

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

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWS

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

The monthly meetings of the Duneland Photography Club are the first Tuesday of each month. The September 3rd meeting will be at 6:00pm at the Sunset Hill Farm County Park in the Horton Family Education Center. Doors open at 5:00pm for mentoring and individual help.

John Roquet will be doing a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in

Photography. John is an active member and mentor of the Duneland Photography Club, as well as a past leader of the ImageMakers Club. John was recently honored with a Monthly Volunteer Spotlight for his work over the past 35 years at the Indiana Dunes National Park.

There will also be a Show and Tell time on the topic "Summer Favorites."



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



In many ways, photography has changed over the years. The cameras and equipment are quite different. How the image is captured and preserved has improved. But the basic idea is the same, using light to make an image.

On the website historyfacts.com there is an article "The First Candid Photograph of a Person was Taken in 1838." Try to picture this. About 200 years ago, photography was in its infancy. In England and

France, people were trying to figure out how to make photographic representation of people and things.

The first photograph was credited to Joseph Nicéphore Niépce in 1827, titled "View from the Window at Le Gras.". It was quite a feat, using a camera obscura with a light-sensitive metal plate. From our perspective, it had a very low ISO (sensitivity), because the exposure of the scene took several DAYS! This would not work for making portraits.

A couple years later, Niépce met Louis-Jacques-Mandé Daguerre. They worked together to create the daguerreotype, which had the advantage of a "quick" shutter speed of 4 or 5 MINUTES. It was quite an improvement!

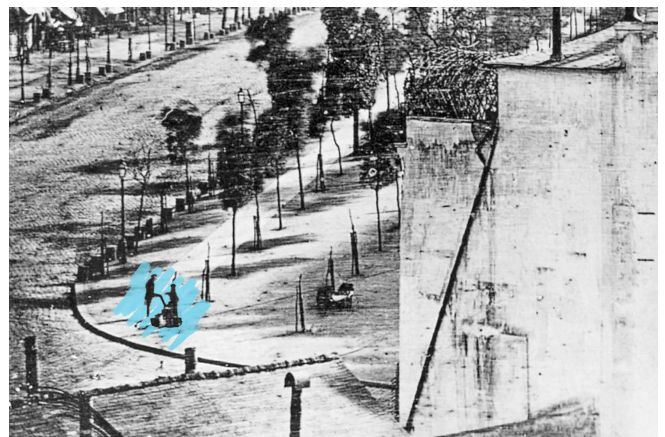
In 1838, Daguerre created the attached image. It is believed to be the first one with a person in it. Taken at Boulevard du Temple in Paris, there was a man having his shoes shined. This unknown man was holding still long enough to be

captured in this image. So this became known as the first "candid photograph."

Photography has changed much over the last 200 years. Our cameras today stop the action of an athlete in motion, a bullet breaking through glass, or splash of a water drop. Even though the technology has advanced, the most important part of a photo is the vision and skill of the photographer behind it.

At the Duneland Photography Club we help each other succeed in making good photos. We teach the "how to" skills and encourage the creativity of the mind.

Steve Bensing
President



AUGUST MEETING RECAP

The guest speaker at the August meeting was our own member, Paul Ewing, presented on the topic of "Focus Stacking."

Paul explained why a person may use this method of developing an image. He explained why a person may use this method of developing

an image. He also shared what types of lenses and extension tubes he has used and the program that can be used. Paul shared that he uses Photoshop Elements to blend the layers. His final images included flowers, berries, and salt and pepper.



KUDOS GO OUT TO ...

JOHN ROQUET

John was honored with the August Volunteer Spotlight for the Indiana Dunes National Park.

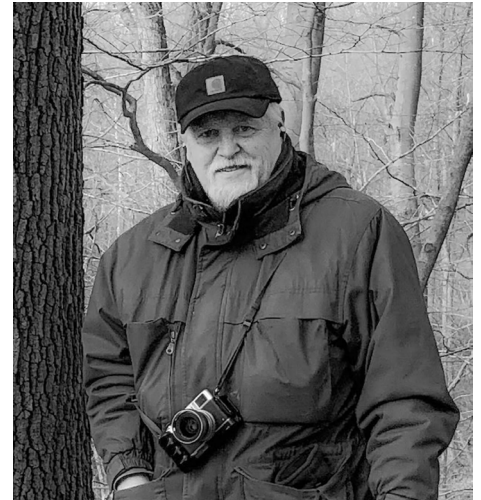
Get to Know John Roquet:

How long have you been a volunteer at Indiana Dunes: 35 years

Why did you join? I always liked the dunes and was visiting during a voyager event and there was a volunteer sign-up. My first event was the fall harvest festival.

What Park volunteer programs are you currently part of? Chellberg farm crew with the chickens and cattle, the Maple Sugar Time festival, and the river crew clearing the Little Calumet river. I've also done photography for the Duneland Fall Festival where I bring an old time 1895 view camera and show visitors what photography was like when the Chellberg family was there.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering? Working with the people I meet in the park and talking to visitors.

