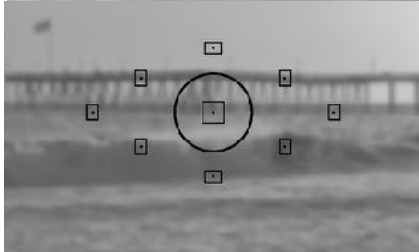


# Through the Viewfinder



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Our professional judge for **January** was **Greg Cooper**. Our Judge & Mentor for our online meeting had 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 he taught 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.

**Susannah** coordinated and managed the Year End Competition and presented the winners at the beginning of our January online meeting. Thanks Susannah! The winners were also shown again in a separate Year End Newsletter distributed to everyone a few weeks ago.

**Janice Lindsay** is congratulated for taken over the job 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 from now on, you should send your images for judging to her address...

[janicelindsay@rocketmail.com](mailto:janicelindsay@rocketmail.com)

The next Club meeting is on **14 Feb, (online only), one week from now**, you must **forward your club renewal check before then**, so your images are presented to our judge.

The assigned topic for **February** is "**Something Wild**". Our new judge, **Sharon Lobel** says she expects: Plants or animals that live independently of people in natural conditions. Wild elephants, lions, horses, grasses, birds, etc.. Also show wild places that have few towns or roads that are difficult to get to. Sharon is a famous leader of international safaris and is an expert in wildlife photography.

Last but not least, remember to renew your annual Club membership fee (\$50 - same as last year) to Joyce to receive Professional Critiques and Expert and Professional Feedback of your images. **PEOPLE!** Please pay attention! We have relatively a few small annual bills that must be payed for, just like you, so please forward your \$50 to Joyce as soon as possible...



## 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](mailto: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.*

[Next](#) Membership Annual Meeting will be:

Online at 6:30 on Feb 14 using GoTo Meeting, everyone is invited to attend!!!

The Gotomeeting meeting link will be forwarded to members one or two days before the meeting.



## 2024 VCCC Schedule

### Date, Location, Assigned Topics, & Scheduled Judges:

January 10:	Virtual Goto Only	<b>"Weather"</b>	<b>Greg Cooper</b> <a href="http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu">http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu</a>
<b>February 14:</b>	<b>Virtual Goto Only</b>	<b>"Something Wild"</b>	<b>Sharon Donaldson_Lobel</b>
March 13:	Virtual, Goto Only	<b>"Near &amp; Far"</b>	<b>Dan Holmes</b> <a href="https://www.danholmesphoto.com">https://www.danholmesphoto.com</a>
April 10:	Virtual, Goto Only	<b>"Green"</b>	<b>Myrna Cambianica</b>
May 08:	In Person +Goto	<b>"Signs"</b>	<b>Carl Volpe</b> <a href="https://www.carlvolpephoto.com">https://www.carlvolpephoto.com</a>
June 12:	In Person +Goto	<b>"Something Odd"</b>	<b>Hutch Hutchison</b>
July 10:	In Person +Goto	<b>"High Key/Low Key"</b>	<b>John Grusd</b>
August 14:	In Person +Goto	<b>"Wabi-Sabi"</b>	<b>Chris Zsarnay</b> <a href="http://www.zstudios.com">http://www.zstudios.com</a>
Sept 11:	In Person +Goto	<b>"Patriotism"</b>	<b>Dana Rene White</b> ( <a href="http://photoshelter.com">photoshelter.com</a> )
October 09:	Virtual, Goto Only	<b>TBD</b>	<b>TBD</b>
November 13:	Virtual, Goto Only	<b>"Night Photography"</b>	<b>Pete Scifres</b> (see below...) <a href="https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218">https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218</a>

**There is no club meeting in December 2024, *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!*

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# Merit Club Awards

## Results of January 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Greg Cooper

### Digital Assigned: (08)

**After the Storms**\_Bill Horstick

**Desert Storm**\_JP Watson

**Man Made Weather**\_ Ron Lindsay

**Rain Drop**\_ Steve Light

**Rain Walk**\_Steve Light

**Reign Over Me**\_ Bill Horstick

**Winderness Weather**\_ JP Watson

**Wind Blown Leaves**\_ Janice Lindsay

### Digital Open: (05)

**BMX Race**\_ John Ferritto

**King of the Castle**\_ Susannah Kramer

**My Park at Dusk**\_ Alex Andrews

**On the Web**\_ Janice Lindsay

**Out**\_ Albert Huen



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## 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!***

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**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](http://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/>

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## 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.

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## Club Web Links:

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WebMaster: [captain119@gmail.com](mailto:captain119@gmail.com)

Image Submissions (members only!):  
[janicelindsay@rocketmail.com](mailto:janicelindsay@rocketmail.com)



## 2024 Club Officials

### President:

Bill Horstick

### Vice President

Janice Lindsay

### Treasurer:

Bruce Schoppe

### Secretary:

Evan Maidaa

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## 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 Ferritto