

Duneland

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Meetings held at

SUNSET HILL FARM COUNTY PARK

Horton Educational Center

755 Meridian Road

Valparaiso, Indiana

1st Tuesday of the month / 5-8 pm

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APRIL MEETING

Wayne Pope will be doing a presentation on "Basic Bird Photography: topics include best camera and lenses, shooting methods with digital SLRs and smartphones, leaning bird behavior, editing, saving, sharing & printing photos."

Wayne is an adjunct associate professor of photography at Lansing Community College and teaches a variety of photo courses through their Adult Enrichment Program. He was certified as an Advanced Indiana Master Naturalist in 2018 and leads nature workshops at Indiana Dunes State Park, Potato Creek State Park, and Pokagon State Park in Indiana.

Wayne published a new book in 2023 entitled, "Birds of Michigan: Notable Species Volume 1"



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



These days people take a lot of photos. It is easy to do with digital cameras, whether they be a cell phone or a more advanced camera. With film, you usually were limited to 24 or 36 pictures on a roll. But with the memory cards where images are stored, you can take hundreds or thousands. This leaves us with a problem. How do you deal with so many? Selecting photos is a very important topic in photography.

I have noticed that on social media, some people take a photo dump. That means they dump a large number of images on a posting. I am uncomfortable with using the word "dump" with photography. Many times, if you look at this gigantic group of photos, you will see many repetitive or poor-quality photos. It

is my strong opinion that we should thoughtfully select photos that we share or display.

The question becomes, how do you select photos? There are many reasons to choose specific images. First, quality is more important than quantity. If someone shares 100 photos, will you want to look at them all? Would it be more enjoyable to view 5 or 10 good ones that tell the same story? On Facebook, you can post up to 5 photos without having some hidden. That is my general guideline for sharing on social media.

Secondly, the reason to select may be the topic of a contest or exhibit. In that case, you are looking to find the photo(s) that fit. Third, select based on composition, technical merit, and other visual factors. Look for what is pleasing to the eye and attracts attention. Use the "Wow Factor" to decide.

Here is one example. I took photos at a wedding of a relative. I started out with over 3000 images. I winnowed the candidate photos down to 616 by taking out the rejects and duplicates that had better alternates. Finally, working with the bride, they were narrowed down to 76 photos that were printed and put in a keepsake album.

Recently, the Duneland Photography Club had a photoshoot at Brincka-Cross Gardens. Those who were there know the challenge of selecting photos. That is part of the fun of it. Which photos strike a chord with you? For me, out of 340 I took that day, I may share 5 or 10. Part of the creative process is making decisions. Here is one of my favorites.

Steve Bensing
President



MARCH MEETING RECAP

Carol Estes presented information on the topic of Light Painting.

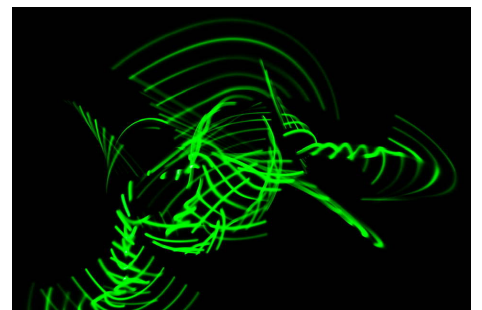
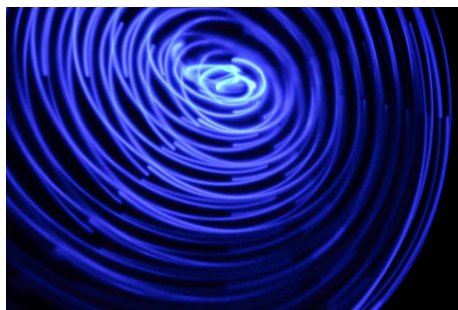
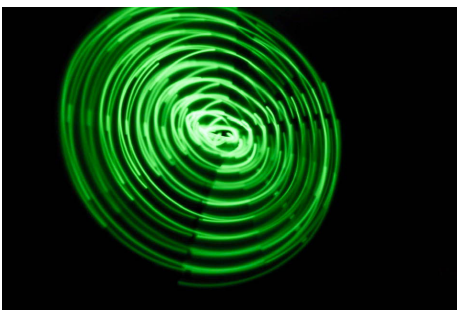
Carol's knowledge and helpful tips on light painting were presented with both slides of examples of photos taken using different methods of light painting and also,

