

Duneland PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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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.

MARCH 2023

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Steve Bensing



I got a new camera. When you get something new, what do you want to do? Are you the type of person who has to read the manual before you touch your new toy? Or do you take it out of the box, and start

playing with it right away?

There are many things in our lives that may be new. It doesn't have to be a thing. It may be a new skill that you learned about in a class or something that you recently heard about. Do you do a lot of research on the skill before you try it out? Or do you start practicing and playing with the skill as soon and as often as you can? I remember learning about HDR photography (High Dynamic Range) from Jim Rettker at a photoclub meeting. I thought it would be fun to try, so I set up my camera to do the exposure bracketing to get the images that I could work with. Then I tried out the Photomatix software that Jim recommended. From a little information and a lot of practice, I learned a technique that I found fun and useful in many situations. I also found out times that it did not work so well.

Now back to the camera. When I got it out, I noticed some buttons

and features that were new to me. I looked at the manual for a little bit. Many features were familiar, but I wanted to try something new. So I noticed that there was WiFi on the camera and an app that I could use on my phone. It was fun to see how it could control the camera and transfer photos to the phone. But I still set up the basic features like time and date and putting my name in as the copyright holder of the photos. And I set up the bracketing on the camera.

Whether you got new equipment or a new skill, learn what you need to in order to get started. Then practice. At the Duneland Photography Club, we have opportunities to learn the new equipment, but more importantly, the new skills to improve and make our photography more fun!

Steve Bensing
President

MARCH PROGRAM

Renee Rosignol and her family took over the Hoosier Highlander just over four years ago. A long time staple in downtown Highland, the shop has been in business for 76 years. Just as the previous owners were about to give up the search for a new owner to keep it alive, the family came in and decided to give it their best shot. In the past four years, they have expanded their selections in framing, purchased the necessary equipment to keep all steps of their framing in house, and have the privilege of working with so many clients, thrilled at their creations!

Renee will be sharing ideas and hints for framing and displaying your photos.



MEETING RECAP

The Duneland Photography Club met on February 7th for their monthly meeting.

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.

Norman Turner, John Roquet, and Henry Schultz presented a 5-minute Tip on Birds of Prey from the Outdoor Discovery Center in Holland Michigan. We are planning a club outing there in April.

Our speaker for our 7:00 regular meeting, LeAnn Angerman, gave a presentation on Aspect Ratio and answered questions. Since she was one of the founders to the predecessor to the Duneland

February 2023

Photography Club, we gathered a group of Old-Timers for a photo. It included Jim Rettker, John Roquet, Steve Bensing, Norman Turner, LeAnn Angerman, Deb Armstrong, and Sharon Kerner.

Many members participated in the Show & Tell time. The topic for the month was Flowers in Winter.



© Peggy Carter



PHOTO CONTEST ACCOLADES



Forest Preserve of Cook County

The Forest Preserve of Cook County [IL] hosts a photo contest each year for photos taken in one of their Forest Preserves.

Michael Kobe won 1st prize (and \$100.00) in the wildflower competition - First Place in Floral for the Forest Preserves of Cook County 2023. This photo of the Hepatica cluster (*Hepatica acutiloba*) was taken at Sand Ridge in Lansing, Illinois.

Peggy Carter has a lot to celebrate!

Peggy Carter received an Honorable Mention in the Lake/Landscape Category in the 28th Annual Lake Superior Magazine Photo Contest. Her photo, "Devil's Island Skull" was published in the February/March 2023 issue of Lake Superior Magazine.



Devil's Island Skull



Cornucopia Beach



Retired Eagle

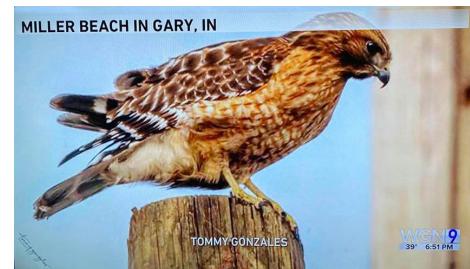
Steve Bensing

Steve Bensing received an Honorable Mention in the Maritime Category in the 28th Annual Lake Superior Magazine Photo Contest. His photo, "Retired Eagle" was published in the February/March 2023 issue of Lake Superior Magazine.

