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Magnificence

Color Image by CLCC Member Scott Larsen

Shown at the April 2024 Meeting - see related story, Pg. 2

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SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024**Amber Eyes**

Color Image by Scott Larsen

About the cover image, Jeff said, “*The Royal Bengal Tiger is native to much of eastern and southern Asia. This magnificent male was spotted in the Kanha National Park and Tiger Reserve just as it emerged from the forest. To see it in its native habitat was a breathtaking moment.*”

About this image, Jeff said, “*The Golden (aka Assamese) Langur is the rarest of perhaps up to nine species. It is endemic to India's far northeastern state of Assam.*”

Jungle Owlet

Color Image by
Scott Larsen

“*The Jungle Owlet can be found in scrub and deciduous forests of India south of the Himalayas up to 6,660' in altitude. Its round head is finely barred all over. This photo was taken within Kanha National Park in the central highlands of India.*”



SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024



White-Throated Kingfisher

Color Image by Scott Larsen

“The White-throated Kingfisher is widely distributed from the Sinai Peninsula through the Indian subcontinent and on to China. It can be distinguished by its bright blue back feathers. The white breast feathers are more apparent when it is in flight. Its oversized reddish bill is put to good use when capturing prey - reptiles, amphibians, and crabs to name a few.”

Foraging Spotted Deer

Color Image by Scott Larsen

“The Spotted Deer, or Chital, is the most common deer species in Indian forests. With a lifespan of 20-30 years, it stands at about 3' tall and reaches up to 185 lbs. It has a protracted breeding season, and births can occur throughout the year. For this reason, males do not have their antlers in synchrony, and there are fertile females at all times of the year.”



SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024

Morning Fog

Color Image by
Scott Larsen

"Most every morning we were greeted by a blanket of fog. On this occasion we had begun our game drive as the sun was starting to burn through the haze. Placing the dead tree in the foreground made for a rather moody image."



Walking Companions

Color Image by Scott Larsen

"Don't you love the way these two white egrets are walking stride for stride with this 5,000 to 6,000 pound Asian One-horned Rhinoceros? The Egrets benefit from the Rhinos movements through the grass as it kicks up and exposes the bugs."

SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024



Snow

Thee Images by Doug Frey

“...I was flying blind, the snow was coming down so fast my camera had 1/4” of snow on it so fast I could not really see the settings.”



SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024



Bald Eagles

Color Images by Doug Frey

“Eagle photos were taken by the Fox River at Lyons Prairie and Marsh Conservation Area.”



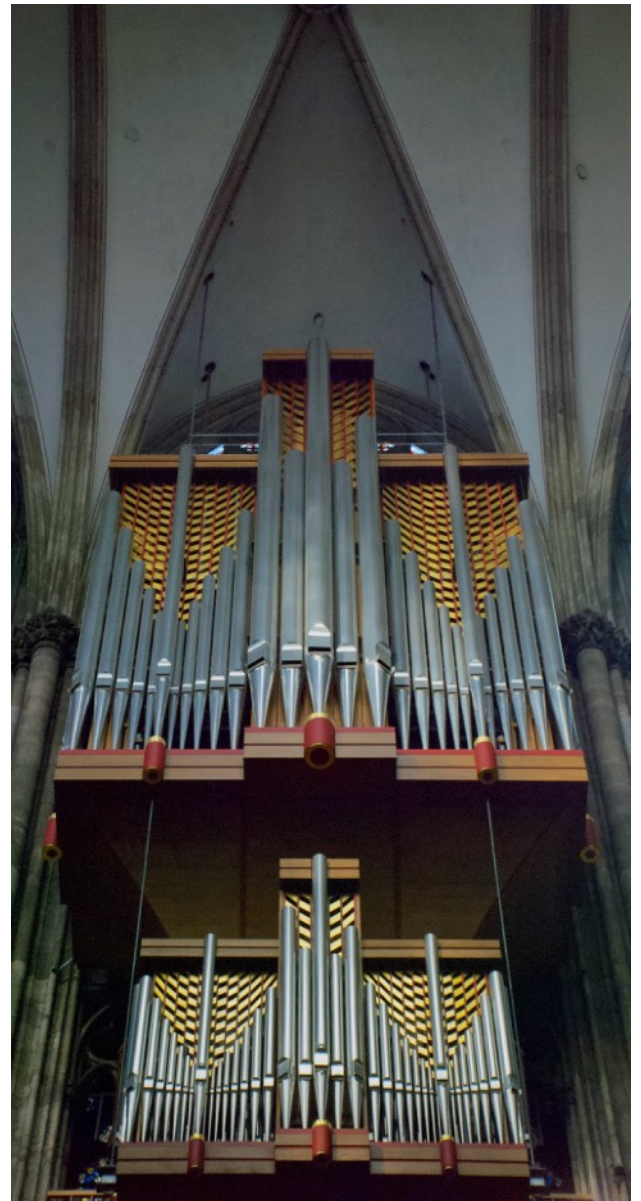
SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024



“Displays of organ pipes become a feature, even a focal point of church architecture. These three show an ornate Baroque style, a more recent display that reflects the triangles in the vaulting of the cathedral, and a very contemporary, almost abstract display with shiny, metal pipes that capture and reflect the blue light from the stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall.”

