

# 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.



## AUGUST 2023

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## AUGUST MEETING AGENDA

The August 1st meeting will be led by Susan Kirt on the topic of Pollinators and Wildflowers.

Susan is a biologist who teaches at the college level. Her photography

is seen many places including in publications for Save the Dunes.

Doors open at 5:30pm for mentoring.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

**Steve Bensing**



Recently, something happened that I would like to share as an example of what it is like to sell some of your photography work. One of my favorite pieces, called Peterson's Pontiac, sold at Arlene's Pottery in Boulder Junction, Wisconsin. There is an interesting history behind it.

I took the photo about 12 years ago in the woods near Peterson Falls outside of Hurley, Wisconsin. I

found some old cars there that had probably been abandoned for about 50 years (there is a 1963 license plate on this Pontiac). There were even cars with large trees growing through them. I took other photos that day, but this was the one I chose to print. I've visited that location in the years since, and the cars have been removed. The falls have been renamed Interstate Falls, due to being on the Montreal River, which forms the border between Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

There's more. I bought the frame, made from an old metal ceiling tile from a vendor at the Chesterton Art Fair a few years later. When I saw the frame, I knew it was perfect for this photo. Peterson's Pontiac has appeared in at least 4 other galleries. It has earned at least one award during this time, and almost sold before. I decided to take it to Arlene this spring. She loved it and put it on display in her shop. She also had another print of Peterson's Pontiac in a wood frame, which also sold!

It goes to show that art needs to be at the right place at the right time for the right buyer to make a con-

nection. I have experienced this with other works of mine. It may just take some time. It pays not to give up!

At the Duneland Photography Club, we give opportunities for learning how to present and display your photography. We seek out venues for our members to exhibit. Earlier this year the club had a show at the Art Barn. Our members have also shown their work at many other places, including the county fairs. In the coming months, we have plans to exhibit at the Hoosier Highlander, the Art Blitz at the Art Barn, and the Chesterton Art Center. Our goal is to help our members succeed in presenting their photography skills to each other and the public.

Steve Bensing  
President



## FAMILY PICNIC 2023

The weather was great, and the enjoyment of the afternoon was even better. The turnout was fabulous for the annual Family Picnic. Congratulations to new members Des Kathyap and Max Dust for winning the cornhole competition and receiving official Duneland Photography Club t-shirts as prizes. Other t-shirt winners were Patrice Lawson (winner of the scavenger

hunt who kindly gifted the t-shirt to Sheila Hathhorn Stephenson) and John Roquet who was off by one candy in the "guess the candy in the jar game."

Georganna Slosman Edmonds did a terrific job organizing the picnic. Thank you!

**July 15, 2023**



Steve Bensing



Attendees in alphabetical order | Steve Bensing, Peggy Carter, Harry deCourcy, Nancy deCourcy, Max Dust, Georganna Edmonds, Robert Evans, Paul Ewing, Michael Kobe, Mrs. Kobe, Patrice Lawson, Scott Miller, John Roquet, Teresa Sheppard, Ben Soeter, Yuli Soeter, Stephanie Tanke, Bud Titak, Deb Titak, and Jeff Yelton

Photo credit | Steve Bensing



Des Kashyap



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Attendees in alphabetical order | Dawn Duty, Steven Dyke, Dina Heijselaar, Crystal Hollenbeck, Des Kashyap, James Kirt, Susan Kirt, Sheila Stephenson, Wayne Wodrich, Gloria Zimmerman, and Mark Zimmerman

Photo credit | Steve Bensing



Des Kashyap



Yuli Soeter



Des Kashyap

# PORTER COUNTY PARKS JUNE CALENDAR



Vanessa Shaffer | 1st Place  
Brookdale County Park



Joyce Scully | 2nd Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens



Peggy Carter | 3rd Place  
Sunset Hill Farm 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

## MEMBER ACCOLADES

### Mark Zimmerman

Congratulations extended to Mark Zimmerman on his blue ribbon watercolor at the Porter County Fair.



### Peggy Carter

Peggy Carter won a total of eight ribbons at the Porter County Fair. Congratulations, Peggy!



### Carol Estes

How exciting! As part of the Lilian Fenig Inspired PAC Member Show, her "Plein Jane" won the Award of Excellence for the Fenig Inspired Work. And, her ICM canvas "Bayou Dream" sold to a new home. What a day! She missed the reception due to her trip to South Carolina.



# CAMP FUNSET

“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 activites.”



Patrice Lawson | making a corn husk doll

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.



Patrice Lawson | on to new activities



Patrice Lawson | Humming Bird feeding the animals



Patrice Lawson | popcorn in hand for fairy tale play



Patrice Lawson | fairy tale play



Patrice Lawson | Campers having fun with the trains

# PINHOOK BOG

A few Duneland members met at Pinhook Bog on July 22nd for a tour with a ranger.



Nancy deCourcy



Nancy deCourcy

Pinhook Bog is located at 945 N Wozniak Road in La Porte, Indiana.



Julius Titak

# CONNIE AND GEORGE CASSEL EXHIBITION

Award winning artisans come together for this tandem show featuring the Kassals, both accomplished in their own artistic fields. Connie, a painter, holds a BA and Masters in painting. George has a MA in photography and digital imaging.

Their work can be seen at the Village Gallery from 9 am-4 pm, Monday through Friday, in Pines Village at 3303 Pinse Village Circle, Valparaiso. The exhibit is free and open to the public. Select works will be available for purchase through August 17th.



## PORTER COUNTY FAIR

On July 24th, the Duneland Photography Club had a night photoshoot at the Porter County Fair.