actual types of lights, such as light tubes and glow sticks, that can be used to paint with.

A phrase that Carol used when describing light painting is “move the camera or move the light”.



VANESSA SHAFFER



PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Jamie Starfire | 1st Place
Brincka Cross Gardens



Steve Bensing | 2nd Place
Brincka Cross Gardens



Steve Bensing | 3rd Place
Brincka Cross Gardens

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

BRINCKA CROSS PHOTOSHOOT

On Saturday, March 23rd, the Duneland Photography Club had a photoshoot at Brincka Cross. The early spring flowers were in bloom.

The following attended: Vanessa Shaffer, Robert Evans, Ben and Yuli Soeter, Sandra Teutemacher, Patrice Lawson, Terry Fairchild,

Tony Yovino, Tom and Margaret, Stephanie Tanke, Sheila Stephenson, and Steve Bensing.

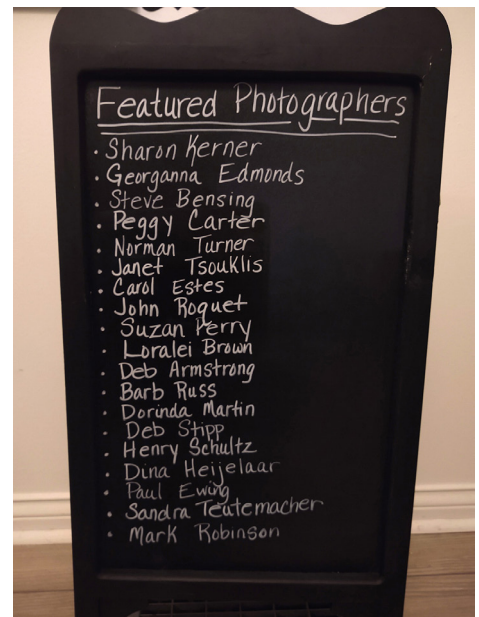


WILHELMINA'S EXHIBIT

Nineteen members of the Duneland Photography Club participated in an exhibit at Wilhelmina's Home Decor & Art Boutique in Valparaiso during the month of March

Exhibitors included: Deb Armstrong, Steve Bensing, Lorelei Brown, Peggy Carter, Georganna Edmonds, Carol Estes, Paul Ewing, Dina Heijlselaar, Sharon Kerner, Dorinda Martin, Suzan Perry, Mark Robinson, John Roquet, Barb Russ, Henry Schultz, Deb Stipp, Sandra Teutemacher, Janet Tsouklis, Norman Turner.

Photos by Steve Bensing



Wilhelmina's Home Decor & Art Boutique is located at 829 E Lincolnway in Valparaiso.

Phone | 219-405-2319

MAPLE SUGAR TIME AT CHELLBERG FARM

Several Duneland Photography Club members attended Maple Sugar Time at Chellberg Farm at the Indiana Dunes National Park in March. They included, Steve Bensing, Chrystal Hollenbeck, John Roquet, and Sandra Teutemacher.

John serves as a volunteer at the Sugar Shack for the National Park.



