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March Madness...AI Style

"AI is a tool. The choice about how it gets deployed is ours!"

Oren Etzioni



I am a couple of days late on pushing out our newsletter, on purpose (ya right good

excuse). Saturday our March workshop, "Introduction To AI In Photoshop" by Sara Ascalon was real, genuine and authentic... nothing artificial at all! All joking aside, Sara did an astonishing job of explaining and demonstrating the current capabilities of AI in Photoshop. The workshop was the largest attended in recent club history. We concluded with a 30 minute open discussion about AI (we could have gone on for hours), about where it fits into photography, our individual comfort/ethical level in its use and its future affects on our craft. We will need to continue our discussions and keep everyone updated as both the technology and philosophy evolve. "It can't be bargained with. It can't be reasoned with. It doesn't feel pity, or remorse or fear! And it absolutely will not stop, ever..." sorry, I couldn't resist one last shot!

Please welcome our clubs newest members:

Gisele Busch

Nancy Pomilio

On behalf of the executive board, welcome back and we look forward to seeing you.

Our spring fling was so successful last year that we will do this again in place of our June workshop. Date is Saturday June 8. We need help in organizing. Please email me at info@sjcameraclub.org to volunteer!

Remember to visit the [Flickr gallery](#) which is a complete gallery of every photo entered into our challenges and click on the star to mark your favorites which will become part of our "Behind The Lens" night in June.

Dwayne Botnick, President

If you find interesting articles on AI Photography, please feel free to post the links on our private [Facebook Members Lounge](#).

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 and in our [Facebook Members Lounge](#).

SJCC MARCH EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Mar 8: Field Trip - Bryn Athyn Cathedral

Mar 12: MPUG - Unappreciated Beauty & Faces - Zoom 7 PM
Mar 14: Presentation - Passage to Lofoten - Zoom 7 PM
Mar 19: Challenge - Machines, Prints Open - In Person
Mar 21: Drone Group - Zoom 7 PM

PRESENTATIONS - ZOOM

Passage to Lofoten

Thursday, March 14 at 7PM

Presented by: Francie Schwabenland

The discussion will center on the details of my trip to the Lofoten Islands, located north of the Arctic Circle in North Norway. It is a three person trip: Martyn Lucas, David Heath and myself who set out to capture this most pristine and ruggedly stunning area. I will touch on the basics – getting to this location, where best to stay, capturing the Northern Lights, and sharing the day to day itinerary and the best lenses along with packing advice to deal with the frigid temperatures and ice. I am so looking forward to sharing this adventure and our love of photography!

Bio

I am the author of “Living Namaste Photography and Spoken Word Poetry, a number one on the short story travel section of Amazon. I have been traveling around the world for over 20 years documenting indigenous cultures, photographing for NGO’s and also many personal projects focused on appreciation and beauty for all that is around us. I have also lead photo tours through Europe and Africa. Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to have my work featured on CNN, The Huffington Post, The Travel Channel, The Discovery Channel, The Philadelphia Inquirer and several non-profit websites.

My recently created website is: [Http://www.livingnamaste.net](http://www.livingnamaste.net) and my online gallery can be seen at: [Http://.franceschwabenland.zenfolio.com](http://.franceschwabenland.zenfolio.com)

Photography won my heart when I was 16 and I never tire of traveling, photographing, writing and sharing with so many gifted creators so it is truly an honor to be invited to come and both speak and listen and appreciate all our accomplishments

Zoom Meeting Link: [SJCC Presentation](#)

Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594

Passcode: 931327

Future presentations:

Thursday, April 11: Done Doing Time by Linda Schuman

Thursday, May 9: Creativity-A Conversation with Yourself by Sara Ascalon

Thursday, June 13: SJCC's Behind The Lens Presentation

CHALLENGE NIGHT - In Person Medford Leas

Tuesday, March 19 at 7PM: Judged by Alan Bogart

Digital Assigned Topic: Machines

Apparatus using or applying mechanical power. Use your skills to turn work machines into works of art.

Prints: Open

Both digital entries and print entries must be uploaded to PhotoContest Pro.

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 & instructions 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, you should review the [Challenge Guidelines](#) as they have been updated. The guidelines also contain all of the detail for your prints.

Medford Leas Information:

One Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

Meeting attendees must enter at the rear Arts and Education Wing entrance (lower level and convenient to the auditorium). Masks are not required for the auditorium and you do not need to sign-in. As guests, please follow any Medford Leas guidelines.

