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MAY 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETINGMay 11, 2015

BOARD MEETINGMay 14, 2015

PROGRAMS

- MayRichard Ellis
- JulyTBD
- SeptemberMark Buckler

COMPETITIONS

- Golf.....June 8, 2015
- Close Up CREATIVE ...August 10, 2015
- Farm Animals.....October 12, 2015
- Christmas.....December 14, 2015

EXHIBITIONS

- April 13-June 5Leath Memorial Library
- Ongoing:The Pierce Gallery
- Ongoing:Quail Haven Village
- Fall:SCC Exhibition

WORKSHOPS

- May 9 "How to Enter Competitions, Rename Photos, using Smugmug and Info About Printer Profiles, Calibrating Monitors & Projectors"
- June 20Photoshop 101
- September 19Therapeutic Photography for Therapy

FALL FIELD TRIP

- October 18 - 21.....Staunton, Va

PRESIDENTS NOTES, *Dave Powers*



DAVE POWERS

By the time you read this, a large contingent of our club members will have returned from the Spring Field Trip to the Crystal Coast of North Carolina. With the base of operations in Beaufort, NC, I am sure that there were some award winning images captured.

Bill Bower and **Tom Fagan** have turned in another spectacular effort of selecting a location and then coordinating the trip. This was one of, if not the largest group, that I can recall for a field trip.

Speaking of Bill and Tom, I am pleased to announce that they have stepped up and offered to lead our Fall Trip to the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. This is a beautiful area and I highly recommend that you make plans to go with us. For our newer members, I believe that this is the best way to get to know other club members. I had been a member of the club for over a year when I joined a trip to Williamsburg, VA and the informal setting was a huge icebreaker. Getting to know the members of this club has proven to be one of the best decisions I have ever made. I still look forward to these trips because each one has increased my circle of friends. Please review the details for the trip in this newsletter and make your plans to join us. Thanks again Bill and Tom.

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Presidents Notes, continued:

Our club continues to do things in a "BIG" way. Our "FLOWERS" competition was a huge success, both in number of entries and the excellent quality of the images that you submitted. The creative talents of our club members never cease to amaze me. Keep up the good work and be on the lookout for "GOLF" photos.

Some other "BIG" things that your board as approved are the development of a FACEBOOK page for the club, planned day trips to nearby areas, as well as a challenge to find and photograph public art in Moore County. It is exciting to be a member of the Sandhills Photography Club and I know you will agree when you get more details of these opportunities.

Just a word about our FACEBOOK GROUP page..... **Alison Earl**, our award winning and fantastic newsletter editor, has graciously volunteered to develop and coordinate our group page. Social media intimidates some of us, especially me, but it offers so many ways to highlight our work, our events, and our photography to a much larger audience. In this newsletter, you will find information about how to post your photos (on page 14).

Thanks to every member who has volunteered their time to make this such a great club. I am honored to be a part of this club and believe our future is exciting.

In closing, I would like to make you aware of a new and free digital photography magazine. I received an email from Tyson Smith of Townsend, TN., about a magazine called the **Smoky Mountain Journal of Photography**. Kevin Adams, a friend of our club is an advisor and the first issue is 53 pages and has some amazing photography as well as informative articles about photography. After downloading the first issue, I was so impressed that I want to share the website with our members. Please go to www.smjop.com and download the first issue. I think you will be very pleased.

See you May 11 at our next meeting. Richard Ellis, a photographer from Charleston, SC, will be presenting. He was highly recommended as a speaker. With three Pulitzer nominations, he comes with great credentials.

KEEP SHOOTING.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS, *Judy Nappi:*

This month members and guests were treated to some fantastic pictures entered in the Flower Competition. Membership totals 97 as of April including 60 individual memberships, 5 honorary and 32 family memberships. We added 2 new members **Susan and Tom Batts** from Aberdeen. Please say hi to them at our next meeting and make them feel welcome!

