

# Duneland

## PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Meetings held at

**SUNSET HILL FARM COUNTY PARK**  
**Horton Educational Center**

755 Meridian Road  
Valparaiso, Indiana

1st Tuesday of the month / 7-9 p.m.

## JUNE 2023

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## JUNE MEETING AGENDA



**MICHAEL CATERINA**

Michael Caterina worked as a newspaper photojournalist for more than 10 years and is now the campus photographer/videographer at Indiana University South Bend.

Michael continues to work with the South Bend Tribune as a freelancer mostly covering sports

and also photographs Notre Dame basketball for the Associated Press.

Michael will share insights on making storytelling photos in the many different situations working as a photojournalist has put him in over the years.





How we see something is the basis of photography. I call this “vision.” I believe that there are several aspects of vision to consider.

First, think about what our eye takes in. Without going into details of the biology of sight, the basics are that

the eye has the ability to collect light and form images. This is controlled by the ability of the eye to control the amount of light through the iris (aperture) and focus the cornea (lens) onto the retina (like a digital sensor). The eye can be sensitive under low light conditions (like high ISO).

The second aspect of vision is perception. This involves the interpretation of the images collected in the eye by the mind. We understand the world around us by what we see. By our perception we can focus mentally on something and ignore other things our eye takes in. For example, we can focus with our mind on a person and ignore the background, not noticing the clutter behind them.

A big difference between what we see and what the camera “sees” is this idea of perception. The camera takes in everything. So, the challenge for the photographer is to control this with the camera in order to capture and communicate the image that the mind sees.

So, the third, and I believe, most important way a photographer uses “vision” is in the mind. This vision is trying to convey through photography what you see in your mind. This involves understanding your camera and how to control the image captured. Controlling what is in the frame of your image is the most basic way to do this, in one word, composition. The viewing angle, the distance to the subject, and the background are key elements of this. Understanding and using depth of field is also an effective tool to isolate a subject or take in everything.

At the Duneland Photography Club, we try to help each other understand these concepts of vision. Then we can use our vision to communicate in our photos what we want others to see in order to tell a story!

Steve Bensing  
*President*

## MEETING RECAP

## May 2023

Our May meeting started with a mentoring session with Jim Rettker and John Roquet. Various topics were covered, such as camera settings for different situations and photo editing techniques.

We also had a five minute tip on turning a photo into a sketch using Photoshop Elements by Sharon Kerner.

We heard of the many possible photography opportunities for the upcoming month.

The presenter for the evening was John Moore who has an extensive

knowledge of astrophotography. He shared with us locations nearby that would be the best for this type of photography. We also learned what setting might work best and the importance of weather and phases of the moon. He also shared what he uses such as lenses and gear. The examples of his work were very impressive!

To end the meeting we had a time to share some of our work. The topic was “Through

Your Lens” or “Photos in a Series”. The sharing time is always a surprise because of the wide range of interest and the many talented members in our club.





## MEMBER ACCOLADES

Five members of the Duneland Photography Club were selected for the Annual Juried Exhibition at the Art Barn School of Art. Three of them received special awards at the reception on April 28th.

### DEB ARMSTRONG

Deb Armstrong's photograph "One Last Wish" got a \$300 Purchase Award.



### GRETCHEN MAGUIRE

Gretchen Maguire was awarded \$280 for the Alice Moss Merit Award for her art, "Last 5 minutes."



### DINA HEIJSELAAR

A Jan Sullivan Emerging Artist Award of \$100 went to Dina Heijselaar for her painting "La Contrabajista."



### PEGGY CARTER

Peggy Carter had one of her photos selected by Lake Superior Magazine for a pack of photo notecards they are selling depicting Lake Superior.

She was awarded \$50 for this honor. Her photo of the Cornucopia, Wisconsin beach is titled "Quiet Beach."

Here are photos of Peggy with the magazine and her cards.

The Lake Superior Photo Contest notecards can be purchased at

<https://tinyurl.com/bdzkhdtr>





## SUSAN KIRT

Susan Kirt was selected by the Duneland Chamber of Commerce to have her trillium photo on a banner for downtown Chesterton. An article in Lake Life Magazine tells about the four photographers that were honored in the May issue.

