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OUTING IMAGE FROM SANDHILLS HORTICULTURAL GARDENS



PRESIDENT'S NOTES - NEVA SCHEVE

Our July hybrid meeting went off well! It was great to see such a good turnout, both in the auditorium and on Zoom. Thanks to our tech team, **Dennis Snipes**, **Jerry Kozel**, and **John German** who put together an amazing feat of technical skill, we were able to allow members near and far enjoy the wonderful presentation by Lisa Langell.

Our new registration system also was a success. It didn't take long for most people to figure out the process and the membership team, **JoAnn Sluder**, and **Alan Brown** with assistance from **Judy Nappi**, provided help for those who had some questions. I think this system is going to work well for our club.

We have lots going on from now through the rest of 2021: workshops, programs, the exhibition at the Campbell House, outings, a field trip, and a Holiday Party to top off the year. Details follow in this newsletter, and you will also be getting email blasts from the respective chairpersons.

Our newsletter editor, **Alison Earl**, has a new title!! Because she does so much more than publish our newsletter **In Focus** every month, the board has added to her official title to encompass all that she already does as the communications lifeline of our club. So now her title will be written as Communications Director/Newsletter. Thank you, Alison, for all you do.



Send me some images from your camera of what you've been doing!!! We all want to see!!!!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING August 9

PROGRAMS

September 13 "Equine Photography"
Phyllis Burchett

November 8 "Getting It Right in Camera"
Brian Osborne

COMPETITIONS

August Seasides & Beaches
October Golden Hour or Blue Hour
December Industrial (Online)

WORKSHOPS

Oct/Nov Night Photography
Kate Silvio

EXHIBITS

September Arts Council

OUTINGS

August 7, 10-4 House in the Horseshoe

2021 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY

AUGUST OUTING House in the Horseshoe Living History Day



Susan Bailey



What: **House in the Horseshoe**
Wreath laying, musket shooting, period costumes, house tours, etc.
The reenactment will not take place this year.

Website: <https://historicsites.nc.gov/events/240th-house-horseshoe-living-history-day>

Where: House in the Horseshoe
288 Alston House Road
Sanford, NC

When: Saturday, August 7th - 10am until 4pm

Cost: None

Lunch: Food Trucks

MASKS REQUIRE FOR THE UNVACCINATED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ENCOURAGED

Let me know if you are coming by emailing me at: susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

As of June 2021

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$4,120.08
	Savings	\$888.24
	CD	\$4,045.43
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$9,053.75



JUDY NAPPI

MEMBERSHIP – JO ANN SLUDER

We were so pleased 32 members came in person to our meeting on July 12th. We also had 12 members and a guest viewing via Zoom. We thank you all and hope you enjoyed seeing other members you have not seen in many months. The Membership Team enjoyed seeing members in person and the Zoom viewers as well.

Also, we appreciated everyone's involvement and enthusiasm about our new E-Badge system. A big thank you to **Alan Brown** who had it all set-up and it worked so efficiently! In the future you will not really need to do anything, we can handle it at the registration table and 'in a flash', we can sign you in with a couple of key strokes, print your badge and all is done.



Jo Ann Sluder

A big welcome to **Kathryn Cerruto** who joined us in July. She was born in North Carolina and as a young girl traveled extensively as her Dad served in the Air Force. While in Greece he noticed her intrigue with his hobby, photography. He was her inspiration and encouraged her to document her world travels. It all began with a point and shoot camera he bought her. When she got older she got a 35mm and when she was in High School she became more interested. Now as a retired teacher, she is taking classes at Randolph Community College earning an Associate's Degree in Photojournalism. Classes may cause her some conflict in getting to our meetings, but she looks forward to being present and interacting whenever she can, and we look forward to meeting her.