Tommy Gonzales

Tommy's photo was seen on WGN9 News on February 8th.

The Red-shouldered Hawk was photographed by Tommy Gonzales at Miller Beach on February 7, 2023.



Red-Shouldered Hawk

WGN 9
39° 6:51 PM

STREET PHOTOGRAPHY

Through March 3, 2023

A reception was held at the Art Barn School of Art on Saturday, February 4 to kick off the Duneland Photography Club exhibit featuring photographs inspired by the acclaimed photographer Vivian Maier.

The group exhibit features the work

of photographers from LaPorte, Porter and Lake County. The Duneland Photography Club had 23 members presenting: Michael Alvarado, Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Loralei Brown, Linda Camp, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Tommy Gonzales, Dina Hejselaar, 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.

Photos courtesy of Tommy Gonzales.



Photo credit | Amy Navardauskas



PORTER COUNTY PARKS FEBRUARY CALENDAR



Crystal Hollenbeck

Crystal Hollenbeck | 1st Place | Brincka Cross Gardens

We love the way the light breaks through tree branches to give us beautiful shadows on the barn! Congratulations Crystal Hollenbeck for 1st Place in the #PhotoOfTheMonth contest!



Deb Stipp | 2nd Place

Deb Stipp | 2nd Place | Brincka Cross Gardens

Beautiful Brincka Cross Gardens in the winter time! There is something about a snow-covered roof that just feels cozy.

Second Place for Duneland Photography Club's #PhotoOfTheMonth goes to Deb Stipp for her contribution "Cold and Snowy"



Patrice Lawson | 3rd Place

Patrice Lawson | 3rd Place | Sunset Hill

That time again where Duneland Photography Club chooses their favorites! 3rd Place for #PhotoOfTheMonth is "Sunset Hill Path" by Patrice Lawson.

A great shot of activity in our park during the winter season!

MEMORIAL OPERA HOUSE HEADSHOTS

The Duneland Photography Club took Headshots at the Memorial Opera House on February 2nd for the March show, "Lucky Stiff." Photos of the Memorial Opera House staff were also taken.

Our group was led by Henry Schultz. Also participating were Mary Schultz, Bud Titak, Steve Bensing, and Norman Turner.



Photo credit | Steve Bensing



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CARTER'S CORNER



Steve Bensing

Steve had shoulder surgery scheduled for late February. Since it is his right shoulder, he has been thinking about the fact that cameras are not made left-handed. He will have his right arm in a sling for a few weeks.



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

Maureen Coleman

Maureen is a new member. She was in Ft. Myers a few days back and thought these photos might be interesting...



Carol Estes

Carol will have a booth with her wonderful art at the For the Love of Art Fair at the Century Center in South Bend, Indiana.

The fair is on March 4th and 5th from 10am to 5pm on Saturday and 11am to 4pm on Sunday.

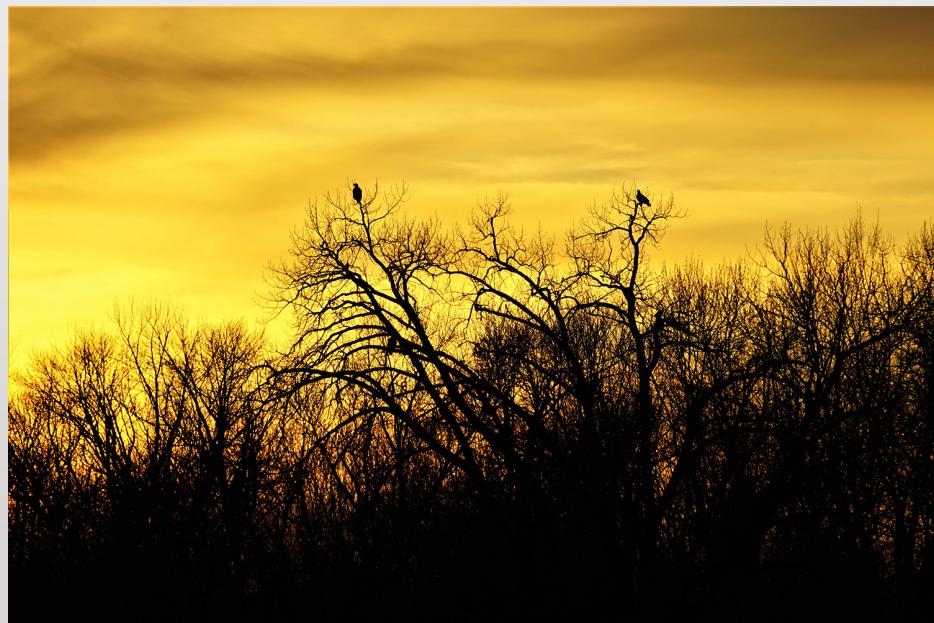
This photo of Carol was taken by Steve Bensing at her booth at last year's fair.