### A Banner Year for Local Photographers

The Duneland Chamber of Commerce (DCC) recently conducted a photo contest, inviting local amateur photographers to submit photos depicting the beauty of the region. Contestants submitted approximately 30 photos, and Rachel Campbell, Events Manager for the DCC, said, "The Duneland Chamber staff selected the four winners, which will be reproduced on 64 banners for display throughout the community. Local businesses sponsor the banners, and we expect them to be installed just in time for the opening of the European Market." Congratulations to the winners: Susan Kirt, Olga Petryszyn, Elizabeth Robinson, and Morgan Daniell Witt (who only recently moved to the area). Be sure to visit Chesterton to see all of the banners.

—Barbara Voris Eastman ●

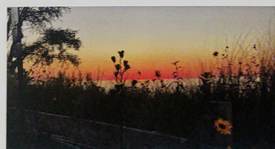


Photo by Elizabeth Robinson

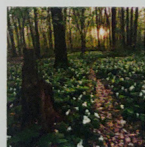


Photo by Susan Kirt



Photo by Olga Petryszyn



Photo by Morgan Daniell Witt



Sharon Kerner

## GABIS ARBORETUM

Several Duneland Photography Club members joined Deb Armstrong on a guided walk to see spring ephemerals and learn how to take stunning photos.



Mike Alvarado Johnson



Sharon Kerner



Sharon Kerner

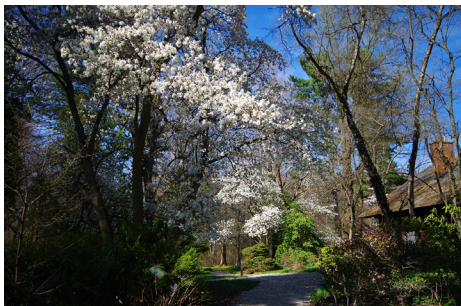


Mike Alvarado Johnson





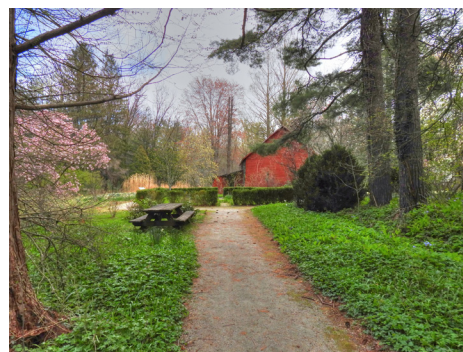
# PORTER COUNTY PARKS MAY CALENDAR



**Peggy Carter** | 1st Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens



**Gretchen McGuirer** | 2nd Place  
Sunset Hill Farm Park



**Sharon Kerner** | 3rd Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens

Take photos at Porter County Parks for the upcoming calendar. Submit (up to) three high resolution photos to [DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com](mailto:DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com) with subject line of PARKS CALENDAR. Include the name of the park where each photo was taken.

Sunset Hill Farm Park | 775  
Meridian Road, Valparaiso

Brincka Cross Gardens | 427  
Furness Road, Michigan City

Brookdale Park | 919 N 50 W,  
Chesterton

Dunn's Brige | 500 E (over the  
Kankakee River), Kouts



## CARTER'S CORNER

### HARRY AND NANCY DECOURCY

Harry and Nancy recently spent a week with Harry's sister and her husband at their beach house on Daufuskie Island, South Carolina.

They saw Spanish moss, alligators, armadillos and of the 35 different birds they saw, 14 were new additions to Nancy's life list!



### JAMIE STARFIRE (SPURR)

Jamie has recently joined the Duneland Garden Club.

In this picture, she participated in the plant sale at the European Market in Chesterton.



### TERESA SHEPPARD

Teresa recently attended the Bluegrass PugFest in Louisville, Kentucky. In attendance were over 800 Pugs along with their humans.

Accompanying Teresa were her 1.5 Pugs- Henry and Sadie.





## MARK ZIMMERMAN

Mark was featured in the May 2023 for his artistry using the medium of watercolor. He has donated his work for various causes, including The Caring Place. His painting of the Memorial Opera House is on display there.



## JANET TSOUKLIS

Susan went on vacation to Hawaii. She shared a few photos of her trip.



