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Secrets

Monochrome Image by CLCC Member Judy Jorgensen
May 2024 Image of the Month, Monochrome DPI Award
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MAY 2024 COMPETITION RESULTS



Pelican's Heart
Color Image by Kim Walkup
Color DPI Award

Path Around The Pond

Color Image by
Royal Pitchford

*Color DPI
Honorable Mention*



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Chatterbox

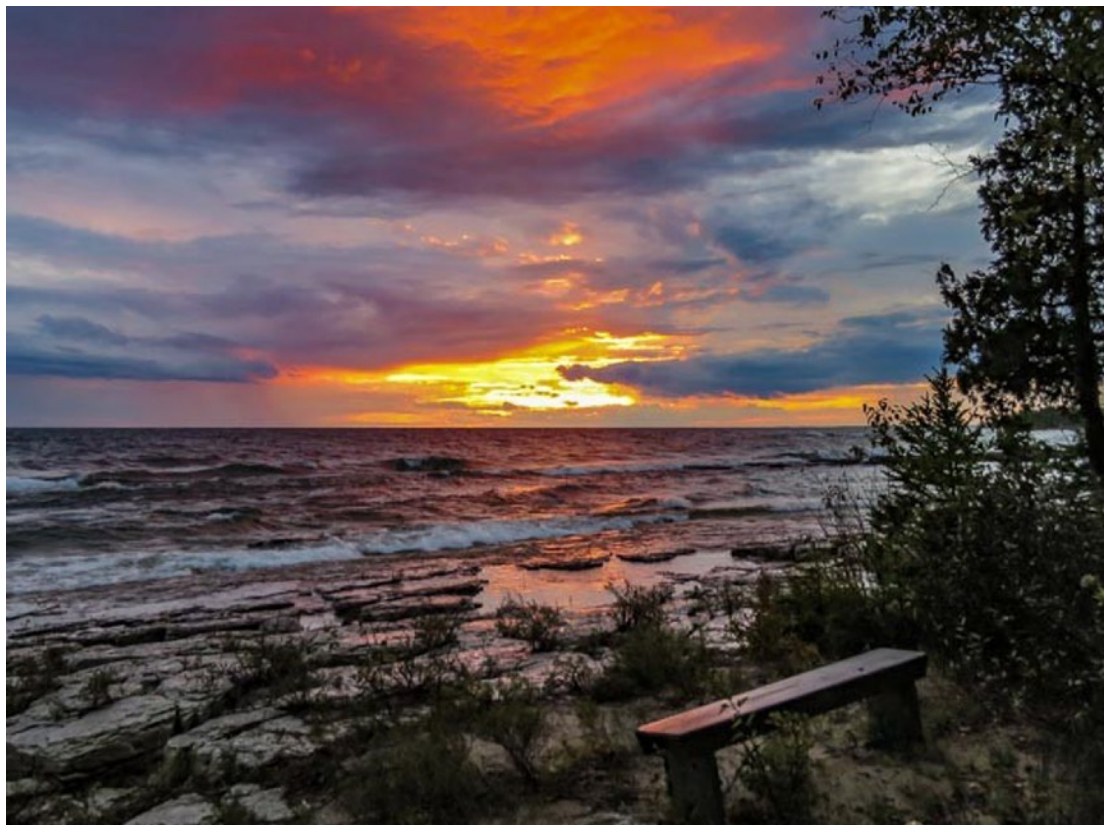
Monochrome Image by Linda Hopp

Monochrome DPI Honorable Mention

Empty Front Row Seat

Color Image by
Judy Jorgensen

*Color DPI
Honorable Mention*

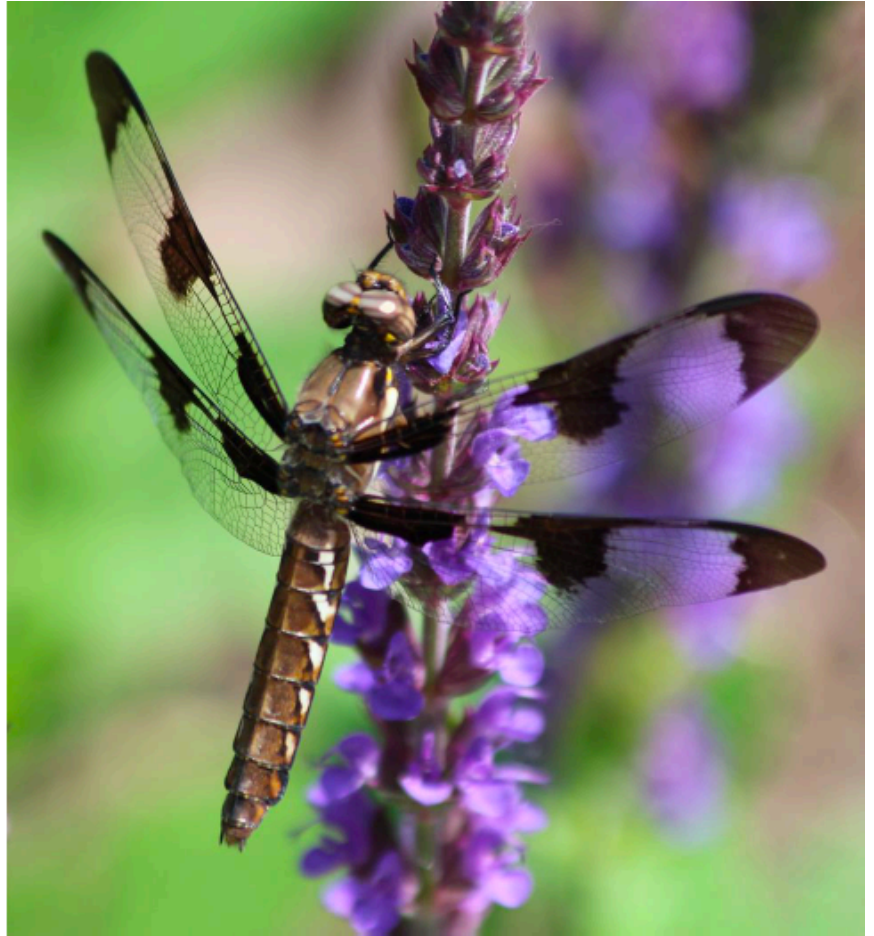


MAY 2024 COMPETITION RESULTS

Wings

Color Image by Linda Hopp

Color DPI Honorable Mention



TWO ADDITIONAL ENTRIES FROM THE MAY 2024 COMPETITION



Cade's Cove Cabin

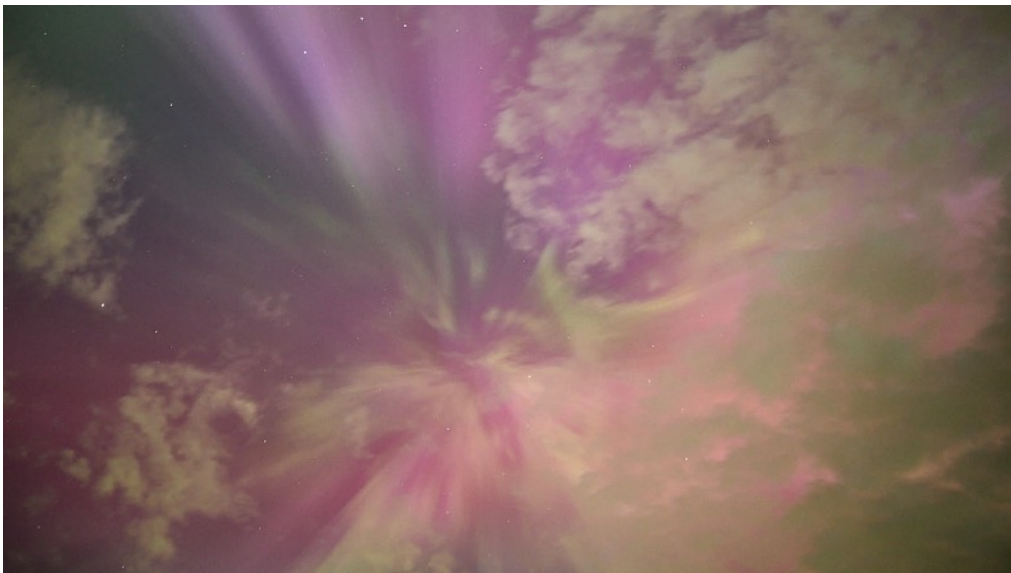
Monochrome Image by Kim Walkup



Night Engines

Color Image by Peter Pelke

SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM MAY 2024



Color Images by Kevin Getty

"The first set was from Friday evening on May10. The sky was cloudy, but not overcast. The aurora is directly overhead in the images, unlike the images you may see from Alaska where they can appear as towering columns. If you look closely, you can see what appears to be an outline of an angel in the image that has my house and chimney in the shot. These were shot with the following settings: Canon EOS 5D MKIV, Rokinon 14mm lens, ISO 3200, f2.8 and 1.6s to 4s exposures."

SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM MAY 2024



Color Images by Kevin Getty