Paul Ewing

Last week Liz and Paul took a trip to Moline, Illinois to photograph the abundance of eagles. They were able to see a lot of them and had good discussions with local photographers who said there weren't a lot.

They also enjoyed visiting two conservatories in Moline and Davenport, Iowa.



Joyce Scully

Cuba was not at all what she and Bob expected. People are so friendly and always out and about. Havana is very different than the other cities and towns. Dancing, art work, and rum are very much in evident. Street art as well.



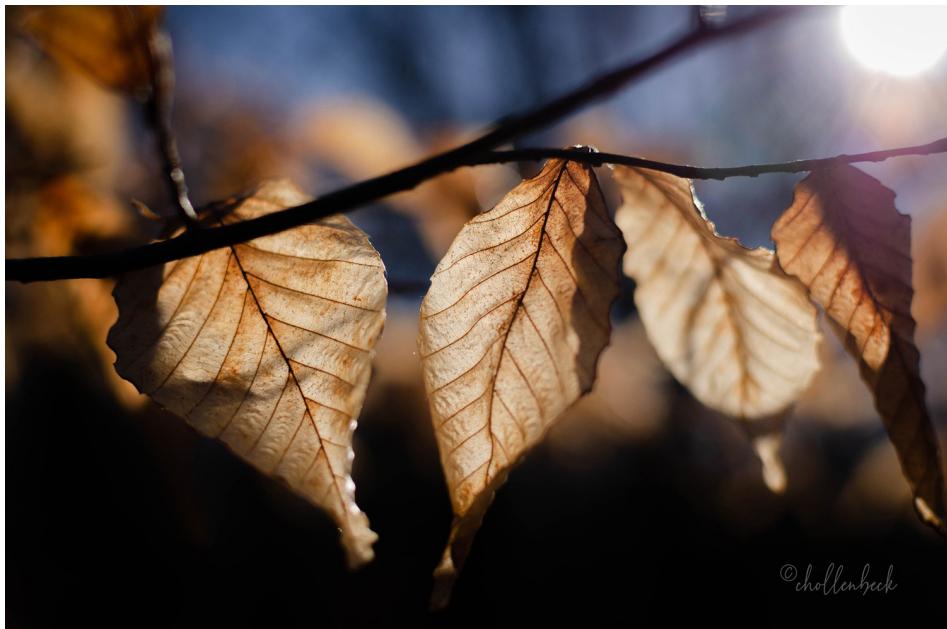
Mark Zimmerman

initially joined the Duneland Photo Club to gain photography skills so that he could eventually use photos to convert to watercolor paintings. Since April 2022 he has been creating watercolor artwork.

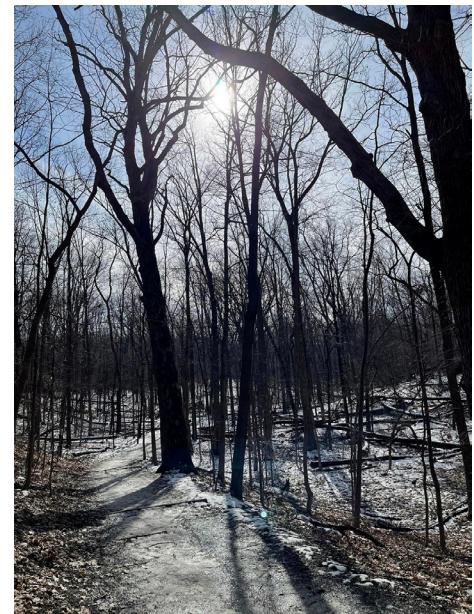
Scan the QR code with your phone to link to some of Mark's amazing artwork.



