will have a summer field trip photographing Sunflowers at Shimon Sunflower Farm in Slinger, see page 14 for details.

The Birds of Prey Photo Shoot will be October 21, 2023 at Schlitz Audubon, see page 13 for details.

Art's Cameras Plus

<http://www.artscameras.com>

Please check out Art's Camera Plus for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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Greenfield, WI 53220
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Mike Crivello's Camera

<http://mikecrivellos.com>

Please check out Mike Crivello's for great help in your next purchase of camera equipment.

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Brookfield, WI 53045

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Words from the President

WACCO Members,

In preparing this last letter as president of WACCO, I thought about how instrumental camera clubs and WACCO would become in my journey as a photographer. My father was a talented photographer, and as a young girl, we shared many hours in his darkroom, developing negatives and making prints. As often happens, other things took priority in my life, and I had virtually forgotten about photography. A chance discovery of a 35mm camera led to a Photography 101 course at MATC. The instructor encouraged our class to join a camera club to continue our interest in photography.

Long story short, that was over 25 years ago, but the instructor was right – being a member of a group with the same interest would be important in my continued growth as a photographer. The world of photography has evolved much during this time – film to digital, darkroom to Photoshop to AI, small local club meetings, to worldwide Zoom webinars. The programs, webinars, and demonstrations put on by WACCO and its clubs have been instrumental in giving its members the knowledge and confidence needed to embrace these changes. Who knows what's next?

I know that our camera clubs and WACCO will continue to be an excellent sources of education and inspiration for all things photographic. I am continually awed by our members' talent and appreciate those willing to give their time and talent to keep our local clubs and WACCO active and vibrant.

Many thanks to the current board – Ken Warning, Jeff Klug, Jim Kurvosky, Ramona Lenger, and Elizabeth Whitcomb. They are the backbone of this organization and deserve a big round of applause!

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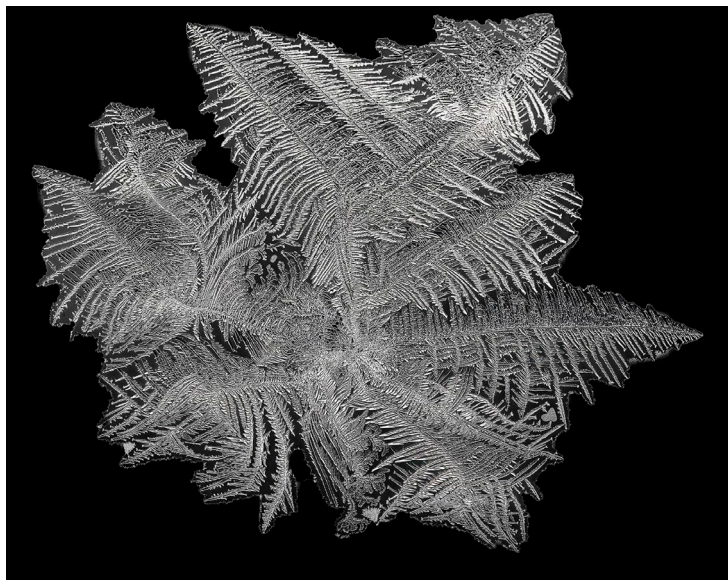
President Emeritus – Elizabeth Whitcomb

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Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Limited Monochrome Open Projected



*1st Place – Frost
Joseph Eichers
Urban Ecology Camera Club*

*2nd Place – Dell School
John Hasse
Retzer Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Concave
Ian Dickmann
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Monochrome Open Projected



*1st Place – Frenchy in B & W
Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*2nd Place – Set a Spell
Jesse Buchholz
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Kababeka Falls
Jeffrey Klug
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Monochrome Nature Projected



*1st Place – Winter Bison on the Move
Gerald Emmerich Jr.
Image Makers*



*2nd Place – Sparrow and Cardinal
Bonnie Zuidema
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Osprey At Lunch
Kenneth Bohlman
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Limited Color Open Projected



*1st Place – Last Roundup
Mary Krajnak
Retzer Camera Club*

*2nd Place – Roseate Spoonbill with
Stick
Ken Warning
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Fall Colors
Stan Zuidema
Fox Valley Camera Club*



Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Color Open Projected



*1st Place – Cana Perspective
Stan Zuidema
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*2nd Place – Hydrangea Frost
Jane Hirst
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Volare
Rona Neri
Drumlin Hills Photo Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Color Nature Projected



*1st Place - Best of Show
Great Egret and Babies
Bonnie Zuidema
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*2nd Place - Coopers Hawk
Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*3rd Place - American Rubyspot
Damselfly
Kurt Huebner
Retzer Camera Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023

Medal Winners

Open Special Theme – PJ/Sports



*1st Place – Jumping The Hurdles
Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Vision Camera Club*



*2nd Place – Tight Race
Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Vision Camera Club*



*3rd Place – Going for 8
Jessie Buchholz
Menomonee Falls Camera Club*

Spring WACCO Competition 2023 Medal Winners

Nature Special Theme Insects, Reptiles & Amphibians



*1st Place - Tree Frog
Gary Jones
Fox Valley Camera Club*



*2nd Place - Orange Sulfur Butterfly
Kurt Huebner
Retzer Camera Club*



*3rd Place - Posing Butterfly
Jim Kurovsky
Unlimited Vision Camera Club*

Announcements

Elections Results

The following slate of Officers for the 2023-25 term:

President – Jim Kurovsky, Unlimited Visions Camera Club
 Vice President – Bonnie Zuidema, Fox Valley Camera Club
 Secretary – Mary Dumont, Unlimited Visions Camera Club
 Treasurer – Ramona Lenger, Wehr Nature Center Camera Club

The Delegates approved the slate of officers for the 2023-25 term, they will start at the August Meeting.

