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Grand Tetons National Park

Monochrome by John Williams (from the CLCC Facebook Group Chat)

John said, “I visited the Grand Tetons NP during my recent Road Trip I called Westward Ho. Here's a monochrome at sunset from the same position as the famous Snake River photo by Ansel Adams. No, It's not the same, in fact you can't get one the same as he did since time has changed the view, but just for kicks!”

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IMAGES FROM THE CLCC FACEBOOK GROUP CHAT



Bald Eagles, West Dundee

Color Image by Doug Frey

Doug said, "...I went in search for some Bald Eagles along the Fox River in West Dundee. When I arrived, there were two immature Bald Eagles hanging out high in the trees. One of them flew off right away, the other stayed just sitting there surveying the river. After about a half hour mom or dad came in for a conversation. They made a series of high-pitched whistling or piping notes for about 5 minutes and then mom or dad flew off. I wonder what the conversation was about."



Deer

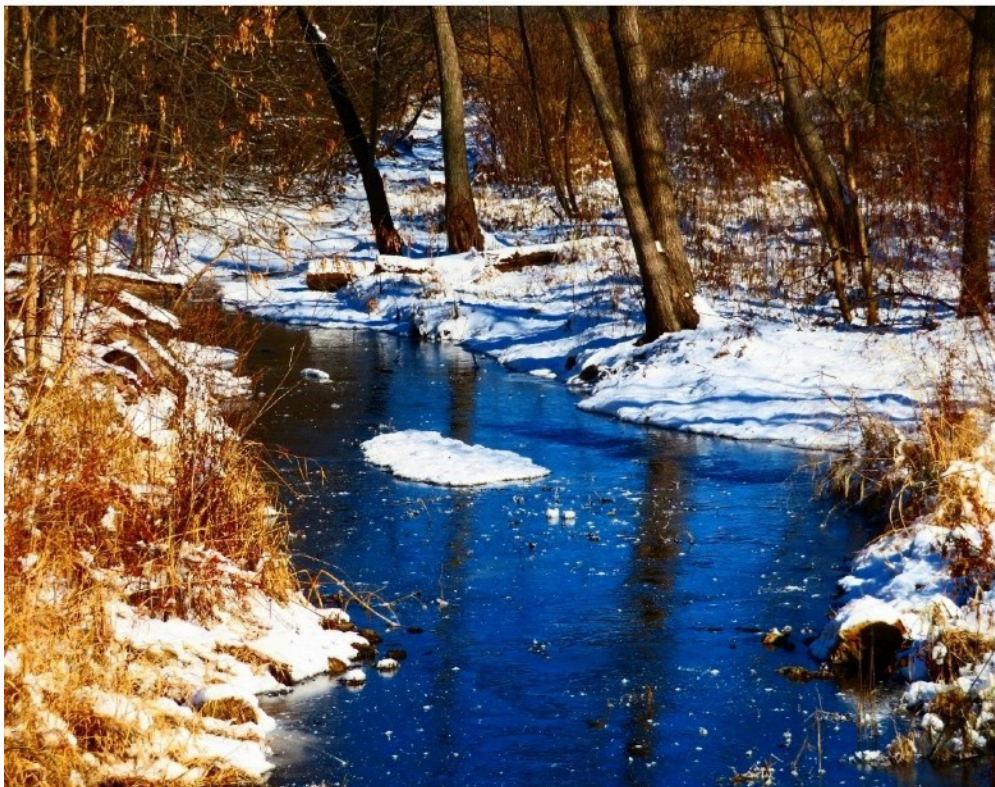
Color Image by
Marguerite Van Ness

IMAGES FROM THE CLCC FACEBOOK GROUP CHAT



Garden Of The Gods, Shawnee National Forest

Color Image by Doug Frey



Winter Stream

Color Image by
Marguerite Van Ness

IMAGES FROM THE CLCC FACEBOOK GROUP CHAT

Life-size Shelf Elf!

Color Image by
Linda Hopp



KUDOS!

CLCC member Doug Frey had one of his images published in the McHenry County Conservation District calendar. It was selected by the Photography Facebook group. In his post about this, Doug said, "It's an honor to have my work featured alongside other talented photographers, celebrating the beauty of our local landscapes."



The Future of CLCC

EDITOR'S NOTE: Since there was no December Meeting, there are no notes or images to share in this month's newsletter. So, I took a few images from our CLCC Group Chat on FaceBook. As such, the resolution of the images isn't as high as is usually used in the newsletter. All club members (who are FaceBook users) are encouraged to participate by posting images, information, tutorials, etc. It can be a valuable resource.

The January 14 meeting will have the presentation by CLCC member **Royal Pitchford** on images and work flow. Royal is sure to have some great ideas to help make the time you spend improving your images more efficient and productive. We will also have an opportunity for members to share images in *Show & Tell* and *Before & After*. See the Club Meeting Calendar (page 6) for guidelines to submit images. As a special added attraction, there will be treats at the meeting!!

At the February 11 meeting, competition returns! Look for guidelines to be published in a separate email in the next few weeks. There will also be a Landscape Photography presentation by CLCC member **Jeff Chemelewski**. As time allows, we will also have *Show & Tell* and *Before & After*.

Do you have ideas for presentations you'd like to see at a club meeting? Please share them with the board members.

A FRIEND OF MINE won't stop talking about photography. You can't shutter up.

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 on **Saturday, January 25, 2025, 8:30 AM** at

Buttered Toast Restaurant, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin.

RSVP to Karl-Heinz 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.