Sheila Hathhorn-Stephenson



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Teresa McGinley



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Steve Bensing



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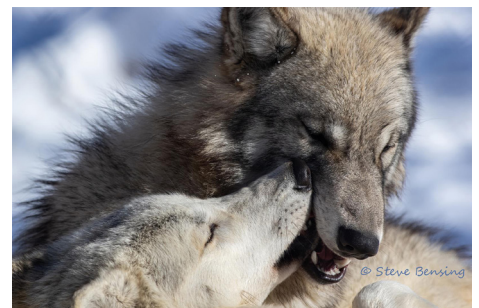


Steve Bensing

KUDO'S

STEVE BENSING

Steve Bensing was awarded first place in the Northwoods Wildlife Center 2024 Photo Gala for North American Wildlife with his photo "Wolf Love". There were over 300 entries. Northwoods Wildlife Center is located in Minocqua, Wisconsin.





CARTER'S CORNER

MARK ZIMMERMAN

Mark's watercolor, Century Wheel Porter County Fair, received an Honorable Mention at the Artist's Guild of Valparaiso's exhibit in March! This painting was done from an original photo from Steve Bensing.



STEVE BENSING

Steve celebrated his birthday in March with several others at Kelsey's Steakhouse in Valparaiso. Also celebrating birthdays were Peggy Carter, her daughter Candi, and her friend Aundrea. Family members joined for this annual tradition.



CAROL ESTES

Loved Her Feather and Lace cyanotype was selected for the Juried Show at the Art Barn. She had a photograph accepted for publication in "The Hand Magazine."

A poem written inspired by a piece of art at the South Bend Museum of Art will be included in the chapbook. The Event reception is April 11th, with poem readings by many selected. A poem written for another art work will appear in the Spring Issue of Pan-o-Ply Magazine.

Human Frailty won 3rd Place at the inaugural exhibit of the newly formed Artist's Guild of Valparaiso

Itty Bitty's Journey, her first children's book, is available on Amazon.



DEB ARMSTRONG

Deb teaches photography classes.

In March, she taught Introduction to Digital Photography at the Chesterton Art Center. Students learned how to operate their digital cameras and compose eye-catching photos rather than just snapshots.

The class included the basics on camera functions and settings, lighting and exposure, composition, file management and storage, digital editing and online use.

