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Seasonal Photo: Farm in McHenry County in the month of March. Waiting for Spring! (Gabbey)

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President's Column:

Tours and Planned Photo Trips



I don't know if you're like me, but for me, any Architecture tour is one giant photo shoot opportunity! It's especially fun if you do it with another person who loves taking pictures. Recently, I went downtown with a photo friend to go on a Frank Lloyd Wright Trust tour of The Rookery at 209 S. LaSalle Street in Chicago. The Rookery was built in 1888 by Burnham & Root and updated by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1905. This originally 10 story skyscraper (now 11 stories) had elevators from the very beginning! For a mere \$10 for an adult or \$8 for a senior, you got a ½ tour of the Light Court, exterior and the Oriel Staircase by a very knowledgeable guide who permitted pictures and even gave us extra time to shoot. You can get tickets online or at the site. We got there a little early so we had a little time to shoot before the tour started.

Going in winter generally means your group will be small. We started off with just 3 which grew to 5 with 2 walk-ins. Spring, summer and fall can be fun times for architecture walking tours and often guides can get you into places you may not be able to get into yourself. They have already done the research and have made connections. A great place to look for tours is the Chicago Architectural Foundation. In addition, there are many private walking tours out there but I can highly recommend Inside Chicago Walking Tours.

You can also pick out places that you want to see and photograph without taking a tour. And that is exactly what we did in the afternoon. I chose to go to the Monadnock Building which has 6'-0" thick walls at its base. When it was built in 1893, it was considered to be the largest office building in the world. First we went to the security guard's desk and asked if we could take pictures. He gave us permission to take pictures just on the first floor at first. Then he said if wanted, we could go to the 2nd floor. When we came down, I showed him my pictures in the camera and he said, these are really good. Then he asked us if we wanted to go to the 16th floor to take a picture of the floating staircase from the top? Of course we did!



Our final stop was Union Station chosen by my friend. A few years ago, this 1925 Beaux Arts treasure was restored. All of these historic sites were built by Burnham & Root, the architecture firm of that era—the same firm who crafted much of the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. I'll leave you with Daniel Burnham's quote, "Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized."

Go out there and make plans to photograph—near your home, Chicago and anywhere in the United States or the world. Don't forget, you can also take actual photo tours but they will be pricier.



Grace Moline, jgeagle01@gmail.com

Editor's Column: Volo Bog

A truly fascinating natural place is nearby Volo Bog, an ancient remnant of the last Great Ice Age, that's more than worthy of a visit, especially with a camera. I'm stating the obvious to many of our club members who have experienced and photographed the wetland terrain with its amazing flora and fauna. Some of them have also sounded the alarm that serious problems with physical structures at the facility are in desperate need of attention if accessibility is to continue. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources provides access to this natural wonder with a boardwalk system that allows visitors to enter the very heart of the bog, but "various sections into the bog have become impassable due to high water, failing walkways, and generally unsafe conditions." (Greg Kelly, Site Superintendent, Volo Bog — Courtesy of Friends of the Volo Bog: <https://www.friendsofvolobog.org/copy-of-updates>)

Due to heavy rains and flooding in recent years, the wooden part of the boardwalk has deteriorated and made it unsafe for visitors. Only one-third of the distance into the bog is now accessible. Until this past November, there was major concern on the part of groups like the Friends of the Volo Bog that repairs and renovation to the boardwalk would not get the needed attention from the Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois General Assembly.

According to Superintendent Kelly in his update in November 2019, the Illinois Director of the DNR was "impressed by the response" from the Friends of the Volo Bog and others that "the boardwalk project has been elevated on the Statewide Capital Projects list to a fast track project and the project was sent to the Capital Development Board (CDB) for further consideration and processing." Kelly further noted that "Although no definite dates have yet been established for commencement or completion, the project seems to be quickly moving forward. I recently met with the CDB in Springfield. CDB is performing a cost analysis for identifying the necessary State funding. Then CDB will: prepare a Request for Qualifications to solicit architectural/ engineering (A/E) firms to submit their Statements of Qualification to design the necessary repair/replacement work; award the contract to the selected A/E firm; and the A/E firm will then design the project and prepare a final, detailed opinion of probable construction cost. Once this A/E work has been completed, the project will go out for construction bids, be awarded to the successful and qualified bidder, and then constructed. In discussing the project with the CDB, I anticipate that award to an A/E firm would be made by mid-summer 2020 but this is subject to finalization of the schedule by the CDB." (Courtesy of FoVB")

Kelly's final statement seemed firm: "At this time, since your communications have been heard by the Illinois DNR Director and the State, **no further communications are necessary** as we now need to give the CDB time to develop the project." (Courtesy of FoVB)

Good news? Yes, but... Stay tuned!

