

# 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

## JUNE 2024 NEWS

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## JUNE MEETING

The Duneland Photography Club meets the first Tuesday of each month. The June 4th meeting will be at 6:00pm with doors open at 5:00pm for mentoring and individual help.

Michael Caterina will be doing a presentation on "How I do a mobile studio on location shoots." Caterina is a former newspaper

photojournalist in South Bend, Indiana working as Indiana University South Bend's sole University Photographer and Videographer. The photos were taken by means of a mobile studio.

There will also be a Show and Tell time on Spring Photography. Please bring 3-6 photos on a thumb drive.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Photography is a wonderful activity that we enjoy. It is magic to see light captured by some type of device to create an image that can be appreciated later. Today, I'd like each of us to consider the purpose(s) of our own photography. Understanding that will help you focus (pun intended) on what is important to you.

One purpose of photography is to document. We can take photos to record family events and places we have been. One area of photography included in this category is

photojournalism. Recent events were the total eclipse or aurora borealis that many of us captured. When we document things, it is important to accurately represent what we see, using good technique, such as focus and exposure. This does not mean we can't be creative. Using good composition makes the photos compelling. I treasure memories I have recorded.

Another purpose of photography is to use it as a creative outlet. The art of photography involves not only using the rules of technique and composition, but stretching and even breaking those rules to express something new. Art includes not only an idea or visualization, but depicting that to viewers in a way that the idea or vision is communicated. This involves not only using a camera, but editing and presenting those images. We may even sell our work or start a business using those skills. If you enjoy showing your work for others to see, your purpose of photography may be in creating art.

For many of us, the joy of doing photography is our purpose. The activity of going somewhere to find an interesting subject and exploring ways to see and photograph it is what we like. We may enjoy learning something new and mastering a craft. We may do this as an individual activity, but we may also get together

with others to bond, learn, and encourage.

Each of these purposes, documentation, art, and the joy of doing may be our individual focus. But we may have a combination of these things in mind when we take photos, edit images, and share our work.

At the Duneland Photography Club, we provide opportunities for all these things. We learn from presenters, mentors, and teachers. We are inspired and encouraged by the ideas and experiences of each other. We give creative outlets in our Show & Tell at meetings and with exhibitions with other club members.

Finally, one of the big purposes for many of us is to use our photography knowledge and skills to help others. Whether it be to share that with another photographer, or to volunteer to help a local organization, our photography can enrich others.

Steve Bensing  
*President*



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Born in Harvey, Illinois, Steve grew up in Waukegan, Illinois. He's always been a visual person, so his passion for photography began at a very young age. He likes to use his imagination with his photography. In college Steve took pictures for publications, but also entered his photography in his first art show.

His art is to use the composition

of light and form to create images in both color and black and white. Steve uses both film and digital techniques. Just like an oil painter uses paint, canvas, and brushes as tools to create art, he uses a camera and other tools to create art.

Steve shares his passion with others and has taught photography to children and young people from

Kindergarten through college age. He is a graduate of Greenville College (Illinois), Grace Seminary (Indiana), and Purdue University (Indiana).

Steve is an award-winning photographer and has been the editor-in-chief for a book on the history of Camp Jern in Manitowish Waters, Wisconsin.



# MAY MEETING RECAP

The May meeting of the Duneland Photography Club was moved to the Program Center due to the Elections Board using the Horton Family Education Center for the Indian Primary Election. 32 members and visitors enjoyed the cozy space of our old meeting room. Mari Patis, Programs Coordinator of the Shirley Heinze Land Trust gave a presentation on the Places and Opportunities for Photographers in the Shirley Heinze properties.

The mission of Shirley Heinze Land Trust is to preserve and restore natural lands and waters in northwestern Indiana, and to engage people in nature and conservation. With over 3,000 acres protected across 6 different counties, Shirley Heinze Land Trust is dedicated to preserving a variety of habitats, from prairie,

dune and swale, black oak savanna, moraine forest, wetlands, and bogs. The trust engages communities through a variety of programs, hikes, environmental education, agricultural land protection program, water quality monitoring, and volunteer workdays.

