

# 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.

## JULY 2023

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## JULY MEETING ANNUAL PICNIC

The July meeting of the Duneland Photography Club will take place on Saturday, July 15th from 1-4 pm. In place of our regular monthly meeting, we will be holding our annual picnic.

Members should sign up to provide a dish they would like to bring to share.

Please sign up at:

DunelandPhotographyClub@  
gmail.com with subject **PICNIC**.

Photos taken by Steve Bensing at  
the 2022 Annual Picnic!

We will meet at Sunset Hill Farm  
County Park, 755 Meriden Road,  
Valparaiso, Indiana.







**V**acation! What a wonderful word. It is something we all look forward to. Most people, even those not serious about photography, take pictures while on vacation. There are two ways we can use photography effectively on our trips.

We can use photography to document our adventures. Where did we go? What did we do? With whom did we do it? So, I find it helpful to take pictures of signs and information. That way, at home, I can remember those spots that I have photographed. Include interesting photos of activities: hiking trails, museums, and even memorable restaurants. Keep in mind good composition, like watching for lighting and backgrounds. Include photos of your



companions and even yourself. I like to take group shots. Use a great scenic background or position your group at the sign of an important spot, such as the entrance to a National Park.

A second way of involving photography in our vacations is to specifically take advantage of the unique locations and scenery. Plan ahead for that special spot, such as a waterfall or historical site. It may involve using specific equipment like a tripod or wide-angle lens.

On my most recent trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, I planned for a photo that I have wanted to take for many years. The place is called Lake of the Clouds in the Porcupine Mountains State Park. The best view of this lake is looking east, so I knew I wanted to get a sunrise. Here is where the planning came in. I planned for our group to stay a couple of nights at cabin that was close enough to easily get there early in the morning. We went there the day before to check out views and locations. So, the first morning, we got up early, loaded up our equipment, and headed out. The weather was fine when left for the 8 mile drive up the mountain. But as we got to

the top, it started raining. We were drenched by the rain waiting for the sunrise that didn't materialize. We didn't see the sun until we drove back down and saw it over Lake Superior. The rain was localized on the mountain. What a disappointment! But I did get some rain photos.

This is where the second night at the cabin came in. I got up the next morning (the other two were afraid to try it again) and headed out. I was rewarded with one of the most beautiful sunrises I have ever seen. The lesson is to be persistent; don't give up. Things don't always turn out as they are planned, but this time, it worked out.

On your adventures, plan ahead, but allow for the unexpected to happen. Enjoy what is before you. Make the best of it!

At the Duneland Photography Club, we give opportunities for learning things that can help you with your photography. We also share our experiences so that we can enjoy them together!

Steve Bensing  
*President*



# MEETING RECAP

June 2023

## MICHAEL CATERINA

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



# PORTER COUNTY PARKS JUNE CALENDAR



**Deb Stripp** | 1st Place  
Dunn's Bridge



**Pete Hokanson** | 2nd Place  
Brookdale County Park



**Peggy Carter** | 3rd Place  
Brookdale County Park

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



## CHESTERTON WOMAN'S CLUB ART SHOW

Several members of the Duneland Photography Club participated in the 71st Annual Chesterton Woman's Club Art Show at the Chesterton Art Center during the month of June. included were Lorelei Brown, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Dina Heijselaar, and Mariann Straw (wife of Jerry Straw).