Karl-Heinz Gabbey, Editor

Pictures from Volo Bog

Top 1. Warbler (Gabbey)

2. Closed Boardwalk (Volo Bog Shutterbugs?)

Middle: 3. Winterberry Holly (Gabbey)

4. Fallen Oak leaf (Gabbey)

Bottom: 5. Snapping Turtle (Gabbey)





Historic / Iconic Photo of the Month: Hoover / Boulder Dam

Photograph of the Hoover Dam (formerly Boulder Dam) from Across the Colorado River; From the series Ansel Adams Photographs of National Parks and Monuments, compiled 1941 - 1942, documenting the period ca. 1933 - 1942.

Hoover Dam is a [concrete arch-gravity dam](#) in the [Black Canyon](#) of the [Colorado River](#), on the border between the U.S. states of [Nevada](#) and [Arizona](#). It was constructed between 1931 and 1936 during the [Great Depression](#) and was dedicated on September 30, 1935, by President [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#). Its construction was the result of a massive effort involving thousands of workers, and cost over one hundred lives. Originally known as **Boulder Dam** from 1933, it was officially renamed Hoover Dam, for [President Herbert Hoover](#), by a joint resolution of Congress in 1947.

Since about 1900, the Black Canyon and nearby [Boulder Canyon](#) had been investigated for their potential to support a dam that would control floods, provide irrigation water and produce [hydroelectric power](#). In 1928, Congress authorized the project. The winning bid to build the dam was submitted by a consortium called [Six Companies, Inc.](#), which began construction of the dam in early 1931. Such a large concrete structure had never been built before, and some of the techniques were unproven. The torrid summer weather and lack of facilities near the site also presented difficulties. Nevertheless, Six Companies turned the dam over to the federal government on March 1, 1936, more than two years ahead of schedule.

Hoover Dam impounds [Lake Mead](#), the largest reservoir in the United States by volume (when it is full).^[6] The dam is located near [Boulder City, Nevada](#), a municipality originally constructed for workers on the construction project, about 30 mi (48 km) southeast of [Las Ve-](#)

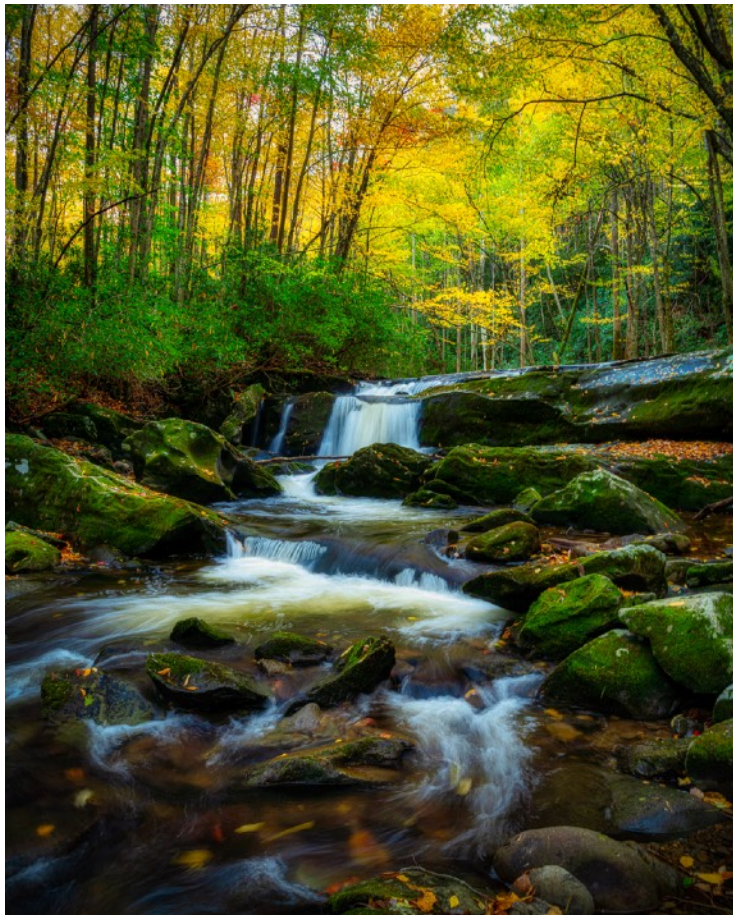
gas, Nevada. The dam's generators provide power for public and private utilities in Nevada, Arizona, and California. Hoover Dam is a major tourist attraction; nearly a million people tour the dam each year. The heavily traveled [U.S. Route 93](#) (US 93) ran along the dam's crest until October 2010, when the [Hoover Dam Bypass](#) opened. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hoover_Dam)