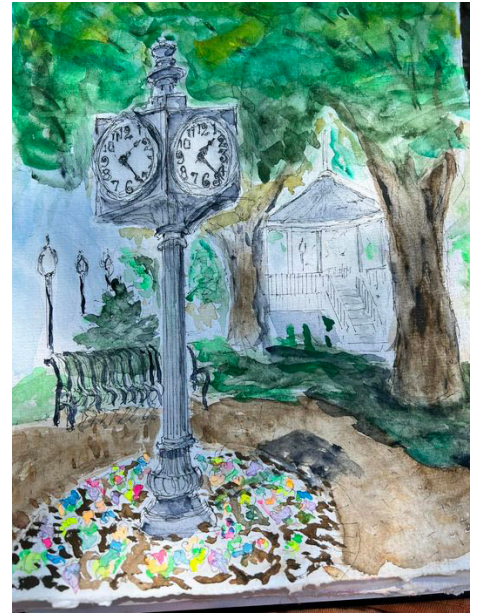
## SUZAN PERRY

Suzan joined the Club shortly after retiring and loves it (retirement and photography club)!

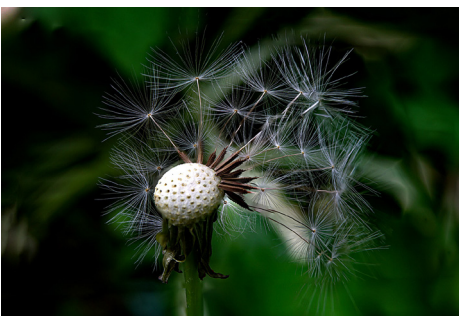
She just finished teaching a 16-week photography class at Ivy Tech, having taught it several times before, but was really able to enrich it with things she have learned from the Club. Thank you! Highlight so far this year was her first trip to Venice, Italy. Beautiful.

## DAWN DUTY

Dawn is expanding her artistic abilities by joining with the Duneland Plein Air painters. She recently joined the group for an outing in downtown Chesterton. They worked on paintings outdoors at Thomas Centennial Park.