Carol Estes



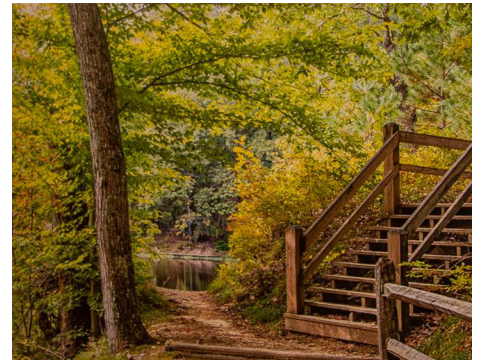
Mariann Straw



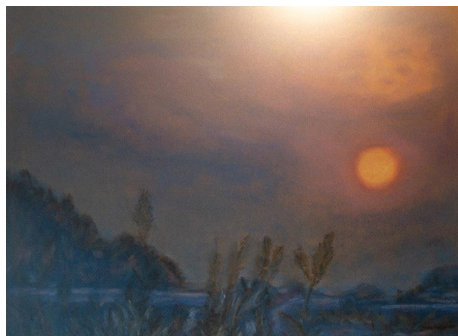
Dina Heijselaar



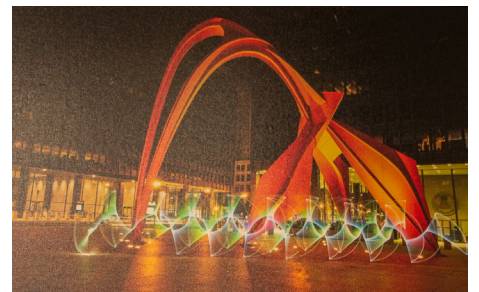
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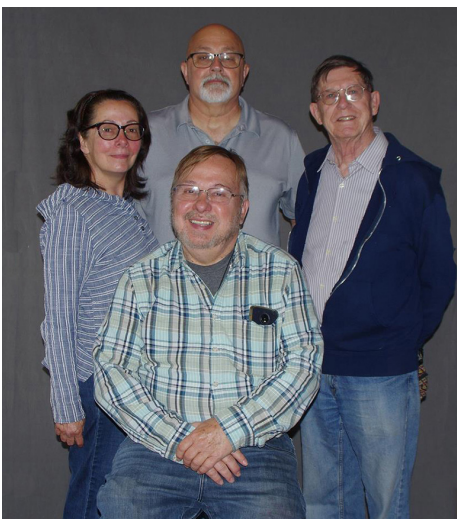
Lorelei Brown



Dina Heijselaar



Carol Estes



## MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE HEADSHOTS

On June 14th, members of the Duneland Photography Club did headshots at the Memorial Opera House in Valparaiso for the cast of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee."

The members present included: Mary Schultz, Steve Bensing, Henry Schultz (team leader), and Wayne Wodrich. Photo by Steve Bensing



# FERNWOOD BOTANICAL GARDENS

On June 17th, the club enjoyed a field trip to Fernwood Botanical Garden in Niles, Michigan.

Pictured are: Terry Fairchild, Georganna Edmonds, Peggy Carter, Sheila Stephenson, John Roquet,

Steve Bensing, Suzan Perry, Barb Russ, Paul Ewing, Sharon Kerner, Cy Powers, Doug Clark, Teresa Sheppard, Jerry Straw, Marianne Straw, and Virginia Clark. Group photo by Steve Bensing



Suzan Perry



Barb Russ



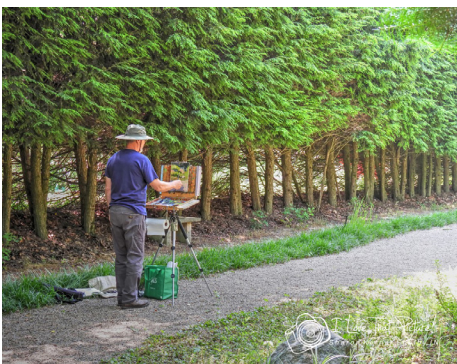
Paul Ewing



Teresa Sheppard



Georganna Edmonds



Sharon Kerner



Sharon Kerner



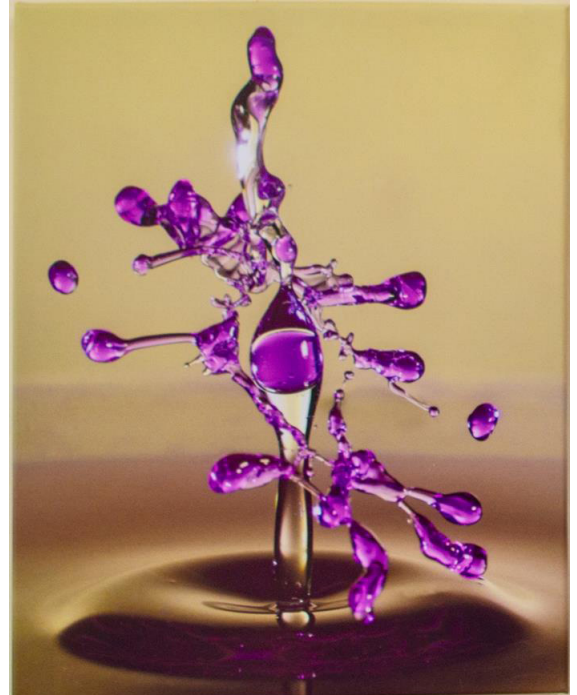
Sheila Hatthorn Stephenson



## NORMAN TURNER EXHIBITION

Norman Turner had a solo art exhibit at the Art Barn in June.

