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April is time for ...

Staying Home and Being Creative



Home Sweet Home by Steven Levine

Tips for the Stay at Home Photographer

Well the world has changed quickly and I hope you are all staying safe by staying at home and using the proper precautions when you do go out. Our camera club is not sitting still during this time and we will hold all our meetings online as well as many of our workshops. We will be sending out the details before each so you can join the fun.

In addition, our Facebook Group, the SJCC Members Lounge, will be posting weekly photo challenges that can be done in the comfort of your own home.

Our email address is info@sjcameraclub.org. Questions and comments are always welcome.

Photography Tip! The governor's order to stay home doesn't mean you need to give up photography. There are many things a photographer can do during this crisis. Try setting up a little table top macro studio using flashlights or table lamps for lighting. Maybe it is time to take some online photography classes. It is also a great time to practice and learn some new post processing skills. Don't let Covid-19 cramp your photographic style.

In addition, we can also explore some of our great local parks (the ones that are open) and state forests. There are so many interesting places nearby. Remember to stay safe and practice effective social distancing. Our presentation meeting this month will be about photographing our own New Jersey wilderness, the Pinelands. See below for details.

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

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.

Mobile Photography User Group (MPUG): Tuesday, April 7 at 7PM.

Join Jeff Feeny and learn how to use your smartphone to create art.

Join by Computer

[https://zoom.us/j/295415088?](https://zoom.us/j/295415088?pwd=T2FUWlVySIRMQXVwSnNpRy84UXh2UT09)

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If prompted, download the Zoom software (it only takes a minute). If needed to enter the meeting use this information:

- Meeting ID: 295 415 088
- Password: 819834

Join by Phone

Download the Zoom app when launching it tap the Join a Meeting button and enter this information

- Meeting ID: 295 415 088
- Password: 819834

To use your computer for meeting and your phone for the audio, call 929-205-6099 and use meeting ID 295 415 088

IMPORTANT: There are reports of online meeting software being hijacked and hacked. We want to keep our meetings fun and safe, so please do not share any meeting login information publicly on social media.

Presentation: Thursday, April 16, 7pm (NOTE THE NEW DATE)

Rich Lewis: Photographing the New Jersey Pinelands

The Pinelands are our *Wilderness Next Door*. Since we are all limited in our travels, it may be time to start exploring this amazing local place. In a special Covid-19 version of his program, Rich will be providing some specific easy to get to photogenic locations along with useful tips for photographing the

Pinelands and what gear works best.

Workshop: Saturday, April 18, 10am

Portrait Retouching in Photoshop, Sara Ascalon

Intended for the more advanced user, this workshop will demonstrate techniques for natural looking correction of skin tone, texture and more. A knowledge of Photoshop tools, layers, and masking is highly recommended.

Competition Night: Tuesday, April 21, 7pm

Judge: Rich Dunoff

- **Digital:** *Flying High* – Moving through the air or feeling on top of the world. You can choose to be literal or figurative.
- **Monochrome Prints (Judged digitally):** Open
- **Photo In A Bag Contest Sign-up** – This is obviously cancelled.

Field Trip: Due to the efforts to stem the tide of Covid-19, all field trips are cancelled.

Facebook Photo Challenge: Every week a new photo challenge will be posted on our club's facebook group, SJCC Members Lounge. Check it out!

Check out our photo gallery

Every month our top scoring photographs are placed in an online gallery on our website. If you haven't seen them yet, take a look.

[See The Website Gallery](#)

Looking forward to seeing you all online!

Best regards,
Rich Lewis, President

Competitions, Workshops, and Field Trips. Oh my.

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