

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.

FEBRUARY 2023

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Steve Bensing



On January 28th members of the Duneland Photography Club set up our Street Photography exhibit at the Art Barn. We worked as a team to get the photos organized, hung on the wall, and tagged. Different people took on different roles to

get the matted prints and cards on display as well. It was truly a group effort.

This is what the photography club is about. We each have complimentary abilities and jobs. At our regular meetings, we have some experienced members who are mentors. They help those less experienced learn and practice various aspects of photography. Some lead presentations and 5-Minute tips to instruct and inspire us. Some are good at leading groups; others are better in one-on-one situations.

In our various activities many of these same things occur. Some are great at leading hikes. Others help the rest of us improve our ability to take portraits. Whether we go to the beach, or take night photos in town, we help each other with ideas and tips.

We have a group of people, officers and committee leaders who help

keep things organized. Some come up with ideas for activities. Others plan meetings. Through their leadership, we are encouraged and inspired in our photography. Of course, there are those who plan to make things fun. And we look for opportunities to reach outside the club to serve the community.

No matter what your ability level or your photographic interest, there is a place for you in the Duneland Photography Club. If you want to learn or help, we would love to have you join us. Come to a meeting or activity to find out what we are about. February 4th at 2:00pm is our Opening Reception for our exhibit at the Art Barn. February 7th at 7:00pm (5:30 for mentoring) is our next meeting at Sunset Hill Farm County Park.

As we photographers say, “happy shooting”!

Steve Bensing
President

FEBRUARY PROGRAM

LeAnn Angerman will be the featured speaker for the February Duneland Photography Club meeting on the topic of Aspect Ratio.



Here are some comments from LeAnn:

My friend, Cheryl Austin, and I met in a photography class over 20 years ago. We founded the Shutterbug Photo Club which we led for several years, hosting monthly programs and scores of outings. I made the most amazing friends! They are still my treasure. The club has evolved through a few club names and leaders. The Duneland Photography Club has some of its roots from Shutterbug and I'm always honored when



they invite me back to teach again. Looking forward to talking about aspect ratio in February at Duneland. Photography clubs are the best way to learn and share your passion with others.

MEETING RECAP

January 2023

The Duneland Photography Club met on January 3rd for the first meeting of the year.

At 5:30, Jim Rettker and John Roquet led the mentoring time. They helped explain transferring photos to the computer from the camera. Jim also answered some basic question on Photoshop Elements. John demonstrated Lightroom.

Our scheduled speaker for our 7:00 regular meeting fell ill, so Sharon Kerner led the group with a presentation on Eagles from her recent trip to the Mississippi River. Jim Rettker assisted with some of his photos, since he has photographed eagles there on previous trips.

Steve Bensing did a 5-Minute Tip on Mounting Photos on Backing

Boards. This was a timely topic for those entering the Porter County Gardening Show Photo Contest. One of the requirements of the contest was to enter 8x10 photos mounted on a backing board.

Many members participated in the Show and Tell time. The topic for the month was Holiday Photos or Favorites from 2022.



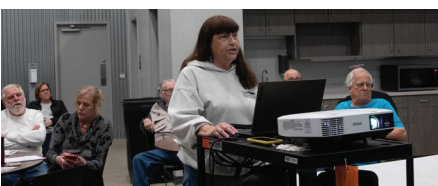
Sharon Kerner presenting on Eagles on the Mississippi River



Mentoring Session with John Roquet and Jim Rettker



Mentoring Session with Jim Rettker



Mentoring Session with John Roquet

PORTER COUNTY GARDEN SHOW & PHOTO CONTEST



Dina Heijselaar

Congratulations to the members who participated in the **PORTER COUNTY GARDEN SHOW PHOTO CONTEST**. For some, this was the first time and a great learning experience.

Several members of the Duneland Photography Club earned one or more ribbons.

Our award winners include: **Michael Alvarado** (2nd place, foliage; 3rd place, flowers alone), **Peggy Carter** (1st place, butterflies; 1st place, fungus), **Dawn Duty** (1st place, foliage), **Susan Kirt** (1st place, bugs and insects; 1st place, field of flowers), **Sharon Mathews Kerner** (2nd place, field of flowers), **Michael Kobe** (1st place, flowers alone; 1st place, black and white), **Patrice Lawson** (3rd place, fungus; 3rd place field of flowers), **Teresa McGinley** (1st place, birds; 2nd place, all seasons), **Jim Rettker** (2nd place, birds), and **Vanessa Shaffer** (2nd and 3rd place, bugs and insects).

Special congratulations to

Dina Heijselaar who won Best in Show.