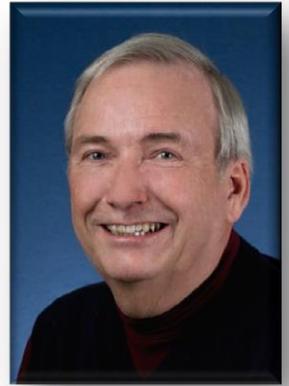


JUDY NAPPI

PROGRAMS, *Tom Fagan*

MAY SPEAKER, RICHARD ELLIS:

Richard Ellis is a three-time Pulitzer Prize nominated photographer and founder of the first digital online news photo agency that became Getty Images News photos in 1999. After freelancing out of college including a year covering Washington with United Press International; Richard joined Reuters as a staff photographer in Hong Kong in early 1985 covering major stories around Asia including the People's Power Revolution, Coups in Thailand and the Philippines, riots in Korea and Queen Elizabeth's historic visit to China.



TOM FAGAN

In 1987 Richard was posted to New Delhi as the first Reuters Chief Photographer for South Asia where he covered the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, civil war in Sri Lanka, uprisings in Nepal, The Punjab, Pakistan, Bangladesh and a variety of conflicts around the region.

As part of the Reuters team covering the Tiananmen Square massacre he was nominated for his first Pulitzer. In the aftermath of Tiananmen he was posted with his family to Beijing where he spent two years covering the crackdown and response to the protests. During his time in China he was the first photographer to transmit a news photograph from Mongolia as democracy protests spread throughout the Soviet Bloc.

Away from Asia Richard spent 4-months covering the First Gulf War outside the restricted coverage pools running around the desert in a four-wheel drive capturing uncensored news. In part because of this coverage he was nominated a second time for the Pulitzer as part of the Reuters coverage of the war.

Following Beijing he was posted to London to create a news coverage operation for the UK and Ireland where he continued covering major events while organizing the first domestic photo operation for Reuters. As events in the former Soviet Union continued to unfold Richard was sent on his last posting to Moscow where he covered the collapse of the Soviet Union and the many wars and conflicts spurred by the turmoil. When the communist government in Afghanistan fell to the Mujahedin Richard was there and his series of pictures of an Afghan Secret Policemen being executed by the Mujahedin resulted in his third and only solo Pulitzer nomination.

After leaving Reuters in 1994 Richard worked for US News & World Report as a contract photographer in Moscow then returned to Washington where he covered the Presidency of Bill Clinton as the Sygma News Photographer. Richard also worked as the NBC TV still photographer covering the live television show Meet the Press. During his time in Washington Richard created the first online digital news photo agency called Newsmakers. Newsmakers grew quickly and was acquired by Getty Images in 1999 to become the foundation of their editorial operations which Richard ran until late 2001 when he went on to become the Senior Vice President for Business Development and Strategy a role he held until 2007.

WORKSHOPS, *Linda Piechota:***Saturday, May 9 - "How to Enter Competitions, Rename Photos, using Smugmug and info about Printer Profiles, Calibrating Monitors & Projectors".**

Sandhills Horticulture Welcome Center, 9am-12 noon
Instructors: **Neva Scheve, Donna Ford, Bill Matthews**

Don't miss this workshop! Lots of good information can be gleaned from this workshop that will helpful to most members.



LINDA PIECHOTA

Saturday, June 20, Photoshop 101, Taught by Marilyn Owen,

SCC Horticulture Welcome Center, 9am - 12noon

This workshop is geared to those who are thinking about getting Photoshop or are new to Photoshop. Marilyn will demonstrate basic Photoshop, starting with opening a file. Participants need to bring their laptops with Photoshop installed. If you don't have Photoshop, download a free trial from www.adobe.com under downloads.

A signup sheet will at the next Club Meeting.

September 19: Therapeutic Photography for Therapy, Taught by Matt Smith

SCC Horticulture Welcome Center, 9am - 12noon. More details to come in later newsletters.

