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It's a New Year (and decade) ...

Resolve to evolve and grow!



Solitude By Jackie Touw

Time to step up your game!

Every new year is full of resolutions and we make promises to improve ourselves. 2020 is not just a new year, but the start of a new decade as well. Now is a great time to resolve to improve your photography.

By being a member of the South Jersey Camera Club, you've taken a big step towards becoming a better photographer. One way to take advantage of your membership is to participate in our monthly competitions.

Each month we hire judges to score and critique our photography. At first it can be a little scary to have your images judged and shown along with the work of photographers of a wide range of abilities. However, once you take that step, you will improve your photography. This is something that has been proven time and time again. The feedback you receive will be helpful and when you get a good score... well, there's nothing like some positive reinforcement. And don't discount the feedback given to others' work at every skill level. Soak it all in. There's a lot to be learned no matter who the maker is.

If you haven't competed yet, give it a shot. If uploading your photographs to our competition site seems confusing, we're here to help! Email info@sjcameraclub.org and someone will be happy to walk you through the process.

Photography Tip! If you hate the cold but love landscape or nature photography, don't put your camera away in the winter. Try something new like macro or still life photography. You can try out new things and keep your skills improving all the while in the warmth of your own home.

For the most current listing of our meetings and activities, visit our [website](#), but here's what's coming up in this month and beyond:

Coming up this Month

Presentation: Thursday, January 9, 7pm

Danielle Austen: The Beauty of Black and White: Learn Why & How

Danielle Austen is an award-winning fine art photographer specializing in intimate portraits of the environment. Over the years she has won numerous national and international awards for her photojournalism and fine art. Black and white photography is a compelling way to present an image and is just as powerful now in the digital age as it was with film capture. But not every photo works well in black and white and it's not necessarily a one-click process. Denise will teach us how to turn the right color image into an effective black and white photo.

Competition Night: Tuesday, January 21, 7pm

Judge: Greg DeAngelis

- **Digital:** Entrances and Doorways – A point of entry or egress.
- **Color Prints:** Open

Workshop: Saturday, January 18, 10 to noon in the Holly Room (next to where we meet) at Medford Leas.

Hands-on Macro with Bonnie Rovere and Kacey Rovere-Avril.

Bring your camera and tripod (or Point & Shoot that does Macro) and learn how to create wonderful images. Let's have some fun! We will have many stations set up for your convenience. Limited registration. First come first served. If you need a tripod, we'll have a couple you can borrow for the workshop.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Take The Field Trip Survey

We are restructuring our club field trips and are forming a committee to find the best locations and people to lead the trips. You can help by taking the first ever SJCC Field Trip survey.

[TAKE THE SURVEY BY CLICKING HERE](#)

Pano Contest Is Coming In February

SJCC's annual Panorama print contest will be held at the February 18, 2020 competition meeting. These panos can be monochrome or color prints. The long side has to be at least 2 times the size as the short edge. You don't need to upload a digital image. All you need to do is bring your print. Our usual print standards of mounting and sizing apply.

Check out our photo gallery

Every month our top scoring photographs are placed in an online gallery on our website. If you haven't seen them yet, take a look.

[**See The Website Gallery**](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,
Rich Lewis, President

Competitions, Workshops, and Field Trips. Oh my.

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