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THE SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NEXT MEETING** ..... January 13, 2020

**PROGRAMS** ..... Chris Odgen  
*Essence of Place: America's Southwest*

**COMPETITIONS 2020** ..... See Article

**WORKSHOPS** ..... February 1, 2020  
*Lightroom "Classic", Brian Osbourne*

**OUTINGS** ..... December 18, 1:30-3  
*Shaw House*

**HOLIDAY DINNER** ..... December 9  
*Pinewild Country Club*

## FROM YOUR RELUCTANT PRESIDENT

MARILYN OWEN

It is hard to believe that my short term as President is at its end – not sad, just hard to believe. I have to admit it was easier than I expected it to be, and with that thought, I wish the best for Neva next year.

We still have more activities planned for this year, including Shaw House on December 18 as well as the dinner on December 9. The best news is that we already have workshops scheduled and a list of potential day trips for next year, as well as almost the full slot of programs and most of the competition judges. This means that more time can be spent by the committees and the board on future things, for 2021.

One gaping hole in the committees is someone to coordinate the refreshments after the meetings. This is one of the easiest ways to contribute to the club but is quite critical. We tried doing without the goodies for a few months and found that the majority of people left immediately following the meeting so there was little opportunity to welcome new members and guests or to socialize with other members. Check Neva's more detailed information elsewhere in the newsletter.

Expect the new year to ring in one or more short surveys, as we try to get a feel for the needs and wants of the club members. A lot of new members joined this year and we need to make sure their needs are met. The board is also investigating a possible new communication method – groups.io. If anyone has had experience with this, good or bad, please let us know by emailing me at [president@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:president@sandhillsphtoclub.org). I use the platform with several other organizations and am leading the investigation.

Have a wonderful holiday season, take lots of photographs, and we will see you on January 13 for the program with Chris Ogden, on *Essence of Place: America's Southwest*.



IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2020!

Family Membership- \$75

Individual Membership - \$55

Student Membership - \$20

There are several ways to pay:

Bring a check or cash to the November meeting

Mail a check to: SPC P O Box 763 Southern Pines, NC 28388

Pay by Paypal – go to our website [www.SandhillsPhotoClub.org](http://www.SandhillsPhotoClub.org) and the link is on the homepage



## WILL YOU BE THERE?

Our Holiday Dinner is fast approaching so make your reservations today! The cost is \$35 per person. The last day for accepting reservations will be **Tuesday December 3**. Join us for a fun evening, delicious food, and the Wings competition!

- Mail a check to: SPC P O Box 763 Southern Pines, NC 28388
- Pay by Paypal on the website: [SandhillsPhotoClub.org](http://SandhillsPhotoClub.org)

*Please send separate payments for dues and for dinner reservations. No refunds given after December 3.*

## 2020 Sandhills Photography Club Officers and Chairs

2020 Officers to be Elected at the November Meeting

President	Neva Scheve
Vice President	John Patota
Secretary	Lana Rebert
Treasurer	Judy Nappi

2020 Committee Members (so far)

Competitions Committee	Jerry Kozel Bonny Henderson
Membership	Jo Ann Sluder Dennis Snipes (need at least one more)
Workshops	Jacques Wood
Publicity	BJ Fulcher
Day Trips	Susan Bailey
Website	John German
Newsletter	Alison Earl
PSA	Dave Powers
Technical	Dennis Snipes
Exhibits	Pat Anderson Drew Steidinger
Hospitality	
Field Trips	

Most committees could still use one or two more people, so we're still looking for additional members. We still have no one for Hospitality or Field Trips.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – *Bonny Henderson, Treasurer***

OCTOBER 2019

Checking Account

Beginning Balance-09/30/19.....	\$2439.17
Deposits.....	\$ 796.92
Checks .....	\$ 224.90
Ending Balance-10/31/19.....	<b>\$3011.19</b>

Savings Account

Beginning Balance-09/30/19.....	\$ 888.03
Interest.....	\$ .01
Ending Balance-10/31/19.....	<b>\$ 888.04</b>

TOTAL FUNDS

Checking .....	\$3011.19
Savings.....	\$ 888.04
CD .....	\$4000.00
Total .....	<b>\$7899.23</b>



**BONNY HENDERSON**

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS, *Judy Nappi:***

Our club membership as of November is 105, consisting of 78 individual memberships, 2 honorary memberships, 23 family memberships and 2 student memberships. We added 3 new members during November. They are **Tom Swantkowski** from Southern Pines, and **John and Lynn O'Neill** from Pinehurst. Please extend a warm welcome to them at the next meeting.