TREASURER'S REPORT - *Joanne Lentz*

FINANCIAL REPORT as of March 31, 2015

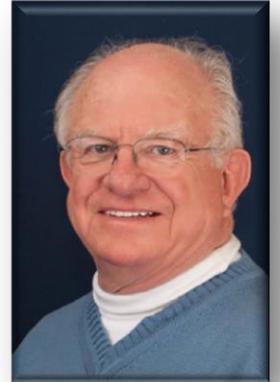
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EXPENSES	\$ 475.00
RECEIPTS	\$ 0.04
ENDING CHECKING BALANCE (MARCH 31, 2015)	\$ 4,742.31
<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u>	
STARTING BALANCE (FEBRUARY 28, 2015)	\$ 4,883.57
INTEREST	\$ 0.12
ENDING SAVINGS BALANCE (MARCH 31, 2015)	\$ 4,883.69
TOTAL FUNDS (MARCH 31, 2015)	\$ 9,626.00



JOANNE LENTZ

COMPETITIONS, *SCOTT DUVALL, CHAIRPERSON*

With his 1st Place win in the “Flowers” competition, **Bill Bower** has accumulated 15 points and has graduated to Class A. Congratulations, Bill.

**SCOTT DUVALL**

Here are the winners for the “Flowers” competition held April 13, 2015.

Class B

- 1st Place—Magnolia Blossom—Bill Bower
- 2nd Place—Day Lilly—Lana Rebert
- 3rd Place—Hawaii—Bill Stagg
- HM—Happy, Happy Hibiscus—Pat Anderson
- HM—Water Lily—Jennifer German
- HM—Pretty Pink Posies—Joanne Lentz
- HM—Lily Pad—Cathy Locklear
- HM—Am I Blue—Judy Nappi
- HM—Tulip—Tobe’ Saskor

Class A

- 1st Place—Inside Surprise—Marti Derleth
- 2nd Place—Natural Curls—Debra Regula
- 3rd Place—Nature Finds a Way—Matt Smith
- HM—Orchid—Chris Christiansen
- HM—Pin Cushion Protea—Jim Davis
- HM—Iris—Donna Ford
- HM—After the Bloom—Debra Regula
- HM—Nature’s Beauty—Tom Reedy



On June 8, 2015, the next competition will be on “**Golf**”. Take a photograph that captures and illustrates the game or feeling of golf. Your photograph can include people, players, equipment, courses or combinations of any or all four.

SmugMug for the “Golf” competition opens for entries May 17 at 6 PM and closes on May 24th at 6:00 PM.

APRIL FLOWER COMPETITION WINNERS:

CLASS A WINNERS



L-R: Marti Derleth, Chris Christiansen, Debbie Regula, Donna Ford, Jim Davis (Not pictured: Matt Smith, Tom Reedy)



Denise Baker, Judge

CLASS B WINNERS



L-R: Judy Nappi, Tobe Saskor, Jennifer German, Jo Ann Lentz, Pat Anderson, Cathy Locklear, Bill Stagg, Lana Rebert, Bill Bower

