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PRESIDENT'S NOTES - Neva Scheve

It's been a bit of a wild ride these last two years, but we made it! And now this will be my last newsletter update as President and our new President, JoAnn Sluder will be taking the reins and our club will be in very capable hands.

When I took office in January of 2020, I had no idea a pandemic was just over the horizon and there would be challenges none of us expected. But all the officers and members of the board really pitched in to keep the club going over these last two years.

I want to dedicate this piece to acknowledge each person who made my job so much easier than it could have been. I have probably said most of this before in bits and pieces, but looking back, I feel the need to say it again all at once. This list is long, so please indulge me. I don't want to forget anyone.

Jacques Wood, Vice President, who brought us so many wonderful programs even though (or because of) we had to do them over Zoom. Jacques also was my sounding board and advisor who was always there to give me support and advice.
Judy Nappi, Treasurer, who not only watched our club finances, but was always there for me, and our club, when I needed some help or information.

Lana Rebert, Secretary, who never missed a board meeting and spent hours making sure the minutes of our meetings were accurate.

JoAnn Sluder, Alan Brown and Dennis Snipes, Membership. Under JoAnn's leadership, the membership team not only kept the membership numbers up, but actually brought in more members through these tough times. They also introduced a new, more efficient, registration process for our in-person meetings.

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel, Competitions. Bonny and Jerry made use of new technical innovations that resulted in some great judges and good participation of our members who kept on shooting for competitions even though we were all social distancing. Participation was about the same as it was pre-pandemic.

Dennis Snipes, Technical. I don't think it is an exaggeration to say that Dennis pretty much saved our club. When we were first in lockdown, I asked Dennis to investigate this "Zoom" thing and give me his opinion on how it would work. He jumped right in and figured it out, and along with **John German** and **Jerry Kozel**, they managed to get us online without ever missing a meeting. Then, when we finally did get to meet in person, this team figured out a way to have the hybrid meetings that we will be doing from now on.



Frank Lipski took over the **Workshop** committee as a new member. Along with Mary Meier, he presented us with some really good workshops with quality photographers who would have been impossible to get if we didn't have the Zoom technology. And BTW, Frank will continue on as Workshop chair for 2021 and he really needs someone to join the committee. Please consider volunteering.

Susan Bailey, Outings. Susan came on as a new member and jumped in with both feet, bringing her considerable experience as a photographer and also the considerable experience she has had in other organizations. She has put together some interesting and educational day trips that have been well attended even through social distancing.

Gary Magee, Field trips. Gary is a long-time member and has held about every office during his time in SPC. This year, once we were able to travel, he organized a wonderful, well planned, fun, field trip to Wilmington this past October. A good time was had by all!

Pat Anderson and Shari Dutton – Exhibits. Pat was exhibits Chair in 2020 and organized our joint exhibit with the Artists League of the Sandhills and Shari took over for the Campbell House exhibit in 2021. Both exhibits were very successful considering the challenges of social distancing.

Dave Powers, PSA. Dave keeps our membership to Photographic Society of America up to date and shares information with the club. He makes sure that our Website and Newsletter are entered into the respective PSA competitions. And we have done very well in those competitions thanks to **John German and Alison Earl**

Speaking of **John and Alison**, they are the glue that holds the club together. Without the excellent **Website** and **Newsletter**, along with our **Facebook** page, we would not be the club we are. Especially these past two years when we could not be together in person.

It has been the worst of times and the best of times. We have been a great team and I have enjoyed working with everyone. Thank you all.

I wanted to write this so that all the SPC members can be aware of the dedication these officers and chairpersons have for the club. I also hope to encourage other members to consider volunteering in the future.

I also want to thank all the SPC members who bore with us and still attended all the meetings and kept shooting through it all.

Almost all members of this team will be returning for 2021 with the addition of **Susan Batts as Secretary, Jack Matthews in Membership and Marti Derleth will do Publicity. Sally Mason will take over Hospitality** now that we will be meeting in person again. Under the leadership of **JoAnn Sluder**, I have confidence the Sandhills Photo Club will have an even better year coming up.

I will be seeing many of you at the Holiday Party on December 13. As of now, Pinewild CC is following current CDC guidelines which are masks are optional for vaccinated people and unvaccinated people are encouraged to follow the 3 W's. If anything changes, we will let you know.