As the Programs Coordinator, Mari Patis plans events that range from art-based nature programs, seasonal hikes, nighttime mothing, and forest bathing. A native of the Pacific Northwest, Mari has immersed herself in the diversity of habitats, flora, and fauna of the duneland region. She also enjoys taking photos with her 35mm film camera and spending time with her cat, Kinoko.

Members shared their Show and Tell photos of birds and other wildlife.



## KUDOS GO OUT TO ...

### SUSAN KIRT

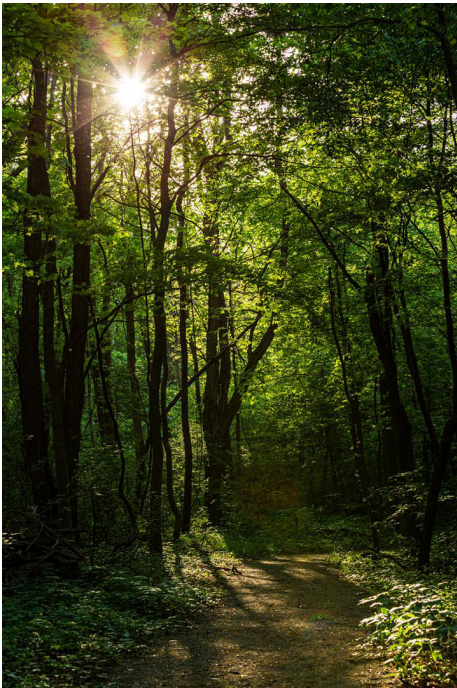
Our own Susan Kirt has two exhibits beginning in May; and one which ends May 29:

- One was at the Chesterton Art Center for the month of May. Prairies Big and Small: Photographs by Susan Kirt (lower gallery) on display May 2-29, 2024.
- Susan Kirt Satellite Exhibit: May 2-July 31 at Country Inn and Suite's Das Gallery, with special reception on Thursday, June 20 from 4:30-6:30PM
- Prairies Big and Small: Photographs by Susan Kirt (lower gallery) | Prairies Big and Small immerses the viewer in the rare and endangered Tallgrass Prairie ecosystem and the fragments of this once vast landscape. Kirt's exceptional photographs connect people with the diverse prairie plants and animals found in the patchwork of the Chicago region's grasslands, both in remnants and planted reconstructions. Susan Kirt Satellite Exhibit: May 2-July 31 at Country Inn & Suite's Das Gallery, with special reception on Thursday, June 20 from 4:30-6:30PM





# PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Carol Estes | 1st Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens



Patrice Lawson | 2nd Place  
Dunn's Bridge



Janet Tsouklis | 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 Bridge | 500 E (over the Kankakee River), Kouts

## ART BARN EXHIBITION

The Duneland Photography Club is exhibiting at the Art Barn School of Art during the month of June. The show entitled "Summertime!" opens May 28th and closes June 27th. The Art Barn is open Tuesday - Friday 10am to 4pm and Saturday 10am-2pm.

"Summertime!" depicts the emotions and sights of the summer through the photographic artwork of the members of the Duneland Photography Club. An Artists' Reception will be held on June 7th from 5-7 pm. Refreshments will be provided.

The Art Barn is located at 695 N 400E, Valparaiso, Indiana.

For information on the exhibit, contact Dina Heijsselaar at the Art Barn by email at [dina@artbarnschool.org](mailto:dina@artbarnschool.org). You can also call the Art Barn at (219) 462-9009.



Photo taken 2023



# INDIANA DUNES SPRING HIKE

Members of the Duneland Photography Club joined together on April 27th at the Indian Dunes State Park for a Spring Hike. Most of the hike was on Trail 2, which had a plethora of wildflowers. This trail is also known for a large section of boardwalk over the Great Marsh.