## MEMBER PHOTOS



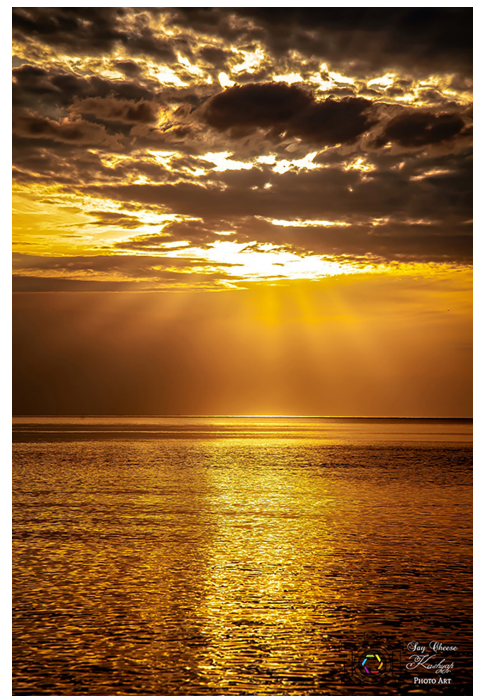
Paul Ewing



Henry Schultz



Dave Lasayko



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Harry de Courcy



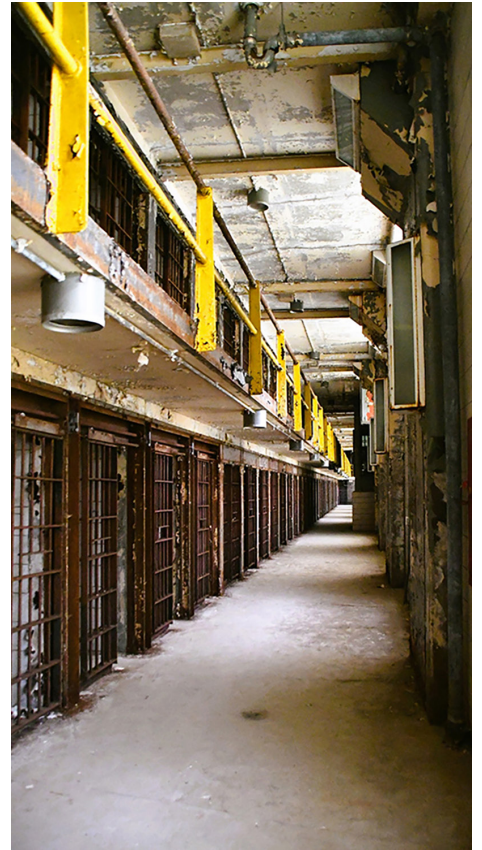
Vanessa Shaffer



Sharon Kerner



Terry Fairchild



Wendy Vander Kooi



Tommy Gonzales





Bob Capen



Scott Miller



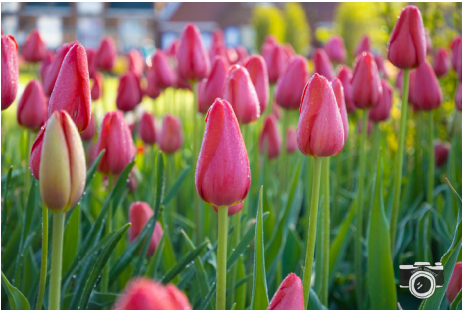
Crystal Hollenbeck



Dawn Duty



Beth Forbes



Teresa Sheppard



Julius Titak



Scott Miller



Teresa McGinley



# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS / PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

## Ongoing Monthly

- Take photos at Porter County Parks for upcoming calendar. Submit (up to) three high resolution photos to **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com** with subject line of **PARKS CALENDAR**. Include the name of the park where each of the photos was taken.
- Submit items of personal or family nexs for **CARTER'S CORNER** to **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com** with the subject line of **CARTER'S CORNER**.
- Submit **MEMBER NEWS** of photography interest for the newsletter to **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com** with the subject line of **NEWSLETTER**.

## Saturday, June 3

- Birds of Prey (second session)
- Cost is \$25/member
- Contact **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com** to sign up

## Tuesday, June 6 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring | 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Michael Caterina | Making Storytelling Photos
- Show and Tell | Sky, Star, or Looking Up | Bring a thumb drive with photos

## Saturday, June 10 / 12-5 pm ET

- Area Artists Association Artist Reception
- June Featured Artists are Connie Kassal and Carol Estes
- Courtyard Gallery
- 813 E Buffalo Street
- New Buffalo, Michigan

## Sunday, June 11 / 2:30 pm ET

- 71st Three Oaks Flag Day Parade
- Nation's largest Flag Day Parade
- 100 units of Veterans, Color Guards, Musical Marching Units, Clowns, Equestrian Groups, Drill Teams, Antique Cars & Trucks, Drum & Bugle Corps and Antique Tractors
- Village Hall (Corner of Maple and Elm)
- Three Oaks, Michigan

## Saturday, June 17 / 10 am ET

- Explore the beauty of Fernwood Botanical Gardens
- A current membership card from the American Horticultural Society or from a garden participating in our Reciprocal Admissions Program (RAP) entitles you to special admission privileges; \$10 if not a member
- **fernwoodbotanical.org**
- Fernwood Botannical Gardens
- 13988 Range Line Road
- Niles, Michigan



Saturday, June 24 / 9 am-3 pm

- Porter County Master Gardeners Association Garden Walk
- Six outstanding gardens showcased

• Tickets purchased on their website: [pcgarden.info](http://pcgarden.info)



Saturday, June 24 / 9 am-3 pm

- Art Walk in Highland, Indiana
- More information to be announced

Saturday, July 15 / 1-5 pm

- Duneland Photography Club Annual Picnic
- Sunset Hill Farm County Park
- 755 Meridien Road
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Tuesday, August 1 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring | 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Susan Kirs | Pollinators and Wildflowers
- Show and Tell | Fireworks or Color | Bring a thumb drive with photos

Saturday, August 5

- Flower Photography Photoshoot

# NORMAN TURNER WATER DANCING

## MAY 27-JUNE 30

### OPENING RECEPTION

Saturday, May 27

2-4 PM

Art Barn School of Art

695 N 400 East, Valparaiso

LIGHT SNACKS & BEVERAGES