"The second set are from Saturday May 11 roughly around 4 A.M in the morning and the skies were clear. I took images from different perspectives compared to Fridays images which were taken from the back deck of my house. These were shot with the following settings: Canon EOS 5D MKIV, Rokinon 14mm lens, ISO 1600, f2.8 and 10s to 13s exposures. I stepped down on the ISO from 3200 to 1600 and with a longer exposure to capture the stars, but without getting star trails.

All images were captured with a tripod and wired manual trigger."



SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM MAY 2024



Color Images by Kevin Getty

“The last two are images I shot twenty years ago in November 2004 from the same location. The sky in these images are green. These were shot with the following settings: Canon Rebel (2004), Canon 18-55mm kit lens set at 18mm, ISO 200, f4.5 and 29s and 12s exposures respectively and on a tripod.”

CLCC MEETING, JUNE 11, 2024, SPECIAL PRESENTATION

KEVIN GETTY: CHASING TOTALITY

At the next CLCC Meeting on June 11, club member Kevin Getty will have a special one-hour presentation, “Chasing Totality.” He will relate his experiences with eclipse photography.



The Future of CLCC

Notes and News from May 14, 2024

Submitted by Kim Walkup, CLCC Secretary

Seventeen people attended this meeting.

- Two guests attended the meeting, Michelle and JoAnn.
- Welcome to new members Linda Wagner and Jackie.

DPI COMPETITION

Sixteen photographs were submitted (12 color and four monochrome) by five entrants with the following results: Average score for color was 20.8, with average score for monochrome 24.8.

Thank you to those that submitted and congratulations to the winners.

Color Competition

- Award: *Pelicans' Heart* by Kim Walkup