Attending the hike were Patrice Lawson, Jerry Straw, Jamie Spurr, Steve Bensing, and Julius (Bud) Titak.



Steve Bensing



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Julius Titak



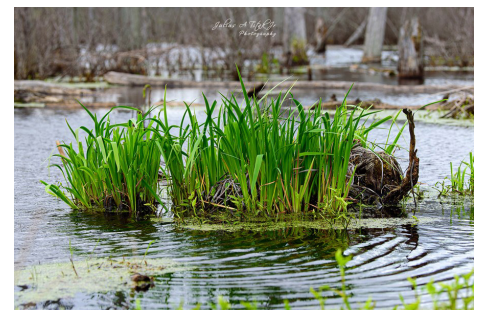
Patrice Lawson



Jerry Straw



Jerry Straw



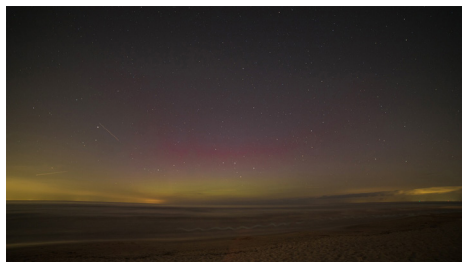
Julius Titak



# NORTHERN LIGHTS



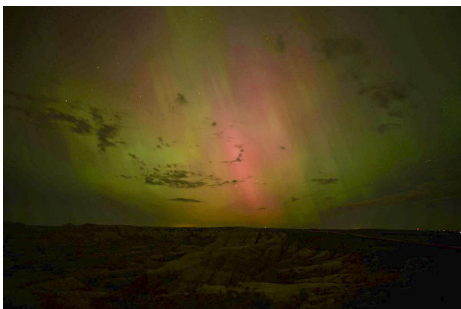
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Harry de Courcy | Dunbar Beach



John Moore | Kemil Beach



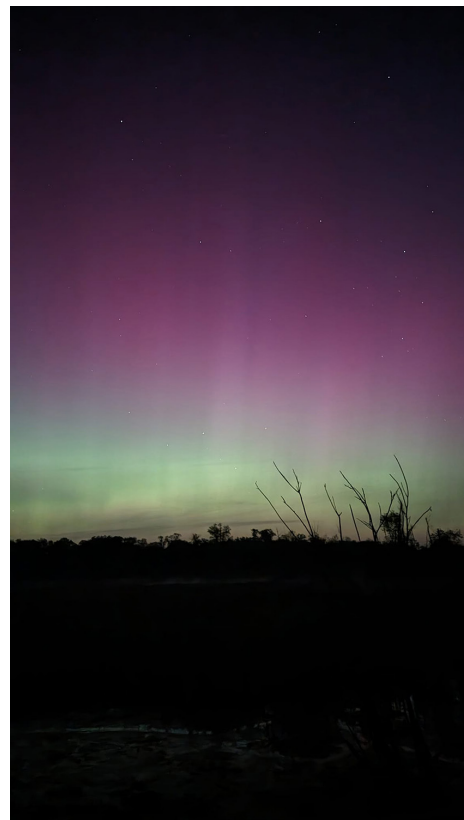
Terry Fairchild



Teresa Sheppard | Union Pier



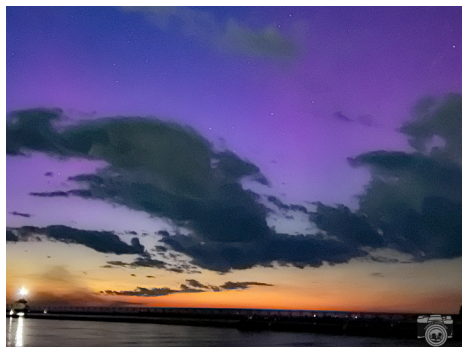
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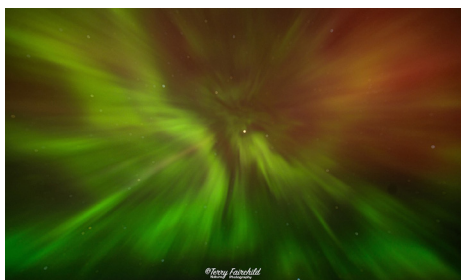
Steve Bensing | Chellberg