Michael Alvarado



Peggy Carter



Dawn Duty / photo credit Steve Bensing



Susan Kirt / photo credit Steve Bensing



Teresa McGinley / photo credit Steve Bensing



Jim Rettker



Paul Ewing / photo credit Steve Bensing



(L-R) Teresa McGinley, James, Susan Kirt, Jamie Starfire, Dawn Duty / photo credit Steve Bensing



(L-R) Peggy Carter, Steve Bensing, Jack Steffen, Dan Ruggaber, Ann Ruggaber / photo credit Steve Bensing

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Through March 3, 2023

A new Duneland Photography Club exhibit has opened at the Art Barn School of Art (695 N 400 E, Valparaiso). The exhibit was inspired by the acclaimed photographer Vivian Maier, a nanny who was recognized posthumously as a genius for her candid art scenes.

“Vivian Maier’s work inspired Duneland photographers to capture the depth and significance of our Region,” Art Barn Executive Director, Amy Davis Navardauskas said. “We are proud of our continuing partnership with the Duneland Photography Club and particularly proud of this exhibit.”

The group exhibit features the work of photographers from LaPorte, Porter and Lake County. They were inspired by Maier who took more than 150,000 photos of people, places and architecture in Chicago, often taken when she walked to and from work.

Her photos were discovered after her death in 2009 in a storage locker and has since received widespread acclaim, going on display in venues like the Chicago History Museum

and the Art Institute of Chicago.

“As photographers in the Region, we have the enviable opportunity to capture diverse people and places,” said Bensing, the club president. “This exhibit gives the public an opportunity to enjoy stunning content as well as the artistic expression of our members.”

The exhibit displays photos she inspired by Michael Alvarado, Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Lorelei Brown, Linda Camp, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Tommy Gonzales, Dina Heijsselaar, George Kassal, Sharon Mathews Kerner, Dave Lasayko, Patrice Lawson, Gretchen Maguire, Teresa McGinley, Suzan Perry, Jim Rettker, Joyce Scully, Vanessa Shaffer, Janet Tsouklis, and Norman Turner.



Dina Heijsselaar



Joyce Scully



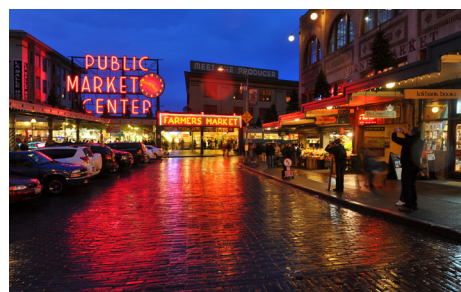
Peggy Carter



Steve Bensing



Deb Armstrong

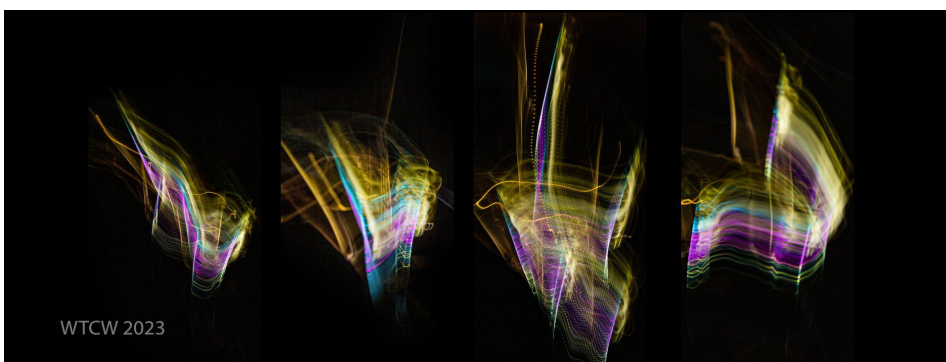


Norman Turner

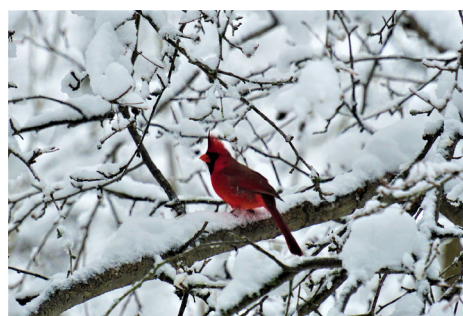
STREET PHOTOGRAPHY | Duneland Photography Club Members Setting up



MEMBER PHOTOS



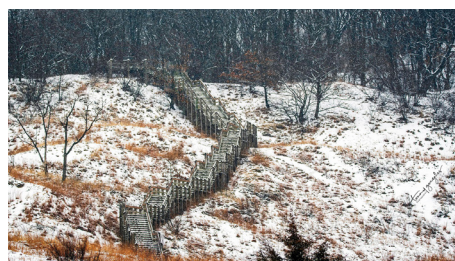
Carol Estes



Paul Ewing



Terry Fairchild



Tommy Gonzalez



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Jerry Straw



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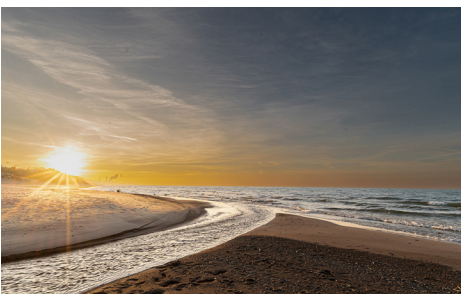
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Julius Titak