List of CLCC Members’ CACCA Scores for February:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	PHOTOGRAPH TITLE	CATEGORY	MONTH	YEAR	CLCC SCORE	CACCA SCORE	CLCC AW	CLCC HM	CLCC POM	CLCC POY	CACCA AW	CACCA HM
Baber	Teresa	Peaceful Energy	LC	Feb	2020	24		X					
Baber	Teresa	Peaceful Energy	LC	Feb	2020	24		X					
Baber	Teresa	The Tate Barn	SM	Feb	2020	22			X				
Baber	Teresa	Wasatch Mountains	LC	Feb	2020	22			X				
Chemelewski	Jeff	Last Light	LM	Feb	2020	24	25	X				X	
Chemelewski	Jeff	Rock Reflections	LM	Feb	2020	24		X					
Chemelewski	Jeff	Starry Night	LC	Feb	2020	23	24		X			X	
Frey	Doug	Dinner For Two	SM	Feb	2020	22			X				
Kopp	Norm	Black Vulture	LM	Feb	2020	23	24		X			X	
Moline	Grace	Spiritual Vertigo	LC	Feb	2020	24		X		X			
Williams	John	Autumn River Falls	SC	Feb	2020	22			X				
Williams	John	Great Ocean Shoreline	LM	Feb	2020	23	22		X				
Williams	John	River and Wolf Point Walk	SM	Feb	2020	23		X					
Wittman	Sandra	Beautiful Horse	SC	Feb	2020		23	X					
Wittman	Sandra	Harris' Hawk	SC	Feb	2020	22			X				
Wittman	Sandra	The Blacksmith	SM	Feb	2020	23	25	X				X	



Grace Moline: “Spiritual Vertigo”



John Williams: “Autumn River Falls”



John Williams:
“River & Wolf Point
Walk



John Williams:
“Great Ocean
Shoreline, Australia”

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CLCC Small Groups

Advanced post processing group meets the 3rd Thursday of the month at..

Maureen Harris Home

1706 Cassandra Ln, McHenry, IL 60051

Members include Maureen Harris, Grace Moline, Doug Frey, Chris Raecker

Rich Bickham, Steve Dumpman, Jim Stevens

Lightroom Group Meets as scheduled at the home of...

Ron Johnson

21 Spring Lake Lane

Barrington, IL600010

or

Paul Minkus

75 S Walkup,

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

The group does not meet on a regular date. They set the date for the next meeting as needed Tom Mickow, Ron Johnson, Paul Minkus, Julie Boatright, Joanna Bennett, Diane Marsek, Judy Jorgenson, Steve Dumpman,

Nature and Landscape group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7pm at Chris Raecker's house...

85 S William St.

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

Chris Raecker; Chuck Rasmussen; Joanna Bennett; Karl Gabbey; Ed Zeek; Royal Pitchford; Tom Mickow; Larry Lezon; Linda Manning; Jim Stevens; John Gonsiorek; Judy Jorgenesen, Scott Larsen

There has been a Macro Group but currently not active.

To be a member of a Small Group, you must be a member of CLCC to enjoy this benefit.

Calendar of Meetings/Programs

Tuesday, March 3, 2020--7pm, CLCC March Meeting. Show & Tell: Theme TBA. Speaker: Jim Jim Schulz, staff photographer Brookfield Zoo. Home State Bank, 611 South Main Street, Crystal Lake

Saturday, March 14, 2020--8:30 am. Photobug Breakfast. Colonial Cafe, 2555 Bunker Hill Drive, Algonquin

12:00pm--CACCA March Meeting, Christian Church of Arlington Heights
 333 W. Thomas St. Arlington Heights, IL 60005

Long Term Schedule