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MAY 2016

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING May 9, 2016

BOARD MEETING May 12, 2016

PROGRAMS

- May David Spector
- July Brian Osborne
- September Mark Buckler
- November Members Night
- A night to show your talents

COMPETITIONS

- June 13 Trees
- August 8 Insects and Arachnids (spiders)
- October 10 Clouds
- December 12 (ONLINE) Rust

EXHIBITIONS

- Ongoing: The Pierce Gallery
- Ongoing: Quail Haven Village

WORKSHOPS

- May 7 Marilyn Owen: Lightroom
- TBD Marilyn Owen: Photoshop
- July 12 Brian Osborne: Available Light, Low Light and No Light

FIELD TRIPS

- Fall Trip Boone, North Carolina

DAY TRIPS

- April 29 Winston-Salem

PRESIDENTS NOTES, *Tom Fagan*



Tom Fagan

We have just returned from a very successful field trip to the Charleston area. We had 28 members join us and the overwhelming feedback is that it was a rousing success. My personal thanks to **Bill Bower** for once again coordinating a great trip, and to those members who brought food and wine for the reception. Our dinner for Monday night was one of the best venues to date, the food was spectacular and the weather was even better.

If you haven't seen the e-blasts, Bill and I are already planning our **Fall Trip to Boone, North Carolina for the Fall Foliage**. Please plan on joining us if you have never been to one of our outings. They are no-pressure learning experiences and a great way to meet your fellow members.

Talking about trips, our own **Jim Brown** is coordinating a one-day trip on **April 29th** to Winston-Salem to see the Ansel Adams exhibit. Please drop him an e-mail if you plan to attend at jim48brown@gmail.com.

Looking to the future, **Marilyn Owen** will be giving a **Basic Lightroom Seminar on May 7th** in the

Sandhills Horticultural Building, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring your laptops.

Special thanks to **Neva Scheve, Donna Ford** and **Bill Matthews** for supervising our latest competition "Rows." The level of talent that our members continue to demonstrate is astounding. Check out the website and be prepared to be blown away.

Again, thanks for your continued support as we all look forward to many more months of fun and good shooting.

Programs, *Gary Magee*

May Speaker: David Spector

From his website page:



I started getting serious about photography about 4 years ago when I picked up a DSLR for the first time. Since then my passion for the art has grown more passionate with each passing day. I grew up with art as my dad was a commercial artist and he also did a lot of photography for his work. I remember going on shoots with him and helping develop photos in the dark room. As a kid I resisted the art but I think that it still rubbed off on me as it has helped me develop an artist eye. I look at everything as a picture. I love to photograph abandoned places and try to tell the history of the house or factory through my

pictures. There is something about the decay that attracts me to it. It also helps preserve the history long after the property is rebuilt or demolished. I also have fallen in love with shooting people. This has really helped me bring out my creativity in a whole new way. I try to learn something new every single day and I always love to try something different and stretch myself. If you have any questions or would like to work with me, please feel free to contact me.

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/davidspectorphotography.com

Photo taken by Sharon McLawhon Beadnell



MEMBERSHIP NEWS, *Judy Nappi*:

The April meeting was attended by 54 members and 1 guest. They were treated to another great competition. If you missed it, you can go to our website to see the photos, or to our Facebook page.

We had 3 new members join at the meeting. They are **Dale Jennings, Jim Heinz** and **Dennis Snipes**. Dale moved to NC about 3 months ago from Dublin, Ohio. His goals are to get better technical skills to take better pictures, and to sharpen his eye to capture great images in ordinary things. Dales go to camera is a Cannon 70D. Dennis, on the other hand, has lived in the Southern Pines area for about 20 years. He considers himself an intermediate level photographer. He uses both a Canon 5DMk3 and a Canon 70D to shoot Landscapes and Astrophotography.

Total membership is at 94, 57 individual, 5 honorary and 32 family memberships.



