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Mystical

Color by Jeff Chemelewski

April Competition Award & Image of the Month
2023 Image Of The Year

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APRIL 2023 COMPETITION WINNERS

Editor's Note: The Award images from the April competition are shown here and the cover page. All four were included in the voting for the 2023 Image of the Year.



Isolated Barn
Monochrome
by Jeff Chemelewski
Award



Window to the World
Monochrome
by Rich Bickham
Award

APRIL 2023 COMPETITION



Stairs
Monochrome
by Peter Pelke
Award

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

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.**

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 IMAGE OF THE YEAR

Editor's Note: These are the other photos nominated for the 2023 Image of the Year. All were Award winners in the October 2022, December 2022 and February 2023 competitions. Enjoy this review of CLCC's best photos of the past year.



Arches Window

Monochrome by Mike McGuigan



Olivia

Color by Mike McGuigan

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 IMAGE OF THE YEAR



Antelope Canyon Wave Cave
Monochrome by John Williams



Red Fox
Color by Joe Norton

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 IMAGE OF THE YEAR



Magical Light

Color by Gail Schulz



After the Water is Gone

Color by John Williams

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 IMAGE OF THE YEAR



Arctic Fox
Monochrome by Joe Norton



Tuscany
Color by Gail Schulz

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 IMAGE OF THE YEAR



Notre Dame Basilica
Color by Royal Pitchford

GALLERIES, STORIES AND VIDEOS ON THE WEB

My Night In The Sistine Chapel

After the tourists go home, a museum's collection tells its own story.

Italian Photographer Travels to Paris to Capture Perfect Full Moon Inside Arc de Triomphe

Photographer Stefano Zanarello has been practicing his craft for over 15 years from his home base in the Italian Alps. Recently, he decided to make a journey to capture a photo he'd been working on for months. This required him to fly to Paris, and in the end he was able to get the shot he was after—the Moon centered under the arch of Arc de Triomphe.

This incredible picture hasn't been edited at all

The image shows the bird making small ripples in the water as it wades through a river bank, but the colors and seemingly changing landscape in the background makes it look like two different images stitched together. This shows how it was taken.

Penguin Comfort

Photographer Tobias Baumgaertner captured this image of two widowed fairy penguins looking over the Melbourne skyline. It has won an award in Oceanographic magazine's Ocean Photography Awards 2020. Biologists have followed them as they meet every night to comfort each other.

The Future of CLCC

Notes and News from May 9, 2023

Submitted by Kim Walkup, CLCC Secretary

Action follow-up:

- Judy took individual photos of those that needed to still provide a photo to Rich. Judy has forwarded those on to Rich. If you have not yet sent a photo of yourself to Rich, please do so. Please send to richbickham@comcast.net
- If you have not paid your \$25 for 2023 club member dues, please contact Gail.Schulz@gmail.com. The member list is in the process of being updated, and the mail distribution list will only include those names that have paid.

Image of the Year

The Image of the Year with the most votes goes to Mystical by Jeff Chemelewski

There were 13 photos considered (9 color, 4 monochrome) and eight entrants

Other photos were:

Arches Window and *Olivia* by Mike McGuigan
Red Fox and *Arctic Fox* by Joe Norton
Notre Dame Basilica by Royal Pitchford
Magical Light and *Tuscany* by Gail Schulz
After the Water is Gone and *Antelope Canyon Wave Cave* by John Williams
Window to the World by Rich Bickham
Isolated Barn by Jeff Chemelewski
Stairs by Peter Pelke

Thank you to all those that took the time to vote.

Show and Tell

Thank you to the six people who shared photos for the Show and Tell and the detail they provided: Jeff Chemelewski, Carl Gabby, Scott Larsen, Linda Hopp, Royal Pitchford, and Kim Walkup.

Before & After Photos

Thank you to two people that shared their Before and After editing photos: Jeff Chemelewski and Peter Pelke. It is very helpful hearing about post processing.

Things learned from the discussions:

- If you are on a computer, in a photo, right click on the picture, select file info, and it will give you data about the shot
- Topaz Software takes away noise and sharpens the image.
- Nik by DxO software is an editing tool
- Nations Photo Lab prints on metal for a reasonable price

What Do People Do With Their Photos?

- Doug: Puts on FB, makes notecards and packages them as gifts, submits photo to 4th Fridays in Harvard
- Russell: Writes books with photos. Shared two books about 18 Wheelers. Have You See My 18 Wheeler?

(The Future Of CLCC, continued)

Follow-Up Items

- Gail will send Kim the list of paid members. Kim will match it up to the current email distribution list and update the list to those who are paid members.
- Facebook posting – The person who handled this now lives in England. We need someone to take this over, but we need to get in touch with Tom to get it transitioned or shut down and start new FB post.
- Newsletter: Judy asked if there is anything they want different about the newsletter. There was agreement that the newsletter has a good mix of articles and photos. Kudos to Steve for putting it together every month. Kim would like to add a feature of highlighting a different club member periodically and will get that started.