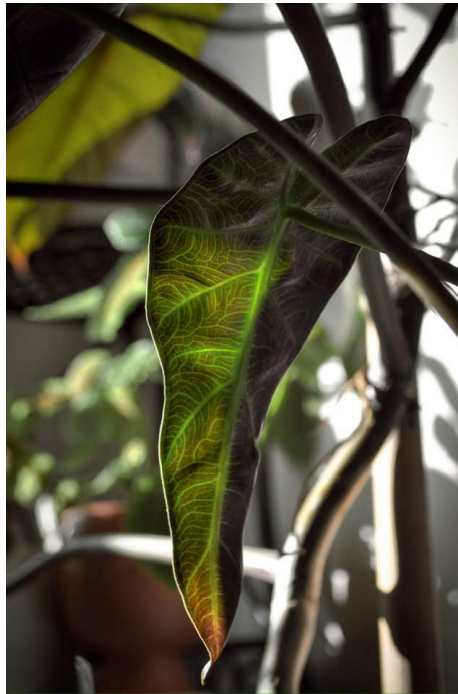


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MEMBER PHOTOS



Laurie Ellis



Vanessa Shaffer



Wendy Vander Kooi



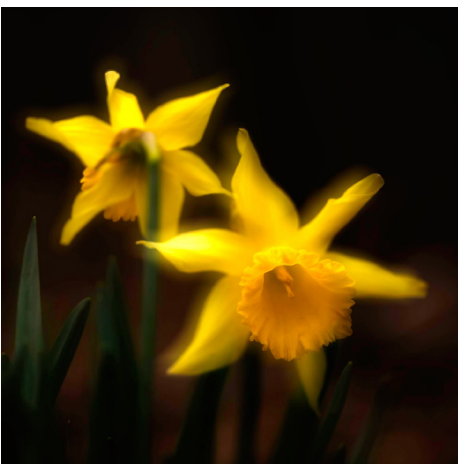
Bob Kapen



Dawn Duty



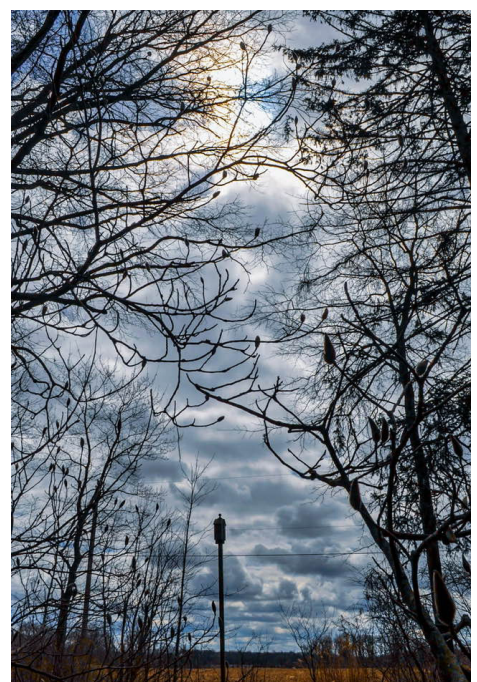
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Terry Fairchild



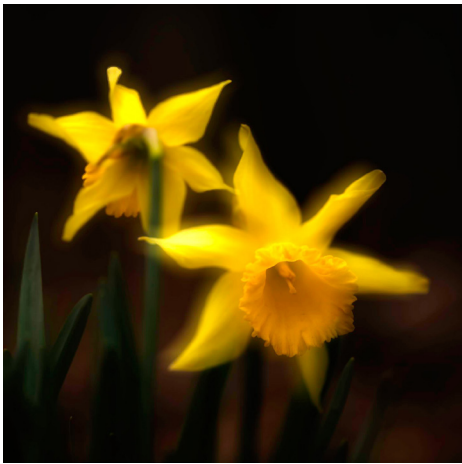
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Vanessa Shaffer



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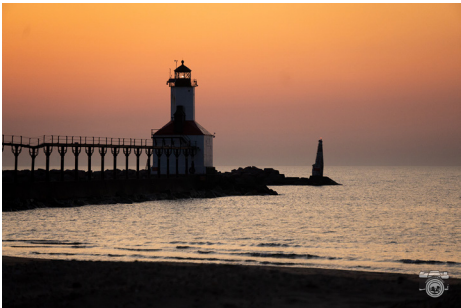
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HAPPENINGS

Ongoing Monthly

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- 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**.

Tuesday, April 2 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Wayne Pope will present on Basic Bird Photography
- Show and Tell, painting with light or special light; bring on a thumb drive

Thursday, April 4 / 6 pm

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

Monday, April 8

- Solar Eclipse

Friday, April 19 / 5-8 pm

- 30th Annual Juried Exhibition Reception
- www.artbarnschool.org/exhibitions
- Art Barn School of Art, Inc.
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, April 20 / 2-3:15 pm

- Spring Ephemeris Wildflower Hike
- tinyurl.com/39d3p83v
- Gabis Arboretum at Purdue NW
- 450 W 100 N
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, April 20 / 5-8 pm

- Sunset over Chicago photoshoot
- Washington Park
- Michigan City, Indiana

Saturday, April 20 / 7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso Reception
- agofvalpo.com
- 257 Indiana Avenue
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, April 27 / 11 am

- Spring Hike at Indiana Dunes State Park
- Nature Center
- 1600 North 25 E
- Chesterton, Indiana

Saturday, April 27 / 5:30 pm

- Art After Dark Gala for Chesterton Art Center
- chestertonart.org/art-after-dark-gala
- Sand Creek Country Club
- 1001 Sand Creek Drive
- Chesterton, Indiana

Tuesday, May 7 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Mari Patis and Shirley Heinze | Places and Opportunities for Photographers
- Show and Tell | Bird and wildlife photography | bring photos on a thumb drive