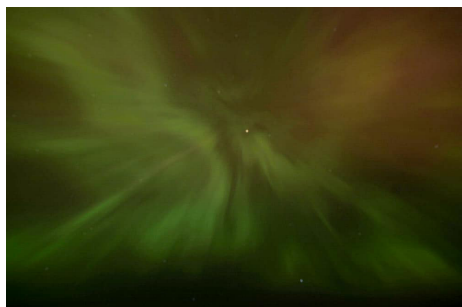
Teresa Sheppard | Silver Beach



Paul Ewing | Indiana Dunes



Terry Fairchild | Badlands



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Dawn Duty





## CARTER'S CORNER

### GEORGE BURNS

George has traveled to Scotland. He stayed near Ardmore in the West of Scotland. The picture is by his Son-in-Law, Paul Hogg.



### CHAD HOWELL

Chad enjoyed a trip to St. Augustine, Florida. Looks like a good time!



### DINA HEIJSELAAR

Dina recently went on a trip to Europe. Here is a photo of hers from the Netherlands.



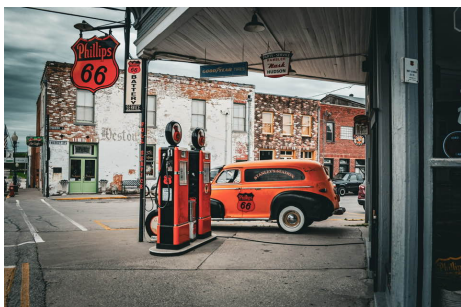
### DES KASHYAP

Des enjoys model trains. He recently built one at a unique place in his house.



Submit items of personal or family news for **CARTER'S CORNER** to [DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com](mailto:DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com) with the subject line of **CARTER'S CORNER**.

## MEMBER'S PHOTOS



Vanessa Shaffer



Sharon Kerner Mathews



Harry de Courcy





Carol Estes



Teresa McGinley



Teresa Sheppard



Scott Miller



Scott Miller



Vanessa Shaffer



Sharon Mathews-Kerner



Teresa Sheppard



Dave Lasayko





Teresa Sheppard



Julius Titak



Paul Ewing



Julius Titak



Paul Ewing



Dina Heijver



Paul Ewing



Paul Ewing



Teresa Sheppard



# HAPPENINGS

## 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**.

Friday, May 24 / 2-5 pm  
Saturday, May 25 / 11 am-2 pm

- Summertime! Exhibit at the Art Barn
- Art dropoff
- Art Barn School of Art
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, May 25 / 2-5 pm

- Summertime! Exhibit at the Art Barn
- Art dropoff and hanging (help needed)
- Art Barn School of Art
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

May 28-June 27

- Summertime! Exhibit at the Art Barn
- Art Barn School of Art
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Friday, May 31

- An evening to celebrate art and Help Art Barn sow seeds of inspiration a Fundraiser
- www.artbarnschool.org/otgo
- Purdue Northwest Great Hall
- 1401 S US 421, Westville

Tuesday, June 4 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Michael Caterina, Using a mobile studio for location shots | bring photos of spring photography on a thumb drive

Friday, June 7 / 5-7 pm

- Artists' Reception
- Food drop-off at 4:30 pm
- Art Barn School of Art
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Saturday, June 15 / 7 pm

- Art Guild of Valparaiso Reception
- Art Guild of Valparaiso
- 257 Indiana Avenue
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Friday, June 28 / 11 am-4 pm

- Pick up artwork from Summertime! Exhibit
- Art Barn School of Art
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Tuesday, July 2 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Joel Alderson, Urban Photography- Architectural | bring photos of "a fun place to be" on a thumb drive