Class A Winners
Flower Competition
April 2015



1st - Marti Derleth- Inside Surprise



2nd - Debra Regula - Natural Curls



3rd - Matt Smith - Nature Finds a Way



HM - Chris Christiansen - Orchid



HM - Jim Davis - Pin Cushion Protea



HM - Tom Reedy - Nature's Beauty



HM - Donna Ford - Iris



HM - Debra Regula - After the Bloom

Class B Winners
Flower Competition
April 2015



1st - Bill Bower - Magnolia Blossom



2nd - Lana Rebert - Day Lily



3rd - Bill Stagg - Hawaii



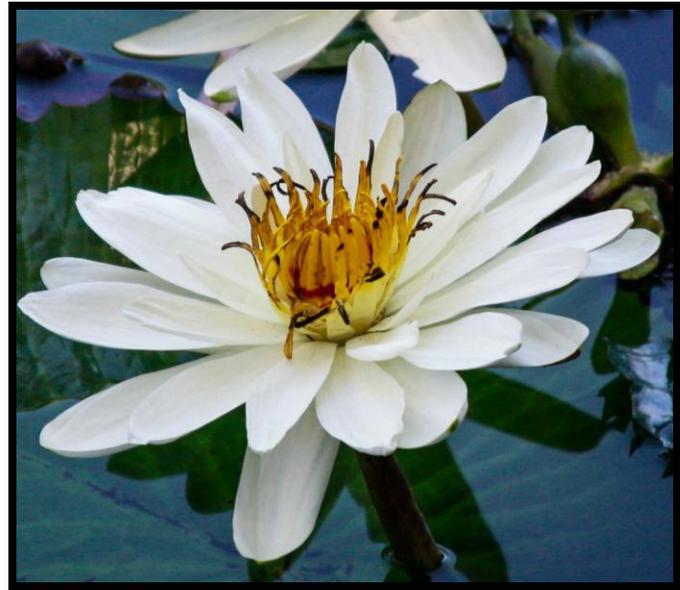
HM-Tobe' Saskor - Tulip



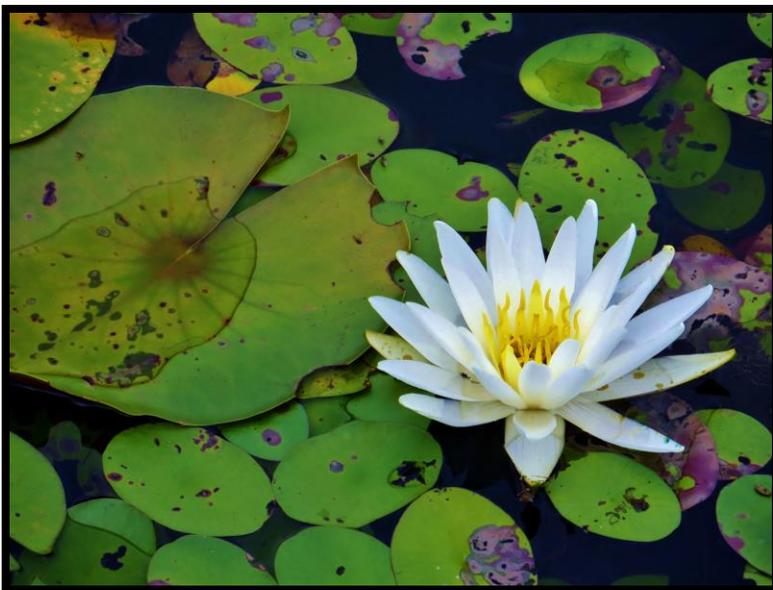
HM-Judy Nappi - Am I Blue?



HM-Pat Anderson - Happy, Happy, Hibiscus



HM-Jennifer German - Water Lily



HM-Cathy Locklear - Lily Pad



HM-Joanne Lentz - Pretty Pink Posies

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *by Bill Sheppard***CANDY COATED PEANUTS**

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup water
- 2 cups peanuts

Heat sugar and water on medium heat until sugar is dissolved

If nuts do not have red color on it, stir red food coloring {about 3 drops} into sugar mixture before adding nuts.

Stir until moisture is gone and sugar has coated.

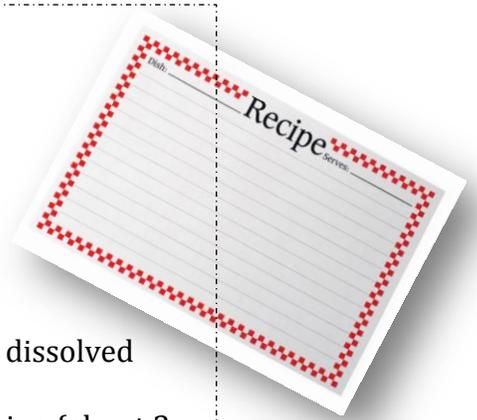
Heat oven 300 degrees

Pour nuts on baking sheet

Heat 30 minutes, stirring with fork 3 times

Remove and cool.

