

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.

NOVEMBER 2023

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NOVEMBER MEETING

“...photographs can communicate more instantly and powerfully than words do, but if you want to communicate a complex concept clearly, you need words, too.” —Galen Rowell, Outdoor Photographer

I frequently pair prose and photography to establish a context in the audience’s minds, whether in my role as a landscape photographer for the state park or writing chapters for a memoir collection. I believe I bridge the verbal and the visual, applying words and phrases that help with my comprehension

or appreciation of the incentive provided by imagery I encounter in the natural environment. Indeed, even as I create a visual composition for my photograph through the rectangular framing of scenery in front of me with the camera’s viewfinder, I am also always conceiving a vocabulary and narrative for composition of a prose caption to accompany the photo.

Edward Byrne photo gallery:
<https://edwardbyrneindianadunes.com/gallery/>

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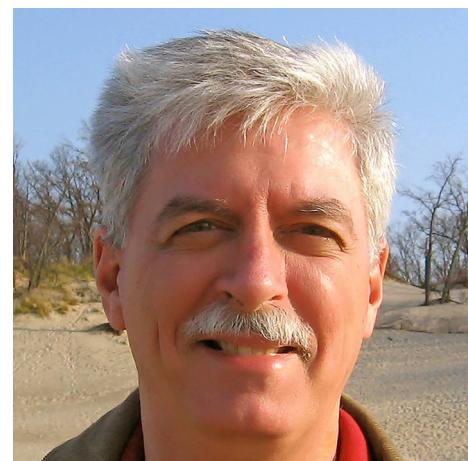


Photo provided

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



This morning I got up early to catch the sunrise. I'd like to use this as an example of how much of photography works. To be able to capture the photos you want, there is an element of preparation and an aspect of fun.

So to shoot a sunrise, the first thing is to decide you want to do it. That means being willing to get up early. Then you need to know when the sun will rise and what the weather

will be. If it is too cloudy, you won't see it. Of course, you have to decide where to be, based on the position of the sun and what will be in the foreground. I like to view sunrises over bodies of water, where the reflection can be an important element of the image.

Planning is important, but not the only thing. Sometimes things don't go as planned. This morning, I was at the ocean in Stonington, CT. I met a man in the parking lot who commented on the clouds and how they made the sunrise more interesting. I couldn't plan on the amount and type of clouds, but fortunately, they were broken up enough to see some light and color in the sky. So, I had fun with it. I also played with the reflections on the water and the birds flying through the frame. (The attached photo is not from today, but it illustrates these points. In this photo, the sun rose shortly after a storm came through.)

Many other subjects or types of photography involve the elements of planning and fun. If you are doing a portrait, you have to think about the lighting, both natural and artificial. Then you might think about what the subject will be wearing and the background. Finally, whether the

Steve Bensing

portrait is formal or candid, you can have fun with poses and facial expressions.

In strategizing for any photography, how you plan to capture the image is key. Will you be using a cell phone or a more advanced camera? What lens(es) will you use? Will you need other equipment such as a tripod or an external flash? How do you want to portray your subject? What camera settings will you try? Then have fun with the options you have, given the equipment you have chosen for that situation.

At the Duneland Photography Club, we help you with your planning for your photos. We teach what different camera settings and equipment can do. We show examples of images that other members have created, in order to illustrate ideas. But ultimately, the fun is up to you!

Steve Bensing
President



OCTOBER MEETING WRAP-UP

At the October 2023 meeting of the Duneland Photography Club meeting we had the pleasure of hearing from Nate Voytovick, an accomplished drone photographer who has made some awesome drone videos of the lighthouse at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Nate began his presentation by giving us some important guidelines, rules, and laws connected with the use of drones. He talked about

the challenges of making drone video especially in windy and cold weather and how best to prepare for potential problems. In addition to sharing tips on drone photography Nate told us that he uses the apps Snapseed and iMovie to edit his work. He also sells his work on Etsy.

Most impressive were the photos and videos he shared with us. You can view his amazing work on Facebook at Nates Dronography.



