

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.



SEPTEMBER 2023

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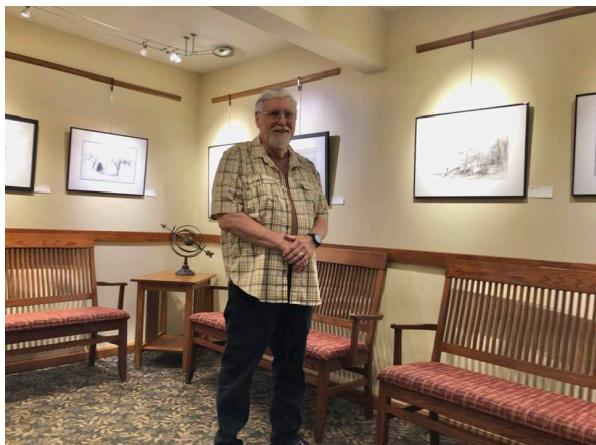
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SEPTEMBER MEETING



George Kassal will be giving a presentation at the September meeting on the "What, Why and How" of creating Series Based Photography.

George has a Master's Degree in Photography from Governors State University. He is an Adjunct Professor at

Prairie State College, teaching the History of Photography and Art Appreciation

Work by photographers such as Sebastião Salgado, Faye Godwin, Robert Adams, Michael Kenna, and George's own projects will be used as examples.

“Great
photography
is about depth
of feeling, not
depth of field.”

Peter Adams



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Steve Bensing



You may have heard the saying, "Don't just sit there, do something!" Spectators may enjoy watching something happen, but participation may be more rewarding. As photographers, we do learn by observation, but may learn even more by trying out what we see.

At the Duneland Photography Club, we have many opportunities to hear and see presentations from

fellow photographers. We get to see the work that other members share during Show & Tell time. We go places to see great things that we can photograph. All of us can go to exhibits to see that best of what others are doing. We can listen to personalized instruction from those who have more experience. So how do we respond?

When we attend meetings, we should take advantage of the time to engage. Ask questions. Offer ideas. Share your photos so others may see what you are doing. Ask for constructive criticism. Offer help when asked.

Take advantage of hands-on activities. Some photoshoots are for specific topics, such as headshots and sunsets. Go and learn. Try out new ideas. Ask more questions. Mentor someone on some topic you know. Exhibit your photos. The club makes opportunities for members to show their art to the public. Enter other exhibitions and competitions that are available.

I just got a new TV and internet service. It can do more than my old one. But there is a learning curve to get it to do what I want. I have to practice and try new things. This is

just like a camera and other aspects of photography. To learn it, I have to do it.

At the age of 80, famed cellist Pablo Casals was asked why he continues to practice four and five hours a day. He responded, "I think I am making progress."

At the Duneland Photography Club, we are here to help each other. Our more experienced members and mentors want to share their knowledge and expertise. Ask for their assistance. None of us know everything about photography. We are all learning, hopefully making progress. But growing in our abilities involves taking action. Don't just sit there, do something! Then it will be much more fun!

Steve Bensing
President



AUGUST MEETING WRAP-UP

At our August meeting, Susan Kirt showed us photos of important insects that pollinate our flowers.

She also demonstrated techniques for photographing them.

Photo credit | Steve Bensing



BUTTERFLY RELEASE

Saturday, August 12

Duneland Photography Club member Jamie Starfire led members on a butterfly release photoshoot at Coffee Creek in Chesterton. Several butterflies were released on different flowers. Jamie showed some eggs, caterpillars, crystalises, and explained the lifecycle of the butterfly. It was a very informative and fun outing.

The event was attended by Stephen Bensing, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Kristy Murray (and daughter), Vanessa Shaffer, and (of course) Jamie Starfire.



Steve Bensing



Jamie Starfire



Kristy Murray



Steve Bensing



Kristy Murray



Steve Bensing



Dawn Duty



Vanessa Shaffer



Vanessa Shaffer



Dawn Duty



Kristy Murray



Dawn Duty

Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve is a 157 acre complex of wetlands, woodlands, and prairie. It is located at 2401 Village Point, Chesterton, Indiana.

PORTER COUNTY PARKS JUNE CALENDAR



Suzan Perry | 1st Place
Sunset Hill Farm Park



Vanessa Shaffer | 2nd Place
Brookdale Park



Suzan Perry | 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 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

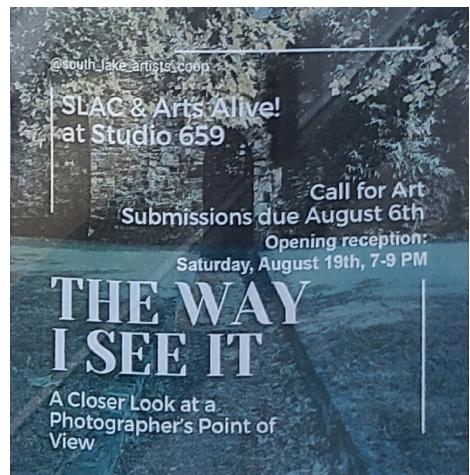
SOUTH LAKE ARTISTS CO-OP (SLAC)

South Lake Artists Co-op (SLAC), in conjunction with Arts Alive! are happy to present their newest exhibit 'The Way I See It' at Studio 659, in downtown Whiting, Indiana.