**JUDY NAPPI**

Don't forget to get your dues for 2020 to the treasurer or bring them to the next meeting.

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE: LANA REBERT, DENNIS SNIPES & GISELA DANIELSON

Our last competition, Wings, turned out to be a great success! You sent in some beautiful images and the judge, Laura Crawford, will have a hard task deciding on winners. There were 70 entries - 31 entries in Class A; 25 entries in class B & 14 Entries in Class C.

At the Christmas dinner party we will show the 70 entries without comments. We will then show the winners & Gisela will read Laura Crawford's remarks on the winning images. The judge's comments on all photos will be sent in an email blast the following day.

After the Wings Competition, we will announce the **William Stoffel Awards**. For new members, The William Stoffel Year End Awards were established by Bill Stoffel in 2002 to promote incentive for the improvement of an individual's progress in producing photographic images. For each class, the member who received the highest points during the year will win \$50.00. **Who do you think will win these three awards?**

Starting next year, your new dynamic competition team, composed of **Jerry Kozel** and **Bonny Henderson**, have 2020 vision in mind and have already hit the ground running. The first competition is **Anything Old** and there is **no time limit**. The links open **Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 and close on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00**.

The **new manual starts in January**. We no longer have Classes. We now have Tiers. If you were in Class B, you will now be in Tier 1. For Class A members you will be in Tier 2. All Class A members with 40 or more points, will be in Tier 3. Editing to all photographs is **unrestricted**. Members are free to do as little or as much editing to make the image express the member's vision for the finished image. Members can use specialized cameras. (Infrared, ultraviolet, microscope, telescope, x-ray, electron beam, or any electro-optical devise.) Members can only use their own photos when merging multiple images, and the subject photo must be within the time frame for that competition. Use of textures, frames, borders which are part of editing software, taken by the photographer or acquired with permission are allowed, but images taken from other sources that were created by someone else are not permitted.

Titles should start: OLD\_T1\_Johnson\_Sam\_Title OLD\_T2\_Johnson\_Sam\_Title OLD-T3\_Johnson\_Sam\_Title  
**Please be sure to label your photos properly. If you don't have your name on the file, we will not know who you are. Also, make sure the metadata is there. Refer to the competition manual on our website homepage for details.**

Because of the ability for SmugMug to accept large files, **we recommend you size your images to 3000 PX on the long side instead of resizing them to the usual 1040 PX and 300 ppi**. This will give uniform full screen images for the judge to see on SmugMug. **If your image is not originally that large, do not enlarge it. Just make sure it is at least 1040 PX on the long side or larger.**

2020 Competition Schedule follows in this newsletter along with the name of the judge for that competition.

Keep your Back to the Front photos coming.

If you have questions for the competition committee, please email them at [competition@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:competition@sandhillsphtoclub.org).

Best wishes and Happy Holidays  
from Lana, Dennis & Gisela



## 2020 Competition Topics

- **Anything Old** (February)

Judge, Rob Byron <http://PiedmontPhoto.com>

Just as it says, the subject can be anything that gives the sense of being old.

**No time limit on this competition.**

- **Dominant Yellow** (April)

Judge, Lisa Miyamoto <http://www.makana-photography.com>

This challenge is all about the bright beautiful color called Yellow. The subject can be anything – a portrait, landscape, detail or an object. The dominance of the yellow color in the composition is important. It can be found all around from clothes to plants to signs or even company logo.

- **25 Mile Radius** (June)

Judge, Adele Cabanillas <http://adelecabanillas.com>

Photos must be taken within 25 miles of Sandhills Community College or some other selected location. This will give members a chance to explore local areas and find photo opportunities they never would have otherwise.