“Norman Turner is an award winning photographer born and raised in Lake County, Indiana. When he is not photographing a wedding or taking portraits, he can be found taking blue light pictures of his beloved downtown Chicago or leading a group of aspiring photographers on photo excursions throughout the region. Norman loves photographing lighthouses and bald eagles and most recently he has created a unique series of waterdrop images. But without a doubt his greatest passion is taking pictures of America’s vast landscapes and national parks. This love has taken him to 43 of 50 states including Hawaii and Alaska. He names Yosemite National Park as the most beautiful place he’s ever seen with Horseshoe Bend in Page, Arizona coming in a close second. Norman has led several workshops on photo adventures and frequently offers his free time to tutor and share his love of photography with others. He is a two time winner of the Michiana Professional Photographers “Photographer of the Year Award.” His images have been featured in many newspaper articles and have been exhibited and sold in art galleries throughout northern Indiana, eastern Illinois, and southern Michigan.”



## BIRDS OF PREY (ROUND 2)

June 3, 2023



Henry Schultz

Participants were able to experience a second chance to take photos at the DeWitt Birds of Prey Center in Holland, Michigan. Birds were taken from their enclosures and perched on natural branches, trees, and stumps.

All birds remained leashed throughout the program.

The Center is open to the public at:

4274 56th Street, Holland, Michigan



Harry de Courcy



# CAMP FUNSET AT SUNSET HILL

“Summer camp at Sunset Hill Farm County Park features eight different weeks of themed experiences. Camp is for kids entering K-8 and runs Monday through Friday. Each week of camp includes STEM activities, archery, games, art activities, time with farm animals and community garden and nature activities.”



Eager Campers | Patrice Lawson



Corn husk doll | Stephanie Tanke



Basket weaving | Stephanie Tanke



On your mark, get ready ... | Stephanie Tanke

Members of the Duneland Photography Club have been volunteering to take photos of the many terrific events happening through the week.

Contact Steve Bensing if you'd like to volunteer.



Cool Counselor | Patrice Lawson



Counselors waiting to be introduced | Patrice Lawson



Campers at opening ceremonies | Stephanie Tanke



Panning for gold | Stephanie Tanke



First Day Welcome Time | Patrice Lawson



On the way to archery | Patrice Lawson



Waiting for directions | Patrice Lawson



Team choosing participants | Stephanie Tanke





## CARTER'S CORNER

### Steve Bensing

Steve made a trip to Northern Wisconsin and Upper Peninsula MI. He dropped off his photos at galleries. He also took a lot new photos. The highlight was a long-planned photo of sunrise at Lake of The Clouds at Porcupine Mountains State Park.



### Margaret Hubrich

Margaret would like to share a photos of her family's trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan last month. Margaret's family served as Crisp Point Lighthouse keepers and were able to camp there as long as they worked there. They greeted visitors, worked at the gift shop, and raised and lowered the flag on Memorial Day.



### Ron Seman

Ron started a new birding organization, Indiana Dunes Birding with a website at **IndianaDunesBirding.com**.

He now takes people on specific bird hikes they request. Unlike the official Bird Festival, the hike is free. He has some of the expert birders, when available, come on the hikes. He got a cheap 2600mm lens and on its first use at Central Avenue Beach found an Eagle, which is now very common.



### Mark Zimmerman

Mark and his wife recently returned from a trip to Florida. As part of their visit, a friend invited us to stay a couple of nights at their condo located in Bonita Springs. As a thank you for her hospitality, Mark created a watercolor for them. It's a view of the scenery from their back patio.

