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JULY 2015

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING July 13, 2015

BOARD MEETING July 16, 2015

PROGRAMS

- July Chris Ogden
- September Mark Buckler

COMPETITIONS

- Close Up CREATIVE August 10, 2015
- Farm Animals October 12, 2015
- Christmas December 14, 2015

EXHIBITIONS

- Ongoing: The Pierce Gallery
- Ongoing: Quail Haven Village
- Fall: SCC Exhibition

WORKSHOPS

- September 19 Therapeutic Photography for Therapy

FALL FIELD TRIP

- October 18 - 21 Staunton, Va

DAY TRIPS

- July 15 NC Museum of Art

PRESIDENTS NOTES, Dave Powers



DAVE POWERS

We have reached the midpoint of 2015 and the activities of your Sandhills Photography Club have continued at our **normally hectic** pace. During the first six months, we have had three informative programs and three great competitions that presented the judges some great images.

We have also had four outstanding workshops, which gave us in depth information on Basic Photography, Smug Mug, Facebook, as well as great tutorials on using Lightroom and Photoshop. The club directory has been updated to include our newer members and our website and newsletter just keep getting better. I never cease to be amazed at the talent and the commitment that our members bring to our club.

Our club has hit the road twice in 2015 to expand our portfolios. First, a trip to the Crystal Coast of North Carolina and then a day trip to our neighboring town of Hamlet, North Carolina. What a good way to meet our fellow club members while at the same time improving our photographic skills.

We also took a giant leap into the world of social media by developing a Facebook group page. This offers us another way to share our photos and increase the recognition of the Sandhills Photography Club. Thanks to all of you who have helped by posting images and information about our club.

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Presidents Notes, continued:

Our current project is to provide Moore County with photos of our home county. The Information Technology Department is upgrading the county website and has asked us to provide them with images that will show Moore County as a beautiful place to live. During the first ten days, over 100 photos have already been downloaded. In my conversations with Chris Butts, the Director of Information Technology for the county, I promised him that he would be amazed at the quality and quantity of images he would receive. We have until the end of August to submit our images. John German, our webmaster, has inserted a link on the website to upload photos. Look at those already downloaded and add yours to the collection. The club and the photographer of the chosen images will be given credit and this is a great opportunity to "exhibit" our work.

In closing, I cannot say thank you enough to all those who work so hard to make our club the terrific organization we know it to be. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your President.

PROGRAMS, *Tom Fagan*

JULY Program: Waking Dreams: ICELAND by Chris Ogden <cameraclubs@chrisogden.com>

We are excited to announce that local pro photographer, **Chris Ogden**, will share about one of his favorite places in the world to lead photo safaris: Iceland. He has travelled extensively from Antarctica to the Arctic (including Spitsbergen, Greenland, and Iceland). Chris says, "there are so many amazing places to see in our world, that I rarely return to the same place twice, let alone many times. Iceland is one of those rare exceptions that keeps calling me back, and back again."

"Iceland" is a misnomer; it should have been named "Greenland." It is a verdant place, the "greens" are fed by tons of water spewing forth from the sky, misty waterfalls, and from huge steam clouds and geysers erupting from the earth's core. But Iceland is also a land of potent contrasts. Parts are intensely barren: one can become enveloped in dark dust storms on unearthly volcanic fields where geologically "new" lava awaits to shred tires of the unwary. You may marvel as greens, purples, and even pinks fill the night skies with Northern lights. One can travel days without seeing another soul or one may step back in time to explore sod houses built into mountain sides or visit "historic" country churches still in use today. In the same day you may stand behind a huge waterfall; strap on crampons to traverse vast snowfields atop Europe's largest glacier; experience huge icebergs as they migrate from the land into the ocean and then back again onto black sand beaches; feel the earth roar with geysers, fumaroles, and boiling mud pits, and watch up close the antics of the almost ten million puffins! Oh, and don't forget that the "golden hour" stretches to 6 to 8 golden hours in the summer, when the sun dips below the horizon at 1 AM and pops back up before 3 AM. If this all sounds like a tourist brochure, rest assured that it's the real deal - come see for yourself as Chris Ogden turns these words into stunning images!