- Honorable Mention: *Path Around the Pond* by Royal Pitchford
- Honorable Mention: *Empty Front Row Seat* by Judy Jorgensen
- Honorable Mention: *Wings* by Linda Hopp*
- *Congratulations to Linda Hopp*: one of her photographs recently sold at the 4th Friday Art Event at the Dole Mansion

Black and White Competition

- Award: *Secrets* by Judy Jorgensen
- Honorable Mention: *Chatterbox* by Linda Hopp

May 2024 Image of the Month: Secrets by Judy Jorgensen

SHOW & TELL

- *Northern Lights*: Kevin Getty shared his beautiful photos of the recent northern lights around his home. He used a 14 mm lens, ISO 3200, with 10-20 second images.
- Karl Gabbey shared photos of 1) Starved Rock Canyon and talked about post processing using HDR feature on camera to lighten, 2) charming old European city architecture in Lüneburg, Germany, and 3) winter snow scenes.

VIDEO PRESENTATION

Royal Pitchford presented his own video he did for an MCC class project. The film is called Pilgrimage, and he was inspired by an event in his high school days that always stayed with him from a trip downtown to the Art Museum. He shot the video with a Lumix camera. Royal used Premier Pro in Adobe to edit. Two other video editing software applications that members mentioned are iMovie and Final Cut. Great job on the film Royal!

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Karl reported on the April morning breakfast meeting noting seven people attended. They had a great discussion on future topics that club members would like to hear about going forward.
- The membership will be updated and emailed.
- Welcome our new members Linda Wagner and Jackie.
- Guests included Michelle and Joann.

