# Through the Viewfinder



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We did not have a membership meeting in December due to holiday conflicts, as usual, but behind the scenes we compiled all the 2023 digital Merit images on file together and then digitally forward them to our expert judge panel to determine which of the ...271! ...total 2023 Merits are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, plus HM (Honorable Merit) and JC (Judges Choice), etc, for the "Year End Competition" as judged within each Category.

Results were evaluated and determined for each of the 7 different major subject categories listed below:

The General Categories for the Year End Competition are as follows:

- 1. Landscape
- 2. Wildlife
- 3. Urban/Photojournalism
- 4. Portraits/Still Life
- 5. Botanicals
- 6. Abstract/Digital Art/Other
- 7. B&W

Winning details are shown below...

Congratulations to all of our Year End Competition Winners!



#### 2023 Meeting Merits - Critique & Judging

Judges: Multiple Professional/Expert Judge Panel

#### Category #1 Landscape

#1 - Pond at Hvalnes, Iceland by Chuck Zamites#2 - Autumn in Gunnison by JP Watson#3 - Lone Tree by Susannah Kramer

JC - Anemones by Chuck Zamites
HM - Scene at Turoweap by Chuck Zamites
HM - Just the Wind by Steve Ginn
HM - Morning Lights by Albert Huen

#### Category #2 Wildlife

#1 - Peach Bee by Ron Lindsay#2 - Look Into My Eyes! by Ed Pinsky#3 - Flitting Pretty by Janice Lindsay

JC - Silent Surveyance by Janice Lindsay HM - Velella Velella by JP Watson HM - Lift Off by Susannah Kramer HM - Royal Terns by Bruce Schoppe

#### Category #3 Urban

#1 - Acrobat by Steve Light #2 - Abandoned Vessel by JP Watson #3 - Waiting for the Veterinarian by Bill Horstick

> HM - Tight Maneuver by JP Watson HM - Rider by John Ferritto HM - Over the Top by Ken MacGregor

### Category #4 Portrait/Still Life

#1 - Sunlight and Shadow by Janice Lindsay#2 - Living on the Edge by Ken MacGregor#3 - Bubbles by JP Watson

**HM - Angel Orange** by Ken MacGregor **HM - My Beautiful Girls** by Susannah Kramer



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#### Category #5 Botanicals

#1 - Floral Lines by John Ferritto#2 - Swirl by Janice Lindsay#3 - Glow by Steve Ginn

JC - Flower in July by John Ferritto JC - Tulip by John Ferritto HM - Leaves of Color by Gina Ramsay HM - Peonies by Ron Lindsay

#### Category #6 Abstract/Digital Art/Other

#1 - Peonie by Susannah Kramer#2 - Studio Art by John Ferritto#3 - Mona Lisa Abstract by Bill Horstick

JC - Digital Art Portrait by John Ferritto

#### Category #7 B&W

#1 - You Got the Point by Albert Huen#2 - Focus Here by Chris Sucameli#3 - Hibiscus Drama by Janice Lindsay

JC - Mirror Lake Winter by Albert Huen
HM - Church at Budir by Chuck Zamites
HM - Clarity byBill Horstick
HM - In the Fog by Sonya Loffredo



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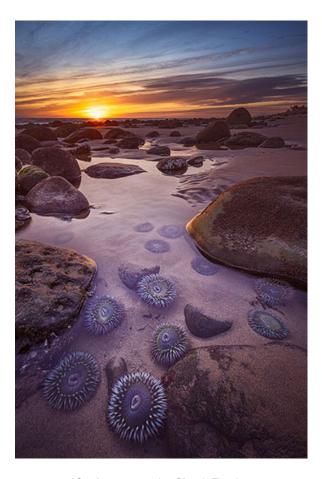
#2 - Autumn in Gunnison by JP Watson



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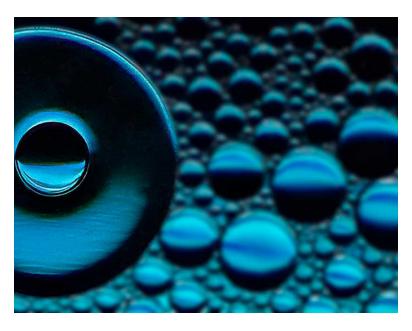
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### **Professional & Expert Support**

<u>Below</u> are some of the distinguished local expert photographers that have been gracious in providing their free time as judges, to attend and critique member's images at our recent Club meetings.

#### Thank you all for supporting our Club!

Dan Holmes (Award Winning Ventura Landscape Photography, Workshops, Tours, and Photo Adventures, past President of CI Professional Photographers Association):

http://www.danholmesphoto.com/Danholmesphoto.com/Workshops.html

Donna Granata (Founder of "Focus on the Masters", ex-Brooks Institute Faculty) www.focusonthemasters.com/Donna Granata.html

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Gary Moss Photography (Principal Photographer and <u>Photo Editor</u> of 805 Living Magazine) <a href="http://www.garymossphotography.com">http://www.garymossphotography.com</a>

Chris Zsarnay (Photographer in Ventura 33 years - local successful commercial studio - Brooks Institute Grad) <a href="http://www.zstudios.com">http://www.zstudios.com</a> choose Portfolios then Food, Product, etc. (805) 644-5554

Greg Cooper (ex-Ventura College Instructor & ex-Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor of Photojournalism) was: <a href="http://www.mediacooper.com">http://www.mediacooper.com</a> New: <a href="http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu">http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu</a> Currently Instructor of Photojournalism at Eastern Illinois University. Greg is raised in Ojai and worked most of his photographic career in the Ventura area.

Pete Scifres (Published PSA Photographic Society of America - Night Astrophotography Specialist) https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218

Hutch Hutchison (Photographic Society of America - PSA Judge) https://psa-photo.org/index.php?qeo-hutchison-0717#ad-image-0

Carl Volpe (Ventura County Artist - Fine Art Photography) <a href="https://www.carlvolpephoto.com">https://www.carlvolpephoto.com</a>

John Grusd (Highly Awarded Still Photographer and Hollywood Animation Producer/ Director) https://www.johngrusdphoto.com/about/

Cynthia Bullard (Portrait Photographer and Commercial Studio Facility Owner in Ventura) https://www.cynthiabullardphotography.com

Dana Rene White (Photography Degree, Cal State University Northridge) Staff Photographer for both LA Times and Ventura County Star, and DOD photographer at Port Hueneme <a href="https://www.instagram.com/danarenephotolady/">https://www.instagram.com/danarenephotolady/</a>

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<u>Our Mission</u>: To promote the art, science, technique, and enjoyment of fine art photography through sharing, education, cooperation, association, and fellowship.

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Janice Lindsay

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**Secretary:** Evan Maidaa

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Bill Horstick

Membership Chair: Joyce Schoppe

Web Site Master and Facebook Administrator:

Evan Maidaa

**Newsletter Editor:** Ken MacGregor

Monthly Digital Image Entries and Projection: Susannah Kramer

Evan Maidaa (backup) Albert Huen (backup)

Publicity, Year End Tech, and Room Setup: John Ferritto