Patrice Lawson

IN MEMORIUM | Victor Grimes

Exerpts taken from the Post Tribune, Gary, Indiana

“Victor Grimes was born on August 3, 1938, from the union of Jesse Grimes and Rosie Lee Wilson Grimes Teamer in Gary, Indiana. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1956. Upon graduation, Victor entered the Marine Corps where he received an honorable discharge in 1959. Victor was employed at Inland Steel for nine and a half years. After leaving Inland Steel, he was employed by the Gary Community School Corporation for thirty-three years. He went from

a custodian, plant service person, pipefitter, to an administrator. He received an A.S. degree from Chicago’s Kennedy-King College in Heating and Air Conditioning. He also received a B.S. degree from Purdue University Calumet in Industrial Vocational Education. Victor was a charter member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Graduate Chapter, a life member of the NAACP, and was a member of the Marine Corps League, Howlin Mad Detachment 93. Victor had two passions, travel and photography.”



PORTER COUNTY PARKS OCTOBER CALENDAR



Steve Bensing | 1st Place
Sunset Hill Farm Park



Deb Stipp | 2nd Place
Brincka-Cross Gardens



Steve Bensing | 3rd Place
Brookdale 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

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 14



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Stephanie Tanke

Photographers from the Duneland Photography Club volunteered to take pictures of the festivities at Sunset Hill County Park's recent "Trunk and Treat" event.

It was a family event for children (of all ages) with community organizations offering trunks of free treats for the well-costumed participants.

Thanks to all who attended and provided photos!



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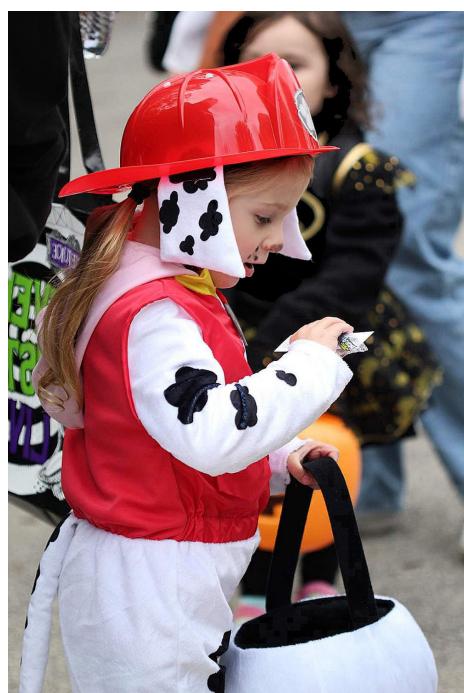
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KUDOS GO OUT TO ...

Steve Bensing

Steve's photo was recently used for the Chesteron Parks and Recreation cover photo. The pictures was taken at Thomas Centennial Park.



Have you recently received accolades which need to be announced?

Please be sure to forward your good news to the newsletter!

CELL PHONE PHOTOGRAPHY/COLOR THEORY

Saturday, October 21

The Duneland Photography Club offered a free photography class to the public on Saturday, October 21st at Sunset Hill Farm County Park in the Horton Family

Education Center. The class was on Cell Phone Photography and Color Theory, taught by expert teacher Deb Armstrong. She taught about the camera you have available

with you and how to use it to take better photos. Understanding Color Theory is a key topic in making photos that pop.

This class was for and sponsored by the Porter County Parks Department.



Sharon Kerner

CHESTERTON ART CENTER EXHIBIT

(Story from Town of Chesterton Facebook post) The Chesterton Art Center (CAC) is proud to announce a group exhibit in its main galleries featuring the work of the Duneland Photography Club—entitled “Visions of Reality”—from Friday, Nov. 2, through Thursday, Nov. 28.

The public is invited to an artists reception at the CAC from 12 to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 4.

Refreshments will be provided.

The CAC's galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

“Visions of Reality” will showcase the high technical skills, the creativity, and diversity of the Duneland Photography Club's members, from abstract compositions to gritty Street photography.

Participating artists—established and emerging—include Michael Alvarado, Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Loralei Brown, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Dina Heijlselaar, Des Kashyap, Connie Kassal, George Kassal, Sharon Kerner, Gretchen Maguire, Suzan Perry, John Roquet, Norman Turner, and Wayne Wodrich.



Gretchen Maguire



Sharon Kerner

SIP COFFEE HOUSE EXHIBITION

Seven photographers have gotten together to exhibit their photos at Sip Coffee House in Hobart, Indiana. Our exhibit will be hanging for the foreseeable future. You can visit every day from 6 am to 9 pm.

The opening reception was a great success and attended by many friends and family! While you are at Sip, you can indulge yourself with a scrumptious treat and of course, some coffee!