JUDY NAPPI

TREASURER'S REPORT - *Grace Hill*

FINANCIAL REPORT as of March 31, 2016

CHECKING ACCOUNT	
Starting Balance (February 29, 2016)	\$4884.11
Total Income	\$150.04
Total Debits	\$343.68
Ending Balance (March 31, 2016)	\$4690.47
SAVINGS ACCOUNT	
Starting Balance (February 29, 2016)	\$4885.01
Interest	\$0.12
Ending Balance (March 31, 2016)	\$4885.13
TOTAL FUNDS	\$9575.60



Grace Hill

WORKSHOPS, *Marilyn Owen*

Getting Started (or Restarted) with Lightroom Saturday, May 7, 9-12, at the SCC Gardens Visitor Center

Just getting started with Lightroom? Have it on your computer, but been afraid to open it? Using it, but thinking "there must be a better way"? Feel like you have photographs scattered all over your computer(s)? This workshop may be just what you need!

The workshop will cover initial set-up, getting around in the program, importing photos into Lightroom, just a tiny bit of exporting for SPC, and a small amount of initial processing related to imports.

We will have the room set up with tables and chairs like a classroom, and you are encouraged to bring your laptop with LR loaded and work along with the presentation. If you don't already have LR, you can download a 30-day free trial from Adobe.

This is a repeat of the workshop held in September 2014 (updated for LR CC/6), but you are welcome to come again if you need a refresher.

Handouts will be provided, so please let Marilyn know if you are interested but have not yet signed up. If you have questions, email Marilyn at mlowen24@mac.com.



While his picture is RARELY seen in the newsletter, it is our wonderful SPC Photographer, **AL REEDER** who takes all (or very close) of our pictures at meetings and most events. We appreciate his time and efforts.....and like to see his picture here too!



Fall 2016 Field Trip - Oct. 16-19
Holiday Inn Express - Boone, NC
1943 Blowing Rock Road, 828-264-2451
\$99.00 plus tax - Mention "Sandhills Photo Club"



With Charleston behind us, it's time to look forward to fall and the spectacular foliage display only the North Carolina mountains can offer. At the April Meeting 17 members signed the "Interested Sheet" and eight have made reservations, which puts them on the "Official Participant List."

Make your reservation by calling the number above, then e-mail me at wmabower@nc.rr.com.

Bill Bower and Tom Fagan

SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Website

Several years ago the club provided images for the Moore County Land Use Plan. I ran across the link a few days ago and you can see the credits in the Plan. Where possible they credited individual photos but there was a nice credit on the second page for the club. [2013 Land Use Plan for Moore County, NC](#)

Look for images from the Lake Mattamuskeet and Pungo Lake outing at the link on home page of the website. The competition entries for "Curves and Spirals" are available on the Competition Photos page of the website.

Member Galleries

Members who would like a 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.

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

COMPETITIONS, *submitted by Neva Scheve*

The April competition, "Things in a Row" was extremely competitive. Congratulations to all the winners! If you missed the meeting and didn't see all the excellent photos, make sure to go to our club website and check them out. Galleries are also available for all previous competitions.

After the "Things in a Row" competition, we had several excellent questions about Class C. We will write up an email blast to answer those questions before the next competition. We have had good participation in this Class and we hope more people will decide to enter in the future.

Our next competition is **June 13** and the topic is "**Trees**". The natural (living or dead) tree(s) in the photograph should have a feature that stands out. It could be the shape, color, or texture of an individual tree or a group of trees. However, individual leaves, nuts, or berries should not be the focus.

The **opening date is Sunday May 15** and the **closing date is May 22**. The email blast with the upload links will be sent before the opening date.

