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Storm Over Nippersink Lake

by CLCC Member Bill Kucera

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IMAGES FROM MARCH 2023 SHOW & TELL



Nowhere To Go

Monochrome

by Rich Bickham



Taking Down the Old Old Oak

DPI Color by Judy Jorgensen

IMAGES FROM MARCH 2023 SHOW & TELL



Men at Work
DPI Color by Peter Pelke

The Future of CLCC

Notes and News from March 14, 2023

Submitted by Kim Walkup, CLCC Secretary

The CLCC met in-person on March 14, 2023, at the Algonquin Township building with 21 people in attendance. We had two more new members join the club! A hearty welcome to Bruce Whittier and Richard Smolen. We hope you enjoy being a part of CLCC!

Action follow-up:

- In lieu of the photo booth, please send a picture of yourself to Rich Bickham to incorporate into the membership list. Please send to richbickham@comcast.net
- If you have not paid your \$25 for 2023 club member dues, please reach out to Gail.Schulz@gmail.com. The member list is in the process of being updated.

Show and Tell

Seven people shared entertaining photos for the Show and Tell:

- Karl Gabby: Serenity on Lake Michigan, Orchid at Botanic Gardens' Orchid Show (ISO 1400-1600), and Chicago night skyline taken from planetarium (SS ½ second)

(The Future of CLCC, continued)

- Doug Frey: Boulder Junction WI albino deer, “Ghost” deer on water, albino deer in grass hiding, closeup and mother albino deer with tan baby deer
- Peter Pelke: Calla lily, construction works on girder, nautilus shell (recreating Edward Weston’s famous shell photo) and Sturgeon Bay lighthouse
- Mike McGuigan: San Xavier del Bac in Tucson, Normandy Omaha Beach and American Cemetery crosses, Bartlett Lake Mexican Poppies and Arizona Lupine
- Bill Kucera: Arches National Park Pine Tree Arch, Egret at Nippersink in Fox Lake, and lightning storm on Nippersink Lake (30 second exposure)
- Jeff Chemelewski: TX/LA Caddo Lake Bayou Cypress trees in fall, Cypress tree with Spanish moss in fall. ISO 5,000-10,000 with F8 or F6 using Topaz software (removes noise from high ISO and sharpens the images), Ripples from boat Caddo Lake
- Judy Jorgensen: Street photography – “A Different Perspective” UP street photography, sports car by professional photographer, “Goodbye Old Oak Tree”
- Rich Bickham: Street photography - repairing light post, Chicago inner city mobile home, Woodstock Square man leaning on container

Before & After Photos

Five people shared their Before and After editing photos with great discussion.

- Peter Pelke: Michigan lighthouse, Chair in farmhouse, and old truck; Peter uses the NIK cleanup tool
- Others mentioned using Photoshop, Affinity and Photoscape for Windows
- Doug Frey: Landscape, deer, dog with stick (vignette option) and Yellowstone
- Mike McGuigan: Building with sunlight and owl from Stillman sanctuary
- Rich Bickham: Grand Canyon hail storm at Tovar Hotel, Arlington Park horse race, Surroundings Cigar Shop in WI, and waiting to cross the street in Chicago. Rich applied motion to cars in the background via Photoshop Elements
- Judy Jorgensen: Columbine, frost on a tree, and waterfalls

The next in-person meeting is the Second Tuesday of the month:

- April 11, 2023, 7 pm - **COMPETITION NIGHT!**
- Algonquin Township Building, 3702 Northwest Highway, Crystal Lake
- **NOTE: Meeting Room #2** - enter at the rear of the building, not the front door
- Newsletters are emailed monthly and also posted on the website.

Good things are happening at CLCC -

We hope to see many more of you at our next meeting!

CRYSTAL LAKE CAMERA CLUB OFFICERS

See The Club Directory For Contact Information

Co-Presidents	(POSITION OPEN) <u>Judy Jorgensen</u>
Secretary	<u>Kim Walkup</u>
Treasurer	<u>Gail Schulz</u>

YOUR IDEAS MATTER!

Do you have a story, images, trip, post-processing technique, event, etc. that would be good for Camera Club members to know about? Your submissions will make this newsletter valuable! Write it up, and send it to **Steven Szalaj**, **Newsletter Editor** at the email address in the club directory. **Please make your submission by the 22nd of the month.**

Before & After

An opportunity to show how you enhance your images with post-processing

Submitted by Steve Szalaj, Newsletter Editor

At the March meeting, there were five members who submitted *Before & After* comparisons to show how they improved their images in post processing. This led to very interesting discussions at the meeting.