Will last several weeks

**HINTS, by Bill Sheppard**

Moore County is full of historic places, houses, old farms, civil war battle sites, and places of interest. You need to get out on the back roads and talk to the older people that have lived here for a longtime. They can tell you about sites and places and things that went on many long years ago. For instance, Aberdeen Lake used to be named Pages Pond and had a grist mill on it at the spillway. They used to race motor boats, until some lost control and hit the dam (the dam was wooden) and knocked it out and drained the lake. The Corps of Engineers rebuilt the dam and made it out of dirt instead of cement.

I had a phone call last week from an 81 year old man from Vass that retired here from upstate New York. He is a professional photographer with seven books, one of them being "1,000 things you want to know about Moore County"! The book can be found at The Country Bookstore in Southern Pines. He has a trailer load of photo equipment for sale.....some are Canon, lighting equipment, tripods, and other photo equipment. I have invited him to attend our meeting.

Keep up the good work the flower competition was beautiful. Are you ready for our upcoming competitions? Do you know what they are????



Bill Sheppard

IN GOD WE TRUST.....GOD BLESS THE U.S.A.

Bill

FALL 2015 FIELD TRIP, Tom Fagan and Bill Bower

Staunton, Va – October 18 – 21

Mark Your Calendar – Make Your Reservation

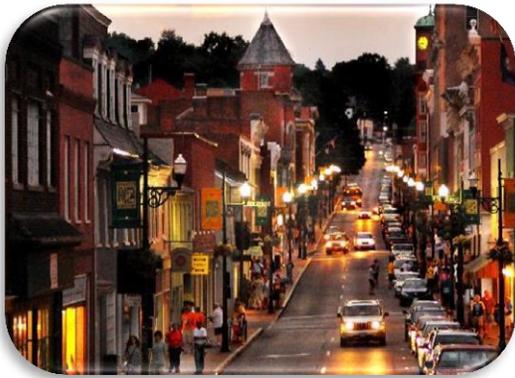
We are in the process of planning for our fall outing. With the board's unanimous approval, we have selected Staunton, VA, which is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley and is bordered on the west by the Allegheny Mountains and on the east by the Blue Ridge Mountains. The dates are Sunday, October 18th to Wednesday, October 21st, which the pundits predict to be the height of the leaf peeping season and the reason we wanted to get a room block early.

Staunton is the birthplace of Woodrow Wilson and houses the only presidential library in Virginia, home to the Statler brothers and just down the road is Charlottesville, where we will be able to visit Monticello and the University of Virginia campus.

We have chosen the Quality Inn in Staunton, 1-540-887-0200, and negotiated a nightly rate of \$79.20 + tax. When making your reservations, please advise the staff that you're with Sandhills Photography Club, **group #2125229**. If you are interested, please make your reservations early and advise either Bill Bower, wmabower@nc.rr.com, or Tom Fagan, tfagan@523.com that you have taken a room from the block. We have a hold on 20 rooms, 9 kings and 11 with two queens and it's "first come, first served" (you can always cancel if your plans change).

Tom and Bill

FYI: WWW.VISITSTAUNTON.COM



ALAMANCE PHOTO CLUB EXHIBIT

On Friday, April 10th **Marti Derleth, Janice Huff, Diane McCall** and **Susan Capstick** made a trip up to Burlington to the opening night of the Alamance Photo Club Exhibitwhich is a Photo Club started by our OWN previous members, **Len and Carole Barnard!!!!**

Two pictures of Carol and Len Barnard standing by their photos exhibited at "Two for Tea" restaurant, where the exhibit runs from April 10th until May 14, 2015.

A NOTE FROM LEN:

After moving to Twin Lakes Community located in Burlington, NC, we missed our Sandhills Photography Club. Three months later we had the first meeting of what became the Alamance Photography Club. From that start in January of 2012 we have grown to a current membership of 39.

