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Abbondanza, every size, every color by Bernard Hershenberg

Our season is winding down but the summer is winding up!



It's June and the last month of our club's season, which is still loaded with exciting events! The board did make the decision to cancel our June Spring Fling. There were a significant number of people who would not be able to attend due to other

life events going on, and there was a lack of volunteer support.

Behind The Lens

Our popular Behind The Lens presentation is scheduled for June 13. The top favorite photos as selected by you will be presented by the makers. If you are presenting, please make sure your files/info is sent in by June 3.

Swap Meet

Our popular Swap Meet which was part of the spring fling will now be held as part of our June Challenge meeting at Medford Leas. We'll have tables set up. You do not have to declare what you have for sale in advance, just bring your stuff in and place it on the table. Make sure to label each item with a price and your name so that people know who to find if they're interested. If you're offering several items, you may opt to place a master list next to them. Payment method and terms should be established directly between you and your buyer(s). There will be a separate table for freebies. Even if you aren't selling anything, you'll want to visit our little market just in case there's a treasure that you didn't realize you couldn't live without. You can also brag about what you are selling on our FB page.

Next Season

The committees and board have been working hard as we finalize our 2024-2025 season. The end of the newsletters has important details.

Visual Pursuits

The executive board unanimously approved a major change in the clubs infrastructure, website and challenge/competition software. We will be moving to a system hosted by Visual Pursuits. This one system will replace 3+ systems we currently use and will provide club members with a streamlined, robust and user friendly experience. All under one website link & login. The move to Visual Pursuits will also save the club over 50% in license fees, allowing us to invest more into presentations, workshops, etc. As we bring the new system online, I will email everyone updates and next steps. My ask to each member, is to participate when you get the details about the new site and not wait until September.

To get a jump start on using the new system, there will be late July early August

competition. The club needs to replace 16 prints hanging in Medford Leas. We will use the new system to submit your digital entires & judge the event. The actual prints will be need by early September. I am finalizing the details with Medford Leas and will send out an email & post on FB when locked in.

I hope to see many of you at our June events in person or on Zoom and want to wish everyone a safe & fun summer.

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

SJCC EVENTS AT A GLANCE

- Jun 7: Field Trip: Philadelphia Street Photography (this is a Friday)
- Jun 13: Presentation: SJCC "Behind the Lens" - Zoom 7 PM
- Jun 18: Challenge Night @ Medford Leas 7 PM
- Jun 20: Drone User Group - Zoom 7 PM
- Jul 9: MPUG (new date) Theme "J" and open - Zoom 7 PM

PRESENTATIONS - ZOOM

Behind the Lens

Thursday, June 13 at 7PM - Zoom

Presented by: Club Members

Behind the Lens is the clubs extremely popular presentation. Tune in to learn about the inspiration, capture, and post-processing of your favorite images. The top favorite photos as selected by you will be presented by the makers.

Zoom Meeting Link: [SJCC Presentation](#)

Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594

Passcode: 931327

CHALLENGE NIGHT - In Person Medford Leas

Tuesday, June 18 at 7PM: Judged by Mike Pillows

Digital Assigned Topic: Street Photography

Capture a candid moment of humanity in a public setting.

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.

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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.

MPUG & DRONE - ZOOM

MPUG - Mobile User Photography Group

Tuesday, July 9 at 7PM **New Date**

Hoisted by: Jeff Feeny (SJCC mobile photography master)

Since July also begins with the letter “J” the theme remains “J” and “Open”. Photo walk also still on the horizon.

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, June 20 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.

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 June 7: Philadelphia Street Photography

Led by: Vera Hershenberg

The field trip is Friday, June 7th. We will meet at the PATCO Woodcrest Station by 10:15 AM, in order to catch the 10:33 train into Philly. Planning to shoot in

Washington Square Park, Independence Mall, South Street and Italian Market, if members have the energy. Perhaps cheese steaks at Pat's Steaks for lunch? Plan on about 4 hours of shooting. Unfortunately, no rain date is planned, so fingers crossed. Pat's Steaks & others in the area only accept CASH.

"This will be my third time doing this field trip and have had a great experiences. Vera is a tremendous resource and her interaction with people creates a fun & welcoming opportunity."... Dwayne

2024 - 2025 Season Information

Challenge Topics for 2024-25

Here is the list of digital Challenge topics for our 2024-25 season (Sep-Jun).

They are in random order and not yet assigned a calendar month.

Arches, Bridges, or Spans - a supported structure that extends from one side to another. The arch, bridge or span must be the subject and not what it may be supporting/connecting.

Inspired by a Children's Book – Would you could you take a shot? Would you could you rather not? It's not as tough as it may seem to craft a photo for this theme.

Creative – Express yourself through a unique concept, photographic technique, and/or post-processing.

Through a Window – Looking out or looking in, present a view through a window. The window must be shown in whole or in part.

Iconic Americana – depict objects or scenes typical of American civilization or culture.

Wet – From a single drop to an ocean, show something covered or saturated with water.

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

Humor – Why so serious? Craft a photo designed to make us chuckle, laugh out loud, or even just put a smile on our faces.

Curves – a line or outline which gradually deviates from being straight for some or all of its length.

Patterns in Nature - highlight striking shapes, textures, lines and forms as they occur in the natural world.

Challenge Night Changes:

Each Challenge night there will be two digital submissions: assigned topic; and open. Prints will not be part of the scheduled Challenge nights, but will be reserved for special events scheduled throughout the season.

Saturday Morning Workshops:

We will be back at Medford Leas (Holly room) for our Saturday morning workshops. Workshop topics will have a 'hands-on' focus and after seeing the initial list, i'm excited! Workshops will be scheduled for the 1st Saturday of the month.

New Website & Challenge Upload Software

We will be moving to Visual Purists by early July - everyone will be receiving a login, instructions and links to short video guides. We will also hold short Zoom introduction/training sessions. Keep an eye on your email for more information and next steps.

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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