Chris Ogden is a full-time professional photographic artist, educator, and workshop leader specializing in fine art, landscape, and commercial photography (<http://IcelandRevealed.com>). Based in Durham, North Carolina, USA, his photography takes him (and his students) around the world, seeking special moments, in special light.



TOM FAGAN



COMPETITIONS, *Scott Duvall, Chairperson*

Based on her winning two awards at the June "Golf" competition, **Barbara Gault** has accumulated enough points to be promoted from Class "B" to Class "A". Congratulations, Barbara!!!!

At the June 8th "Golf" competition, in Class A there were 28 photos entered by 15 members. In Class B, 15 members entered 29 photos. The winning entries were:

Class A

1st Donna Ford—Sand Shot

2nd Tom Reedy—A family Affair

3rd John German—A Caddy's Life

HM Gisela Danielson—In Our Lifetime

HM John German—Waiting For Dad At The Open

HM Tom Reedy—Following Phil

Class B

1st Barbara Gault--Wente

2nd Cathy Locklear—Lining Up The Putt

3rd Susan Capstick—After Eighteen

HM Steve Hoadley—Playing The Beach

HM Barbara Gault—Lakewood

HM Chuck Kersey—Four Putters



SCOTT DUVALL

On August 10, 2015, we will have a competition on the topic of "Close Up". This is a *CREATIVE* digital competition with no time limit as to when the images were taken. You can take up to two of your favorite close up or macro images and give them a new artistic look. Choice of subject is unlimited as long as the photograph gives the feeling of being as close as possible to the object/objects in the picture. The original photograph (the image you started with) must be an image taken by you, and be a close up or give the impression of being a close up. It can also be a macro image. Send the original image to the Competition Committee, and drop the creative image into SmugMug. There are no restrictions on altering the image. Only the CREATIVE entry will be judged. Both photographs **MUST HAVE THE SAME TITLE**. The deadline for entries is 6 PM on July 26th. Please note!!! **YOUR FINISHED CREATIVE ENTRY MUST BE DRAGGED AND DROPPED INTO SMUGMUG, BUT YOUR ORIGINAL PHOTO MUST BE EMAILED TO:** Competitions@sandhillphotoclub.org.

Please send us an email listing your entry's title with your name and indicate if you would be willing to share how you arrived at your final creative image. Remember, **BOTH PHOTOS, ORIGINAL AND CREATIVE, MUST HAVE THE SAME TITLE**. Please indicate which of your entries is the one you want used first (as shown below) in case we need to limit members to one image.

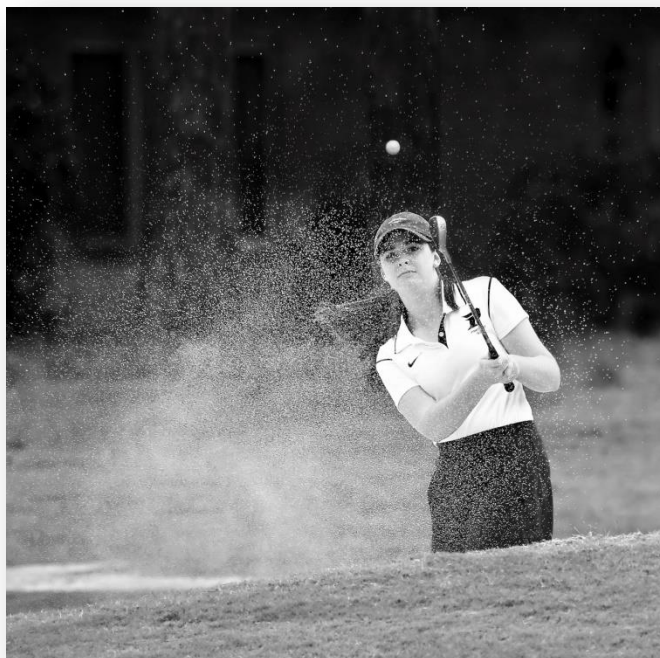
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CRE_B2_Smith_John_Orig_Roses Are Red and CRE_B2_Smith_John_Cre_Roses Are Red

SmugMug will open for entries on July 12th and close on July 26th at 6 PM. As always, please get you entries in as early as possible to leave time for corrections if something is wrong.