During the past three years we have had four exhibits in different venues. The one thing that we are most proud of is that our members have sold some images at each exhibit. Our location of choice for exhibits is small restaurant (*Two for Tea*) that resembles tea room that appeals to women. We actually rent the restaurant for the night of our exhibit and the exhibit will be hanging for 4-5 weeks depending upon scheduling of other exhibits that are planned.

I was President for three years and now we have a new President. Carole is Secretary and Membership Chair while I fill the role of Exhibit Chair and act as co-chair whenever a committee that needs some assistance. Our club is a warm and friendly group and we continue to grow.

My past experience in the Sandhills Photography Club helped me tremendously in getting this club where it is today. Thank you, the members of SPC!!!!



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ENTERS THE FACEBOOK WORLD!

As you've read in Dave Powers "Presidents Notes" we now have a Facebook **GROUP**. A small team decided between a PAGE and a GROUP and quickly realized the PAGE gives us more flexibility for multiple inputs that are easily visible to all.

Our page is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/390322294506327/>



To see our group, you must be a member of Facebook. I know many members of our group are already Facebook members, and others may believe Facebook has no use for them. From personal experience, I know I was part of the 2nd group for a long time. My daughter pushed me to join, and finally a high school reunion suggestion that we all become members, pushed me into that world. I am SO HAPPY I made the move. I have become Facebook 'friends' with people I went to Elementary School with.....and haven't seen since GRADUATION! I am part of my grandchildren's lives, along with other family members and both new and old friends. I've seen pictures of them that I NEVER would have seen without Facebook. But it is obviously a decision you must individually make. If you decide to make the plunge, here are some links that may help you:

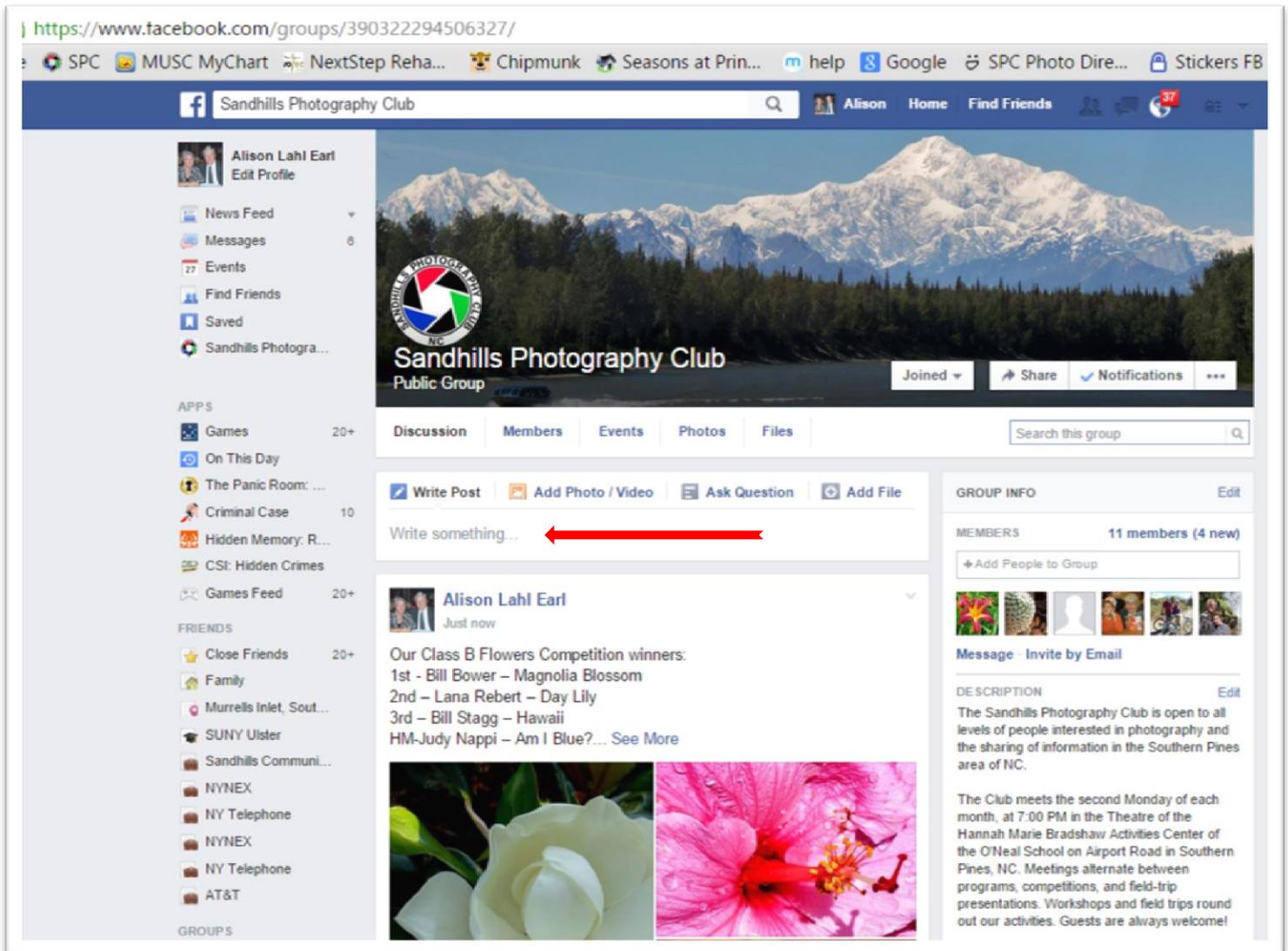
<http://www.wikihow.com/Use-Facebook>

<http://www.gcflearnfree.org/facebook101> (lots of videos)

I have posted the winning images from our Flower Competition, and will soon post information about the upcoming May meeting. ANYONE member of the group may post, and all members can accept new members into the group.

Facebook info continued →

Here is a partial screen shot of our page (remember, this shows my name and information along the top and left side, yours will show your information).....sorry for the blurry snip tool copy ☺:



To add a POST (information) or IMAGE:

- Click in the center box where it says WRITE SOMETHING.....and type! When you are finished, click POST.....and you have created your first post! ☺
- You may add images by clicking on the ADD PHOTO/VIDEO in the same box as above, and add an individual image or multiples. Again, click POST when you are finished.
- My suggestion (since this is a multi-user page) is to ALWAYS add text to your images so we know information about the image....where taken, when, etc. IF you know the camera settings you used (particularly for unique shots) that is a great learning tool for others and adding would be beneficial to all.

