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THE SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

NEXT MEETING ..... January 11

### PROGRAMS

January 11 ..... "Dynamic Images of the Coast"  
Mark Buckler

March 8 ..... "Preparing to Capture  
Captivating Images" David Culp

### COMPETITIONS

February ..... Open

April ..... Tools of the Trade

June ..... B/W or Sepia NO COLOR

August ..... Seasides & Beaches

October ..... Golden Hour or Blue Hour

December ..... Industrial (Online)

### WORKSHOPS

"Using Flash" with Brian Osborne ..... 2/8 & 2/22

### Virtual OUTINGS

### OUTINGS

## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

*NEVA SCHEVE*



Well, 2020 is finally over. It has definitely been a year for the history books. I hope everyone is safe and healthy and ready to move on to the new year.

But, even though it has been a challenge, there have been some positive outcomes. Even though we haven't been able to get together in person, our Zoom meetings have been extremely successful, and we have managed to keep active as a club. Our Holiday Zoom party turned out better than expected and was a lot of fun. Even when we get back to our regular schedule, we have learned, thanks to Zoom master **Dennis Snipes**, that Zoom can be a tool we may continue to use for workshops and board meetings. We even managed to hold an exhibit in conjunction with the Artist's League thanks to Exhibits Chair **Pat Anderson**.

Our workshop committee, headed by **Jacques Wood**, did a wonderful job finding online workshops for us so we can continue to learn about our mutual passion for photography. Outings Chairperson **Susan Bailey** encouraged us to go out and shoot by giving us topics and

challenges that inspire us. **Alison Earl** has literally kept us together as a group by keeping us informed with the newsletter and sending out blasts with all the current news and events and she even manages our Facebook page. And, of course **John German** keeps our Website up to date so we can always know what is going on.

Our Competitions were very successful, and entries did not decline from entries from previous years. **Bonne Henderson** and **Jerry Kozel** deserve a lot of credit for working out a way to convert our normal in-person competition nights into the Zoom format. Membership chairperson, **Jo Ann Sluder** and her committee did a great job of reaching out to members and we have maintained our membership numbers at a normal level. **Alan Brown** has joined JoAnn as co-chair for this year.

I can't say enough how grateful and I am for the help and support I have received from the officers, committee members, and from the entire board of directors. Since it's the start of the new year, I want to keep these names front and center so all members are aware of those who are responsible for the management of our wonderful club. The best news, for me, is that almost all of them have returned for another year. As you probably already know, **Jacques Wood** has moved into the Vice President spot and **Judy Nappi** and **Lana Rebert** have returned as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively.

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I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the SPC members who participate in our activities and join in the conversation in many different ways. We have a really good group of people in our club and I hope we will be able to be together again soon. We do have some things to look forward to. **Frank Lipski** has taken over the workshop committee chair and new workshops are being planned. **Gary Magee** is working on a field trip in the Spring and **Shari Dutton**, the new Exhibits Chair, will be organizing the Campbell House exhibit this fall.

So, let's stay positive and make 2021 a good year!

*Neva*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### FINANCIAL REPORT 2020

#### Treasurer's Report as of November 2020

TOTAL FUNDS		
	Checking	\$5,141.56
	Savings	\$888.17
	CD	\$4045.23
Grand Total of all Accounts		\$10,074.96



JUDY NAPPI

## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

### IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2021!

- 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](http://www.SandhillsPhotoClub.org) and click links under Membership which is on the homepage. The website pages will instruct you.



Any questions, please contact:

[membership@sandhillsphotoclub.org](mailto:membership@sandhillsphotoclub.org)

## MEMBERSHIP – *JO ANN SLUDER*

As the year of 2020 was winding down, we hope our Membership had a heartwarming celebration of Christmas holidays with their loved ones.

Attending our December Zoom meeting for the Competition of “More is Less”, we had 36 members join us for the critiques and announced winners.

Impacted by weather and Covid-19, our Annual awards/social party was also held on Zoom and we had 21 of our members join in on a fun evening! Thank you all for spending time during the holidays with your fellow SPC members. Remember if you could not join us at those times, links are on the website to view the meetings at your leisure.



**JO ANN SLUDER**

In December, we welcomed **Mary Meier** who is excited to have more time for photography since she has retired to our area. She and her husband, Charlie, moved from Michigan to Pinehurst, NC just before Covid-19 was upon us. Mary’s exciting career was as a College Professor of Anthropology and Archaeology. Her most recent archaeological research project was in Pompeii and she took a lot photographs in that area. Mary got a new Cannon digital camera for Christmas, so she is anxious to start shooting with it.

Our membership at present is 105. We are pleased to report many of you have submitted your 2021 renewals! For those who have not yet submitted, the January due date is upon us. Plans for 2021 are continuing to provide programs, competitions and activities for a full year’s calendar of events (modified utilizing Zoom when needed).

We do not want anyone to miss out on all the opportunities to join your fellow SPC members in all activities.