This show is an all-photography exhibit based on perspective. Many "Views" come into play here as the scope of the show is of the artist's interpretation--their perception of everyday life, sights, or events.

The photographers of SLAC want to show you their compositions--their beauty and experiences of life captured through still form.

Several Members of the Duneland Photography Club are participating in the show, including: Carol Estes, Dina Heijesaar, Gretchen Maguire, and Suzan Perry.



DINA HEIJESELAAR "TWO BY TWO"

Dina Heijeselaar is a part of the "Two by Two", a member show of the Diversified Arts Visionaries at Substation No. 9 of the South Shore Arts in Hammond. This show opened on August 26th, along with the "Shades of She" exhibit by Carol Estes at the Paul Henry Art Gallery, less than a block away. Here are some photos of the Two by Two show and Diana and Carol together.

This opening weekend's crowd took advantage of the coinciding show



by Diversified Arts Visionaries over at Substation #9, just across the parking lot from Paul Henry's. The chance for a double-destination art event was well received by visitors and it is our intention to organize more simultaneous art shows between Paul Henry's and South Shore Arts/Substation #9 in the future.

Photos courtesy of Steve Bensing and David Mueller



Substation #9
45 Fayette Street
Hammond, Indiana
219-933-0200

CAROLE ESTES ... #SHADESOFSHE

Carol Estes will have a Solo Exhibit "Shades of She" at the Paul Henry Art Gallery in Hammond.

“The work of Art Photographer

Carol Estes will feature varied styles and signature works she has honed over the last decade. A self-taught photographer, Carol has received numerous awards and named a Hoosier Woman Artist in 2014 and 2019. In 2023, Carol had work accepted to the Indiana State Library INVerse Poetry Archives.”

Carol's show is open from now through October 8th when she will give an Artist's Talk and give a cyanotype demo from 2-4 pm.



Paul Henry's Art Gallery
415 Sibley
Hammond, Indiana
219-678-5015

Due to road closures, take Calumet to Fayette, and west on Fayette to the location

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Photos from Peggy Carter and Steve Bensing were chosen by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the 2023-24 Great Waters Calendar. The calendar includes photos from the Great Waters that touch the State of Wisconsin.

For further information about this annual contest, visit their webpage at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/GreatLakes/Contest.html>.



<https://shorturl.at/yEIOV>



Peggy's photo, "Bayfield Harbor Sunset," was taken on Lake Superior and appears in the October 2024 calendar.



Steve's photo, "Jaws of Ice," was also taken on Lake Superior and was chosen as 1st Place in the Natural Features category. It appears in the February 2024 calendar.

TOWN PLANNER

Peggy Carter and Steve Bensing had winning photos for the Town Planner.

Visit the website at townplanner.com/valparaiso/in for opportunities in the Valparaiso community.



<https://shorturl.at/bgn48>



Peggy's photo "Urschel Pavilion" was chosen as the cover photo for the Valparaiso website.



Steve's photo, "Sunflower Sunset" was chosen to appear in the 2024 Town Planner Calendar for Valparaiso.



Mike Alvarado-Johnson



Paul Ewing



Terry Fairchild

SUNSET AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

On August 22nd, the Duneland Photography Club met at Washington Park in Michigan City to photograph the sunset over the Chicago Skyline with the Lighthouse in the foreground.

Conditions were hazy, but we still got fun shots and had a good time.



Dawn Duty



Steve Bensing



Steve Bensing



Henry Schultz

It includes Steve Bensing, Bob Capen, Dawn Duty, Georganna Edmonds, Dawn Landers, Kim Long, Dori Martin, John Moore, Suzan Perry, Dan Ruggaber, Henry Schultz, Teresa Sheppard, Jamie Spurr, Jerry Straw, and Stephanie Tanke.



John Moore



Teresa Sheppard



Jamie Starfire



Dawn Duty



Steve Bensing



Patrick Landers

DRAGONFLY FLOWER FIELDS

Sharon Mathews Kerner was invited by Alison, Dragonfly Flower Fields, to “tromp through the fields of flowers and photograph.”

Three dates were arranged and members were welcome to visit on any (or all) of the three dates.