Congratulations to the winners of "Things in a Row":

Class A –

- 1st Place – John German – Pilings
- 2nd Place – Tobe' Saskor – Self Portrait in Glass
- 3rd Place – Dave Powers – Robot Heaven
- 1st HM – Don Hiscott – Golf Anyone?
- 2nd HM – Jim Brown – Pews a Plenty

Class B

- 1st Place – Wendell Dance – Dominoes in a Row
- 2nd Place – Janice Huff – Brrr!
- 3rd Place – Bonnie Fitzpatrick – Chained Gang
- 1st HM – Joann Lentz – Ready to Go
- 2nd HM – Cathy Locklear – Seeking Shade

Class C

- 1st Place – Donna Ford – Poseidon's Cathedral
- 2nd Place – Donna Ford – Classic Lines
- 3rd Place – Cathy Locklear – Charleston Bridge

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**THINGS IN A ROW COMPETITION - APRIL
CLASS A WINNERS**

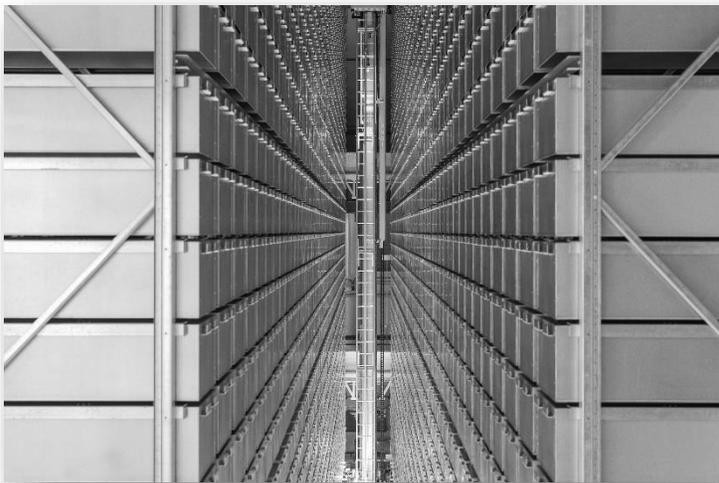
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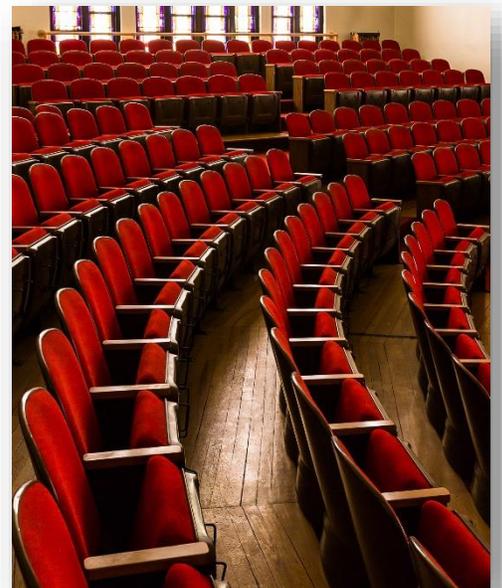
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EXHIBITIONS, *Tom Reedy* wreedy1@nc.rr.com

Campbell House Exhibition Announcement

Our club photography exhibition will be held at the Campbell House from September 2 through September 30. This is the premier photography exhibition in the Sandhills and an excellent opportunity to exhibit and sell our photography. All members are encouraged to participate. We will initially limit the exhibition to one piece per photographer. We will expand this limit to two pieces if we have sufficient wall space.

Our theme is "*The Fine Art of Photography.*" We will present a broad range of the club's artistic capability in the two front rooms at the Campbell House. We hope to have an even balance of *Creative Expression* (leading edge, creative photography with any artistic manipulation) and *Photo Realism* (our typical photographic submissions for A and B competitions) that have impact, fascinating subject matter and excellent light and composition. All works should be for sale. The Campbell House receives 35% of the selling price and we receive 65%. We have the wall space to hang about 40 to 45 photographs in each room, 80 to 90 overall.

It is our choice as to photographic paper, mats, and frames. However, the Campbell House will only accept photographs with a hanging wire on the back that can be hung from a single wall mount.

At this point I would like to provide you with some planning information, key dates, and areas where we will need some assistance. I will start with the exhibition and then present key dates leading up to the exhibition.