Please review our website, [www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org) which will provide you details on options to pay by PayPal or check.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year!  
***Jo Ann, Alan Brown, and Dennis Snipes***

## PROGRAMS, *JACQUES WOOD*

January 11, 2021: “Dynamic Images of the Coast”

This program will be presented by Mark Buckler who is a wildlife photographer and photo instructor residing on the Outer Banks of NC. Mark will share his decades of photographic experience on Cape Cod and the Outer Banks. Discover essential technical and creative fundamentals that will dramatically improve your photos of the coast (and other landscapes as well). He also will explore a variety of ways to create compelling, distinctive images that exhibit your own creative vision.



**JACQUES WOOD**



Mark is a renowned photographic instructor who has been invited to teach workshops or give presentations nationwide. A number of SPC members including myself have participated in either his workshops or individual instruction. Mark’s highly acclaimed images have received numerous international, national, regional and local awards. His fine art prints have been featured in many exhibitions and can also be found in several galleries. Along with Steve Alterman, Mark has authored the photography book *COASTAL WILD, Among the Untamed Outer Banks*.

You can see samples of his work at [www.bucklerphoto.com](http://www.bucklerphoto.com) .



**BONNY HENDERSON**

## COMPETITION COMMITTEE

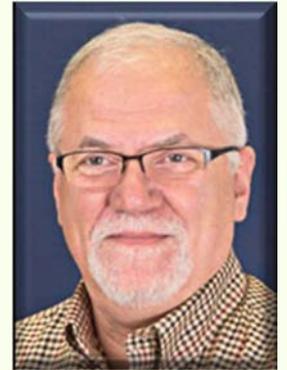
*Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel*

## COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

Bonny Henderson and Jerry Kozel

Our regular meeting was held on December 14 and the competition "Less is More" made for a fun night. Many members have commented on how much they enjoyed the images, so if you haven't seen them, check out the following pages, or visit the website and check out the submissions. Congratulations to the winners and a big thank you to

Kate Silvia who was our guest judge. Kate's clear and concise comments helped many of us learn about composition, lighting, and even chromatic aberration! We will publish Kate's comments soon.



**JERRY KOZEL**

Between the Christmas images and before the games, we announced the Stoffel award winners at the social meeting on December 20. There was a tie for **Tier 1 with Shari Dutton and Jacques Wood** each earning 14 points over the last year. **Dee Williams** was our winner for **Tier 2** and **Donna Ford** won for **Tier 3**. A big round of applause for these four members who worked hard and won awards in the competitions. Alison sent an eblast with a history of the Stoffel award, but if you missed it, go to the website and under *About Us*, choose *Board Members*. On the right-hand side there is a link to the history of the Stoffel award and information about Bill Stoffel. On the next page is a list of all our Stoffel winners.

After the holidays wind down, get ready for 2021 and the first competition in February. The topic will be open (any subject) but there is a 3-year time limit. The galleries will open the second week in January, and we expect to be flooded with entries as this is a popular topic!

We wish you Happy Holidays and look forward to seeing your competition entries next year!

Merry Christmas,

Bonny and Jerry

## STOFFEL AWARD WINNERS

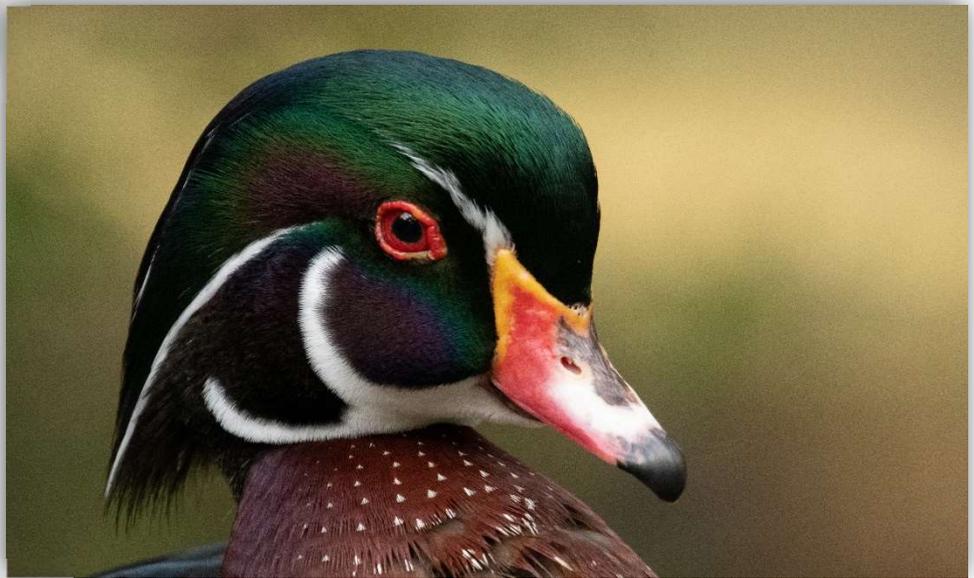
	CLASS A	CLASS B
<b>2002</b>	Fred Cirule	Amy Purvis
<b>2003</b>	Roy Kita	Jim McGill
<b>2004</b>	Fred Cirule	Fran Piechota
<b>2005</b>	Jim McGill	Brady Smith
<b>2006</b>	Jim McGill	Jill Margeson
<b>2007</b>	Jim McGill	Marilyn Owen
<b>2008</b>	Jim McGill	Donna Ford*
<b>2009</b>	Donna Ford	Dave Verchick
<b>2010</b>	Jim Davis	Carole Barnard
<b>2011</b>	Dave Verchick	Four Way Tie:
		Alison Earl
		Kathy Green
		Diane McCall
		Debra Regula
<b>2012</b>	Dave Powers	Gene Lentz
<b>2013</b>	Debra Regula	Jennifer German
<b>2014</b>	Donna Ford	Mary New
<b>2015</b>	Donna Ford	Tobé Saskor