Digital Forum Meeting

Upcoming Speakers for the Digital Forum Meeting

June – Keith Lisk – Great Smoky Mountain Book and How I made it

Emails from WACCO

You will be seeing a new email format for both the newsletter and for Digital Forum meeting. We will no longer be using Mail Chimp, but will be using a service on our website. For the time being the emails will come from waccoprogram@gmail.com, please make sure that you have that email in your address book so that you don't miss any of our emails.

Birds of Prey Photo Shoot

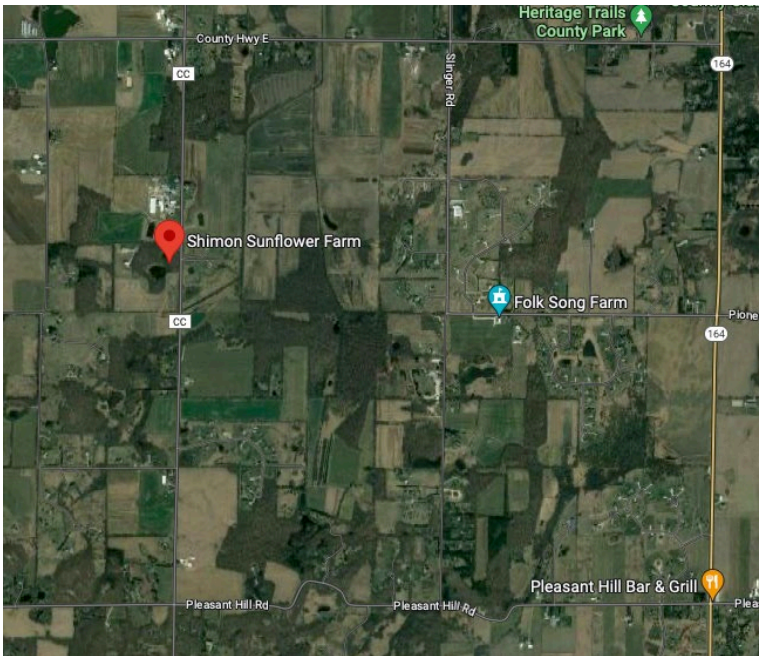
Save the date of Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9 AM till about 11:30 AM at Schlitz Audubon Nature Center. We will be photographing up to 15 raptors. The cost will be \$85/person for early registration and \$110/person for general registration. The maximum number of people will be 40. Registration will begin in August.



Sunflower Photo Shoot

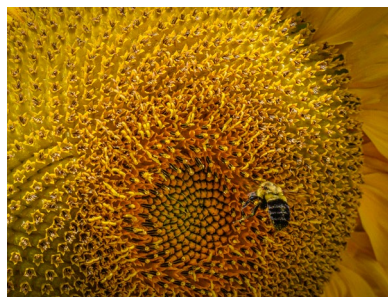
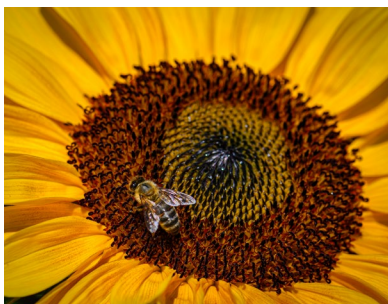
August 11 (Friday) or 12 (Saturday), 2023 8 AM to 10 AM

\$10/person Each Day
Shimon Sunflower Farm
2575 County Road CC
Slinger, WI 53086



A photo shoot of multiple varieties of sunflowers during the early morning hours before the farm opens. We will have the whole field to ourselves to photograph the different sunflowers. We will start at 8 AM to photograph the flowers with the morning glow. We will shoot for 2 hours till they open at 10 AM, we can continue to shoot, but then there will be customers there looking at the fields and picking sunflowers. You would pay the farm an extra fee of \$10 if you wanted to pick some sunflowers.

