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Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao, Spain

By Gisela Danielson

For more information:

<https://artsandculture.google.com/project/guggenheim-bilbao>

PRESIDENT'S NOTES — JO ANN SLUDER

We hope everyone is safe and healthy as we embark on the New Year. While NC outside temperatures were not comfortable as we approached mid-January, it offered us opportunities for some beautiful winter ice & snow shots. Hopefully you captured a few.

When the Board met in early January it was evident all the Committee's plans are taking shape for a full calendar year of events for you.



Jo Ann Sluder

You can find an array of opportunities on our Website, in our Newsletter, on our Facebook page and through special announcements coming to your e-mail via alisonspcnewsletter@gmail.com. Please peruse them all to be sure you do not miss anything.

We welcome you to participate as often as you can to enhance your SPC experience.

Please join us on **February 14th** for the revealing of the Black and White competition entries and the Judge's critiques. The winning photographs and photographers will be announced.

Thanks to those members that shared their work with us. We all enjoy and learn from each of you.

We want you to get the most possible out of Sandhills Photography Club. Contact me if I can assist in any way.

We are here for you!

Jo Ann



MEMBERSHIP – ALAN BROWN

Currently our membership stands at 101, consisting of 74 individual members, 22 family members, 3 student members and 2 honorary members.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022

1. There are two basic ways to pay your renewal dues:
2. Mail a check to Sandhills Photo Club, P.O. BOX 763, Southern Pines, NC 28388
3. By PayPal. Go to our website www.sandhillsphtoclub.org and follow the instructions under Membership.



Alan Brown

Welcome New Members

Julie Hanson is a self-confessed novice but has been interested and involved with basic photography on and off since the 1980's. She recently bought a new Canon 90D DSLR and some updated lenses and hopes to learn and refine her skills through involvement with SPC.

Karen Szafrajda relocated to the area 20 years ago from Norwich, UK. She is a retired nurse practitioner and is currently studying for a teaching degree. She is a self-taught photography enthusiast who loves hiking and being outdoors. Favorite photographic subjects are wildlife, landscapes and Macro. Karen is looking forward to interacting with like-minded photography enthusiasts and participating in the activities in SPC.

The SPC Membership Incentive Program.

The winners of our ***Involve, Inspire, Invite, and Introduce*** incentive challenge were announced during the January General Membership meeting. **Susan Bailey** won the tie breaker for the “most” referrals and **Marti Derleth** was the winner of the drawing. Each will receive their 2023 membership for free.

The Board recently approved to continue the incentive program for 2023. During this pandemic, it has been harder for people to seek us out and learn what we have to offer. This is where we encourage and challenge you, our membership, to get involved. Please get ***Involved, then Invite, and Introduce*** your friends, family, and acquaintances to the Sandhills Photography Club. There is no better way to get the word out than sharing and inspiring others through your first-hand experiences.

Be sure to review the ***Involve, Invite, Introduce*** incentive program guidelines in our Club web site under AboutUs>Members Only>The SPC Membership Incentive Program.

The O’Neal School’s protocols will require generally the wearing of masks at Monday’s meeting. Please wear upon entry, however, if you forgot yours, masks will be available at the check-in desk.

PROGRAMS – *JACQUES WOOD*

The Competition Committee has announced the topics for: 2022-Black & White, Faces, Abandoned/Decay, Arches, Long Exposure, and Round Things; and 2023-Animals on the Move, Solitude, something Involving Water, Leading Lines and Sports Action. My goal for programs for the year is to schedule presentations that will provide technical information and artistic guidance for shooting competition topics. The following presentations have now been scheduled for 2022:



JACQUES WOOD

January 10, 2022: Portrait Photography by Lolly Nazario



Lolly Nazario is a family and newborn photographer located in Pinehurst. You can see her stunning “Fine Art Child” and “Heirloom” galleries on her website at:

<https://www.lollyslens.com>

If you missed Lolly’s presentation you can view it online at:

<https://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/zoommeetings>

The password is zoomzoom

She shares some tips on how to capture shots of “faces.”

