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Time Flies!

March is buzzing off. Let's take a close look at April.



Only a Fly, by Michele Martello

Wow, March sure flew by, didn't it? How did that happen? Especially since it was chock full of SJCC events. No matter. Let's take a close look at what we have in store for April (and beyond).

But first, I need to bug you about something...

Planning for these events takes a lot of work and we have a handful of

dedicated volunteers fervently engaged in ensuring that next season's calendar is as engaging and enriching as what you see here. But they can use your help. If you have ideas for field trips and/or workshops, or are interested in leading one, please let us know. Likewise, if you'd like to join one of the committees and help craft the overall plan, we'd love to hear from you. We strive to provide our members with opportunities to develop and enhance their skills and build a community of photographers to share their passion and skills with other like-minded individuals. Volunteers are the key to fulfilling these goals.

Okay, now let's see what all the buzz is about, shall we?

Sara Ascalon, President

Reminder: save this email for all the dates and zoom links provided... but, just in case, you'll find a copy linked in the member drop down window at the top of our website.

SJCC EVENTS AT A GLANCE

April 11: Mobile Photography User Group Meeting
April 13: Presentation: Abstract Photography by Lewis Katz
April 14: Field Trip: City Street Photography
April 15: Workshop: Macro Photography
April 18: Challenge Meeting
April 22: RSVP deadline for May 6 Spring Fling
April 27: Critique Circle

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON!

SPRING FLING, May 6, 1-4 pm at Medford United Methodist Church,
Bowker Hall, 2 Hartford Road, Medford

Mix and mingle with your fellow SJCC members! A fun afternoon awaits you

with **planned social activities** and **discussion groups**. Plus, **turn your outgrown or redundant photography gear into cash at our Swap Meet**. That stuff you're not using can be just what another member has been looking for. Dust it off and bring it in.

Light refreshments will be served.

RSVP required by April 22. If you haven't already done so, email info@sjcameraclub.org to let us know you're coming.

MEETINGS

Mobile Photography User Group (MPUG): Tuesday, April 11 at 7pm via Zoom

From Our Mobile Photography Master, Jeff Feeny:

The MPUG April theme is "Sharp Objects". Have some fun in the kitchen! Bonus points for showing the actual "cutting" results.

Please make sure you get the images to Jeff no later than the Monday night before the meeting. Send them to foneartstudio@icloud.com,

Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239804273?pwd=Vmc0czRsR0pWSDdxTWdIN3JNcy9mdz09>

- Meeting ID: 832 3980 4273
- Passcode: 282398

Monthly Presentation: Thursday, April 13 at 7pm via Zoom
Abstract Photography

By Lewis Katz

What is an abstract photograph? An out of focus image? Hardly. Abstract

photography may take many forms : a non identifiable element(s), a familiar subject matter being displayed in a unique way or the juxtaposition of elements in a unique way. In this presentation of approximately 75 minutes we will look at and discuss a variety of abstract photographs.

Zoom Meeting Link

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pwd=dTBSaitSNHNoSm14bTJOUHpSNDR3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84126318594?pwd=dTBSaitSNHNoSm14bTJOUHpSNDR3Zz09)

- Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594
- Passcode: 931327

Challenge Night: Tuesday, April 18 at 7pm, via Zoom
Judged by Michael Winsor

- ***Assigned Topic: Automotive Detail*** – Automobiles are moving works of art. Focus on the design details to create art of your own.
- **Open**

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330778352?
pwd=b0lzcTBLWHR0NWxPQnBHQVFoU0NtUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330778352?pwd=b0lzcTBLWHR0NWxPQnBHQVFoU0NtUT09)

- Meeting ID: 823 3077 8352
- Passcode: 733506

If you are unsure of how to upload your challenge entries, now is a good time to acquaint yourself with the process. [There are useful videos here](#). Even if you are comfortable with it, it wouldn't hurt to check to see if your password is working. Doing this before the deadline crunch will assure that we can help you sort out any problems. To avoid disqualification and disappointment, it is also advisable to [review the eligibility criteria](#).

Critique Circle: Thursday, April 27, 7pm via Zoom

Join our Critique Circle and hone your image evaluation skills. Instead of "experts" offering advice, each participant will have the opportunity to critique

the submitted photographs and offer constructive input on the image's successes and shortcomings. This activity will help makers and evaluators alike by building the skills needed to objectively assess your own work during and after the creative process. You may submit up to two photos for critique. Depending on the number of submissions, we may not be able to get to both of them, so please indicate your order of priority. Email photos to info@sjcameraclub.org by noon, April 26. You do not have to submit photos to participate or observe.

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016854172?
pwd=dEs3d051SHZheDNRTm8xTFUwVGJiQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83016854172?pwd=dEs3d051SHZheDNRTm8xTFUwVGJiQT09)

- Meeting ID: 830 1685 4172
- Passcode: 726140

WORKSHOP

Macro Photography, Saturday, April 15, 10 am, in person only **Presented by Bonnie Rovere**

Macro photography is the art of making tiny things look big. This is a fun, hands-on workshop. You will learn how to photograph small objects in a no-stress environment. Learn the difference between a close up photo, a macro photo and a micro photograph. All you will need is a camera/lens that is capable of taking a close up photograph, a sturdy tripod and a great attitude. The skills you pick up here may help you with May's Macro Challenge topic. Just sayin'.

To register for this or any other workshops, please email us at info@sjcameraclub.org.

FIELD TRIP

City Street Photography, Friday, April 14, 10 am meeting time

Philadelphia, PA

Led by the intrepid Vera Hershenberg

We'll ride the PATCO speed line together into Philadelphia and tour the best areas of Philadelphia for street photography including South Street and the Italian Market. Please be aware that this field trip requires approximately 3-4 miles of walking over the course of 3-4 hours. We'll end up at the Reading Terminal Market for a well-deserved lunch before heading back home.

To register for this or any other field trips, please email us at info@sjcameraclub.org

Zoom participants: If you are using your smartphone, sign in with the Zoom app and use the appropriate meeting ID and Password.

IMPORTANT: Our presentation and challenge meetings are recorded for members to review. The exception is when presenters do not want their presentation recorded. Links are posted in the SJCC Members Lounge Facebook group. Due to their file size, videos may be deleted after 30 days to make sure our drive has room on it. Also, please do not download them or share the links. All presentations are the intellectual property of the presenters. They allow us to record them if the videos are only viewed by club members. Out of respect for the privacy of our members, that also applies to recordings of our challenges. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Challenges, Presentations, and a Bunch of Other Cool Stuff.

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