(The Future of CLCC, *continued*)

- Joann showed two photos of people and raised the question about street photography and the legality of photos of people. There was good input from members. Members commented that it is legal if on public property. Children in general would need their parent's consent unless it is a public setting. Celebrities are exceptions to having to obtain permission. The general rule is if you ask someone if you can take their picture, and they say no, then do not. The point was made to think about the purpose of the photo and content and how it is in context. *Catherine Halls' Top Model Release* was an app that had wording and permission that could be signed on the screen.
- Doug reminded members that they can post pictures in the Facebook chat for the Crystal Lake Camera Club.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **Morning Breakfast Meeting:** Due to the Memorial holiday, the breakfast meeting has been moved to Saturday, June 1 at 8:30 am at Buttered Toast, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin. Everyone is invited!
- **June 11 Meeting:** Kevin Getty will present "Chasing Totality," a solar eclipse presentation. Following his presentation will be members' Show and Tell and Before and After photos for discussion. Send your photos to Rich Bickham (richbickham@comcast.net) or bring on a jump drive.
- **July 9 Meeting:** Our guest presenter will be Nancy Merklings from Nancy Merklings Productions and 4th Fridays Art Event at the Dole.

It's time to pay CLCC dues for 2024. 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

Morning Breakfast Meeting – Everyone invited!

Please join your CLCC friends for the casual, monthly Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Lively discussions, good food! The next one will be held on Saturday, June 22, 2024, 8:30 a.m. at

Buttered Toast Restaurant, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin.

RSVP to Karl Gabbey (khgabbey@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

Join the **Crystal Lake Camera Club Group Chat** on FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/446897199179146> or scan this QR Code:

This is a closed group, so only members have access. Request membership through the page. Then, post your favorite images, join in the discussions, share information about photo outings, speakers, contests, etc.

Only group members will see your posts.



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 11 Kevin Getty will present *Chasing Totality*
Show & Tell, Before & After

July 9 Guest Presenter Nancy Marking, of Nancy Marking Productions
and the Fourth Friday Art Event at the Dole.

Show & Tell and *Before & After* have provided some lively, informative conversations for CLCC attendees. Great suggestions for outings and club offerings have come from these activities.

For Show & Tell: submit 3-4 JPG images to Rich Bickham (richbickham@comcast.net) on the **Sunday before the meeting date**.

For Before & After: submit *pairs of JPG images* to Rich Bickham (richbickham@comcast.net) on the **Sunday before the meeting date**. The pairs would include the image as it came out of the camera and the image after post-processing. Be prepared to tell (and perhaps even show) the changes that were made.

CRYSTAL LAKE CAMERA CLUB OFFICERS

See The Club Directory For Contact Information

President	<u>Judy Jorgensen</u>
Secretary	<u>Kim Walkup</u>
Treasurer	<u>Gail Schulz</u>
Board Member	<u>Rich Bickham</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.**

CLCC SUPPORT PERSONNEL

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Helpful Resources

Contribute to this page! If you have resources that you find useful, please share that link with me. Include a short summary of what can be found in the link. The reference can be a video, web page, PDF, or any other format that has an online link. Send your contributions to szjsings@mac.com by the 20th of each month.

~SJS, Newsletter Editor

Profoto Tutorials, submitted by Kevin Getty:

Tips and Tricks

<https://profoto.com/us/tips>

A terrific collection to help photographers of any level.

Photographic Composition Webinar, submitted by Scott Larsen:

The Art of Photography: Crafting Compelling Compositions

tinyurl.com/5ak88xt6

Natural Habitat Adventures posts a weekly webinar. This hour-long video is very helpful.

Photographers you may be interested in viewing, contributed by Judy Jorgensen:

Dan Anderson

danielandersonphotography.com/

Beautiful color landscapes and seascapes with striking composition from America, Norway, Faroe Islands, Scotland, Patagonia, Ireland, Antarctica, Europe, Iceland, etc. If you love black and white, check out his American West, Europe, Antarctica, and Greek islands black and white images of land, sea, and architecture.

Ed Callaert

edcallaert.photoshelter.com

This nature photographer travels extensively along the west coastal and mountain states as well as upper to mid east coast United States. His gallery is full of colorful landscapes and seascapes with interesting composition techniques you may want to try.