Here are some samples from that meeting:

BEFORE



AFTER



Mike McGuigan

- Flip 180 degrees horizontal
- Increase exposure slightly
- Lighten shadows (should have done more)
- Sampled color under natural board beneath windows
- Painted natural board with sampled color to give it a weathered look
- Increase saturation to highlight sun on side of building
- Adjust curves

BEFORE



AFTER



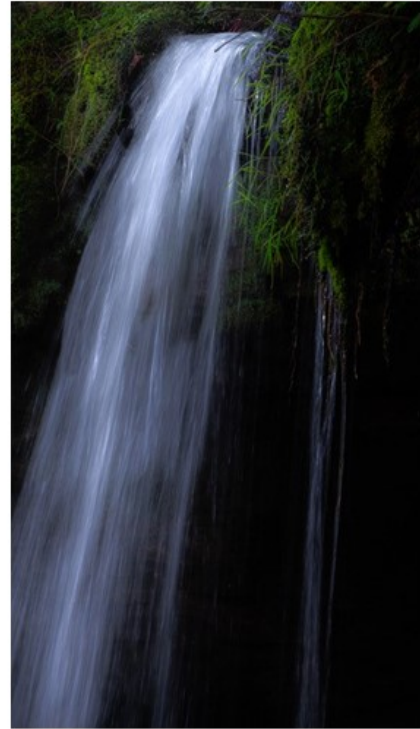
"Waiting to Cross" Rich Bickham

- Adjust brightness
- Saturate color
- Apply motion to cars

BEFORE



AFTER

**"Waterfalls" Judy Jorgensen**

It's time to pay CLCC dues for 2023. Dues are \$25.00 for the year (such a deal!). Please give a check to our treasurer, Gail Schulz, or mail it to:

**Crystal Lake Camera Club
PO Box 2193
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-2193**

CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings start at 7PM and are at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake in **Meeting Room 2**. Enter at the back of the building.

April 11	Competition (Submission deadline has passed)
May 9	Member Presentations about how they are using their photos
June 13	TBA

Check Out the CLCC Web Site!

www.crystallakecameraclub.com is a valuable resource

Submitted by Sandra Whitman, Webmaster



If you haven't visited the club web site lately, take a few moments to see what resources are found there. We are in the process of updating everything; most of the site is current.

On the *Home Page*, you'll find sample of images by club members, meeting information, competition information, and links to the most recent newsletters. There is also a tab bar across the top that links to other pages on the site.

Competition Guidelines have information particularly about print competitions. Currently we are having only digital competitions, and those guidelines are listed on the home page. We hope to return to print competitions in the future.

Competition Galleries have the winning images from our club members going back to 2009. This archive will be brought up to date soon. Explore the images there, and be inspired!

Newsletter has an archive of all the newsletters going back to 2013. There's lots of great articles, links and images in these publications.

Small Groups are one of the club features that really took a hit in the pandemic. These groups have a focus on one aspect of photography. They are designed to bring members together in a less formal setting to facilitate the exchange of ideas, and to help each other.

Library is a listing of books about photography that have been given to the club. There are lots of excellent resources here - and they can be freely loaned to club members. Since the pandemic, we are not sure who has all of these books. They were brought to every meeting for people to browse and take out on loan. If you know who has the library, please let our current officers know!

Facebook is a link to the club's FaceBook page, which is moderated by club member Scott Migaldi. Submit images to Scott for posting. There is also a *Crystal Lake Camera Club Group Chat* on FaceBook. On this page, you can share images and comments as often as you'd like!

Links has a number of links to web resources for photography. These are certainly well worth exploring!

Contact Us, of course, is a way to get in touch with the club directly.

Take a few minutes to explore this excellent club resource!

Morton Arboretum Sculpture Show



Mind Eye (2015) by Olga Ziemska
Locally reclaimed wood logs, metal armature Permanent Outdoor Sculpture
RespirArt Sculpture Park, Dolomite Mountains, Italy

Of the Earth

Opens May 26, 2023

Five large-scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemska will be created exclusively for a new exhibition at The Morton Arboretum, **Of the Earth**.

The exhibition will explore the artist's expression and philosophy that, she says, "We are nature." Ziemska said that her aim is to remind people that "everything in life is derived from the same basic elements that form everything in nature, including ourselves. There is no separation." In Polish, Ziemska means "of the earth."

The artist's work will be created from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations throughout the Arboretum's 1,700 acres. "I am giving reclaimed natural materials a new life and transforming them from nature into new forms," Ziemska said.



Stillness in Motion (2002) by Olga Ziemska
Locally reclaimed willow branches, wire, metal
armature
Centre of Polish Sculpture, Chapel Gallery,
Oronsko, Poland

GALLERIES, STORIES AND VIDEOS ON THE WEB

7 Fascinating Facts About Julia Margaret Cameron

Julia Margaret Cameron was born in 1815, around 25 years before photography was even invented. In fact, she didn't take up photography until she was 48, when her daughter gave her a camera as a present. Her photography career lasted just 12 years. However, during this time, she took around 900 photographs, creating an outstanding body of work in the process. The majority of her photos are portraits, many of which depict scenes from the bible, books and classical literature.

2022 in photos: NPR station photographers share memorable moments

A look back at an eventful year through the lenses of the member and affiliate NPR stations. NPR asked photographers to share memorable events they covered throughout 2022.

Bad Weather Makes Good Photos!

Spencer Cox is a landscape and nature photographer who has been recognized and displayed in leading photography galleries worldwide. This is a blog post from [Photography Life](#), a website of articles, news and reviews which he co-edits. You can see more of his images on his [personal website](#).