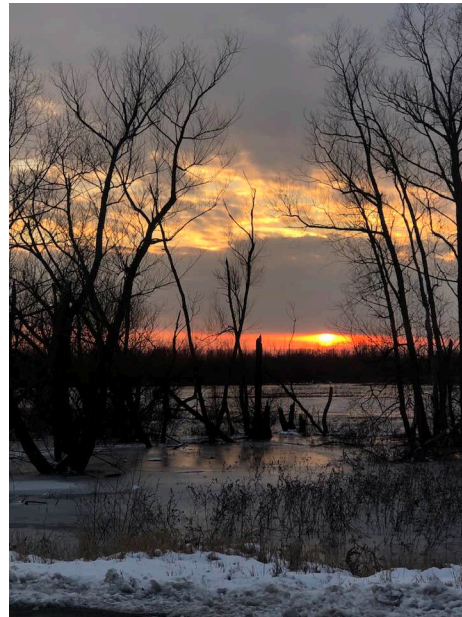
Teresa Sheppard



Terry Fairchild



Tommy Gonzalez



Beth Forbes



Julius Titak



Beth Forbes



Dawn Duty



Teresa Sheppard



Carol Estes



Paul Ewing

CARTER'S CORNER



STEVE BENSING

Steve enjoyed having his son, Silas, visit from New York over the Christmas and New Year's holiday. Silas was able to attend a Duneland Photography Club meeting on January 3rd!



PEGGY CARTER

Peggy celebrated her daughter's 8th anniversary of her successful kidney and pancreas transplant. She is very proud of Candi for all that she has had to go through.



Submit items of personal or family news for CARTER'S CORNER to DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com with the subject line of CARTER'S CORNER

CAROL ESTES

Carol has been busy- to name a few ... she just finished an interview with WYIN, Lakeshore Media, a local PBS Channel. The ARTIST PROFILE will air on "Eye on the Arts" in March. Carol also won Best in Show at the Prairie Arts Council photography show in Rensselaer with "Gradients," one of her Intentional Camera Movement (ICM) photos on canvas. She will have a booth of her photography and mixed media work at the "For the Love of Art" Show at the South Bend Century Center during the first weekend in March.



SHERRI AND RODNEY HOLT

The Holts recently celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!



JOYCE SCULLY

Joyce and Bob were excited to take a trip to Cuba. We'll be expecting photos upon their return!

MARGARET HUBRICH

Along with enjoying photography, Margaret also enjoys participating in activities with her daughters.. ice skating and swimming, to name just two!



TERESA SHEPPARD

Teresa hit the road and headed to Kentucky during the holiday break. She is intrigued by the area around the Red River Gorge and explored the Appalachia area, taking many photos of nature and the landscape.



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 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**.

Saturday, February 4 / 2-4 p.m.

- Opening reception at Art Barn | Bring food and setup at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7 / 5:30-9 p.m.

- 5:30-7 p.m. | Mentoring Session led by Jim Rettker and John Roquet
- 7-9 p.m. | Monthly Club Meeting
- Guest Speaker | LeAnn Angerman | Aspect Ratio, Cropping, and Framing
- Show and Tell | Flowers in Winter or Fireworks | Bring a thumb drive with photos

February 28 (deadline)

- Art Barn Juried Art Exhibition Promotes the creation an recognition of original quality two-dimensional artwork and ceramic arts.
- See webpage for information: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfmr9vp> or QR code (use phone's camera to open page)



Saturday, March 4 / 10:00 a.m.

- Uninstall/pick up work at Art Barn

Tuesday, March 7 / 5:30-9 p.m.

- 5:30-7 p.m. | Mentoring led by Jim Rettker and John Roquet
- 7-9 p.m. | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 minute tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Renee Rosignol | Hoosier Highlander | Framing and Matting
- Show and Tell | Cropping: Before and After | Bring a thumb drive with photos

Saturday/Sunday, March 11-12 / 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Maple Syrup Time | Deep River County Park | 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart, Indiana

Saturday/Sunday, March 18-19 / 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

- Maple Syrup Time | Deep River County Park | 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart, Indiana

April 7 (deadline)

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources | Enter a photo of your favorite Indiana historic destination for DNR's Preservation Photo contest.
- See webpage for information: on.IN.gov/preservation-month or QR code (use phone's camera to open page)



Ongoing

- Who's the best photographer in Michigan City? Looking for local photographers to get professional prints of the Michigan City lakefront and lighthouses to display in a business.
- See Facebook for information: <https://tinyurl.com/2veye3jp> or QR code (use phone's camera to open page)