Willard Clay

willardclay.photoshelter.com

This landscape and bird photographer has a vast collection in his gallery by states and a stunning collection under birds. He also teaches at Mayslake in the Forest Preserve District of Dupage County. Enjoy, study, and try.

Resource for camera repair, contributed by Bill Batalden:

APS (AUTHORIZED PHOTO SERVICE)

8125 River Dr # 100

Morton Grove, IL 60053

repair@authorizedphotoservice.com

(800) 406-2046

Bill said: "I recently had my camera & lens repaired at APS authorized camera repair. I felt the work was good and the price reasonable. They give an estimate, which you have to approve, before proceeding with the work. When I spoke with the owner, he said he could offer a 'Club' rate."

(Helpful Resources, *continued*)

Resource for camera repair, contributed by Sandy Wittman:

ROYAL CAMERA SERVICE, INC.

1134 E Lake Street

Hanover Park, IL

(630) 372-6150

Sandy said: "I had my Canon 7D Mark II repaired there this fall. They did an excellent job in about 10 days. The price was very reasonable. I found them to be knowledgeable and professional."

GALLERIES, STORIES, VIDEOS AND INSPIRATION ON THE WEB

(Click any bold-face heading to follow the link)

National Geographic: See the Best 'Pictures of the Year'

National Geographic photographers, editors, and staffers won a total of 28 awards in this year's Pictures of the Year International (POYi) contest, the most wins for the organization since it began tracking them in 2011.

Pictures of the Year #81 WINNERS GALLERY

Explore and be inspired! The Missouri School of Journalism has run this annual contest that recognizes top photojournalism since 1944. Here are all the categories, and the winners in each.

Chicago Public Art Program: Mural Registry

The Mural Registry catalogs Chicago's long and rich tradition of murals and other street art. It includes a growing list of completed murals created on private and public property. The Mural Registry was established to protect, preserve, and celebrate murals as significant public assets.

Vera C. Rubin Observatory LSST

At a recent meeting, Rich Bickham shared some interesting information about the largest digital image camera ever made. Here is an article about its mission, the Legacy Survey of Space and Time. Here is a link to an article specifically about the 3,200-megapixel LSST camera.

How to Fix Landscape Photos with Curved Horizons in Lightroom

So you captured a gorgeous landscape scene and nailed focus, exposure, and composition. Then you reviewed your images on the computer, expecting stunning results, only to discover that the horizons are curved and distorted. In this tutorial from the PHLOG Photography YouTube channel you'll learn how easy it is to fix this problem with Lightroom's Lens Correction tools.

Art of the Land Amateur Photography Contest

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County (TLC) hosts the *Art of the Land Amateur Photography Contest* each year to highlight the inspiring natural landscapes found throughout McHenry County. Once you sign up, you will be matched with a site and sent notifications on what's blooming around the county, tips and tricks for taking winning photos, and which invasive species are in bloom that should NOT be photographed.

The contest is open now. The cost is \$10 for three images. Images must be submitted both digital and print. Full instructions for the contest are at:

<https://conservemc.org/photo-contest/>

Morton Arboretum Sculpture Show



Mind Eye (2023) by Olga Ziemska
Locally reclaimed wood logs, metal armature
Morton Arboretum

Of the Earth

The exhibition will run through spring 2025.

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 (2023) by Olga Ziemska
Locally reclaimed branches, wire, metal armature
Morton Arboretum

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW YOUR IMAGES

4th FRIDAYS AT STARLINE

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

4th Friday Event: June 28, 2024

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

Fee to Enter: \$25 for 3 Pieces

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

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 (All entries): Starline Medal

Click here for the **SUBMISSION APPLICATION**

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**

Click here for directions on **HOW TO ENTER ART INTO THE STARLINE 4TH FRIDAY EVENT**



4th FRIDAYS ART EVENT AT THE DOLE

401 Country Club Rd
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
815-347-8535

4th Friday Event: June 28, 2024

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

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

Cash Awards:

- 4th Fridays Team Choice: \$50 cash each
- Nancy Merklings Choice: \$50 cash
- Kim Holz Memorial Award: \$50 cash
- 5 Honorable Mentions: \$50 cash each
- People's Choice Award: \$50 cash

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**