Kathryn found us but remember we want all of you to get out and **Inspire, Invite and Introduce** friends and acquaintances to Sandhills Photography Club. Share the website which displays all the things we offer. Talk about the things you enjoy and love about our club. As you chat, emphasize our group welcomes all skill levels from beginners to advanced. An interest is all it takes! Come and learn more. Invite them to our August Zoom meeting and do not forget to advise Dennis Snipes so he can send them a link to join us on Zoom.



GARY MAGEE

Fall Field Trip to Wilmington Sept 30 - Oct 2

We are finalizing all events and it is time for those who have confirmed they will attend and to those who might still want to consider the trip to take some action:

There are a couple of steps you need to complete:

1. Confirm your room reservation directly to the Hotel. To insure you get the room configuration you want you will need to confirm by August 30 or sooner. They will accept reservation now.

All the information to accomplish this is on the attached **"Comfort Inn University Document"**. **Our Contact person is Shulinda Hall - Office Manager**

Please let me know when you have secured a room.

2. We will be pre-paying the fee to the venues we are attending. I will be paying for them and would ask you to forward your payment directly to me. (Sept 1st)

Airlie Garden	\$ 9.00 PP
Aquariums	\$12.95 pp
Sun Set Cruise	\$22.00 pp

Total	\$43.95 pp
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3. I have confirmed a deal for daily travel for Thurs and Friday. We will be making multiple pickups and delivers each day. You can park your car at the hotel and there are no fees for this parking. Basically you will not need your vehicle for any daily travel except for those who want to go to the shore early Friday morning sunrise shots.

The cost will be \$100 pp.

I will need to collect this fee along with the above mentioned fees by Sept 1st.

4. All meals will be handled individually and while we will be going as a group we are not set up in special rooms etc. We have asked to sit in the same area together but small group tables (probably 4- top maybe a few larger). This is social time not meeting time.

The two restaurants we have selected are known for good food and reasonable prices.

Hopefully you will all make arrangements to get to Wilmington and the Hotel by 10:00 AM Thursday September 30. I have made two trips to Wilmington this past 9 months and found that it is approximately 2.5 hrs from Southern Pines.

I have had one request to go a day early and still get our block room rate at the Hotel I am sure they will work with you on this if you want to come early and or stay longer. You can cover these type questions with them when you call to make your reservation.

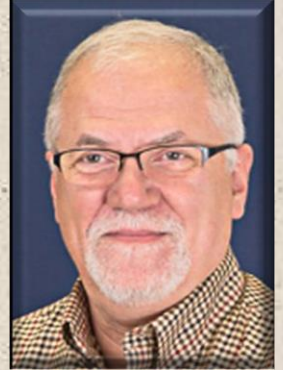


BONNY HENDERSON

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel

We are looking forward to our upcoming **competition “Seasides and Beaches”** which will be held on **Monday, August 9 at 7:00 pm**. This will be another hybrid meeting with some members joining us by Zoom while we conduct an in-person meeting at the O’Neal School.



JERRY KOZEL

Our judge, Stacey Spreng, will be joining us via Zoom from New Jersey. Stacey is from the Raleigh area, but she will be taking care of family business out of state and we’re happy she can join us for the competition. Stacey is a busy food photographer, and you can see her work on her website www.staceysprengphoto.com

Our October competition will be **“Golden Hour/Blue Hour”** and the judge will join us via Zoom from Florida. At this time, it is scheduled for an in-person meeting for the members. There will be a Zoom link for members who choose not to attend in person. Our final competition of the year will be **“Industrial”** and it will be online member voting to choose the winners. The winners and the Stoffel Award winners will be announced at the holiday party in December.

Congratulations to **Tom Batts** who has moved to Tier 2 after his win in the last competition. Way to go, Tom!

We had a few problems with metadata entry during the past galleries. We had to ask a couple of members to submit, resubmit, and re-resubmit until we finally were able to get the metadata. We don’t always understand what happens with the metadata and why it sometimes doesn’t come with the submission, but it is a necessary part of the competition rules and we will persist in trying to get it! Fortunately, most of you understand and are willing to work with us even though the frustration levels sometimes get high! Metadata is usually just a formality, but we must “Trust, but verify.”