March 7, 2022: Real Estate Photography by Becca G. Leen



Becca Leen is a real estate broker and an award winning photographer. You can see some of her work at:

<https://www.landseerproperties.com>

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May 9, 2022: Long Exposure Photography by Kate Silvia



Kate Silvia is a nature photographer and photo educator located in Charleston, South Carolina. Her work can be seen at:

<https://www.katesilviaphotography.com>

July 11, 2022 “Living the African Dream” by Alison Mees

Alison Mees is a photographer residing in England. She will share with us her experience of 16 years living in Africa. In that journey she will give us some insights of how to photograph animals on the move. She has extensive experience in capturing images of cheetahs, the fastest land animal, capable of reaching speeds of in excess 70 miles per hour. You can see some of her work at:

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



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September 12, 2022: Sports Photography by Ron Wyatt



Ron Wyatt resides on the New Jersey shore. Ron, a self-taught photographer, has covered the NBA, NFL and Major League Baseball. He also photographed two Summer Olympic Games. You can see some of his work and projects at:

<http://www.ronwyattphotos.com/>

November 14, 2022: "Composition in Photography: Leading Lines and a Lot More" by Brian Osborne



Brian Osborne is the owner and lead instructor of the Photo Classroom. He is also the founder of the Professional Photography Group, Charlotte's largest photography team.

JACQUES WOOD
VICE PRESIDENT



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



Website

Notes

This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is [Ira Miller](#). Click his name to view his gallery or the link to his gallery on the website homepage.

You may view the club directory at: [Club Directory](#). If you would like to have your photo added to the directory, or change the one in the gallery, just send a favorite to me at [John German](#). I will add it to the gallery.

Member Galleries

Members who would like a personal gallery** should let me know at website@sandhillsphotoclub.org, and I will send an upload link for their use. See the website "Member Galleries" page for instructions on sizing, etc. **This link will continue to work but if you wish to change images, I must delete the old ones. You can upload at will. If you have lost your link, just let me know and I will resend it to you.

***If you have a personal website**, please let me know and I can provide a link on the "Member's Galleries" page for you. Please view the member's websites & galleries on this tab on the club website.*

*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@sandhillsphotoclub.org

2022 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY



Susan Bailey

February 12th – The Painted Ponies Art Walk, Southern Pines

<http://www.carolinahorsepark.com/support/paintedponies>

Time: 10am at Train Station, Southern Pines

There will be approximately 15 painted ponies from local artists to photograph. We can think about using some images for the FACES competition in April. We will have lunch downtown at the Bell Tree Tavern about 11:30.

Upcoming Outings – details closer to event date

March 12th – NC Zoo, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC

Rates: Adults over 62 - \$13, Military ID - \$13, Adults under 62 - \$15

Parking Free

<https://www.nczoo.org/>

April 9th – Cline's Antiques, 11839 NC-49, Mt Pleasant, NC 28124

No charge

<https://clinesantiquesmpnc.com/>

Our original plan for the Patterson Cabins changed as the cabins have been renovated and no longer have the Abandoned look!

Weekly Outing

We meet every Wednesday at 11am at the Sandhills Horticultural Gardens to capture winter and the coming of spring. We will do this through February and continue at other locations if members enjoy the idea of a weekly outing. (Lunch optional)

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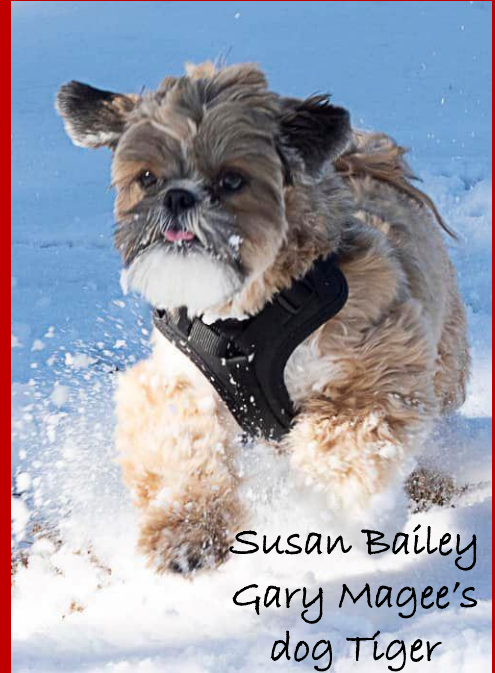
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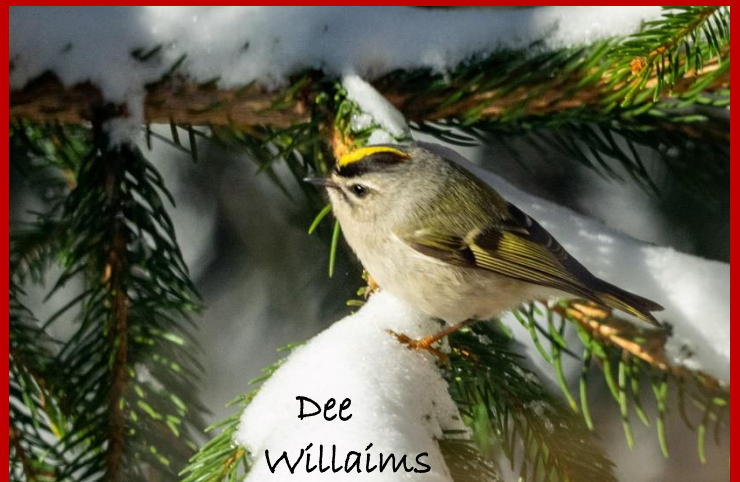
Frank Dalmau



