



**NOVEMBER 2024**

## Chasing the Image



*Chasing the Light on the Road to Hana, Maui by Vera Hershenberg*

### Upcoming Events & Important Dates

- 11/6 – Field Trip: New Egypt Flea Market
- 11/14 – Presentation: Wildlife & Birds on Zoom
- 11/19 – Challenge Night @ Medford Leas
- 11/22 – RiverWinds Meet the Artists & Awards Reception @ 6 PM
- 12/7 – Workshop: Dark Field Photography 10 AM @ Medford Leas (registration required)
- 12/12 – Presentation: Capture to Final Image on Zoom
- 12/14 - Field Trip: Thomas Edison Museum & National Park (registration required)

**More info & register for events from the [CALENDAR](#)**

It's already the first week of November, most of our fall colors have vanished early due to the continuing draught, we chased the Northern Lights, and Diane's Still Life workshop helped us prepare for chasing indoor images. I do enjoy being outdoors in the colder months, but this winter I am pushing outside of my comfort zone and will spend time on various photo projects indoors.

Our clubs RiverWinds exhibit is hung. Please join us on Friday 11/22 at 6 PM to meet the artists and presentation of awards.

Last month challenge images that were recognized by the judge are presented on our web stie home page. All submitted images can be viewed in the Gallery page. You can submit images to the Challenges even if you cannot make the meeting.

We have published updated guidelines for Challenge image submissions. They are posted on the website and in this newsletter.

Please join me in welcoming our newest club members: Diana & Harry Wind, Kavita Gupta, and Robert Williams.

Dwayne Botnick – SJCC President



## **PRESENTATION – Zoom**

### **Wildlife & Birds – by John Scalara**

**Thursday November 14 at 7 PM**

This wildlife and bird photography lecture will give an in-depth overview of the equipment guide, camera and lens settings, shooting modes, focusing modes, sharpness and resolution, perspective, composition, locations and tips that are utilized to capture intimate portraits of these beautiful and exotic creatures. Each image will be analyzed and dissected to show how it was created. Post processing techniques will also be examined in this engaging presentation.

#### **Bio**

John Scalera excels at photography because he truly finds joy in photographing and interacting with his subject matter. He is an award-winning photographer and highly effective teacher who hails from the hills of northern New Jersey. Since 2012, John has shared his love of photography with his students at Hackettstown High School and has designed the current curriculum for the digital imaging and digital photography courses he teaches there. John has also spent a significant amount of time offering online workshops, lectures, and hands-on field trips for a variety of camera clubs. He is a certified Adobe Photoshop Professional and currently is adding to his Masters Degree by taking postgraduate-level photography classes at the Academy of Art University in San Francisco.

Website: [John Scalara Photography](http://JohnScalaraPhotography.com)

#### **SJCC website detail:**

- View detail on all [Presentations](#) and their [Calendar](#) dates.
- [\*\*ZOOM LINK\*\*](#)

---

## **CHALLENGE NIGHT – In person Medford Leas**

**Tuesday November 19 at 7 PM – Judged by Arik Gorban**

Each monthly challenge night will have a digital assigned topic and digital open.

**Digital Assigned Topic:** Fruits & Vegetables – Produce an image of produce. On the farm, in the store, or on your table. Grow a photo all your own.

Digital Open

### [Updated Guidelines for Challenge Image Submissions](#)

#### **SJCC website detail:**

- Log in, select “Challenges” from the top menu then select “Submit Images to a Challenge”.
- View detail on all [Challenges](#).
- View [Calendar](#) to see when challenges open & close.
- Need directions to Medford Leas? Go to website, click on “Organization” on top menu then select “[Contact Us](#)”.



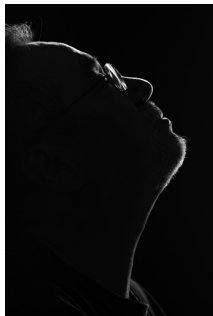
**SOUTH JERSEY  
CAMERA CLUB**

# NEWSLETTER

## **WORKSHOP – Medford Leas, Holly Room**

### **Dark Field Photography, Presented by Sara Ascalon**

**Saturday December 7 at 10 AM *Registration Required***



Come over to the dark side! You've likely seen those dramatic images of objects and people shot against a black background and lit only with dazzling rim light. Achieving this impactful look is much easier than you may think. We'll shed some light on the basic principles and set ups involved (including available window light!) and try our hand at creating our own compelling dark field imagery. Bring your tripod, camera and a telephoto lens (70mm or longer recommended).