Speaking of metadata, for those of you who submit cell phone photos, please be aware that we are not receiving any usable info on our end other than the date of the photo. We have no way of knowing who submitted the photo, which tier, or the title of the photo. You will need to contact us and give us additional information regarding your cell photos. We don’t even know who to contact when we receive a cell photo, so we cannot email you and let you know there is a problem. We had to reject two last minute entries during the last competition because we had no way of contacting the entrant. The entries would not have been rejected if only we had known who was entering. Also, we reiterate every Competitions Committees’ mantra: Don’t wait until the last minute to send in your entries! If there is a problem, we can help you get your entry corrected if you enter early!

Stay cool and happy shooting!

Bonny & Jerry

WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

2 Part Night Photography by Kate Silva, Introduction
Wednesday Oct 27 7pm-9:30, Image Evaluation Session
Wednesday November 17 7:00pm – 9:30

Cost is \$78/person (covers both sessions) A link from club website is available to register and pay for the workshop.

<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/work-shops>



Frank Lipski

Night Photography On-Line Workshop with Kate Silva

- Instruction via Zoom:
Wednesday October 27, 2021
7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.
- Image Evaluation Session
Wednesday November 17, 2021
7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.



During this on-line workshop, you'll be learning about all aspects of night photography.

Topics Covered Include:

- Settings
- Equipment
- Preparation and research
- Apps that will help you
- Advanced techniques
- Using a sky tracker
- Image blending to reduce noise
- Image blending to incorporate foreground and sky
- Pinpoint stars and Star Trails
- Focusing at Night
- Light Painting
- Photographing the moon
- And more...

I hope you can make it!

EXHIBITS, *SHARI DUTTON*

Sandhills Photography Club Exhibition
“A Moment in Time”
Presented by the Arts Council of Moore County
September 3 thru 24th, 2021



SHARI DUTTON

This exhibit will be shared with glass blower artist, Wayne Manning. Please view his wonderful artwork at Wayne Manning Glass on Facebook. We thought this would be a good partnership as he will not be taking up wall space, just floor space.

The Art's Council would like to display 60-75 pieces. The photographs should be ready for display with a wire hanger. Most of the photographs should be available for sale with a suggested price between \$50 and \$800. The Art's Council will retain a 35% commission.

Important Dates:

- **Aug. 10th** – Invitations to the exhibit are mailed to the Art's Council Membership. We can add 70 additional names to the mailing list if we would like. Wayne Manning will be adding 30 names for a total of 100.
- **Aug. 31st** – Artwork to be delivered to the Art's council.
- **Sept. 3** – Opening Reception from 6-8 P.M. (We will need a few volunteers to host. Food, drinks and wine details will be provided later.)
- **Sept. 24th** – Exhibit Ends
- **September 24th** – Artwork to be picked up between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M.

Pat Anderson put together a helpful information sheet for a past exhibit. It's on our website at

https://12ff0670-f671-14dc-e43e-619d621b1aa1.filesusr.com/ugd/b93987_0837489f6f094e30b919511958384fa0.pdf

If you weren't at the meeting or you haven't emailed me the number of pieces you plan to exhibit, please do so! Right now, I have 31 pieces confirmed, and we really need 60+ pieces. As of now, I would project you can exhibit numerous photographs.

Thank you! Please email me with questions at www.shari.dutton@yahoo.com or call me at 910-585-2037.