Sony World Photography Awards: 2023 Winners and Shortlist Galleries

[World Photography Organization](#) is a leading global platform dedicated to the development and advancement of photographic culture. Its programming and competition initiatives provide valuable opportunities for artists working in photography and help broaden the conversation around their work.

The Sony World Photography Awards is World Photography Organization's principal program. Established in 2007, it is one of the world's biggest and most prestigious photography competitions; celebrating the work of leading and emerging practitioners and attracting tens of thousands of visitors annually to its exhibitions worldwide.

There are galleries for the Open Competition, and Professional, Latin American, National, Regional, Student, Youth and Alpha Female competitions, each with multiple categories.

CLCC SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Newsletter Editor	Steven Szalaj	Publicity	OPEN
Webmaster	Sandy Wittman	Competition Chairman	Rich Bickham
CACCA Delegate 1	Lance Lagoni	Competition Assistant	John Williams
CACCA Delegate 2	OPEN	Competition Assistant	Ernie Hagenow
Education	Peter Pelke II	Small Groups	Maureen Harris
Advisor	David Jilek	Outings	OPEN
Advisor	Jim Pierce	Refreshments	Larry Swanson
Facebook Administrator	Scott Migaldi	Librarian	OPEN
Membership	OPEN	Mentor Program	Paul Minkus

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW YOUR IMAGES

4th FRIDAYS AT STARLINE

300 W. Front Street

Harvard IL 60033

815-943-4805

4th Friday Event: April 28, 2023

Submission Deadline: Monday, April 17 at 11:59 PM

Fee to Enter: \$25 for 3 Pieces

<https://starlinefactory.com/call-for-art-2/>

The optional theme for April is “Spring Fling.” Themes are not required for participation or awards.

Awards available for the juried show include:

- Best of Show (Art or Photography) \$50 Cash Prize and Starline Medal
- 1st Place for Art (any Artwork but photography) \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- 1st Place for Photography (any photography) \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- People’s Choice (Art or Photography) \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- Judge’s Option Honorable Mention (Art or Photography) \$20 Starline Gift Card

Click here for the **SUBMISSION APPLICATION**

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**



4th FRIDAYS ART EVENT AT THE DOLE

401 Country Club Rd

Crystal Lake, IL 60014

815-347-8535

4th Friday Event: April 28, 2023

Submission Deadline for the April 28 Event: Sunday, April 16, by midnight

Non-refundable submission fee: \$35 for up to 5 pieces

Cash Awards:

- Best of Show: \$100 cash, a Featured Artist Solo Show in a 4th Fridays 2023 event.
- Nancy Merklings Choice: \$50 cash
- 4th Fridays Team Choice: \$50 cash
- 3 Honorable Mentions: \$50 cash each
- People’s Choice Award: \$50 cash

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**

6X6 PROJECT ART AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER

Raue Center's **6×6 PROJECT** fundraiser and online art auction & exhibition celebrates its fifth year of supporting arts with Art! All proceeds benefit Raue Center's fine arts education programs, Mission Imagination (MI) and Raue Center School For The Arts (RSCA), which have been enriching the lives of over 20,000 kids a year in the local community since 2001.

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate by creating original works of art, in a variety of mediums, on 6×6" canvases. Since our inaugural event in 2019, 6×6 Project has raised over \$50,000 for MI and RCSA with canvases coming from around the nation!



All artwork submitted to the **6×6 PROJECT** will be available for viewing and bidding online at Auctria.com starting June 5, 2023. Artists and the public are cordially invited to our reception on June 24, 2023 from 5:30-8 pm to mix, mingle and bid on your favorite pieces!

Create a mini-masterpiece and support the arts in your community!

Several of our CLCC members have participated in this event. It is a good way to get your images seen by a public that loves art, and you are supporting an arts venue right here in McHenry County. Entering is easy! Complete instructions are at the [**6x6 PROJECT WEBSITE**](#).

Purchase one or two 6" X 6" canvases from the project partners (listed on the website and the links below) for \$5 per canvas. You must use these official canvases. Mount or print an image on the canvas and drop your artwork off by May 6, 2023. All artwork submitted to the 6×6 PROJECT will be available for viewing online and can be bid on in an online auction starting June 6, 2023. All auction proceeds go to education programs at the Raue. On June 24, 2023 will be an artists's reception at the Raue Center that is free and open to the public.

[Click here for Participation Guidelines](#)

[Click here for Participation Form](#)

PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:

Out of the Box – 71 N. Williams Street | Crystal Lake, IL | (815) 444-7446

Brush Studio – 121 W. Main Street | Cary, IL | (847) 516-3880

Creative Arts Inc. – 400 Highland Avenue | Crystal Lake, IL | (815) 219-9243

Material Things – 103 E. Van Buren | Woodstock, IL | (815) 575-9710

Piano Trends – 35 Berkshire Dr | Crystal Lake, IL | (815) 477-4266

Reprographics – 26 Crystal Lake Plaza | Crystal Lake, IL | (815) 477-1018

Raue Center For The Arts – 26 N. Williams St | Crystal Lake, IL | (815) 356-9212 | Tu – Fr, 2 to 4 pm

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