September 2 through September 30

Our exhibition will begin with a reception (6 to 8 PM) on September 2. The reception is usually well attended with more than 200 people coming to see the photography. The Campbell House has its own mailing list and we always invite all members of the SPC, their families and friends. We are responsible for managing the reception and for providing all food and beverages. We will need 10 to 15 volunteers to accomplish the following:

- Greet guests as they arrive
- Monitor the two rooms with the photographs
- Set-up the table and floral centerpiece
- Prepare light hors d'oeuvres for 200 guests
- Pour the wine
- Replenish the food
- Clean up

Key dates leading up to the exhibition include:

Now through May

Based on this initial announcement members should begin to decide what photographs they plan to exhibit. For now the limit is one photograph per photographer, but it may increase to two.

June

Assistance will be provided, as requested, to members who may need help in selecting the works they want to exhibit and what they need to do to develop the images to their fullest potential.

July 15

All members will have decided on their photography to be exhibited and submitted the number of pieces, titles, sizes and prices to me.

July 30

The volunteer staff will be complete and responsibilities will be assigned. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

August 9

The Campbell House will mail its invitations and we will mail or email ours. Both lists need to be completed by July 29 and then compared to eliminate duplicate mailings.

August 30

All photography will be delivered to the Campbell House. We will provide additional details as to what needs to be provided to the Campbell House with the photography. The Campbell House will hang all the pieces.

Please email me at wreedy1@nc.rr.com with any questions or suggestions or if you would like to help the reception.

RECIPE OF THE MONTH *by Bill Sheppard*

Recipe

- 1 Angelfood cake - cut in small squares
- 2 packs instant vanilla pudding mixed
- 2 cartons of frozen or fresh strawberries
- 1 container of Cool Whip

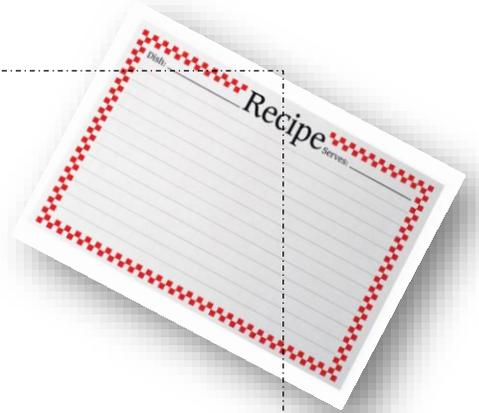
- Put cake in bottom of clear glass bowl
- Pour instant pudding over cake
- Put strawberries over cake and top with Cool Whip.
- Refrigerate
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Makes a light summer dessert

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IN GOD WE TRUST**

Bill and Sandra Sheppard

P.S. DON'T CALL BILL OR DAVE IF YOU WANT SOME FOR YOUR SELF



2016 REFRESHMENTS:

January	The Sheppards		July	OPEN
February	Hill & Sluder		August	Piechota & Scheve & Bruni
March	Huff, McCall, & Angelier		September	The Powers
April	Taggart & Charles		October	Margeson & Danielson
May	Lentz & Duvall		November	POT LUCK
June	Rebert		December	Christmas Party

Please contact Bill and Sandy Sheppard if you can provide refreshments this July.

HINTS, by Bill Sheppard

WELL.....one third of the year is gone. The trees are putting on their leaves and starting to bloom, wildflowers are blooming all over, migratory waterfowl and land birds are heading north to raise their young. Our local birds are having their young. Watch for shrubs and trees that birds are flying in and out of and you'll find their nests. With all the rain and water we've had, we have some beautiful streams and waterfalls.

Also the azaleas and wisterias blooms are over, but we still have mountain laurels and rhododendrons. Also baby deer will be born end of May or first of June. They are beautiful with their long ears and legs and white spots.

Also it's time for young eaglets to leave their nest and start flying. Their natural habitat is big woods , big lakes and big rivers where they hunt for food.



Bill Sheppard

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Sandra and Bill

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