***You must register for this workshop on our website:***

- Login and click on the [Calendar](#). Navigate to date of workshop 9/7, then click on the event. This will bring you to the event page, at the bottom click on "Registration Information" and follow the short instructions.
- Need directions to Medford Leas? Go to website, click on "Organization" on top menu then select "[Contact Us](#)".

---

## **FIELD TRIP – Thomas Edison Museum & National Park**

**Saturday December 14 at 11 AM – *Registration Required***

Location: 211 Main St. West Orange, NJ 07052

Step back in time to Edison's home and laboratory, when machines were run by belts and pulleys and music was played on phonographs. \$15 + tolls (\$6.94). If you have an "America the Beautiful" pass (this includes senior passes) the entry to the museum is free.

***You must register for this workshop on our website:***

- Login and click on the [Calendar](#). Navigate to date of field trip 9/28, then click on the event. This will bring you to the event page, at the bottom click on "Registration Information" and follow the short instructions.





**SOUTH JERSEY  
CAMERA CLUB**

# NEWSLETTER

## **MPUG – via Zoom**

**Mobile Photography User Group hoisted by Jeff Feeny**

**Tuesday November 12 at 7 PM**

Jeff communicates to the MPUG participants via the website group. If you are not yet a member of the group, email Jeff at the address below or at [info@sjcameraclub.org](mailto:info@sjcameraclub.org).

Be sure to email Be sure to email your images by Monday evening to Jeff at: [foneartstudio@icloud.com](mailto:foneartstudio@icloud.com)

[MPUG ZOOM Link](#)

---

## **DRONE User Group – via Zoom**

**Hoisted by Leo Pelletier**

**Meets Every Other Month - see [Calendar](#) for schedule**

Do you own a drone? Do you want to own a drone? Do you just think drones are cool and want to learn more about them? Then join the latest South Jersey Camera Club user group for drone enthusiasts. This group meets on a regular basis to learn more about:

- Drone flying tips and tricks.
- How to take awesome aerial photographs with your drone.
- Drone flying outings.

Website Link: [Drone User Group](#)

---

## **SJCC Website Forums**

[Discussion Forums Homepage](#)

Some of the feedback we have been receiving from members is for an easy way to share information on a variety of topics, such as lists of exhibits or shows, workshop or field trip ideas. We do use our private Facebook group for this but not all club members are on FB and it becomes difficult to find older information.

Our website has the built-in capability of "forums" which is an older but simpler method. The link above will take you to our forum's homepage.

[SJCAMERACLOUB.ORG](http://SJCAMERACLOUB.ORG)



**SOUTH JERSEY  
CAMERA CLUB**

# NEWSLETTER

## Updated Guidelines for Challenge Image Submissions

### Preparing Projected Images

Submitted digital images are projected onto the large auditorium screen at the in-person meeting and judged based upon this projection – *not* their appearance on a computer's display. The judge and audience are viewing the same image at the same quality. The Visual Pursuits software along with the ceiling mounted projector, will automatically re-size images that are too large in pixel dimensions and/or a ratio wider than 16 to 9.

### Here is the recommended minimum and maximum image sizes and other critical details:

- Maximum image size:** 3,840 pixels on the long side and 2160 pixels on the short side. Images larger may be automatically downsized by the software or the projector. *Please note:* depending on the aspect ratio of your image you may need to size according to the shorter side to keep both sides within the recommended limits.
- Minimum image size:** 1080 pixels on the long side. Images smaller will be automatically enlarged and may appear grainy or unsharp when projected.
- Upload file size:** Recommended file size is under 10.0 MB. Larger files will increase the upload time. If your image file size exceeds 18.0 MB, you may get an error, and the file will not be uploaded.
- File type:** JPEG format (.jpg).
- Color Space:** It is recommended that sRGB color space be used but is not required, especially if you are not sure what this is. sRGB color space most closely approximates the capabilities of monitors and projectors.
- Do not include your name in the title. As a logged in member, your name will automatically be linked to your image.
- No watermarks on images.

---

## Useful Links

[SJCC Previous Months Challenge Images](#)

[Facebook Members Lounge](#) (private group)

[Flickr Gallery](#)

[FAA Recreational Drone Safety Test \(TRUST\)](#)

---

### **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.*

Contact Us: [info@sjcameraclub.org](mailto:info@sjcameraclub.org)



Copyright © 2024 South Jersey Camera Club, All rights reserved.  
Thanks for being a member of the South Jersey Camera Club

[\*\*SJCAMERACLOUD.ORG\*\*](https://www.sjcameracclub.org)