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COMPETITION COMMITTEE



BONNY HENDERSON

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel

We hope everyone is looking forward to our first competition of 2022. The topic is **Black & White** and it will be held on **Monday, February 14 at 7:00 pm**. Join us in person or by zoom. Our judge will be Tarah Jansen of Wildwood Photography located in Kansas City, Missouri.

Her website is <https://photosbywildwood.com> and her specialty is photographing children. Make sure you check

out the “fine art” section of her website and enjoy the Wildflower Child Sessions and the Magical Composite to see her creativity. We look forward to hearing her comments.



JERRY KOZEL

Jill Margeson graciously printed and laminated wallet-size cards listing the competition topics for 2022 and 2023. Usually, we have the cards available at the membership table and each member can pick up one and keep it as a handy reference for upcoming competitions. However, since many of you are attending meetings via zoom, you don’t have the opportunity to grab a card. So, if you would like to have the laminated card, please email us at competitions@sandhillsphotoclub.org and give us your name and mailing address and we will send you a card. We have a limited number available, so send your request soon!

Our next competition will be **Faces (Critters, Statues. People)**. The focus of this competition is the capturing of a subject in which the face, facial features, as well as facial expressions, are predominant. Focus on a human face, an animal’s or insect’s face, or a statue’s face. Try to highlight what drew you in or what caught your attention. (Three-year limit)

Stay warm and stay shooting,

Bonny & Jerry

Treasurer’s Report - FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$5,428.91
	Savings	\$4,934.05
	CD	
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,3962.96



JUDY NAPPI

WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

Do you have an idea for workshop that you would like to see offered? Consider joining the workshop committee and make that workshop a reality. Even if you don't want to join the committee and have an idea for a workshop, send the suggestion to lipski@charter.net

We are always looking for members to share their expertise and present a workshop. So, if this is something you would consider, sent me an email lipski@charter.net



Frank Lipski

So far, the following workshops are in the planning stages:

- Pet Photography – offered by Jacques Wood. This will be a two-part workshop. Part 1 will be instructional. Participants will then be given some time to practice what they learned. Part 2 will evaluate the works of the participants
- iPhone Photography
- Beginning Photoshop

Upcoming Workshop -

FINDING PHOTOS IN LIGHTROOM, ADVANCED KEYWORDING, by Frank Lipski

Do you ever struggle trying to find some photos that you have taken? Or maybe all the photos you have with animals around water? What about all your photos taken in the fall with trees?

If you have used Lightroom you probably have heard about keywords and maybe use some keywords to help find and categorized your photographs. Lightroom provides some advanced capabilities to help organize and use your keywords that most folks are unaware. This workshop will present these advanced features and present a basic organizational paradigm, that can be customized to suit your specific needs, that greatly enhances the ability to locate your photographs.

This workshop will be held via Zoom on February 23 from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm. This workshop is free to all members of the club. However, we request that you pre-register by sending an email to Frank Lipski lipski@charter.net



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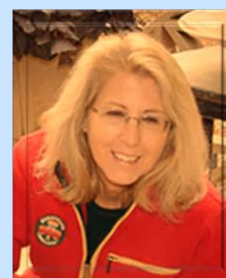


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