


# 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



## JULY NEWS 2024

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## JULY MEETING

Joel Alderson will be presenting on "Urban Photography." He will be showing and explaining his work in industrial settings. Joel is the owner / photographer for Alderson Photography.

There will also be a Show and Tell time on the topic "A Fun Place to Be".

In July, we will have a photoshoot on July 9th in downtown Chesterton, led by Joel Alderson. There will also be a night photoshoot at the Porter County Fair on July 22th.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Five years ago, I wrote the following. I have updated it, but the basics of what I wrote still apply today.

I saw a post on Facebook five years ago from the Lakeland Area Photographic Club of northern Wisconsin. That group had just put up an exhibit at the Howard Young Medical Center in Minocqua. The photo showed Bill Radant had won the Best of Show. This got me thinking about who has influenced me in my photography. I met Bill in Manitowish Waters about 21 years ago while staying at a Bed and Breakfast that Bill and his wife ran. The place was decorated with his beautiful photos, and he even had some for sale. Bill is the one who influenced me to exhibit and sell

my photos. I saw him this past May, where we discussed photography over breakfast. He is now about 93 years old, but still active. Bill is an inspiration and mentor to me.

Many others have taught me things about photography. I got started with my grandfather and dad who took and developed their own photos. Photography was a part of my life from an early age; I got my first camera at age 5. Later, my grandpa let me use his 35mm Leica as I started taking classes in high school.

I first joined the Shutterbug Club (which later became the Duneland Photography Club) about 16 years ago. Being a part of this club has helped me to grow and advance in many ways as a photographer. I have learned much from our meetings, classes, and activities. I met people like Jim Conrad, Deb Armstrong, Norman Turner, Jim Rettker, Dan Ruggaber, Victor Grimes, Donna Lind, Gordan Wilder, John Giolas, Robert Evans,

Brady Williams, Sharon Kerner, LeAnn Angerman, and many others (too many to list) who have taught me and given me many ideas over the years. (Sadly, Jim C., Victor, John G., Brady and others are now gone, but their influence lives on). I appreciate many more who have joined us over the years. You have given presentations, led activities, shown your work, shared ideas on Facebook and volunteered. Your influence lives on in me. I am also encouraged by the enthusiasm and participation of our newer members who continue to make this fun. I learn something from each of you.

Think about who has influenced and mentored you in your photography. Then share what you know with someone else. Pass it on. You can be a mentor. This is what the Duneland Photography Club is about.

Steve Bensing

*President*





# JUNE MEETING RECAP

The June meeting brought many announcements, including the sad news regarding Sharon Kerner's accident in the hot air balloon. A prayer was said and Georganna has offered to take cards to Sharon. Dawn wants to set up a committee to help Sharon and her family.

New members and visitors and visitors were welcomed.

Upcoming events were announced, including:

- Art Barn exhibit "Summertime"
- Camp Funset is coming up- Sign up to take photos of camp activities

- Photos for critique- Deb Armstrong will be in charge of this. Photos must be mounted on backing boards. Boards are available.
- Summer Solstice Hike at Mount Baldy June 20th
- Art Barn is looking for matted photos and cards of butterflies and other pollinators for an upcoming exhibit.

Our guest speaker was Michael Caterina. He spoke on Setting up a mobile studio for location shots. Michael talked about the reasons for setting up a mobile studio and all of the technical aspects related



to the set up. He gave advice on lighting, light modifiers and what type of back drops to use. He showed us many cool examples of portraits that he had made in one of his portable studios. We learned about some of the tricks he has used and also answered questions that we had.

## KUDOS GO OUT TO ...

### CAROL ESTES

Carol was awarded a Second Place at the June exhibit for the Artists' Guild of Valparaiso. Her piece is called "Dawn's Early Light."



### STEVE BENSING

Steve had his photo from downtown Chesterton, "Fall Gazebo" chosen as the center photo of the newly created Chesterton-opoly Game.

It is being sold at the Duneland Chamber of Commerce and other Chesterton Businesses.

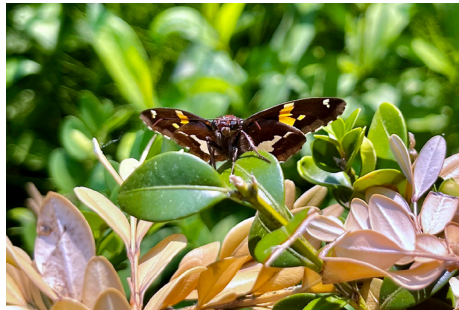




# PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Crystal Hollenbeck | 1st Place  
Sunset Hill



Yuli Soeter | 2nd Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens



Suzan Perry | 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

## SUMMERTIME! ART BARN EXHIBITION



© Steve Bensing

Pictured: John Roquet, Dina Heijsselaar, Robert Evans, Dawn Duty, Gretchen Maguire, Patrice Lawson, Larry Brown, Lorelei Brown, Scott Harness, Peggy Carter, Paul Ewing, Doug Clark, Michael Alvarado, Sandra Teutemacher, Jerry Straw, Linda Camp, Deb Armstrong, Mark Zimmerman, Suzan Perry, Steve Bensing, Virginia Clark

**Photo credit** | Steve Bensing

The Duneland Photography Club held its "Summertime!" Exhibit at the Art Barn School of Arts from May 28-June 27.