- **What's in the Kitchen?** (August)

Judge, Felicia Trujillo <http://www.foodseen.com>

Take a photo of anything: patterns from floor, dishes, cupboard; still life involving kitchen things; scene through the window into a kitchen; fancy food on a plate; design/shadows with silverware; person in kitchen; restaurant kitchen; reflections from pans, knives. Play with light and composition.

- **Spontaneous Public Scenes** (October)

Judge, Cheryl Gottschall <http://GottschallPhoto.com>

You are free to focus on any subject matter. Let yourself be surprised and inspired by the nature of public life. Unlike documentary and journalistic photography, your images do not need to promote social change. Capture spontaneous depictions of scenes as they unfold in public places. Some examples include: people riding bicycles, sitting on a park bench, enjoying an ice cream cone, walking the dog, etc. Be open to the small social stories that occur right in front of your eyes.

- **Less is More** (December)

Remote Judge, Kate Silvia [www.katesilviaphotography.com](http://www.katesilviaphotography.com)

The focus is on one small key element and the rest of the composition is completely clutter free.

## JANUARY PRESENTATION, *JOHN PATOTA*

The January presentation will be 'Essence of Place: America's Southwest' by Durham, North Carolina photographer Chris Ogden.

Always a dynamic and engaging speaker, Chris Ogden will take us on a pictorial, fun, and informative journey via his outstanding photography about what makes the Southwest unique in the world and behind-the-scenes stories. He will explore how we can improve our photography through intentional use of the top 10 elements of place, moment, and light. We'll see how to expand beyond snapshots and postcards to bring your unique perspectives to life.

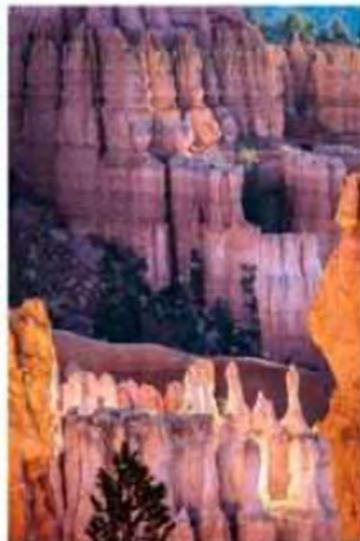


**JOHN PATOTA**

Come experience the Southwest's wonderful combinations of big skies, empty roads, and vast vistas; magical land forms of hoodoos, tents, spires, buttes, arches, slots, potholes, moquis, fins, varnish, stripes, waves, and sherbets; inhospitable yet inspiring dunes, deserts, badlands, salt, craters, calderas, and malpaíses; mysterious mines; scarcities amidst torrents of water; mazes of land ownership; gnarly, prickly, rugged, tenacious flora; highly adapted critters; and "Hand of Man" impacts (from the obvious to the implied) making Wilderness Lost.

It should be fun to hear about a warm Southwest on a cold Sandhills night.

Visit [www.ChrisOgden.com](http://www.ChrisOgden.com) and [www.Facebook.com/ChrisOgden1](https://www.Facebook.com/ChrisOgden1) to see his work.



## FAYETTEVILLE MARKET HOUSE SUNRISE, *John Patota (from SPC's Facebook page):*

Back in the 1980's, it was [Johnny Horne](#) that first realized the sun rises directly thru the arches of Fayetteville's historic, downtown Market House on this day each year. Today, it is a popular event, attracting photographers on Veterans Day to witness and capture the moment.

The weather cooperated at dawn this morning with temperatures in the 40's and calm winds. As you can see, the high, thin clouds behind the market house did not spoil the event.





## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

### Website

The club is going on an outing to Pungo Lake and Lake Mattamuskeet led by John German January 10-12 next year. [Click here for more info](#)

Susan Bailey led a Scavenger Hunt day trip to Southern Pines. This outing was well attended and many nice photos were uploaded in the gallery. Click the link below to see them.

[View Images for the Southern Pines Scavenger Hunt Daytrip](#)

### Notes

This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is for [Susan Bailey](#). Click her name to view the gallery.