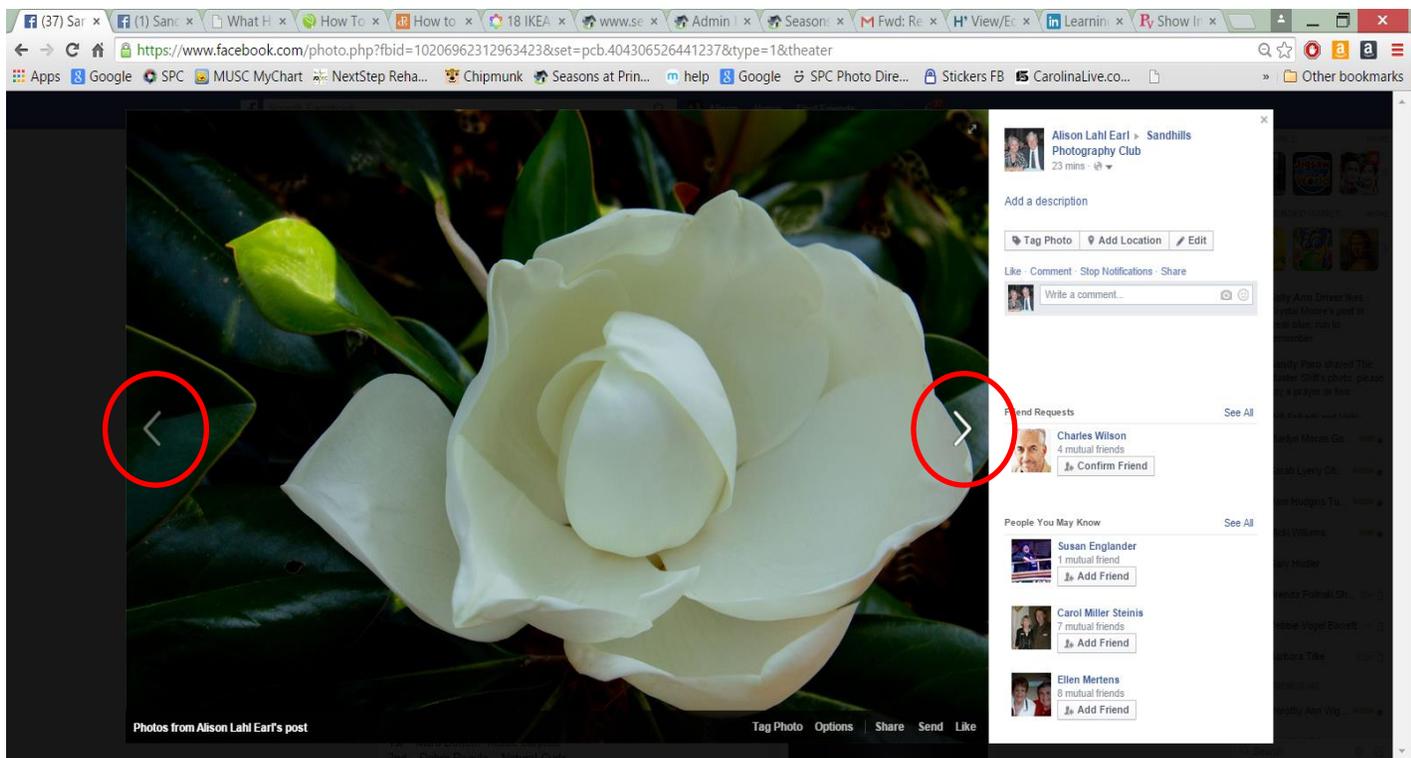
People LOVE seeing “LIKES” on their images or posts, so feel free to join in and show what you like. Adding appropriate comments is always welcome. Some of the photography groups I belong to will post a image and in their comments say “CC welcome”.....meaning CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM/CRITIQUE. Facebook is not the place for mean or inappropriate comments.



Like - Comment - Share

On ANY Facebook page where there are multiple images posted, to see ALL the images in that post, double click on an image.

This will bring up the screen below. As you move your mouse onto the screen image, you will see arrows appear (and disappear if you move your mouse OFF the image). You can now read any information added about the image (where our example says "add description"), you could click on LIKE or ADD COMMENT, or just continue looking at the images by clicking the RIGHT arrow. It will continue to circle through the images, and you can click the left arrow to return to a previous image.



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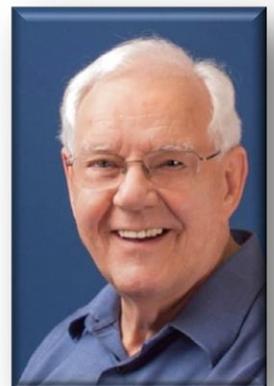


A Note From Al Reeder:

Here is the updated link to the **2015 Members** book. Please click on the link below and then click on the SPC logo and then use your arrow keys.

Enjoy, Al

Click Here → [SPC Members Photo Book](#)



AL REEDER

2015 SPC BOARD

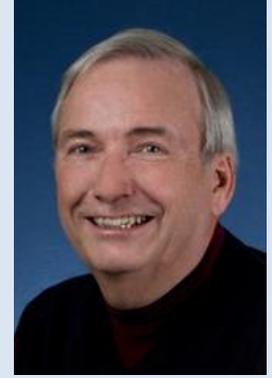
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