Among the members who participated were: Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Bob Capen, Crystal Hollenbeck, Teresa McGinley, John Moore, Sheila Stephenson, Stephanie Tanke, Wendy Vanderkooi, and Wayne Wodrich.



John Moore



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Wendy Vander Kooi



Teresa McGinley



Crystal Hollenbeck



Stephanie Tanke



Steve Bensing



Steve Bensing



Bob Capen



Steve Bensing



Crystal Hollenbeck



Crystal Hollenbeck



Steve Bensing



Steve Bensing



Sheia Hathhorn Stephenson



## CARTER'S CORNER

### SHARON KERNER

Sharon met Indiana's First Lady, Janet Holcomb who wasn't able to be at the reception for the "Hoosier Women Artist 2023" at the State House on March 29th. She had chosen Sharon Kerner's Photo "Keeping Watch" and 2 other women's art pieces to hang in her personal office for one year. Sharon was very excited to meet with the Mrs. Holcomb at the Governor's Residence on June 27th.



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### DEB STIPP

Deb retired from Ivy Tech Community College - Lake County campus as of the end of July, after 27 years teaching psychology and chairing the department. Though she'll be teaching an occasional psych course, more of her time will be spent with her photography and art!



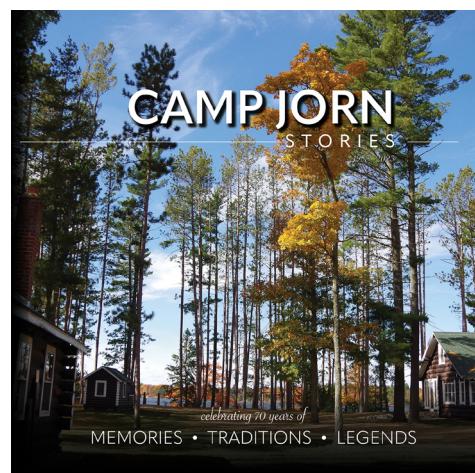
### SUZAN PERRY

Suzan went to North Stonington, Connecticut for a July family reunion. They toured the ocean and saw seven lighthouses, visited Mystic Connecticut, saw a famous whaling ship, and enjoyed her first, ever hot lobster roll at Captain Scott's Lobster Dock.



### STEVE BENSING

has been working for the past year and a half on the book **Camp Jorn Stories: Memories, Traditions, Legends**. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the book and leads a team of nine volunteers, including a graphic designer, a senior editor, four associate editors, the camp CEO, and the camp Operations Director. Steve serves as Camp Historian and worked with his team to collect stories and photos to tell the history and celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Camp Jorn this summer. He contributed much of the photography for the book, including this cover photo. It was sent to the printer in mid-July, so that the book would be delivered by August 18th for the Anniversary Celebration at Camp Jorn in Manitowish Waters, WI.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dawn Thanks for the opportunity to photograph your beautiful place. I feel very fortunate to have picked your gift at the Christmas party.

Good things come in small packages.

Photo credit | Jim Rettker (unless otherwise stated).



Yuli Soeter



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# MEMBER PHOTOS



Dawn Duty



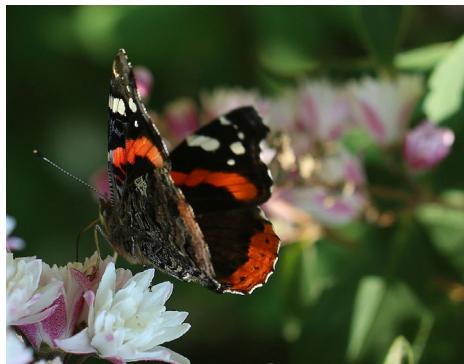
Harry de Courcy



Laura Ellis



Paul Ewing



Jerry Straw



Paul Ewing



Barb Russ



Des Kashyap



Terry Fairchild



Dave Lasayko



Kristy Murray

## MORE FAIR FUN!



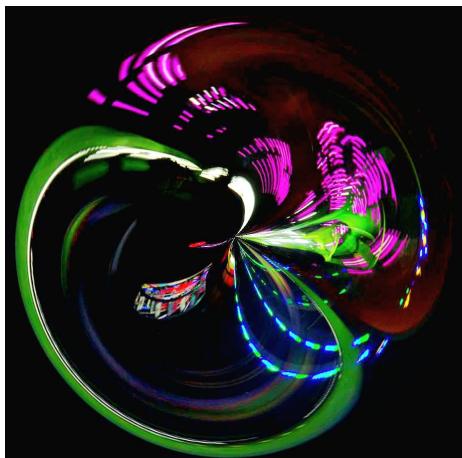
Bob Capen



Crystal Hollenbeck



Tommy Gonzales



Stephanie Tanke



Sheila Hathhorn Stephenson



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# UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS / PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

## Ongoing Monthly

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- Submit **MEMBER NEWS** of photography interest for the newsletter to [DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com](mailto:DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com) with the subject line of **NEWSLETTER**.

## 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 12

- View the Perseid Meteor Show
- Dr. Lawless Dark Park
- 15122 Monkey Run Street, Jones, Michigan

## Thursday, August 24

- Submit Photos for Hoosier Highlander

## Tuesday, August 22 / 6:30 pm

- Sunset / Chicago Skyline
- Michigan City

## Saturday, August 26 / 3:30 pm

- Horse Photoshoot
- Washington Park
- Dawn Duty's Farm
- 1314 N 450 E
- Chesterton

## TBD

- Sunflower Photoshoot

## TBD

- Butterfly Release

## Tuesday, September 5 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring | 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | George Kassal
- Show and Tell | Favorite Summer Photos | Bring a thumb drive with photos

## Saturday, September 16 / 9 am-5pm

- Art Blitz at the Art Barn
- Booth by Photoclub

## 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

