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Christmas Magic, by Bonnie Rovere

December...

"Of all the months of the year there is not a month one half so welcome to the young, or so full of happy associations, as the last month of the year." Charles Dickens



December is a month for family, sharing, happiness and even baking. I hope everyone can experience and enjoy it! December is also a month for great photography opportunities and of course we cannot forget the Winter Solstice (...ok, the first day of winter and the shortest day of the year). Among your hectic schedule, please take advantage of the great programs our club is offering this month, you won't be disappointed.

Please welcome our clubs newest members:

Peter and Margery Hewitt

Martin Kavanagh

On behalf of the executive board, welcome and we look forward to meeting you. Thanks to our November judge, Mike Pillows, who accepted the mission of judging a strong digital topic (Movie Poster/Book Cover) and open prints.

"It was a pleasure to judge for my home club. Members really stepped it up with a category that not many photographers are familiar with... including myself. I was taken back by the creative minds, once again, that this club has. The depth of each creation made the viewer (judge) stop and actually read the content... which was fascinating.

Thanks again for the honor,

MikeP"

The month of February our club will have an open exhibition (not juried) at Medford Leas. Final details and drop off date will be announced shortly. Each club member may exhibit up to 4 framed images, open topic and no size restrictions. All images must be family friendly and appropriate for public setting.

Remember to visit the [Flickr gallery](#) which is a complete gallery of every photo entered into our challenges and click on the star to mark your favorites which will become part of our "Behind The Lens" night.

I want to wish all a happy & healthy holiday!
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.

SJCC DECEMBER EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Dec 2: Workshop - Backing Up Your Photos & Data
Dec 9: Field Trip - Comcast Building
Dec 12: MPUG - FROZEN
Dec 14: Presentation - Milky Way Photography for Beginners
Dec 19: Challenge - Digital: Low Light, Open Prints
Dec 22: Pick-up images at RiverWinds

December EVENTS

RiverWinds Exhibition:

Our show at RiverWinds has been wonderfully received and three works sold within the first week of opening. If you haven't yet seen it, it will be up through December 29 and is well worth a visit. **Participants: take down is scheduled for 5-7 pm on the 29th.** There are no storage facilities for unclaimed photos and all works must be picked up during that time slot unless prior arrangements have been made with us. If your photo has been sold, it is your responsibility to arrange payment and delivery with the buyer. Thank you for helping us showcase the remarkable talent within our club.

WORKSHOP - Backup at Home & On The Road Saturday, December 2, at 10AM

Presented by: Mike Fox

Medford United Methodist Church, Bowker Hall, 2 Hartford Road, Medford NJ

Backing up important files on your computer or phone is one of those things that most people have good intentions of taking care of, but often they don't take care of as much as they would like. For many of us, there is almost nothing more important than preserving our photos, many of which are pictures of loved family members. For others, their photos represent many hours of travel and hard work in order to create them. In this in-depth workshop, Mike Fox and Dwayne Botnick will go over various options and approaches in developing a regular habit of backing up our photos (and other files) so that they are safe from the ills that can impact our modern computing devices.

You will learn about the various backup methods that exist, when to use each of them, as well as the different options for storing your backups offsite so that if something happens to your home, your images will be protected. We will also go over some approaches to backing up images when away from home, such as when you are on an extended trip

[REGISTER - Workshop Backup](#)

MPUG - Mobile Photography User Group: Tuesday, December 12, at 7 PM

Mobile Photography Master, Jeff Feeny

FROZEN is the subject. Be sure to email your images by Monday evening 12/11 to Jeff: foneartstudio@icloud.com

[MPUG Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 832 3980 4273

Passcode: 282398

Monthly Presentation: Thursday, December 14, at 7pm via Zoom

Milky Way Photography for Beginners - Julia Vaughan

In this comprehensive session geared toward beginning and intermediate night sky photographers, you will learn the basics of Milky Way photography, from planning to capturing to post-processing your images. In Planning, Julia will cover where and

when to find the Milky Way core, mobile apps and other resources to help you plan, and what to bring. In Capturing, she will review camera settings, focusing techniques, single shots, foreground illumination, and provide introductions to image stacking and blends. The session will wrap up with Post-Processing, which will cover basic editing in Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop, including color, contrast, noise reduction and sharpening.

Bio

Julia Vaughan is a landscape and nature photographer based in Portland, Oregon. Her childhood in the green hills of Vermont gave her an appreciation of nature at an early age. Since her first camera in high school, she has loved capturing, revisiting and sharing special moments. A trip to New Zealand with her first DSLR kindled a deeper interest in nature photography that has become a passion. In her landscape, nightscape and close-up plant images, Julia aims to bring some of the joy and wonder she feels when out in nature to those viewing her photographs. Helping others progress in their own photography through sharing her knowledge is a more recent source of fulfillment for Julia, and she is excited to present to the South Jersey Camera Club!

Website: [Julia Megan Photography](https://www.juliameganphotography.com)

Zoom Meeting Link: [SJCC Presentation](#)

Meeting ID: 841 2631 8594

Passcode: 931327

Field Trip - Comcast Building, Philadelphia 10 AM to About Noon:

Saturday, December 9

Led by Susan LaPierre

Decorated for the holidays! We will be photographing in & around the Comcast building. Susan LaPierre will be leading the workshop. We will meet inside the Comcast building lobby under the sphere at 10 AM. This field trip will only be a couple of hours. Our website indicates car pooling from the Kohls (Marlton) parking lot. After discussion at the Challenge meeting, everyone felt taking PATCO was a better option as it's only 1/2 mile from the 15/16th & Locust Street Station.

If you plan on taking PATCO and want to go as a group, meet at the Woodcrest station (Cherry Hill) by 8:45 AM - this allows enough time to buy your ticket and we

can take the 9:13 AM train. Roundtrip fare is \$6.

As of this point in time, there are no plans to carpool from Kohls.

[Google Map/Directions via PATCO Woodcrest](#)

[Comcast Building Info](#)

The Comcast Holiday Spectacular

1701 JFK Blvd Philadelphia, PA 19103

[REGISTER - Field Trip](#)

Challenge Night: Tuesday, December 19, at 7pm, at Medford Leas

Judged by Robert Zurfluh

- Digital Assigned Topic: Low Light - Craft your image with minimal amount of ambient light.
- Print: 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.

Medford Leas Information:

One Medford Leas Way, Medford, NJ 08055

Meeting attendees must check in 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.

Questions regarding any event, please email us at info@sjcameraclub.org.

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

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



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