So many people to thank, but now I hear the orchestra starting to play me off the stage.

Neva

TREASURER'S REPORT - FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$3,999.52
	Savings & CD	\$4,933.97
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$8,933.49



Judy Nappi

DUES ARE DUE!!!!

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2022!

- Family Membership - \$75
- Individual Membership - \$55
- Student Membership - \$20

There are two basic ways to pay your renewal dues:

- Mail a check to:
Sandhills Photo Club
P O Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388

Or

- Pay by Paypal which is a convenience– go to our website www.SandhillsPhotoClub.org and click links under MEMBERSHIP which is on the homepage. The website pages will instruct you.

Any questions, please contact:
membership@sandhillsphtoclub.org



WORKSHOP – FRANK LIPSKI

The last 2 workshops of the year were held in November: Night Photography with Kate Silva and Getting it Right in the Camera by Brian Osborne.

The workshop committee is planning for 2022. If you have any ideas for a workshop you would like to see, please send me an email. Better yet, offer to join the workshop committee and you can make your desired workshop a reality. If anyone has any desire to present a workshop based on a some of their expertise send me an email.

As always looking for volunteers to help with the workshop committee.

Some planned and possible workshops for 2022 include:

- Pet Photography
- Finding photos in Lightroom – Advanced Keywording.
- Beginners guide to Photoshop
- iPhone Photography

MEMBERSHIP – JO ANN SLUDER

Our 2021 Sandhills Photography Club year is coming to an end. Where did the last 11 months go? Take a moment and peruse the SPC website and you can relive many wonderful moments captured during the year by you.



Jo Ann Sluder

We hope to see many of you at ‘your Christmas Party’ planned at Pinewild Country Club on December 13th. Some of you might not yet be comfortable with these social events and that is understandable, but know you will be missed. We enjoy our personal, phone, e-mail and Zoom interactions with you. We genuinely hope each and every one of you will renew and join us for all the continued opportunities we will offer you in 2022!

Membership Dues Reminder

Please note instructions on how to remit your dues highlighted in this *Newsletter* or on the sandhillsphtoclub.org website.

Welcome New Members

We are delighted to introduce and welcome two (2) new members in November, **Cal Rice** and **Bill Kerman**.

Cal shared: “my primary career was in technical management in IBM developing new computers. After retiring in 1993 I started a commercial photography business and taught statistics, computers and photography in Community Education and college. My primary interest in recent years is to travel to such places as Bhutan, Italy and Cuba to then give illustrated talks. I am looking forward to being part of the SPC.”

William (Bill) Kerman shared “I moved here from Ohio (but definitely not a buckeye) in 2019. I have had family here since 1976 so I visited often. I have been interested in photography for 40+ years - mostly scenic photography from all my travels. Also as a semi-retired golf course designer I have done a lot of golf course photography. Frank Lipski told me about the Club and thought it would be interesting to interact with like interested folks. I would be particularly interested in some of the workshops and outings. And hopefully this old dog can even learn some new tricks.”

Currently we are 95 members strong.

Honored Loyal Members

Further in this Newsletter, please be sure to read the article from our Honored Loyal Member, **Betty Hendrix**. This is the 7th article in our series from our honored members who have been in our Club for over 20 years. We started this series in April and Betty is the second longest active member.

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Involve, Inspire, Invite, Introduce = Success

SPC welcomed 14 new members who joined the membership year 2021 and we have a month left! We appreciate the initiative of many of the new members for seeking us out in addition to our Members for reaching out to inspire, invite and introduce others to our Club.

Remember to share your love of photography/SPC to all you meet!

Looking Forward to 2022!

Personally, I want to say how much I have enjoyed being a part of the Membership Team for the past 2 years, working closely with Alan and Dennis and communicating/serving all of you.

I am excited for you however, as **Jack Mathews** is joining the Membership Team! Jack has graciously volunteered to step forward to serve you. Please know the Membership Team encourages you to contact them whenever they can answer questions or be of assistance.