Photo credit: Patrice Lawson



Pictured | Doug and Virginia Clark





Pictured | Dina Heijsselaar and Robert Evans



Pictured | Dawn Duty



Pictured | Michael Alvarado and Dawn Duty



Pictured | Deb and Drew Armstrong



Pictured | Peggy Carter, Sandra Teutemacher, and Lorelei Brown



Pictured | Paul Ewing, John Roquet, and Larry Brown



Pictured | Marianne Straw



Pictured | Drew Armstrong



Pictured | Steve Bensing



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## CARTER'S CORNER

### DEB ARMSTRONG

Deb retired after a long career in accounting. She retired to travel with her husband. They bought a van and their first trip was to the Pacific Northwest. Van life was amazing but as her granny was fond of saying, "to you know how sweet your home may be, just go away but keep the key."



### JEFF YELTON

Jeff went to Seattle and Olympic National Park for a family reunion. The picture is in Seattle of Mount Rainier. It was magnificent. It is a very beautiful area.



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**.

### TERRY FAIRCHILD

Terry returned from the Badlands National Park in the middle of May. He intended to photograph the Milky Way on the one clear night, but the northern lights overwhelmed it. Great trade as he was surrounded at times by the Aurora. One morning he saw a bull bison having a dirt bath, Terry stopped and got out with the camera. The bison jumped to its hooves and grunted constantly until he retreated,. He kept his truck between them.

Terry retired on May 31. He had worked at AOC for the last 27 years, and had worked in the electrical field for the last 40 years. Tool belt hung up forever!



### SUSAN KIRT

Susan has her own exhibition at the Country Inn and Suites in Valparaiso from May 2nd - July 31st. It is a collection of photographs of local environment.



**Susan Kirt: Local Environments**  
An exhibition of photographs investigating the natural world close to home.

**Exhibition:** May 2 - July 31, 2024

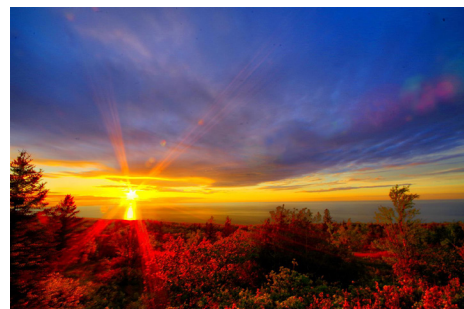
**Artist Reception:**  
Thursday, June 20 from 4:30PM-6:30PM, includes light bites + refreshments

**Location:**  
Das Gallery, Country Inn and Suites by Radisson  
2020 LaPorte Avenue,  
Valparaiso, IN



### PEGGY CARTER

Peggy traveled to Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula last month. She was able to see lighthouses, waterfalls, sunsets and even a ski jump.



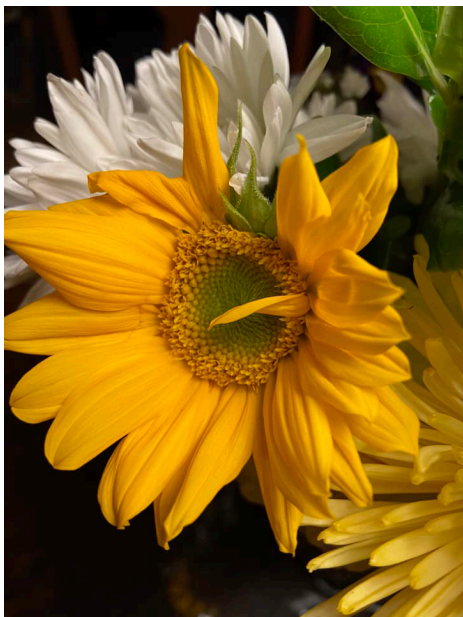
### STEVE BENSING

Steve and his wife Betty, accompanied Peggy on this "Up North" trip. He enjoyed visiting new places and photographing sunrises. One was in Bayfield, Wisconsin, and another was taken overlooking Copper Harbor, Michigan from Brockway Mountain.