MEMBER PHOTOS



Crystal Hollenbeck



Deb Ayala



Sharon Matthews Kerner



Dawn Duty



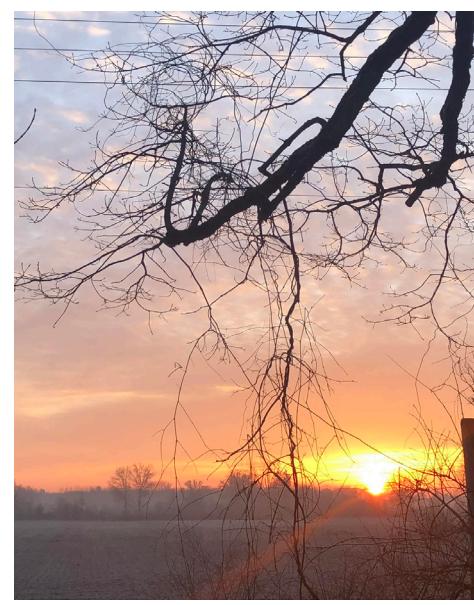
Connie Kassal



Teresa Sheppard



Jerry Straw



Beth Forbes



Paul Ewing



Tommy Gonzales



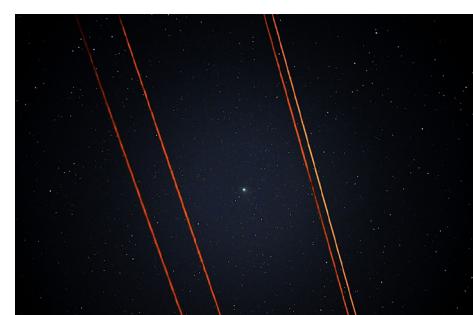
Harry DeCourcy



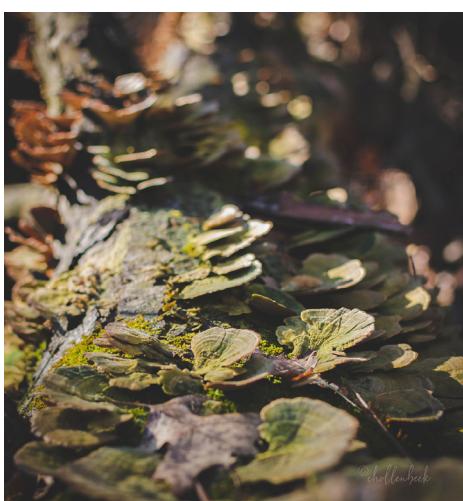
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John Moore | Green Comet



Crystal Hollenbeck



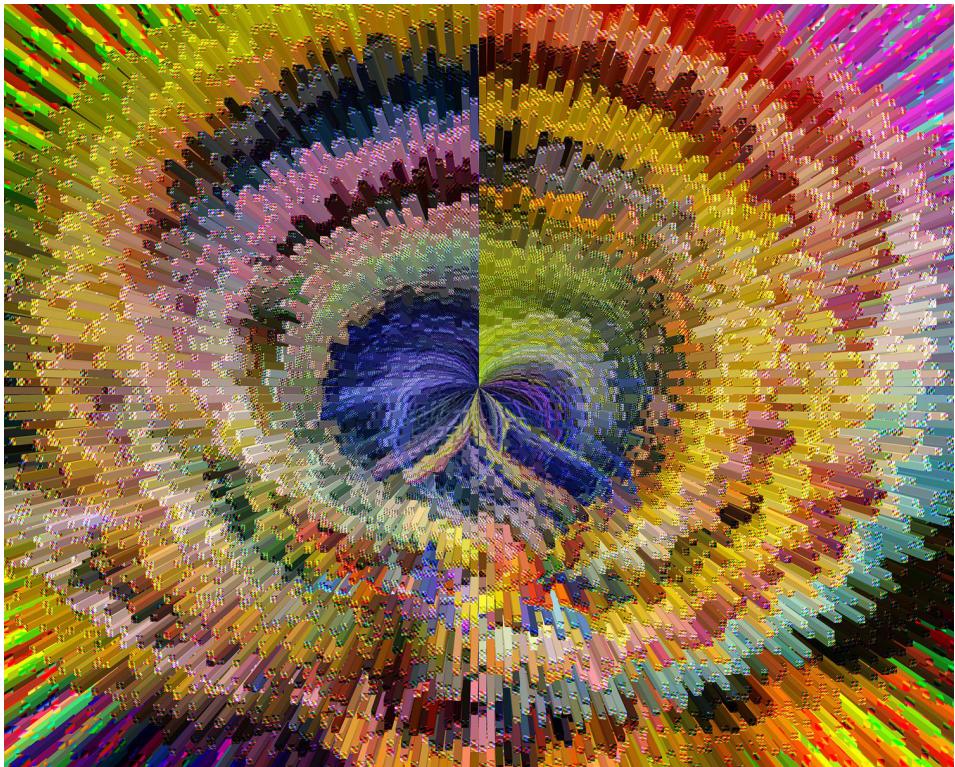
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Lorelei Brown