**Capture the fleeting moments
before they disappear forever!**

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

**The Membership Team,
Jo Ann, Dennis, Alan, & Jack**

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Another Honored Member Remembrance

We moved to Pinehurst in January of 1989. Dave's retirement package included fees for classes to enhance retirement. So, I took a photo course with Bill Stoffel at the college right away. He drew me into the club in no time. My dad was an avid photographer, and I had a Brownie at the age of 8. Dad loaned me his 35mm when I was in high school and went to NYC & Washington DC. When my boys were little, I even did demos for Polaroid. I was anxious to try to do more with 35mm and different lenses. I went to a pawn shop in Fayetteville & bought a Minolta camera with several lenses and used that for 11 years.



BETTY HENDRIX

The club was small back in those days and I became active immediately. My first job was the newsletter which went out monthly – by typing, printing, copying, stamping, mailing..... I have been president (don't even remember what year that may have been). I was exhibition chairman for many years which involved finding places to show our prints (on photo paper by a print source – no control over improvement) and hanging many shows. I competed in our slide competitions (again only control was how you set the camera and what you selected). I was on the board for about 15 years and truly enjoyed all the people in the club. Most of us went on the field trips. Digital was just beginning in 2020 & I bought a point & shoot thinking it would be handy for snapshots. I never dreamed how fast the field of photography would change.

I still enjoy the club meetings and seeing what others are doing and what I might learn from them. While I do not participate in the competitions these days, I still do a lot of photography. All my artwork is done from my own photo images. I use several different cameras for a variety of needs. I have one I love for shooting birds which have become a favorite subject the past few years. I have a wonderful long lens – but compact and light weight -- and have learned how to shoot and follow birds in action or far away. I love playing around with images in the computer also, but mainly to stretch my own interpretation of a scene.

Whenever I talk with folks about photography and/or art -- I recommend our photography club. It is a wonderful mix of levels, interests, and styles. Sandhills Photography Club has enriched my life immensely!! I cannot believe it has been 32 years! Thank You All for being a part of my life!!!

Betty Hendrix



**COME JOIN US FOR THE
SANDHILLS PHOTO CLUB
ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER
December 13, 2021 at
PINEWILD COUNTRY CLUB**

**Cash bar will start at 6:00, followed by dinner at 7:00
The dinner buffet will feature:**

**Roast Beef (Carved to Order)
Salmon with a Dill Sauce
Fresh Bread and Butter
Mixed Salad Greens
Potatoes Au Gratin
Vegetable Medley
Chocolate Truffle Mousse Cake
Vanilla Ice Cream with Toppings**

**Cost will be \$37 per person,
payable by check mailed to the following address:**

**Sandhills Photo Club
P.O. Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388**

or by using the following link to the link to Paypal on the club's website:

<https://www.sandhillspgphotoclub.org/pay-for-holiday-dinner>

**Payment must be received by December 6th to allow an accurate headcount
to be given to the chef.**

PROGRAMS – JACQUES WOOD, VICE PRESIDENT

The Competition Committee has announced the 2022 Topics: Black & White, Faces, Abandoned/Decay, Arches, Long Exposure, and Round Things. My goal for programs for the coming 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 first half of next year:



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: www.lollyslens.com.

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>.



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: www.katesilviaphotography.com.

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Programs, continued:

We had a program in 2020 on Decay Photography presented by Greg Kiser. His Zoom presentation can be viewed on the Club website at www.sandhillsphtoclub.org. Just click on the “Links” tab, scroll down to the Zoom Meetings link, click and enter the password “zoomzoom”. You will then be able to select and view the Decay Photography program.

Suggestions on presenters about arches, round things or more generally creativity in photography are welcome.



John German



John German



SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG

Website

Notes

*This month's featured member's gallery on the club website is **Jill Margeson**. Click her name to view her gallery or the link to her 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***



Bonny Henderson

COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel



Jerry Kozel

We are looking forward to our November competition “Industrial.” The winners will be decided by you, the members of the club. Online voting will begin on Thursday November 25 (Thanksgiving Day) at 4:00 pm and voting will end on **Thursday December 9** at 4:00 pm. This

gives you two full weeks to make your decisions and cast your ballots. Details on how to vote will be sent out on Monday November 22 by eblast so keep an eye on your mailbox for instructions.

The winners of the Industrial competition will be announced at the Holiday Dinner on December 13. The Stoffel Awards will also be presented for all three tiers. For new members, the Stoffel Awards recognize the club members who have scored the highest number of points in the competitions in the past year. For more information, check the website under “About Us” and choose “Board Members.” Click on the links below the picture of Bill Stoffel for past winners and information about the award.