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| January 14 | Show & Tell, Before & After, TREATS!! Royal Pitchford's presentation on images and workflow |
| February 11 | Competition returns! Show & Tell, Before & After, Landscape Photography presentation by Jeff Chemelewski |

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 Doug Frey (doug.frey@me.com) on the **Sunday before the meeting** date. You can also bring them on a flash drive.

For Before & After: submit *pairs of JPG images* to Doug Frey (doug.frey@me.com) on the **Sunday before the meeting** date, or bring the images on a flash drive. 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

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| President | <u>Judy Jorgensen</u> |
| Secretary | Open |
| 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 szjsings@mac.com.

Please make your submission by the 22nd of the month.

CLCC SUPPORT PERSONNEL

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| Advisor | OPEN | Librarian | OPEN |
| Facebook Administrator | Doug Frey | Mentor Program | OPEN |
| Membership | 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."

Resource for infrared photography, contributed by Peter Pelke

LIFE PIXEL Infrared Camera Conversions

<https://www.lifepixel.com/>

(866) 610-1710

Resource for purchasing, selling, trading and repairing used camera equipment

KEH

<https://www.keh.com/>

(800) 342-5534

"The original curator and reseller of rare and quality camera gear, KEH has always envisioned a better way to support the passion and profession of photography. We're proud to be the camera community's choice for gear that goes further. Field-tested. Expert-graded. Sustainable. Exchangeable. KEH-approved."

Street Photography Resource, contributed by Royal Pitchford

STREETSNAPPERS

<https://streetsnappers.com/>

Royal said: "If you're interested in street photography, visit <https://streetsnappers.com/>. This company was founded and is operated by Brian Lloyd Duckett, a street photographer, author, photography advocate and social media figure, based in the UK and well-known across Europe. Scroll down the webpage for links to his books, workshops, YouTube videos and blog.

YouTube Channels by specific photographers

These were contributed by Doug Frey:

Nigel Danson - <https://www.youtube.com/@NigelDanson>

Adam Gibbs - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDyKBQGE7OOsWeQIPWqVSzw>

fototripper (Gavin Hardcastle) - <https://www.youtube.com/@fototripper>

Simon D'Entremont - https://www.youtube.com/@simon_dentremont

Mark Denney - <https://www.youtube.com/@MarkDenneyPhoto>

Thomas Heaton - <https://www.youtube.com/@ThomasHeatonPhoto>

Ian Worth - https://www.youtube.com/@ian_worth/

A great collection of "how-to" videos:

Providence Photography DFW

<https://www.youtube.com/@providencephotographydfw>

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL 6X6 PROJECT ART AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER

Raue Center's **6×6 PROJECT** fundraiser and online art auction & exhibition celebrates its seventh 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** (RCSA), which has 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 the inaugural event in 2019, 6×6 Project has raised over **\$95,000** for MI and RCSA with canvases coming from around the nation!

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 below) for a \$5 donation per canvas. They are available now through May 2, 2025. You must use these official canvases. Mount or print an image on the canvas and drop your artwork off by **May 13, 2025**. All artwork submitted to the **6×6 PROJECT** will be available for viewing and bidding online at **Auctria.com** beginning **June 1, 2025**. Artists and the public are invited to our reception on **June 14, 2025**. All canvases will be displayed at the reception - bidding will continue through the end of the reception.

[Click here for a PDF of Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[Click here for Participation Guidelines](#)

[Click here for a PDF of the Participation Form](#)

Project Partners:

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

Makity Make – 203 E. Main Street | Algonquin | (224) 678-7090

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

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

Piano Trends – 35 Berkshire Drive | Crystal Lake | (815) 477-4266

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

Raue Center For The Arts – 26 N. Williams St | Crystal Lake | (815) 356-9212 | Tu – Fr, 12 to 4 pm



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GALLERIES, STORIES, VIDEOS AND INSPIRATION ON THE WEB

(Click any bold-face heading, or underlined text, to follow the link)

Photographer Captures Frozen Prairie Lands in Minus 30 Degrees

For many photographers, when the weather outside hits negative cold temperatures it's a sign to stay indoors and hope that conditions improve. Angela Boehm from Saskatchewan, Canada was of the same mindset. But as Boehm sat in her car waiting for a gap to appear on the highway, she had an epiphany that there was a "quiet beauty" in the scene in front of her that had been there all along. "That moment sparked something, and I started to photograph it," she adds.

Nat Geo's Most Compelling Images Of The 21st Century (So Far)

Our shared history can be told through the power of photography. Nat Geo's photo editors selected one image from each year of this century that captures the era's most important stories—from war and human tragedies to scientific breakthroughs and species saved from the brink of extinction. For even more compelling photography, see [2024 Pictures of the Year](#).

Great global photos from 2024 : These images delighted us, touched us, dazzled us

A picture, they say, is worth 1,000 words. So NPR used as few words as possible in this introduction to a sampling of their favorite photo posts of 2024. This year's round up includes dramatic drone images of the world's "foodscapes," an intimate look at families striving to provide healthy meals for their kids and exuberant Bolivian women skateboarding in their traditional bowler hats.

Photo Op At the Morton Arboretum: [Of the Earth](#)

The free exhibition will run through spring 2025.

Five large-scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemska will be created exclusively for an 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.



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: January 24, 2025

Submission Deadline: Monday, January 13, by 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: January 24, 2025

Submission Deadline: Sunday, January 12, by midnight

Non-refundable submission fee: \$40 for up to 5 pieces

Cash Awards:

- 4th Fridays Team Choice: \$50 cash each
- Nancy Merkling 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**