Good things are happening at CLCC -

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

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.

June 13	Member Presentations Show & Tell, Before & After
July 11	TBA
August 8	TBA
September 12	TBA

CLCC SUPPORT PERSONNEL

Newsletter Editor	<u>Steven Szalaj</u>	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

BEFORE & AFTER FROM THE MAY MEETING



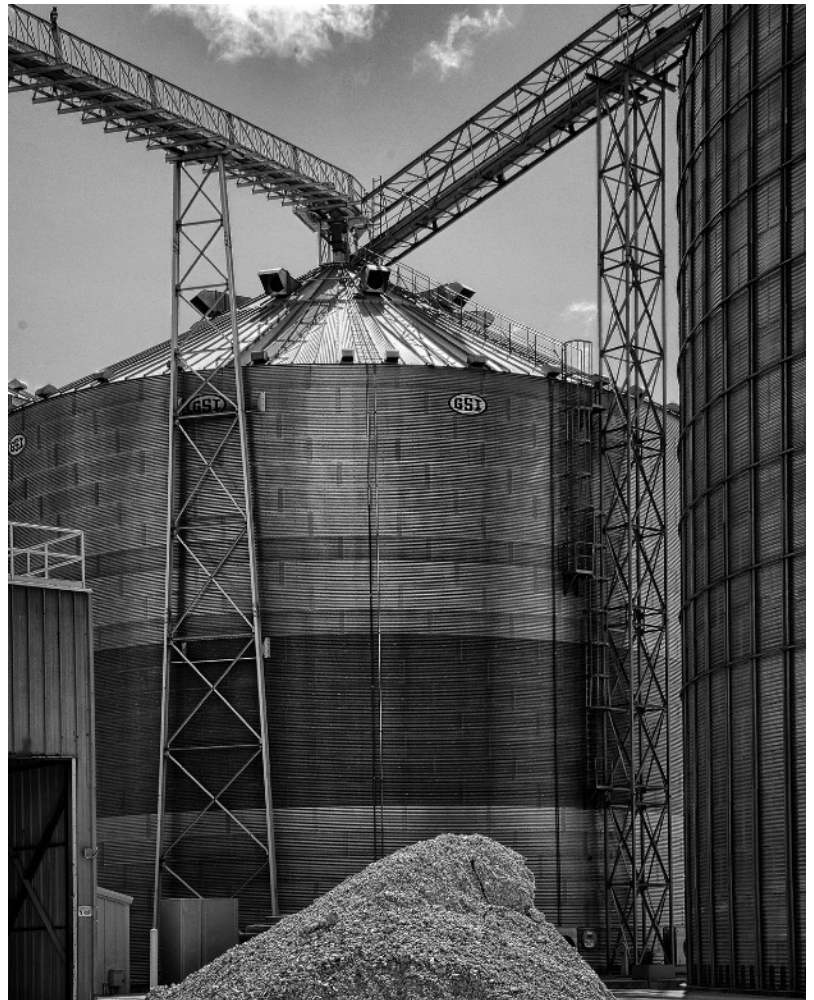
Grain Silo

on Interstate 39 south of Rockford IL

By Peter Pelke

Left: As taken

Below: after post processing



BEFORE & AFTER FROM THE MAY MEETING



Untitled

Taken in Iceland
by Jeff Chemelewski

Left: as taken

Below: after post processing



SHOW & TELL FROM THE MAY MEETING



Mama Cardinal
by Linda Hopp



Encircled Flamingo
by Scott Larsen

SHOW & TELL FROM THE MAY MEETING



Tree
by Peter Pelke



Untitled
by Jeff Chemelewski

Photography by Jeff Chemelewski

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

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW YOUR IMAGES

4th FRIDAYS AT STARLINE

300 W. Front Street
Harvard IL 60033
815-943-4805

4th Friday Event: June 23, 2023

Submission Deadline: Monday, June 12 at 11:59 PM

Fee to Enter: \$25 for 3 Pieces

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

The optional theme for June is “?”. 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: June 23, 2023

Submission Deadline for the June 23 Event: Sunday, June 11, 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 – BIDDING BEGINS!

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.

On-line bidding for the 6x6 art pieces will begin on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 9AM. Bidding will continue until 8PM, Saturday, June 24 the Artists' Reception at the Raue Center for the Arts, 26 North Williams Street, Crystal Lake. This reception is open to the public, 5:30 - 8:00PM. Come to see see all the artworks and meet contributing artists!

Click [HERE](#), to see the auction site. Bidding instructions are on the site. To view the gallery, click "Art Auction" in the black menu bar under the photos.



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