	CLASS A	CLASS B	CLASS C
<b>2016</b>	Diane McCall	Teresa Bruni	Donna Ford
<b>2017</b>	Matthew Smith	Bonny Henderson	Donna Ford
<b>2018</b>	Matthew Smith	Kathryn Saunders	Donna Ford
<b>2019</b>	Darryll Benecke	Drew Steidinger	Donna Ford
	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>
<b>2020</b>	Two-way Tie: Shari Dutton Jacques Wood	Dee Williams	Donna Ford



**Tier 1 Winners  
Less is More**

**1st Place - Pam Jensen  
Hoofbeats**



**2nd Place - Tom Batts  
Dandy Duck**



**3rd Place - Shari Dutton  
Huntington Beach Anhinga**

**Tier 2 Winners  
Less is More**



**1st Place - Susan Bailey -  
Callas at Rest**

**2nd Place - Bonny Henderson  
Hope**



**3rd Place - Diane McKay  
Magnolia**

**1<sup>st</sup> HM - Mary New  
A Slice is Nice**



**2<sup>nd</sup> HM - Dee Williams  
A Day at the Beach**



**Tier 3 Winners  
Less is More**

**1st Place – Donna Ford  
Dragonfly**



**2nd Place – Donna Ford  
Calla Lily**

**3rd Place – Neva Scheve  
The Scent of Patchouli**



**1st HM – Gisela Danielson  
Wandering Dunes**

## WORKSHOPS, *FRANK LIPSKI*

With Jacques Woods taking the role of Vice President, he has asked me to step up and lead the workshop committee. He set an example that will be difficult to match, but I will try my best.

Currently the workshop committee consists of just Jennifer Maples and myself. We could definitely use some additional help. If you have a desire to help plan, execute and perhaps even lead a workshop, please contact me via email [lipski@charter.net](mailto:lipski@charter.net)

As we still must content with COVID and its restrictions, we will attempt to hold workshops online until we can safely meet in person. When practical the workshop will be 2 parts. A classroom portion, followed in a few weeks a “presentation” portion, where the attendees will show off what they managed to accomplish with the new skills.

Currently, we are attempting to finalize the date and time for a two part “Using Flash” with Brian Osborne. We just finalized the dates, and it will **Monday Feb 8 at 9am** for the first session and then **Monday Feb 22 again at 9am**. Cost will be \$75 to attend both sessions. We will be sending more information via an eblast, so keep an eye out for the details.



**Frank Lipski**



Other topic being considered for this coming year:

- Printing
- Landscape Composition
- Use Phones for Photography
- Finalize the Street Photography Shootout
- Getting it right in the Camera

Looking forward to a “flashy” New Year!

## 2020/2021 OUTINGS – *SUSAN BAILEY*

December has been HOLIDAY photo month. It has been fun and uplifting to see holiday pictures, especially this year! You can upload your two favorites to the online Photo Challenge from December 21-31. We will send out links. Voting will take place the first week of January on those entries. See some of the entries on the next page.



**Susan Bailey**



In January we are going to look for images using a SHALLOW DEPTH-OF-FIELD. You can select any subject, camera, lens, etc. For those who haven't used Aperture priority on their camera yet, this is your perfect opportunity to experiment. Here is a simple way to start. Use the largest setting (usually 3.5 – 5.6) and get close to your subject. You will see the

background become soft or blurry. This is a good time to learn more about your camera; maybe Santa brought you a new one???

Please post your SHALLOW DEPTH-OF-FIELD images on Facebook and/or upload to the website. We will have a challenge and voting again. If you are not on Facebook and want your images to be considered for the newsletter, please send them to me at:

[susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:susanbaileyphoto@gmail.com)



Due to the increase in COVID we have no in-person outings planned but will continue sharing themed topics online.

Wishing you the very best in 2021!

Susan



# Holiday Outing Month

A few of our entries



**Jim Womble**



**Diane McKay**



**Shari Dutton**



**Mary New**



**John German**



**Mary Meier**



**Joseph Hill**



## SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB'S WEBSITE

WWW.SANDHILLSPHOTOCLUB.ORG



### Website

### Notes

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

*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](mailto: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](mailto:website@sandhillsphotoclub.org)*

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