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*We're Back! It time for ...*

## September at SJCC



High Flyer by Bob Laramie

**Are you ready? YOU CAN DO IT!**

The SJCC board has been at work all summer to get ready for this season's

launch next month. Here's a brief rundown of what we've been up to:

- The **competition schedule** has been finalized and can be found [here on our website](#). In an effort to properly communicate our expectations and achieve more consistent scoring between judges, we have revamped our scoring definitions to more clearly differentiate between each score in our gamut of 4-9. Our judges will all receive this information prior to the competition. You can view these definitions [here in the Competition Awards section of the Rules page on our site](#).
- We are wrapping up our presentation programs and will publish those soon.
- A mentoring program for Beginners is in development, with a tentative launch in October. Stay tuned.
- Returning for this season are:
  - **The Project Project**, every other month beginning in October
  - **Mobile Photography Users Group (MPUG)**, now on the second Tuesday of each month.
  - **Critique Sessions**, as demand warrants, first one in November
- New this year: **The SJCC Drone Flyers** take off with a pilot meeting on August 26.
- We are still in the process of figuring out how to safely reintroduce **field trips** for our members. They are an excellent opportunity for shooting, learning, and socializing, and we'd love to bring them back without putting any of our members at risk. If you have any suggestions for local, outdoor destinations, feel free to drop us a line.

While on the topic of safety... due to the new surge in COVID-19 cases, Medford Leas will not be re-opening its doors to the public at this time. Their population is too vulnerable. We support their decision to keep their residents safe and share their concern for our own members as well. We have researched other venues and, understandably, all large spaces capable of hosting a group like ours are facing the same challenges. While we understand that we all miss meeting in-person, there simply is no other choice but to continue meeting virtually until we are on the other side of this health crisis.

## Moving Up

Let's give a big congrats to those that have moved up this year and wish them the best of luck this season.

### **Beginner to Intermediate**

- Geraldine Delissio
- Pat Welch
- Susan Williams

### **Intermediate to Advanced**

- Michele Martello
- Jackie Touw
- Marty Lemmond

### **Advanced to Salon**

- Bob Laramie
- Amanda Czerniawski
- Diane Emerson

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

## **Coming up this Month**

All our meetings will be online until the Covid-19 threat passes. The login information will be emailed about a week before the meetings or events.

### **NEW!! Drone Users Group: Thursday, August 25 7pm**

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 will meet on a regular basis to learn more about:

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

### ***Zoom Meeting Link***

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81485910283?  
pwd=WXlnUVlJMnc0a29qT1ZzbW96OVVXZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81485910283?pwd=WXlnUVlJMnc0a29qT1ZzbW96OVVXZz09)

- Meeting ID: 814 8591 0283
- Passcode: 932316

### **Monthly Presentation: Thursday, September 9 at 7pm**

#### **Wabi-Sabi by Lisa Cuchara**

This program will explore the beauty of imperfect and/or unconventional subjects. As nature photographers we often seek out the flowers, leaves and such that are perfect, with no blemishes or defects. This program highlights subjects that are not perfect, such as flowers that have character, double headed flowers, decaying fall leaves, the deformed coneflower that stands out as flawed and hence different and beautiful, rust as it creates abstract patterns amidst the decay, etc.

We will also explore the concept of slowing down and appreciating the beauty of everyday life, things that might be overlooked. As purveyors of rust and decay we appreciate the perseverance and beauty of “life after humans” as cars and equipment falls apart and succumbs to oxidation and decay.

Wabi-Sabi teaches us to find beauty in everyday life. It is a kind of anti-aesthetic, an alternative to the dominating discriminatory ideas we hold about beauty

#### **Bio**

Lisa Cuchara, PhD, Master Craftsman (PPA), Master of Photography (M. Photog.) HonNEC, is very passionate about photography and she enjoys both being behind the lens and in the digital darkroom. She loves to photograph nature but finds many subjects equally intriguing. From birds and flowers to babies and UrbEx/HDR, she appreciates the world around her and embraces the challenge of interpreting what her eyes see and her heart feel via her photographs. Lisa says that photography allows her to pay attention to the

details, to be mindful, to slow down and appreciate all of the beauty, details and nuances of everyday life.

Website: <https://www.photographybylisaandtom.com>

### ***Zoom Meeting Link***

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81096899707?  
pwd=NTILU0gxODFPUzdNdGhxbnVCdmU2QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81096899707?pwd=NTILU0gxODFPUzdNdGhxbnVCdmU2QT09)

- Meeting ID: 810 9689 9707
- Passcode: 211508

### **Mobile Photography User Group (MPUG): Tuesday, September 14 at 7pm**

*From Our Mobile Photography Master, Jeff Feeny:*

To celebrate us all coming “Back” from hiatus, our September theme will be “Back”. Create images that show the “Back” of something. A building, a car, a person, an animal.... The sky’s the limit! Think outside the box! No scrolling through old pics. Think about it and go shoot for the theme. Then edit it with all the Apps we have talked about in past meetings. Looking forward to seeing everyone again.

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

### ***Zoom Meeting Link***

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83232879693?  
pwd=R0luU2tzWklUZWZ1YNHBQU3owQ2t4QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83232879693?pwd=R0luU2tzWklUZWZ1YNHBQU3owQ2t4QT09)

- Meeting ID: 832 3287 9693
- Passcode: 716208

### **Competition Night: Tuesday, September 21 at 7pm**

**Judge: Arik Gorban**

- **Color: Open**
- **Monochrome: Architecture** – Feature a building in whole, part, or in

detail

### ***Zoom Meeting Link***

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89922578254?  
pwd=d3R4T20xWkozSUNjbXBva2k2eEhwdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89922578254?pwd=d3R4T20xWkozSUNjbXBva2k2eEhwdz09)

- Meeting ID: 899 2257 8254
- Passcode: 265165

If you are unsure of how to upload your competition entries, now is a good time to acquaint yourself with the process. 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 Jim Foy, our new Digital Competitions guru, can help you sort out any problems.

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

**IMPORTANT:** Our presentation and competition meetings are recorded for members to review. Links are posted in the SJCC Members Lounge Facebook group. Due to their file size, videos will 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 competitions. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Looking forward to a new season with you all.

Mike Pillows, President

**Competitions, Workshops, and Extras. Oh my.**

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