We are currently seeking suggestions for the 2023 competition topics. Please send your ideas and themes to us soon! Send topics to competitions@sandhillsphtoclub. We want to present the list to you in January so you can begin thinking about your shots for two years of upcoming competitions! As a reminder, here is the list of 2022 topics:

- FEB- Black & White
- APR – Faces (Critters, Statues, People)
- MAY – Abandoned/Decay
- JULY – Arches
- SEP – Long Exposure
- NOV – Round Things

(3 year time limit on all topics)

(2023 TOPICS COMING SOON)

Hope to see you at the Holiday Dinner!

Bonny & Jerry

2021 OUTINGS – SUSAN BAILEY



Southern Pines Christmas Parade

Date: Saturday, December 4

Time: Meet at 10:30 at the Train Depot
across from the Sunrise Theater

Lenses: wide angle through 200mm zoom
all useful

Where: Broad Street, Southern Pines

Cost: none



Susan Bailey

The Christmas parade is a great way to start your holiday season and many photo opportunities in downtown Southern Pines. Hope to see you there!

November

We had a great time at The Ederville Train and Tractor Show on November 6th. I lost count of members attending because it was a big place and not everyone was there at 10am, but I've seen lots of photos in the gallery. There was such a variety of subjects and these photos just start to tell the story!

January

We are going to the **Jordan Lake Dam** for photographing seabirds: definitely seagulls, probably osprey and possibly eagles all looking for fish at the Tailrace below the dam. This (fishing) video shows the tailrace with the grassy area on the right side where we can stand and photograph.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whnSntAQwzw>

Date: January 8, 2022

Time: Meet in the grassy area around 2pm. Lighting is best from that side of the water in the afternoon. Feel free to go in the morning on your own, but you may want to cross the dam and walk down to the water for good morning light. The afternoon site is right by the parking area.

Address: 2080 Jordan Dam Road, Moncure, NC

Directions: Follow US 1 north to exit 79. Take State Road 1970 to the dam (about 5 minutes). You will see the parking area on the right as you approach the dam.

Weather: We will watch the weather and make changes to the date if necessary!

Equipment: Definitely a long lens. Explore your camera manual for continuous focus and tracking if you are unfamiliar as the birds are moving fast!

See Member Pictures of Ederville Train and
Tractor Show on Next Page



Dave Powers



Susan Bailey



Neva Scheve



Susan Bailey



Welcome
SPC!!!!



Dee Williams



Ederville Train
& Tractor Show



Dee Williams



Neva Scheve



Dave Powers

David Powers

MEET YOUR NEW SPC BOARD FOR 2022

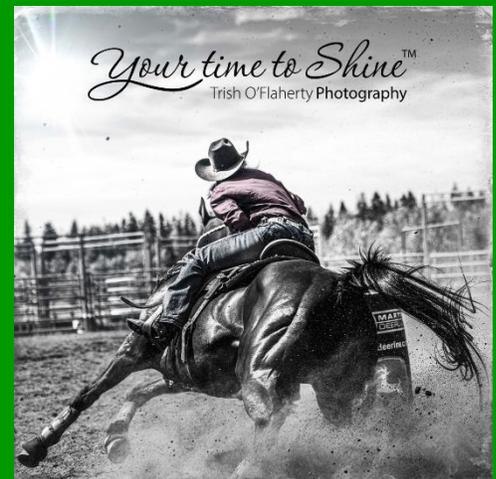
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FROM A NEW MEMBER – *TRISH O'FLAHERTY:*

Hi! I'm **Trish O'Flaherty** and I'm a new member (Equestrian / Lifestyle Photographer). I'd like to add something if I may to your newsletter. I thought I'd share that as a newcomer to the USA from Canada, I struggled not being able to work as a photographer for a year while awaiting authorization to legally work. So I focused on taking pictures as a "traveler" to a new country and took my camera on trips to the ocean... specifically "Top Sail". There I was able to capture our Friends' son enjoying running after the sea birds.. One of my images was noticed by a local artist and was recreated as a painting for the family. It feels good to see your work in the eyes of another artist as worthy to be recognized.



I am a full Lifestyle photographer.. However, my plan is to focus on Equine Photography in the new year. My equestrian portfolio can be viewed at www.bridlepath.studio.... or my lifestyle portfolio can be viewed at www.trisho.ca





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