Color Images by Steve Szalaj

Strasbourg
Cathedral
Organ



Cologne Cathedral Organ

St. Stephan's Church Organ
Mainz

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Mainz Cathedral

Color Image by
Steve Szalaj

*"I tried to capture
the way the arches,
vaulting, domes and
light lead the eye to
soar up, up, up."*



Strasbourg Canal

Color Image by Steve Szalaj

"This area of Strasbourg originally housed the leather tanners. The attics were open to the air flow to dry the skins. Now, most are enclosed lofts. Note the 'timber-framing' (the support beams showing on the outside walls). This is very characteristic of buildings in this region of France and Germany"

SHOW & TELL IMAGES FROM APRIL 2024



Pelicans' Heart

Color Image by Kim Walkup

"This is a pelican migration along the Fox River at Port Barrington."

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, May 25, 2024, 8:30 a.m. at

Buttered Toast Restaurant, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin.

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.



BEFORE & AFTER FROM APRIL 2024



Guitar (Before)

Color Image by Peter Pelke

“I used NIK Silver Efex with adjustments to Structure, Contrast, Amplify Whites and a slight vignette.”



Guitar (After)

Monochrome Image by
Peter Pelke

BEFORE & AFTER FROM APRIL 2024



Red Barn (Before)

Color Image by
Peter Pelke

*“I used NIK Color Efex with
adjustments to Detail
Extractor, Tonal Contrast,
and Lighten Darken Center.”*

Red Barn (After)

Color Image by
Peter Pelke



The Future of CLCC

Notes and News from April 9, 2024

Submitted by Kim Walkup, CLCC Secretary

Eighteen members attended this meeting.

- Four guests attended the meeting, Linda Wagner, Rich Zarki, Jo Randall and Jackie.
- The DPI competition has been rescheduled to May 14th meeting. Entries are now closed.
- The last Saturday of the month will be an informal gathering at Buttered Toast Restaurant in Algonquin on May 25 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome to join.

Show and Tell

Judy explained that “Show and Tell” is sharing of favorite pictures with the group and/or asking for advice and feedback from the group. “Before and After” is presenting pictures and showing before and post processing.

Shooting tips:

When shooting raw, you are seeing jpg on your camera

Raw allows you to change data and manipulate it; you can correct after the fact. After downloading, you will see two files. If shooting sports, shoot jpg. It is suggested that beginners shoot jpg as well.

Show and Tell

Judy – Sunsets

Scott – India pictures: red-eyed monkey, spotted deer, spotted owl, Bengal tiger, white throated kingfisher, Asian rhino and egrets

Kim – Pelican migration

Steve – Organ in Strasbourg Cathedral, Strasbourg houses on river, organ in Cologne Cathedral, organ pipes in St. Stephan’s Church, Mainz, windows by Mark Chagall, Domes in Mainz Cathedral

Peter – guitar before and after. Peter uses Nik software for editing using structure amplify whites and vignette, barn in St. Charles, midnight train going anywhere, infrared farm field in Hebron

Doug – snow marsh, trees in snow, eagle nest on Fox river, framed eagle

Presentation

Rich presented on the largest camera on earth from the Legacy Survey of Space and Time Digital Camera. The camera weighs 6,200 lbs and cost a half billion dollars. The design and construction took 20 years and will be deployed on a mountain in Chili. It takes 15 second images

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

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.

May 14	Competition (rescheduled from April)
	Show & Tell, Before & After
June 11	TBA

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

Newsletter Editor	<u>Steven Szalaj</u>	Publicity	OPEN
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Advisor	OPEN	Refreshments	OPEN
Facebook Administrator	Doug Frey	Librarian	OPEN
Membership	OPEN	Mentor Program	OPEN

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)

"Negative space is one of the most powerful composition tools"

Divyanshu Verma shares four photographic decisions for creating dramatic and visually striking frames, with bold contrast and captivating textures. Divyanshu Verma is known for his ability to capture the beauty in the mundane. He has a unique talent for finding extraordinary and creative elements in the ordinary, daily scenes around us.

Sony World Photography Awards 2024

Explore and be inspired! Here are many galleries including all the entry categories, the winners and the shortlists.

Extraordinary Moments

National Geographic photographers share the stories behind their most iconic images.

Crossword Puzzles For Photographers

At The Phoblographer, they thought that maybe, just maybe, you could dive into this intersection made of love for photography, devotion to the written word, and a penchant for (bad) puns. Enjoy! This is the first of The Phoblographer crossword puzzles for photographers.

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 Ziemka
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 Ziemka 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." Ziemka 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, Ziemka 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," Ziemka said.



Stillness in Motion (2023) by Olga Ziemka
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: May 24, 2024

Submission Deadline: Monday, May 13, 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: May 24, 2024

Submission Deadline for the May 24 Event: Sunday, May 12, 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**