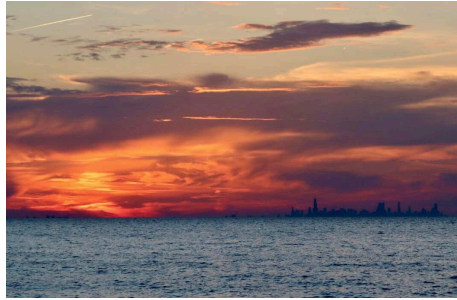




# MEMBER PHOTOS



Dave Lasayko



Kristy Murray



John Moore



Paul Ewing



Tommy Gonzales



Terry Fairchild



Bob Capen



Vanessa Shaffer

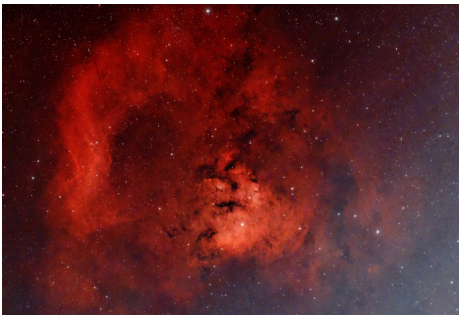


Barb Russ



Dave Lasayko





Mike Alvarado-Johnson



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Kim Long

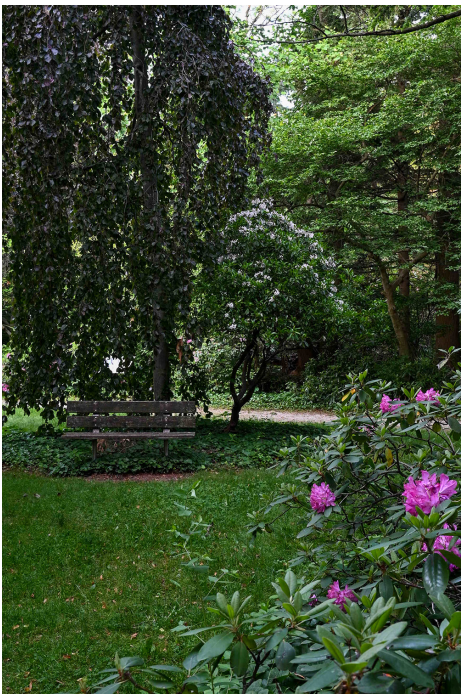


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Jerry Straw



Teresa McGinley



Harry De Courcy





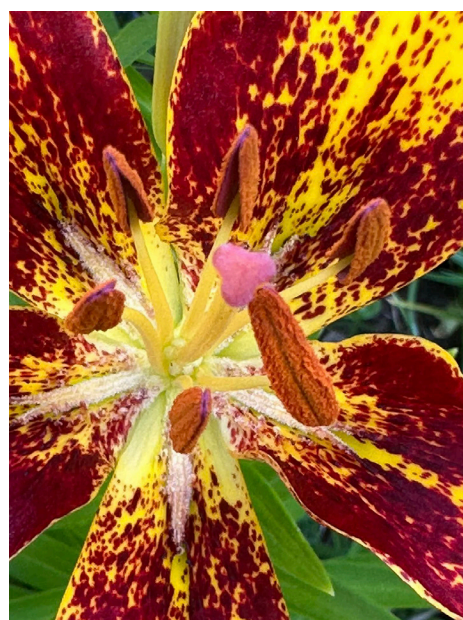
Beth Forbes



Vanessa Shaffer



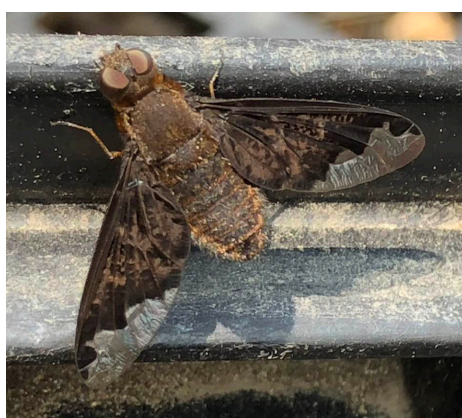
Ron Seman



Georganna Edmonds



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Dawn Duty



# 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 news 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**.

## Thursday, June 29

- Last day for Norman Turner's Exhibition, "Water Dancing"
- Art Barn School of Art, Inc.
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

## Saturday, July 1 / 3 pm

- Pinhook Bog Open House
- 946 N Wozniak Road
- La Porte, Indiana

## Tuesday, July 4

- No Duneland Photo Club meeting
- Shoot some fireworks for August 1 meeting! Be safe!!

## Saturday, July 15 / 1-4 pm

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

## Saturday, July 22 / 11 am-9 pm

- Butterfly Release 2023
- Pre-order butterflies by calling 219-769-8803
- [www.mycalumetpark.com/butterfly-release02923](http://www.mycalumetpark.com/butterfly-release02923)
- Butterfly Garden
- Calumet Park Cemetery and Funeral Chapel
- 2305 W 73rd Avenue
- Merrillville, Indiana



## Monday, July 24 / 6 pm

- Porter County Fair Photoshoot
- Meet at the entrance to the Midway
- Porter County Fairgrounds
- 215 E Division 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 Kirt | Pollinators and Wildflowers
- Show and Tell | Fireworks or Color | Bring a thumb drive with photos

## Saturday, August 5

- Flower Photography Photoshoot with Susan Kirt

## January 2024

- Porter County Master Gardener's Photo Contest
- 8x10's on backing board (no frames or mats)
- See website for information on the 2023 contest