Future challenges:

Tuesday, April 16: Digital: Translucent [Capture light shining through an object without seeing through it]. There were some questions about this theme. Here is a very short YouTube video that explains the difference between translucent and transparent.

[Link to Video](#)

Tuesday, May 21: Digital: Abundance [There's a whole lot of opportunity to capture a whole lot of something. Your interpretation can be literal or figurative].

Tuesday, June 18: Digital: Street Photography [Capture a candid moment of humanity

in a public setting].

Prints are always “Open” unless stated otherwise.

MPUG & DRONE - ZOOM

MPUG - Mobile User Photography Group

Tuesday, March 12 at 7PM

Hoisted by: Jeff Feeny (SJCC mobile photography master)

Theme is “Unappreciated Beauty & Faces”.

Be sure to email your images by Monday evening to Jeff at:

foneartstudio@icloud.com

MPUG Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 832 3980 4273

Passcode: 282398

The MPUG usually meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday.

DRONE User Group

Thursday, March 21 at 7PM

Hoisted by: Leo Pelletier (SJCC drone aficionado)

You don't need to own a drone to participate!

DRONE Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 897 0437 3804

Passcode: 171821

The DRONE group usually meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday.

WORKSHOPS - In Person

Register-All Workshops

Saturday, March 2: Introduction to Adobe AI in Photoshop

10AM - Noon at Medford United Methodist Church

Presented by: Sara Ascalon

This workshop has been completed.

Future workshops:

Saturday, April 13: DSLR vs. Mirrorless & Full Frame vs. APSC vs. M4/3 vs. Phones

Saturday, May 4: Tech/Equipment & Sharing Lightning Talks

Saturday, June 8: Sports/Action

[Link To All Workshops](#)

FIELD TRIPS**[Register-All Field Trips](#)**

You must register for all field trips using the link above. Final details regarding a trip are emailed to all who have registered.

Friday March 8: Bryn Athyn Cathedral, Bryn Athyn PA

11 AM - 3 PM - 900 Cathedral Rd., Bryn Athen, PA 19009

Led by: Susan LaPierre

Schedule: 11AM to 1 morning shooting followed by a quick lunch at Be Well Cafe and 2 PM to 3 additional shooting.

Susan is offering to carpool (she can take 4 people). Carpooling will be leaving from Kohl's parking lot (route 70) at 10 AM. If you want to carpool with Susan or others, email Susan directly at: lapierre_susan@yahoo.com

This is a weekday event. A \$5 donation each is requested. Tripods are needed and welcome. Cafe offers soups, salads, sandwiches and baked goodies.

[Cathedral Website](#)

[Google Map Link](#)

Monday April 22: Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, DE

8:15 AM - 2591 Whitehall Neck Road, Smyrna, DE 19977

Led by: Jackie Touw

This is a weekday event. Im looking forward to spring and our field trip to Bombay hook, one of my favorite places to visit. I'd like to meet at the visitor center parking lot between 8:15 and 8:30am on Monday, April 22. There is a small fee to enter to refuge, I believe it is \$4 per car, for the day, or just \$12 for the entire year. There are bathrooms at the visitor center for anyone who needs them, and I believe two spots along the route. This is a drivable loop that also has trails you can park and walk

down if you choose. Travel slowly, take your time, and you are almost guaranteed to see something! If you have binoculars, it would be good to bring them along. In April, eaglets are hatching and parents might be busy fishing and flying around looking for food. I have seen egrets, herons, kingfisher, screech owl, short-eared owl, great horned owl, barred owl, fox, ducks, cedar waxwings, bluebirds, otter, snow geese, snakes, the list goes on and on. You never know what you might see! There really isn't much in the immediate area for lunch, so I would recommend packing a cooler. Hopefully the weather cooperates, and we have a great day! Hope to see you all then!

[Bombay Hook NWR Website](#)

[Google Map Link](#)

Future field trips:

TBD May: Sunset, Race Street Pier, Philadelphia

TBD June: Street Photography, Philadelphia

[Link To All Field Trips](#)

Links

If you are like me, I book mark everything and then find I have multiple links to the same or similar web page and never know which one to use! Here are links that you will use frequently.

[SJCC Website](#)

[Challenge Guidelines](#)

[Challenge Topics](#)

[PhotoContest Pro](#)

[Facebook Private Group](#)

[Flickr Gallery](#)

The fine print...

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 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.
Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.



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