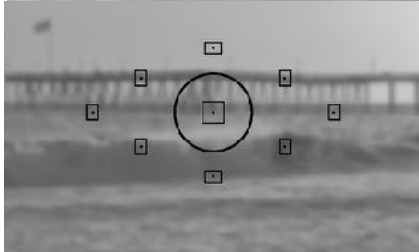


Through the Viewfinder



IN THIS ISSUE:

This Page: !

Membership Info:

Page 2

VCCC **2024** Schedule:

Page 3

Professional Support Links:

Page 4

Club Officials & Web Contact Info:

Page 5

In This Issue

January 2024

Needless to say, since there was no club meeting in December, this is an abbreviated newsletter following the holidays...

Our professional judge for **January** will be **Greg Cooper**. Our Judge & Mentor for our online meeting has an extensive history as a professional photographer and educator, he was a Photography Instructor at Ventura College, Santa Barbara City College, and for *many years* was the Instructor of Photojournalism at the nationally famous Brooks Institute of Photography. Soon after Brooks closed, about half a dozen VCCC Club members attended Greg's two-semester color photography class at Ventura College before he moved to Eastern Illinois University. We are all eternally indebted to his knowledge, photographic expertise, and Club support. **Greg** volunteered to judge our January Club online meeting from his new home in Illinois.

In December behind the scenes we compiled all the 2023 Merit images on file (believe it or not 271 images!) together and digitally forwarded them to our expert judge panel to determine which 2023 Merits are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc, within each category for the "Year End Competition".

The General Categories are as follows:

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

Susannah coordinated and managed the Year End Competition and will present the winners at the beginning of our January online meeting. Thanks Susannah!

Janice Lindsay has taken over responsibility for collecting all the images to be judged for our future monthly meetings and displaying them to the Club using Gotomeeting. This is a lot of computer work and we are very thankful she volunteered to do it! So starting in January, you must send your images to a different address... janicelindsay@rocketmail.com This change was promulgated by Bill to everyone on Friday. The assigned topic for January is "Weather".

Last but not least, remember to renew your annual Club membership fee (\$50 - same as last year) to Joyce in January to receive Professional Critiques and Expert Feedback of your images in the future

Ken



Membership Annual Payment Info:

Partial annual payments will be pro-rated on a month to month basis to the end of the year only for new members joining for the first time.

All existing members are expected to forward the full annual membership fee to Joyce each year in January. Annual fees are very modest (\$50). So, mail your check to:

Joyce Schoppe,

Ventura County Camera Club, Inc.

4875 Mascagni St, Ventura, CA 93003

If necessary, contact Joyce at: jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net

[Only paid Club Members may submit images for critique by our expert judges.](#)

Member's Digital image entries must be sent by 8 pm on **Sunday** before the Wednesday night meeting. Files must use the following naming format:

TITLE_photographer name_date month -24_Assigned/ or Open.jpg

Notice the **TITLE** is the only part that must be in FULL CAPS.

Images should not exceed the **vertical size of 1080 pixels**. Or the **horizontal size of 1920 pixels**, *this is the international standard for full HD images.*

Last but not Least!: Digital Image Collection and Projectionist

Our Vice President, Janice Lindsay, has volunteered to be our digital collection and projectionist for 2024! Yea! She has had a few dry runs substituting for Susannah in the past year, and all were highly successful!

Congratulations to Janice! We now have a paid club account with Gotomeeting as Host for Janice.

For January, send your images to Janice at: janicelindsay@rocketmail.com



2024 VCCC Schedule

Date, Location, Assigned Topics, & Scheduled Judges:

January 10:	Virtual Goto Only	"Weather"	Greg Cooper http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu
February 14:	Virtual Goto Only	"Something Wild"	Sharon Donaldson_Lobel
March 13:	Virtual Goto Only	"Near & Far"	Dan Holmes https://www.danholmesphoto.com
April 10:	Virtual Goto Only	"Green"	Myrna Cambianica
May 08:	In Person +Goto	"Signs"	Carl Volpe https://www.carlvolpephoto.com
June 12:	In Person +Goto	"Something Odd"	Hutch Hutchison
July 10:	In Person +Goto	"High Key/Low Key"	John Grusd
August 14:	In Person +Goto	"Wabi-Sabi"	Chris Zsarnay http://www.zstudios.com
Sept 11:	In Person +Goto	"Patriotism"	Dana Rene White
October 09:	Virtual Goto Only	TBD	TBD
November 13:	Virtual Goto Only	"Night Photography"	Pete Scifres (see below...)

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218>

There is no club meeting in December, *Happy Holidays!*

December 2024: *Year End Competition*

Various Expert Professional Judges

No meeting in December, we conduct the *Year End Competition* of all Merits awarded during the calendar year.
All Digital Merits are automatically entered, so you do not have to do anything if you received a Digital Merit!



Professional & Expert Support

Below 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

Christopher Broughton (ex-Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor - Street Photography - and current Ventura College Photography Instructor) <https://www.christopherbroughton.com/>

Gary Moss Photography (Principal Photographer and Photo Editor of 805 Living Magazine)

<http://www.garymossphotography.com>

Chris Zsarnay (Photographer in Ventura 33 years - local successful commercial studio - Brooks Institute Grad)

<http://www.zstudios.com> choose Portfolios then Food, Product, etc. (805) 644-5554

Greg Cooper (ex-Ventura College Instructor & ex-Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor of Photojournalism)

was: <http://www.mediacooper.com> New: <http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu> 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?geo-hutchison-0717#ad-image-0>

Carl Volpe (Ventura County Artist - Fine Art Photography)

<https://www.carlvolpephoto.com>

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

<https://www.instagram.com/danarenephotos/>



Ventura County Camera Club:

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

Club Web Links:

General Info/President: 67billh@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: kenmacg@aol.com

Membership: jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net

WebMaster: captain119@gmail.com

Image Submissions (*members only!*):

janicelindsay@rocketmail.com



2024 Club Officials

President:

Bill Horstick

Vice President

Janice Lindsay

Treasurer:

Bruce Schoppe

Secretary:

Evan Maidaa

Committee Chairs:

Judge Coordinator:

Bill Horstick

Membership Chair:

Joyce Schoppe

Web Site Master and Facebook Administrator:

Evan Maidaa

Newsletter Editor:

Ken MacGregor

Monthly Digital Image Entries and Projection:

Janice Lindsay

Publicity, Year End Tech, and Room Setup:

John Feritto