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We are Ready for Take-Off!



Daybreak JFK by Brad Stern

Welcome back for another SJCC season. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable, fulfilling summer. Meanwhile, we've been busy tackling multiple challenges and making a multitude of plans to get this new season underway. Huge thanks to all of the volunteers who have put in countless hours to get us to the gate and ready for launch. I'm delighted to be able to share our flight plan with you.

I know the number one question on all of your minds is the status of our meetings and their format. We finally have some answers for you:

- Our Presentation meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom. This affords us the ability to bring you a variety of engaging speakers regardless of their geographic location.
- Our Challenge* meetings will return to Medford Leas for those who would like to meet in person. Those who chose not to gather indoors can join the meeting via Zoom. Please note, this hybrid meeting format is a work in progress and we still have a lot to learn on the technical side to make this a smooth, seamless experience. We ask for your patience as we acquire the experience (and possibly equipment) to get this process down. In other words, there may be some turbulence, but we'll get you to your destination.
- Medford Leas has a strict visitor protocol dictated by the State of New Jersey. Please refer to [our previous announcement about these regulations](#). The check-in app mentioned may or may not be ready by our first meeting. If it is, we'll forward pertinent information to you in advance.
- We have secured a location for our workshops. Unless otherwise noted on our website, they will be held at Bowker Hall at Medford United Methodist Church, 2 Hartford Road in Medford. Some of these workshops will also be available via Zoom, depending on the amount of interactivity inherent in each program. These will be noted on our website. As with our presentations, Zoom recording of these sessions are at the presenters' discretion and are not guaranteed.

*For a refresher on the change from Competition to Challenge refer to the [introduction presented back in June](#).

We have a lot of exciting events on tap this season. You'll find a complete schedule of workshops and field trips posted on our website. And if you visit our gallery menu you'll find a brand new feature: [a complete gallery of every photo entered into our challenges will be hosted on Flickr](#). You will be able to support your fellow photographers by flagging your favorites and/or leaving appreciative comments. And every photo gets to be enjoyed after the meeting regardless of what a judge may have thought of it. We've launched it with all of June's competition entries – go check it out and spread some love.

Here's to all of us reaching new heights this year. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sara Ascalon, 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 site.

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Please fasten your seat belts and return your tray table to its full upright and locked position. We are cleared for take-off.

Monthly Presentation: Thursday, September 8 at 7pm **Photographing Refracted Glassware with Reflections** by Gerri Jones

This presentation will cover Gerri's guide for success in photographing glassware with colorful backgrounds. An in depth technical guide with tips on how to set up with best lenses and minimal equipment, which most everyone has on hand. No fancy studio lighting is required for beautiful images you can create using her technique.

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84126318594?
pwd=dTBSaitSNHNoSm14bTJOUHpSNDR3Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84126318594?pwd=dTBSaitSNHNoSm14bTJOUHpSNDR3Zz09)

- Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594
- Passcode: 931327

Workshop: Saturday, September 10 at 10am **Fundamentals of Photography** by Pat Worley

Learn the fundamentals of photography that will help you make more

interesting and successful images. We will talk about exposure, focus and composition. This is an interactive workshop. A great introduction to the basics for beginners and refresher for those more advanced shooters who may have missed or forgotten some of these fundamentals along the way.

This workshop will be held at Medford United Methodist Church, 2 Hartford Road, and streamed via Zoom. Registration via email to info@sjcamera.club.org is required for in person attendance.

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83902888455?
pwd=WWFBcIBBaE8xY0htVGUvRExsQ3N0Zz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83902888455?pwd=WWFBcIBBaE8xY0htVGUvRExsQ3N0Zz09)

- Meeting ID: 839 0288 8455
- Passcode: 703649

Mobile Photography User Group (MPUG): Tuesday, September 13 at 7pm

From Our Mobile Photography Master, Jeff Feeny:

Back to School time, so this months theme is “School Supplies”. Should be an easy one. Have fun with it. Some vintage supplies would be nice to see. Slide Rule? Protractor?

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

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239804273?
pwd=Vmc0czRsR0pWSDdxTWdIN3JNcy9mdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83239804273?pwd=Vmc0czRsR0pWSDdxTWdIN3JNcy9mdz09)

- Meeting ID: 832 3980 4273
- Passcode: 282398

Field Trip: Friday, September 16, meet at 10am

Bethlehem Steel Stacks

101 Founders Way, Bethlehem, PA

Meet at Visitor's Center Parking Lot. The exact location will be sent to the participants.

From ruin to icon, the old Bethlehem steel mill is an amazing place to photograph. Centered in the arts district the surrounding area also provides a wealth of photographic opportunities.

Drone are permitted with an altitude restriction of 150 feet. Automated LAANC approval is required. If you need help with this, contact us.

Registration via email to info@sjcameraclub.org is required.

Challenge Night and 2021-22 Awards Presentation: Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm

Judged by Henry (there is no such thing as a yellow sky) Rowan

- **Assigned Topic: Nature** – Portray landscapes, wildlife and/or plant life as found in their natural environment.
- **Open**

Zoom Meeting Link for those not attending in person

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330778352?
pwd=b0lzcTBLWHR0NWxPQnBHQVFoU0NtUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82330778352?pwd=b0lzcTBLWHR0NWxPQnBHQVFoU0NtUT09)

- Meeting ID: 823 3077 8352
- Passcode: 733506

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 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, it is also advisable to review the eligibility criteria in [our published competition rules](#).

Drone Photography User Group: Thursday, September 29 at 7pm

For pilots and non-pilots alike. All that's required is an appreciation of the big picture. The REALLY big picture.

Zoom Meeting Link

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81221392692?
pwd=QjAveVBwS3h3QnhQUndkcDIENGROZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81221392692?pwd=QjAveVBwS3h3QnhQUndkcDIENGROZz09)

- Meeting ID: 812 2139 2692
- Passcode: 110311

Medford Leas Photography Exhibit, October 1 - November 15 (tentative dates)

CALL FOR WORK

Medford Leas has once again invited us to exhibit our work outside of the auditorium. Ours is a show that residents and visitors look forward to every year and it's one way we can thank them for the use of their facility. Interested members may enter up to three framed and properly wired photos to the show. There is no theme, just make sure that your work is family friendly. Exhibited work may be offered for sale. Please send an email to info@sjcameraclub.org with the title and price of each photograph you plan on showing so that we may have tags prepared in advance. Please also tape the same information to the back of your frames for identification purposes. We are tentatively schedule to install on October 1. We will update you of the drop off time and any protocol we may need to follow when we learn those details.

COMING SOON

SJCC Juried Exhibition at Riverwinds, West Deptford

We are working out the details for this special event to be held November through December (the perfect time for holiday selling). Look for the prospectus soon.

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

IMPORTANT: Our presentation and challenge 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. Out of respect for the privacy of our members, that also applies to recordings of our challenges. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

Challenges, Presentations, and a Bunch of Other Cool Stuff.

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