We have a limit of 30 people per day. See the WACCO website to sign up : <https://www.wicameraclubs.org/programs>



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for our
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JUST \$39

TILL JUNE 4, 2023

THEN \$49

“Virtual” Creative Photography Conference **June 24-25, 2023**

OUR FABULOUSLY CREATIVE SPEAKER LINE-UP:

Mindy Guidry (TN)

“Paint Studio” (Creating your own paintings in PS)

Mark Hilliard (SC)

“Monochrome Magic” & “Post-Processing for B&W”

Carol Anne Bell-Smith (Canada)

“The Art of Impressionist Photography: Creating Mind Blowing Images”

Jeffrey Klug (WI)

“Long Exposure Photography & Processing in LR” &

“Best Camera to Use & Shooting in Nature Parks”

Gene Malymeik (MI)

“Lighting for Auto Photography”

Jeffri Moore (FL)

“Creative Camera Phone Photography”

Todd Nettlehorst

“Adding Pizzazz: Photoshop Not Required” & “Close Up & Personal: Joys of Macro”

Dave Meredith (TN)

“Creative Compositing with Photos & Digital Art”

Hazel Meredith (TN)

“Creative Floral Portraits with Textures” & “Fun Edits with Plug-Ins”

This online Conference comprises 13 hours of seminars and will be recorded so you can watch/re-watch all the sessions for 60 days. Includes Speaker’s Notes, Virtual Goodie Bag & Great Door Prizes!

Check out all the details and Register at:

<https://www.meredithimages.com/creative-photography-conference/>

Questions? Contact: Hazel@MeredithImages.com

Items for Sale



Nikon Z-7II Body

The next generation Z series camera. Defined by its ultra-high resolution 45.7 MP sensor and brilliant dynamic range, the Z 7II delivers the ultimate in image quality matched with intelligent workflow enhancements. Dual processors. Dual card slots. 4K Ultra HD video at 60p. 493-point Hybrid AF system with a variety of Eye Detect AF options in still and video are just some of the indispensable features you'll find in this camera. The Z 7II is the camera of choice when every little detail matters.

Less than a year old
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Sunpak Studio Flash
 with modeling light.
 \$30 or best offer.

4 x 5 Film holders
 16 holders
 \$48 for all of them



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An Introduction to Rural Wisconsin Virtual Camera Club

Rural Wisconsin Virtual Camera Club (RWVCC) was founded in January of 2022 to help serve areas of Wisconsin that do not have a local camera club. Areas such as the northern parts of the state and the southwest part of the state in particular. These areas do not have very large populations, and the small towns are fairly widespread, making it difficult to find fellow photographers and create a viable club. Through the pandemic, many of us have learned how to effectively use Zoom or other similar programs to meet without being face-to-face. Because of this, we learned how to host a camera club meeting very efficiently. Of course, one of the benefits of this is that it took away the need to travel to a meeting location, which, especially in winter, was a great upside. Additionally, being able to view images for contests, critiques, and just general sharing, by using different programs found on a lot of our computers or utilizing web-based programs helped make meetings very productive and seeing the images much better than can be done in person (depending on where the meeting was held) are other positive results for attending on-line meetings.

RWVCC has started slowly and, as of this writing, has about a dozen members on our list with a lot of potential for further growth. While many awesome established clubs are already in Wisconsin, RWVCC seeks to fill a void by offering a unique club to serve areas where no clubs exist. To that end, we are not looking for those who already belong to a local club, but we are looking to find those photographers throughout the state interested in joining a club but don't have one nearby. A good example of this would be one of our members who lives in northern Wisconsin, over an hour away from Superior, which is a long way to drive for a meeting. She was so happy to find RWVCC and has been an eager contributor during meetings and helping spread the word.

So, what is a typical meeting like? First off, meetings are all held via Zoom on the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, much like most other clubs in the state. Meetings start at 6:30 pm and last about 2 hours. The first hour is devoted to photography-related "education" with a different monthly topic. Topics could be software, equipment, techniques, or a general question-and-answer period. For those of you who are familiar with the WACCO Digital Forum, our first hour is similar to what happens during the first hour of those meetings. Our second hour is simply an image review where members submit up to 5 images for review and discussion by the members. It could be an image or images you are working on and want feedback on how to improve them or some images you want to show off. Some months, we may have a theme for images which helps promote getting out to shoot new images to match a theme. As of now, we are not looking to host contests in this club. There are plenty of avenues for entering contests if that is what you would like; our goal is more about education.

As photography interests are quite varied, we welcome all levels of photographers, from those just using a smartphone and their very capable cameras up to professionals and everyone in between. No matter your experience level, there is always room to learn more and share your passion for this art form. If you are interested in finding out more about us, visit us at:

<https://www.rwvcc.com>.

If you have additional questions or need more information, please email us through the contact form on the website, and we will get back to you. There is no better way to share your passion for photography than to be involved in a camera club where you can interact with others who share that passion, a place where we can all contribute, share and grow.

Digital Forum - The Meeting

By Jeffrey Klug



The Digital Forum meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at 10 am Central Time on Zoom. The first hour of the meeting is dedicated to a question and answer session, where members of the group can ask questions, share their knowledge, and learn from each other. The second hour features a special topic or a guest speaker, who is a talented photographer with a wealth of knowledge and experience to share with the group. The guest speaker will speak about their journey as a photographer and offer insights and tips for other photographers in the group. The meeting is a great opportunity for photographers of all levels to connect, learn, and share their passion for photography.

If you have questions about attending, or topic suggestions, speakers or any suggestions to help make this an interesting digital 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#/digital-forum-videos>



High Waves at the Lighthouse 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 digital 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 digitally 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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