Suzan Perry



Sheila Hatthorn Stephenson



Sharon Mathews Kerner



Barb Russ



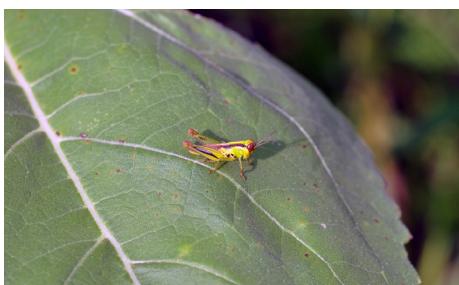
Sharon Mathews Kerner



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Barb Russ



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DragonFly Flower Fields is located at 112 S 500 W., Valparaiso, Indiana

shorturl.at/eySzo



Barb Russ



CARTER'S CORNER

John Moore

Going to Alaska is something John has wanted to do for a while. Both his father and brother-in-law have lived there and after all the events the last several years, John decided it was time to make the journey.

Planning with his sister, they took their family on a fantastic week-long cruise through the Alaskan waters. They had wonderful days on the ship and a great time exploring stops at Glacier Bay National Park and the cities of Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan.



Mark Zimmerman

Mark continues to do art in the form of watercolors. He recently painted a photo of Steve Bensing's that was used on the cover for a book for Camp Jorn. This watercolor is being given to honor a volunteer for all of her hard work on the book.

Peggy Carter and Steve Bensing

Peggy and Steve embarked on a flying adventure from the Porter County Airport on July 28th. They flew in an open cockpit bi-plane over Valparaiso and the surrounding area.

They photographed some fun views!



Teresa Sheppard

The last weekend in July signifies Michiana Bicycle Association's "Amishland & Lakes" bike ride. An avid bike rider with the club, Teresa spends two days covering 100 miles taking photos of the 900+ riders (from across the United States) attending the 2-day event.



Sheila Stephenson

When she was young, Sheila's dream was to travel the world as a photographer for National Geographic. She took some photography classes in the 80's and even learned how to develop her own film. Then digital photography came along and so did life.

She and her husband Dave raised two sons, Dan and Eric. They are now empty nesters. Sheila recently bought a Nikon and is brushing off the rust. Thanks to the Duneland Photography Club, She is getting back to her passion for photography and enjoying all of the adventures.



Joyce Scully

Joyce went to the air show at Marquette Park in Miller. It rained. So she played.



MEMBER PHOTOS



Barb Russ



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Terry Fairchild



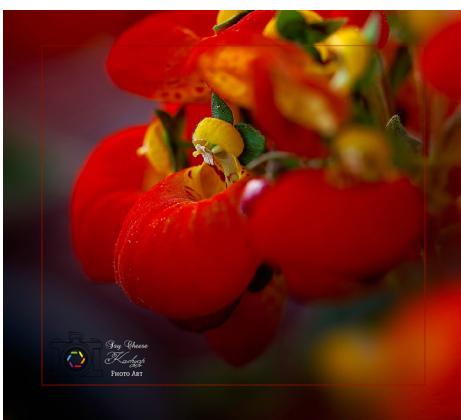
Julias Titak



Harry de Courcy



Jim Rettker



Des Kashyap



Dave Lasayko



Yuli Soeter



Paul Ewing



Dawn Duty



Tommy Gonzales



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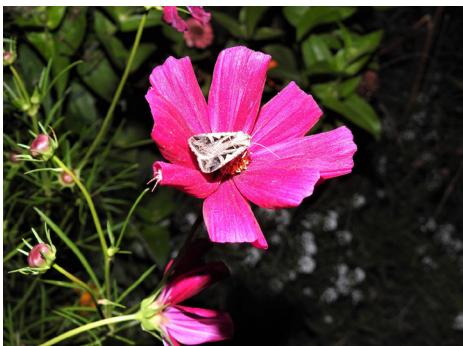
Des Kashyap



Tommy Gonzales



Jerry Straw



Dawn Duty



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Terry Fairchild

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**.

August 29-September 29

- Hoosier Highlander Exhibit
- Take down exhibit September 26-29
- 2932 Highway Avenue
- Highland, Indiana

Tuesday, September 5 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring | Jim Rettker and John Roquet | Lightroom Workflow
- 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | George Kassal | The "What, How, and Why" of Series-Based Photography
- Show and Tell | Favorite Summer Photos | Bring a thumb drive with photos

Thursday, September 7 / 6 pm

- Memorial Opera House Headshots
- 104 Indiana Avenue
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, September 9 / 8 am-6:30 pm | Parade 10 am

- Popcorn Festival
- Downtown Valparaiso
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, September 16 / 9 am-5 pm

- Art Blitz at the Art Barn
- 695 N 400 East
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, September 23 / 1 pm

- Fall Harvest Festival
- September 22-24 | 9 am-5 pm
- Sunset Hill Farm County Park
- 775 Meridien Road
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Tuesday, October 3 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring | Jim Rettker and John Roquet | Lightroom Workflow
- 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Nate Voytovreck | Drone Photography and Storm Chaser
- Show and Tell | Photo Series | Bring a thumb drive with photos

Saturday, October 21 / 1-4 pm

- Class for Porter County Parks
- Color Theory and Cell Phone Photography
- Sunset Hill Farm County Park
- 775 Meridien Road
- Valparaiso, Indiana

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