The seven photographers are: Deb Armstrong, Georganna Edmonds, Terry Fairchild, Crystal Hollenbeck, Sharon Kerner, Henry Schultz, and Norman Turner.

Visit our Inspired Photography Exhibit



310 Main St.
Hobart, IN 46342

Sip Coffee House
6 am - 9 pm Mon - Sun



CARTER'S CORNER

Paul Ewing

Paul and his family (wife Liz and daughter Carie) took a short vacation for three days in Columbus, Ohio. One day at the Zoo, and part of the day and evening at the Franklin Park Conservatory and Botanical Gardens to view the Chihuly displays.



Joyce Scully

Joyce and Bob just returned from a trip to Italy.



Gordan Wilder

Gordan has been busy making a new slide show. He just finished it and showed it at Towne Centre on October 14th. He loves to see some of his friends.

In September 2011, he went with Homer Keller out to the Grand Tetons, Yellowstone, Badlands, and other points of interest. They had some great weather and got some pictures of which he is proud.

Gordan does a slide show on the second Saturday of each month. His show is about 30 minutes long and is free; but bring your own popcorn!



Steve Bensing

Steve traveled to Elgin, Illinois to attend a family gathering. His wife, Betty, and her siblings, Bill Roop from Spain, Tim Roop from Florida, and Elsie Bissett from Connecticut got together for about a week.



Peggy Carter

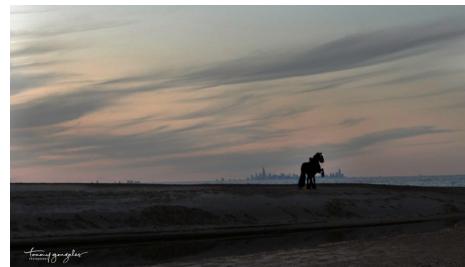
Peggy had the opportunity in September to go on an exclusive tour of the Century of Progress Homes at the Indiana Dunes National Park. This tour only happens once per year and the tickets sold out within half an hour. It was great to see these special houses, inside and out, from the 1933 Chicago World's Fair.



MEMBER PHOTOS



Paul Ewing



Tommy Gonzales

Yuli Soeter's Alaska



Beth Forbes



Jerry Straw



Dawn Duty





Vanessa Shaffer



Dave Lasayko



Jennifer Treptow



Vanessa Shaffer



Henry Schultz



Harry de Courcy



Dave Lasayko



Sharon Kerner



Terry Fairchild



Mike Alvarado-Johnson



Kim Long



Dave Lasayko



Des Kashyap



Sheila Hathhorn Stephenson



Beth Forbes



John Moore



Terry Fairchild



Des Kashyap



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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**.

Wednesday, November 1
9 am-9 pm

- Art dropoff at Chesterton Art Center
- 115 S Fourth Street
- Chesterton, Indiana

November 2-28

- Visions of Reality
- Chesterton Art Center
- Duneland Photography Club show
- 115 S Fourth Street, Chesterton

Saturday, November 4
12 noon-2 pm

- Reception
- Chesterton Art Center
- Food dropoff at 11:30 am
- 115 S Fourth Street, Chesterton

Tuesday, November 7 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring
- 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting; nominations for officers
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Guest Speaker | Edward Byrne | Landscape Photography
- Show and Tell | Weather photography| Bring a thumb drive with photos

Thursday, November 9 / 5:30-9 pm

- Memorial Opera House headshots
- 104 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso

Saturday, November 11 / 10 am

- Lake County Photo Club Meeting
- Turkey Creek Golf Course
- 6400 Harrison Street, Merrillville

Saturday, November 11 / 2 pm

- Scavenger Hunt
- Porter County Museum
- 20 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso

Saturday, November 18 / 3 pm

- Sandhill Cranes Photoshoot
- Jasper-Pulaski Fish/Wildlife Area
- 5822 Fish and Wildlife Lane
- Medaryville, Indiana

Wednesday, November 29
10 am-4 pm

- Artwork pickup
- Chesterton Art Center
- 115 S Fourth Street, Chesterton

Saturday, December 2 / time TBA

- Santa Photoshoot at Sunset Hill
- 755 Meridian Road, Valparaiso

Tuesday, December 5 / 5:30-9 pm

- 5:30-7 pm | Mentoring
- 7-9 pm | Monthly Club Meeting; Election of officers
- 5 Minute Tip | Sharon Kerner
- Christmas party
- Photos taken throughout the year will play on screen