You may view the new 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@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:website@sandhillsphtoclub.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@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:website@sandhillsphtoclub.org)

**WORKSHOPS, *JACQUES WOOD*****Workshops Committee:**

***Susan Bailey, David Brooks, Frank Lipski, Gary Magee and Jacques Wood***

**Adobe's Lightroom Classic Photo Editing Workshop  
February 1, 2020**



Led by Brian Osborne from the Photo Classroom

The workshop will cover:

- Instruction on using all 7 modules included in this software package
- File management and workflow practices will be reviewed
- You will learn to create an editing process that leads to consistency in post processing
- Uploading and exporting images for Club photo competitions

Requirements:

- A laptop computer with the LR Classic package loaded
- - Any level of Lightroom user

Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020

Time: 9:00AM – 4:30PM

Place: SCC Gardens, Ball Visitor Center

Cost: \$125 for Sandhill Photo Club members includes lunch

Limit: 18 participants

Deadline: December 20, 2019 - Register by sending an email to Jacques Wood at [JWoodADR@gmail.com](mailto:JWoodADR@gmail.com) **AND** making payment by:

- Giving a check to Bonny Henderson, SPC Treasurer, at the December 9 Dinner Meeting  
or
- Mailing a check to: SPC PO Box 763 Southern Pines, NC 28388  
or
- Paying by PayPal on the Club website: [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/work-shops](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/work-shops)

Workshop opens to the public after the December 20<sup>th</sup> date!

Other Workshops continue



## Other Workshops Planned for 2020

- **Street Photography Team Challenge:** This workshop will take place on Saturday, March 14, and will be led by Club members
- **Flash Photography: Indoor and Outside:** This workshop will take place on Tuesday, November 10, and will be led by Brian Osborne
- **Portraits Using Available Light:** This workshop is in the preliminary planning stages and the committee is seeking two Club members to lead this workshop. The committee will provide full organization support for the workshop leaders. If you are interested in discussing leading this workshop please contact Jacques Wood at [JWoodADR@gmail.com](mailto:JWoodADR@gmail.com).

Jacques Wood

Chair of SPC Workshops Committee

## 2019 OUTINGS - *Susan Bailey*

### NEW Outing: Shaw House at Christmas

- Date: Wednesday, December 18
- Time: 1:30pm – 3:00pm
  
- Shaw House  
110 W Morganton  
Southern Pines
  
- Lunch: The Sly Fox  
Time: 11:45am – 1:15pm  
795 SW Broad St  
Southern Pines  
[www.theslyfoxpub.com](http://www.theslyfoxpub.com)



We will have lunch first at The Sly Fox. It is across the street from Shaw House where you can park, or you can park at the restaurant and then move your car as Broad St is quite a busy road.

The buildings will be all dressed for Christmas. We are allowed to bring tripods and flash. I would suggest a wide angle lens as some of the rooms are fairly small. A macro lens would be great too for all the little details. A normal lens will also do fine... or a smartphone!

RSVP is a must! The restaurant needs an exact count and so does Shaw House as they assign a docent for the tour for every 10 people.



Please reply to me at [susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com) and indicate whether lunch or outing.. or just the outing.

Thank you.

Susan's article continues on next page



## SCAVENGER HUNT

We had a Scavenger Hunt on November 14 starting with lunch at Chapman's in Southern Pines. Each person was given a list of items to capture in their camera or on their phone. This exercise often gives people subjects they do not normally shoot. It is interesting to see the variety of images of the same subject. Our website has many more photos in the Scavenger Hunt gallery

- <https://sandhillsphtoclub.smugmug.com/Day-Trips/2019-Scavenger-Hunt-Southern-Pines/>