The judge for the August Close Up" competition will be Phyllis Burchett of Atlanta. She is a noted photographer whose work can be seen at <http://phyllisburchettphoto.net> She will judge the entries in Atlanta prior to the competition.

Class A
June 2015
Golf
Competition
Winners



1st Place - Donna Ford, *Sandshot*



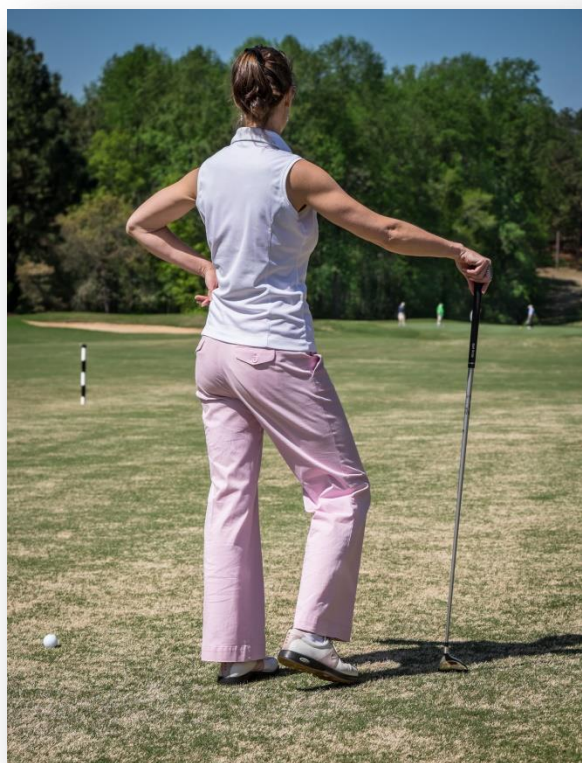
2nd Place - Tom Reedy, *A Family Affair*



3rd Place - John German, *A Caddy's Life*



HM - John German, Waiting for Dad at the Open



*HM - Gisela Danielson,
In Our Lifetime!!*



HM - Tom Reedy, Following Phil



1st Place - Barbara Gault, Wente

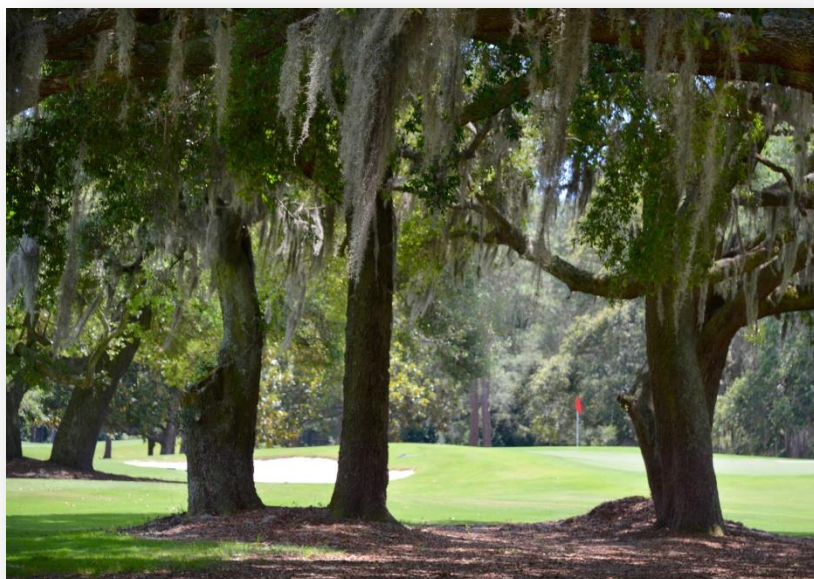


2nd Place - Cathy Locklear,
Lining Up The Putt

Class B
June 2015
Golf
Competition
Winners



3rd Place - Susan Capstick, After Eighteen



HM - Barbara Gualt, *Lakewood*



HM - Steve Hoadley, *Playing at the Beach*



HM - Chuck Kersey, *Four Putters*

MEMBERSHIP NEWS, *Judy Nappi*:

A total of 54 members and 1 guest attended the June meeting and were treated to a wide variety of golf photographs...Who would have thought that there were so many ways to view golf!

Membership totals are 62 individual memberships, 32 family memberships and 5 honorary memberships.

Natalia McElroy attended the May meeting as a guest and attended the Photoshop workshop on Saturday where she became our newest member. Please make Natalia welcome at our next meeting.

**JUDY NAPPI****FOR NON-FACEBOOK USERS**

If you don't have a Facebook account you may still access the club's Facebook Group:

- Go to the club website www.sandhillsphtoclub.org
- At the bottom of the Home page click on the Facebook Icon
- This takes you to the Facebook log in page (if you are not logged in as yourself)

For the login use:

- Email: **outandabout@sandhillsphtoclub.org**
- Password: **spcmember1234**
- This will log you in as Bill Stoffel and you will be at the Sandhills Photography Club's Facebook Group
- You may post, like, and comment at will. You can also upload images
- **Please sign each post or comment since the post and comment will be attributed to "Bill Stoffel"**

Hopefully, if you enjoy the page, you will get your own Facebook page. Remember you can limit the access to your personal page as you like.

SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITEWWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Check the Home Page for a link to the Day Trip Images

eBooks

For several good eBooks go to this link and download. Includes books by David duChemin and a good one by Clay Bolt on wide angle macro photography.

<http://1drv.ms/1GDS5iZ> . There is also a good video on bird photography at <http://1drv.ms/1lwnXSw>

Facebook

Alison & friends have developed a group on Facebook. There is a link at the bottom of the club's webpage to go to the club's Facebook page. Take a look, join, contribute, and post.

Website

There is a link to upload images for the Moore County Website Project.

Member Galleries

Members who would like a gallery should let me know at website@sandhillsphtoclub.org , and I will send an upload link for their use. See the website "Member Galleries" page for instructions on sizing, etc.

If you have a personal website, please let me know and I can provide a link on the "Member's Galleries" page for you.

*Thank you,
John German*

*PS: Please email any errors that you may notice on the website. I will correct them as soon as possible.
website@sandhillsphtoclub.org*

SPC DAY TRIP - NC ART MUSEUM DAY TRIP, JERRY KOZEL

Our next day trip will be to the **North Carolina Art Museum** in Raleigh on **Wednesday, July 15, 2015**.

We will be able to tour and photograph the permanent collection in the West building, the Rodin Sculpture Court and Garden and other sculpture on the grounds. We will plan to have lunch at Iris, the restaurant in the West building.

The museum opens at 10am so let's plan to meet in the lobby of the West building by 10:15am. If you would like to car pool, let's meet at 9am in the parking lot by the train station in Southern Pines.

The museum's photography policy allows still photography of the permanent collection on condition that the photographs are for personal, noncommercial use. Tripods and video cameras are prohibited.

Here is a like to the museum's website: <http://ncartmuseum.org>

Image of Thomas Sayre's "Gyre" (1999) in the [#NCMApark](#)



WORKSHOPS, *Linda Piechota:*

A very sincere thank you to the teachers who have taught workshops this year for sharing their knowledge with club members:



Marilyn Owen

Neva Scheve

Donna Ford

Bill Matthews

Matt Smith



LINDA PIECHOTA

(Editor's note: And Linda Piechota)

Upcoming Workshop:

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

SCC Horticulture Welcome Center, 9am - 12noon.