Shari

Other Outing Images from Sandhills Horticultural Gardens and Patrick Dougherty's StickWork



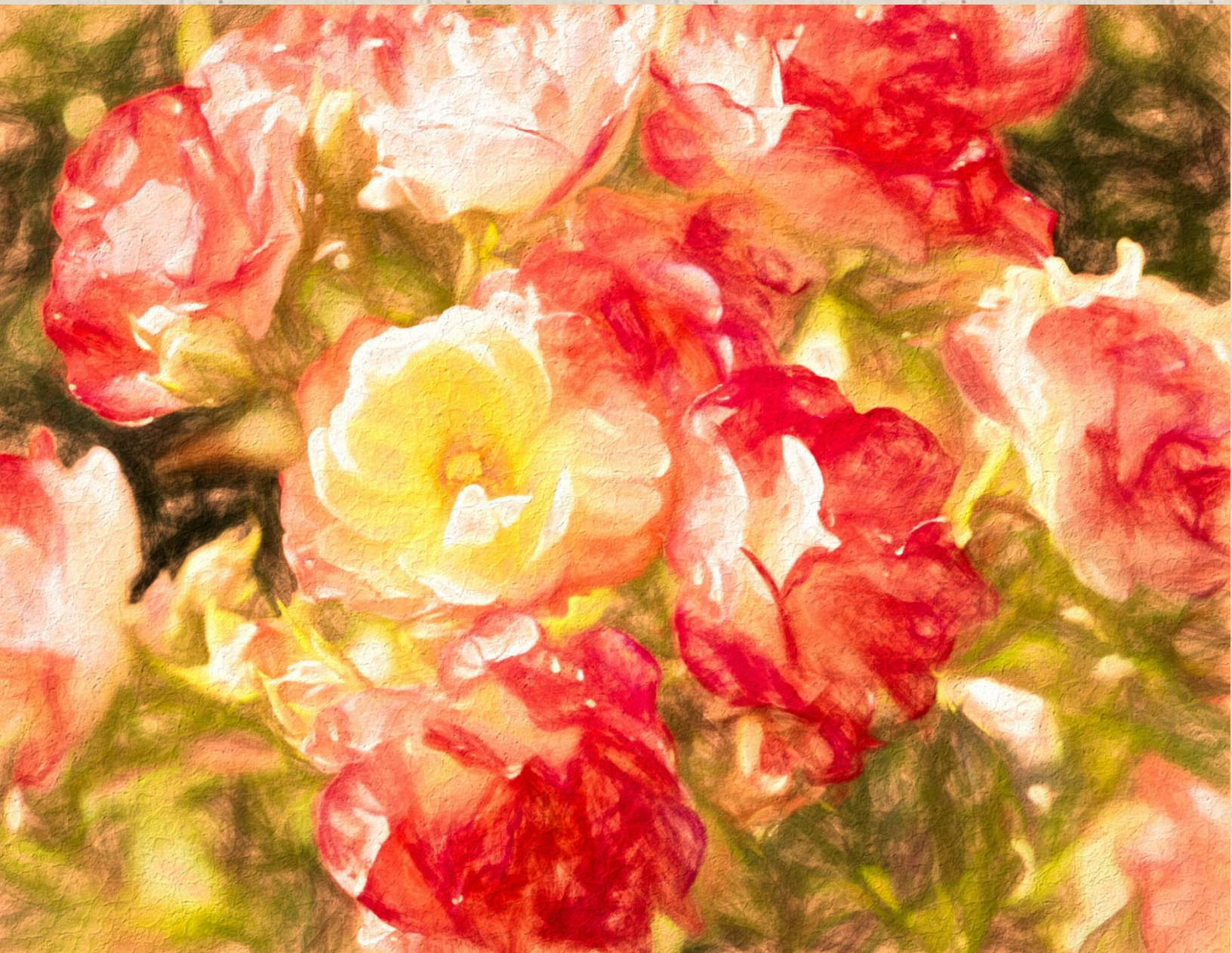
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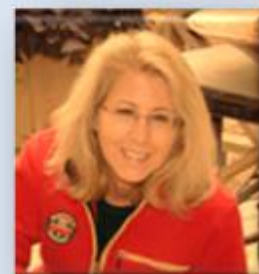
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