# MEMBER'S PHOTOS



Linda Camp



Bob Capen



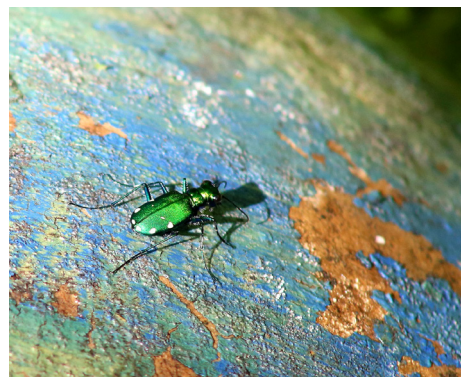
Dawn Duty



Harry de Courcy



Stephanie Tanke



Jerry Straw



Julius Titak





Terry Fairchild



Dawn Duty



Bob Capen



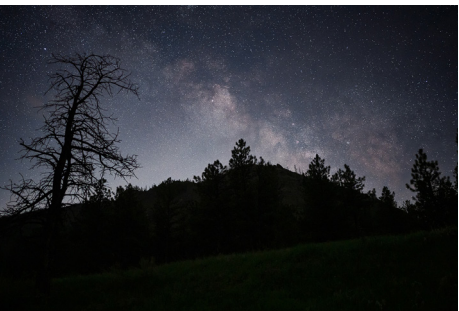
Terry Fairchild



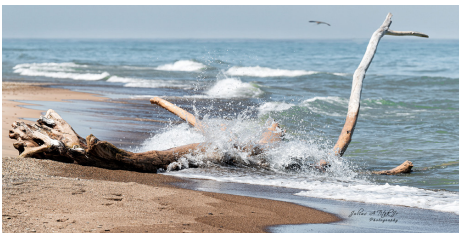
Mark Robinson



Julius Titak



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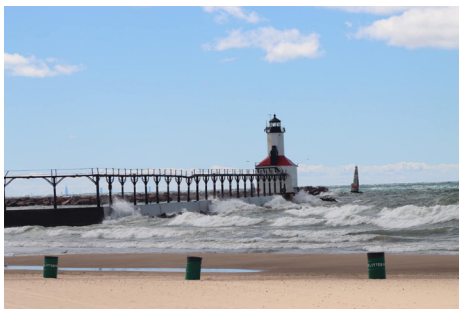


Julius Titak

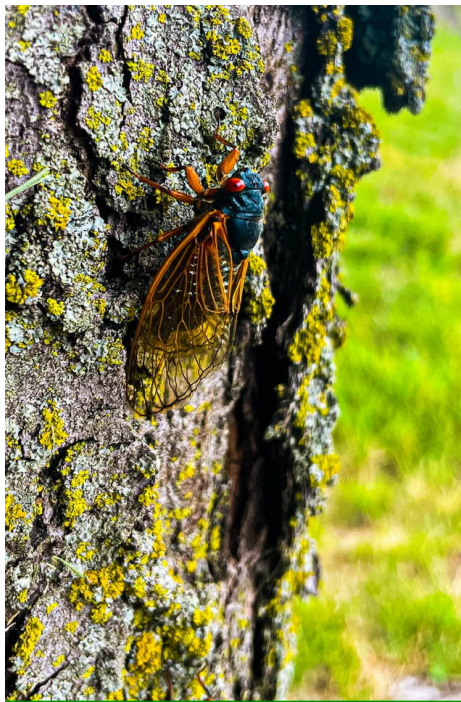


Wendy Vander Kooi





Kim Long



Vanessa Shaffer



Bob Capen



Chad Howell



Paul Ewing



Julius Titak



Connie Kassal



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.
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- Submit **MEMBER NEWS** of photography interest for the newsletter to **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com** with the subject line of **NEWSLETTER**.

Friday, June 28 / 11 am-4 pm

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

Saturday, June 29 / 9 am-3 pm

- Porter County Master Gardners Garden Walk 2024
- Chesterton, Indiana
- <https://tinyurl.com/yc2mc49t>

Tuesday, July 2 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Joel Alderson | Urban Photography/Architectural
- Show and Tell | A Fun Place to Be | bring photos on a thumb drive

Tuesday, July 9 / 5:30 pm

- Urban Photography in Chesterton
- Meet at the Gazebo

Friday, July 12

- Pre-registration for Porter County Fair Open Class
- [mpralph@comcast.net](mailto:mpralph@comcast.net)

Sunday, July 14 / 12 noon-6 pm

- Photography Exhibit Drop-off for Porter County Fair Open Class
- 12 categories
- <https://tinyurl.com/326zh9t8>

Friday, July 19 / 4-7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso Drop-offs
- <https://www.agofvalpo.com/>

Saturday, July 20 / 4-7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso Reception
- <https://www.agofvalpo.com/>

Monday, July 22 / 6:30 pm

- Night Photoshoot at Porter County Fair
- Meet at the entrance to the Midway

Thursday, July 25

- Entry Form Deadline for Butterflies and Beyond
- **DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com**

Tuesday, August 6 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Paul Ewing | Focus Stacking
- Show and Tell | Urban or Architectural | bring photos on a thumb drive