Julius Titak



Stephanie Tanke



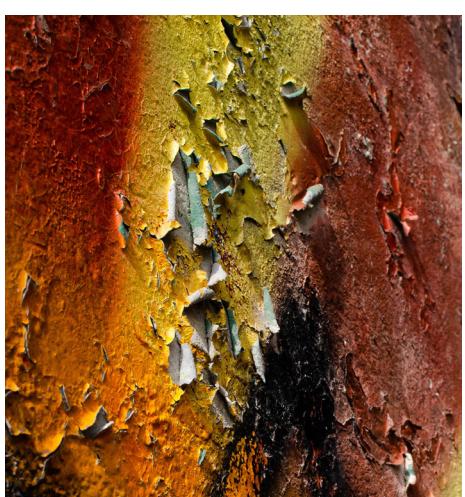
Julius Titak



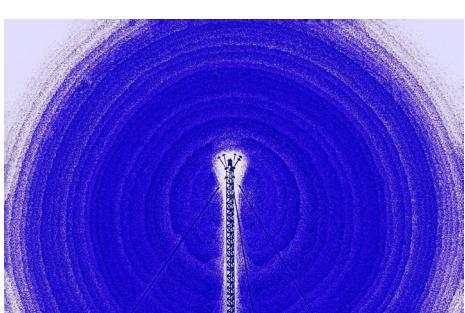
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Lorelei Brown



Crystal Hollenbeck



Dave Lasayko



Teresa Sheppard



John Moore

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**.

February 28 (deadline)

- Art Barn Juried Art Exhibition Promotes the creation and 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, February 25 / 5 p.m.

- Night and Blue Hour Photoshoot | Downtown Valparaiso (William E. Urschel Pavilion)

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. | Norman Turner and Deb Armstrong will be helping members improve their photography with photo critiques. Bring photos for which you would like constructive help.
- 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



Friday, March 10

- Chesterton Downtown Banners Photo Contest
- Two submissions per participant
- Banners displayed mid-May for one year
- Email images to info@dunelandchamber.org or mail to 220 Broadway, Chesterton, Indiana 46304
- Include name, phone, and email address

Saturday, March 11 / 9 a.m.

- Chicago River Dyeing | Information coming soon



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

- Maple Syrup Time | Deep River County Park | Chellberg Farm | 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart, Indiana
- See webpage for information <https://tinyurl.com/4m7fbc2bor> or QR code (use phone's camera to open page)



Tuesday, March 14 (deadline)

- 2023 BirdWatching Photography Awards
- Submit photos of wild birds for chance wo win cash and prizes!
- Photos must be of wild, free-flying birds. Photos of feeder birds acceptable.



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

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



Tuesday, April 4 / 5:30-9 p.m.

- 5:30-7 p.m. | Mentoring | TBA
- 7-9 p.m. | Monthly Club Meeting
- 5 minute tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Michael Kobe | Flower Photography
- Show and Tell | Late Winter/Early Spring | Bring a thumb drive with photos

April 7 (deadline)

- Indiana Department of Natural Resources | Enter a photo of your favorite Indiana historic destination for DNR's Preservation Photo contest.



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.