*More details to come in future newsletters.

TREASURER'S REPORT – *Joanne Lentz*

FINANCIAL REPORT as of May 29, 2015

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| <u>CHECKING ACCOUNT</u> | |
| STARTING BALANCE (April 30, 2015) | \$ 4,453.60 |
| EXPENSES | \$ 151.61 |
| RECEIPTS | \$ 45.03 |
| ENDING CHECKING BALANCE (MAY 29, 2015) | \$ 4,347.02 |
| <u>SAVINGS ACCOUNT</u> | |
| STARTING BALANCE (APRIL 30, 2015) | \$ 4,883.81 |
| INTEREST | \$ 0.12 |
| ENDING SAVINGS BALANCE (MAY 29, 2015) | \$ 4,883.93 |
| TOTAL FUNDS (MAY 29, 2015) | \$ 9,230.95 |



JOANNE LENTZ

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *by Bill Sheppard***TORTILLA WRAPS**

Flour Tortillas
Cream cheese
Pineapple
Jalapeño peppers, deveined and seeded for mild taste.

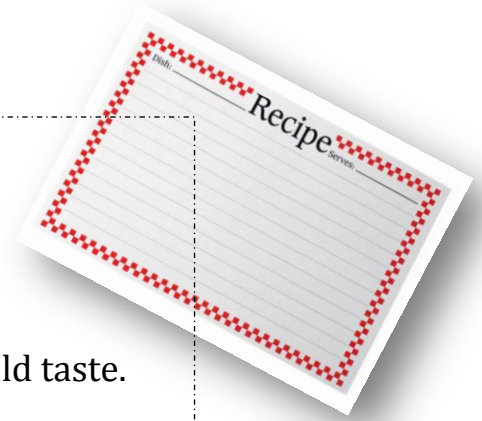
Mix cheese and peppers in a blender till smooth.

Mix cheese mixture and crushed pineapple, spread over tortilla wraps, roll up and cut into small pieces after refrigerating rolls over night.

Dried fruits can be used also.

Good snack for summer evenings

Bill and Sandra

**HINTS, by Bill Sheppard**

OK, it's close to the 4th of July....get your cameras ready for parades, special events, even flotilla's at the coast.

Southport has the largest parade in the state. All over the state are parades, some lasting 2 or more hours, with lots of fun included: Raleigh, Greensboro, Wilson and Wilmington.

Also there are historical reenactments across the state. Sunrises and sunsets are beautiful this time of year. Don't forget your flower gardens.

July 4th is the U.S.'s birthday so celebrate with gusto. Remember our own local parade at Carthage.



Bill Sheppard

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

Bill

NEEDED: Snack person for **August meeting**. Please contact Bill Sheppard if you can help out. 910-944-1219 or beeboy@pinehurst.net

FALL 2015 FIELD TRIP, *Tom Fagan and Bill Bower*

Staunton, Va – October 18 – 21

Mark Your Calendar – Make Your Reservation

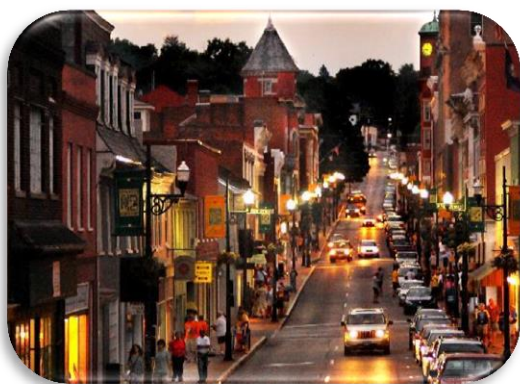
We are in the process of planning for our fall outing. With the board's unanimous approval, we have selected Staunton, VA, which is located in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley and is bordered on the west by the Allegheny Mountains and on the east by the Blue Ridge Mountains. The dates are Sunday, October 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



CONGRATULATIONS TO MARTI DERLETH:

Our very own **Marti Derleth** won 2nd place in the **North Carolina Zoo Photo Contest!!!!!!**

For more information about the Zoo, go to www.NCZOO.com, and you can check out the Alive Magazine Summer 2015 issue with her picture in it (copy below).