Diane McCall's photo represents Running Water



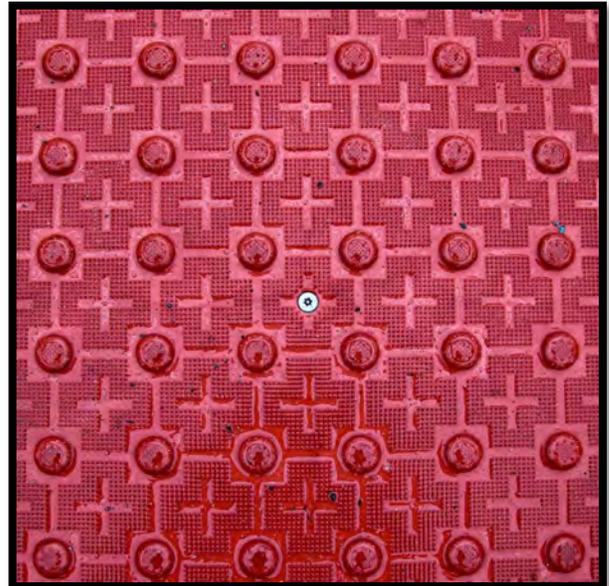
The total list included:

- Pathway
- Running water
- Texture – soft or rough for example
- Something red
- Low angle
- Something round
- Artistic close up
- Something with spots
- Shadow
- Reflection
- Bench
- Railroad tracks
- Awning or Umbrella
- American flag

The Outings Committee would like to have a few people to brainstorm places to go and things to do for our photo club in the next year. We have 1/2 and full day trips as well as weekend events. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Susan at [susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com)



Dave Powers checked several boxes - "Spots, Red, Texture and Round"



Dee Williams hit a home run with her husband with "Red and Umbrella"

## HOSPITALITY, *NEVA SCHEVE*

### **We Need Volunteers!!!**

#### **Hospitality Chairperson(s)**

Since I will be retiring my position as Hospitality chair to take over the Presidency next year, I am asking for a volunteer, or volunteers, to fill the Hospitality spot.

If we don't have someone chair the Hospitality position, we may not be able to have our social time after meetings. The board discussed and decided that our refreshment tradition should be continued because this time after our meetings is an important opportunity for members to socialize and get to know each other.

The Hospitality position is not difficult, and it doesn't take a lot of time. I know some people travel frequently or have jobs that take up a lot of time so volunteering may be intimidating. The main duties are to produce a signup sheet for volunteers to bring refreshments for the meetings each month, except for December because that is our annual dinner. I already have a volunteer for January 2020. We usually do a potluck in May and again in November, so there are 8 months left to fill at this time. For the past two years, I have had all months filled by February.

We usually send a reminder to the volunteer a week before the meeting and it is best for the hospitality chairpersons (s) to be at the meeting to help the volunteer with the stored plates and napkins we keep in the locker at the school, but that could be worked around if it isn't possible to attend a particular night.

So, if you have ever wanted to contribute to the club, but feel uncertain, this is a good way to ease into it. This also provides a position on the Board of Directors if desired, but attending board meeting is not mandatory. Getting involved is a great way to get to know people in the club. If you don't want to do it alone, teaming up with another member or members would be fine.

#### **Also – Volunteers for monthly refreshments are needed.**

I was asked by a new member what is involved in bringing refreshments. Mostly you bring snacks of your choice and drinks. We usually have about 40 people at non-competition meetings and about 50 for competition nights. Usually people bring chips, crackers, fruit, cheese, and vegetable snacks. Drinks can be large bottles of soda, juice, etc. and/ or bottled water. A bag of ice can be put into a cooler. It's good to leave the meeting slightly early to set up the snacks on the table. It doesn't have to be fancy and you can do pretty much what you want. There is currently an unofficial bag of cocktail plates, napkins, and cups in the cabinet at the school that can be used as long as the inventory exists.

At this time we have February, March, April, June, July, August, September, and October open.

If you are interested in the Hospitality Chairmanship or volunteering to bring refreshments, please reply directly to me at [nevaks@centurylink.net](mailto:nevaks@centurylink.net)

## NOVEMBER PRESENTER GARY BAIRD, *JOHN PATOTA*

Gary Baird's presentation at the November meeting on bird photography had a bunch of experienced photographers hanging on his every word. Gary's friendly style of presenting was perfect, and of course the photos spoke for themselves. Gary, second from the left, has traveled the entire country photographing wildlife. You can see his work at:

<https://www.garywbaird.com>



It is always a pleasure to welcome our presenters and judges at the informal dinner before each meeting. Here, Gary and his wife Sue, seated to the left, are joined by members and guests.



2020 SPC BOARD	
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**COMING  
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