Your Photo Here!
CONTEST WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of *Alive's* first photo contest!

GRAND PRIZE WINNER
Chimpanzee, by Byron Hlina

ADULT
1st: Hanging Parrot, by Jennifer Broyles
2nd: Gorilla, by Marti Derleth
3rd: Black Bear, by Carla Phillips

TEEN
1st: Sun Bittern, by Calvin Hepler
2nd: Lion, by Brooke Griffin
3rd: Baboon, by Jarod Thornton

YOUTH
1st: Giraffe, by Kadin Brown
2nd: Swallowtail Butterfly, by Ellie Hepler
3rd: Rhino, by Haley Bacon

Our thanks go out to all the photographers who shared their favorite Zoo photos with us.

ADULT Category (19 years and older)

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|  1st PLACE |  2nd PLACE |  3rd PLACE |
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Congratulations!

TIME IS NOW TO VISIT THE CAMPBELL HOUSE IN SOUTHERN PINES, *SUBMITTED BY JILL MARGESON*

On display through July 10 are amazing images taken by Hunter Rudd, a past camera club member, as a member of the Special Forces command in the Middle East. Pieces in the collection are printed very impressively large on metal. Other artists are featured also. One is Kristin LaFlamme, presenting a collection of narrative textiles named, "The Army Wife".

Nanette Zeller, mixed media fiber and textile artist and art quilter, spent over a year planning and organizing this military show. She has volunteered to find someone who can give personal explanation and tour of the images and pieces on display for our camera club members who might want more understanding of the artwork. If you visit and find you would like a tour/talk, please call or email Jill Margeson. I will reach Nanette Zeller and arrange a time for a group to tour.

Phone for Jill: 673-1497; pennyjill@nc.rr.com

Homefront & Downrange Witness the ART in Military Life



Campbell House ~ June 5 - July 10, 2015

Opening Reception:

Friday, June 5, 2015 (6:00-8:00pm)

Exhibition Dates:

June 5-July 10, 2015

Gallery Hours: Weekdays, 9:00am to 5:00pm

Weekend Dates & Hours:

Saturday, June 6, 13 & 27, 2015 (1:00-4:00pm)

Saturday, June 13, 2015 (1:00-4:00pm)



Class A GOLF Competition Winners:

(l-r) John German (3rd)
Gisela Danielson (HM)
Donna Ford (1st)

Class B GOLF Competition Winners:

(l-r) Cathy Locklear (2nd)
Susan Capstick (3rd)
Chuck Kersey (HM)
Steve Hoadley (HM)

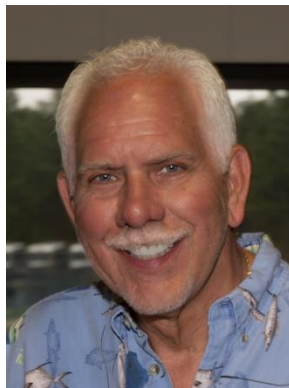
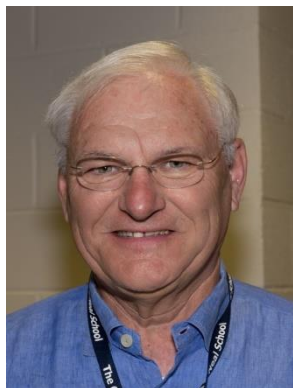
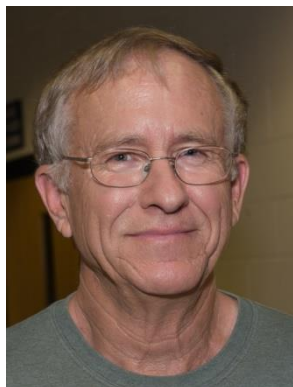


**June
2015
Meeting**

*Images by
Al Reeder*



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