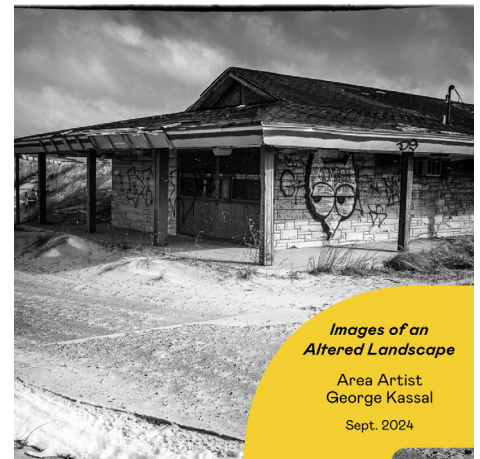


GEORGE KASSAL

George will have work, "Images of an Altered Landscape" on display at the Lubeznik Center for the Arts in Michigan City during the month of September. The opening reception is Friday, September 6 from 5-8 pm.

Don't miss September's First Friday (September 6) featuring the opening reception featuring George and a variety of live music performances.

Lubeznik Center is located at 101 W 2nd Street, Suite 100 in Michigan City, Indiana.



PEGGY CARTER & STEVE BENSING

Peggy Carter and Steve Bensing each had two photos selected for the 2024-2025 Wisconsin Great Waters Calendar for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. One of Peggy's two photos, pictured here, "View from Raspberry Island" was chosen for the back cover of the calendar. Steve's photo, "Ice Cave View," appears in the February calendar.



Peggy Carter



Steve Bensing

PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Steve Bensing | 1st Place
Brookdale Park



Peggy Carter | 2nd Place
Sunset Hill Farm Park



Crystal Hollenbeck | 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 Bridge | 500 E (over the
Kankakee River), Kouts

SUNSET IN MICHIGAN CITY



On August 20th, members of the Duneland Photography Club met in Michigan City to view the sunset from the perspective of the Michigan City Lighthouse.

At this time of year, the sun sets over the skyline of Chicago. The clouds affected our view, but we still had great photo opportunities.

There were 18 members who participated including: Terry Fairchild, Dan Ruggaber, Tony Yovino, Max Dust, Tom Matthewson, Robert Evans, Joe Wixted, Greg Ott, Gretchen McGuire, Patrice Lawson, Stephanie Tanke, Terri Wesson, Peter Wesson, Henry Schultz, Wayne Wodrich, John Moore, Kim Long, and Steve Bensing.

Unable to attend on the 20th, Teresa Sheppard made her journey to Michigan City on Monday, August 19th. While the sun did not make a complete drop behind Chicago, she

was still able to view one building behind the sun.





Gretchen Maguire



Steve Bensing



Teresa Sheppard



Steve Bensing



Kim Long



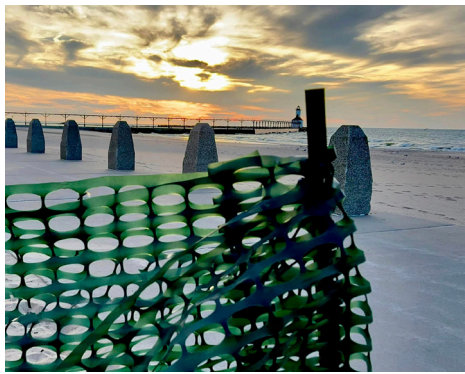
Jerry Straw



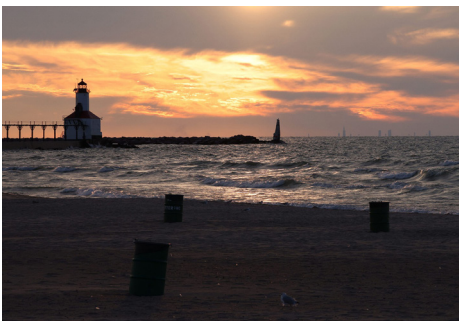
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Steve Bensing

LAKE COUNTY FAIR

On a gloomy, humid, August evening, the Lake County and Duneland Photo Club participated in a photoshoot at the Lake County Fair.

Participants included: Wendy Vander Kooi, Crystal Hollenbeck, Harry and Nancy deCourcy, Doug and Virginia Clark, Jerry and Marianne Straw, and Steve Bensing.

Several members participated and earned multiple ribbons in the photo competition. They included: Wendy Vander Kooi, Michael Kobe, Harry deCourcy, Virginia Clark, and Doug Clark. A special shout out goes to Doug, who received the overall Best of Show. We are including photos to represent each winner (many received multiple awards, but in the interest of space, one of each winner is included).



Steve Bensing



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Doug Clark



Steve Bensing



Harry de Courcy



Steve Bensing



CARTER'S CORNER

Peggy Carter

Peggy ventured to St. Louis and the surrounding area in August. Along with her daughter, Candi, and grandson, Brandon, they visited family, including a cousin who is seriously ill.

They had the opportunity to go to the St. Louis Arch. Here is a photo Peggy took of her daughter and grandson.



Steve Bensing

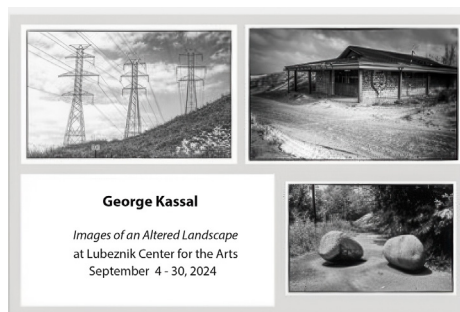
Steve traveled to northern Wisconsin in August to support the annual Pancake Breakfast for Camp Jorn. Before he left on the trip, Steve found a jacket that he wore at Camp when he was a Counselor-In-Training (CIT) at age 15, so he took it with him. He enjoyed the traditional campfire, the "Friendship Fire" with a group of campers who were there for Family Camp. Steve also took

George Kassal

George will have a photography exhibit "Images of an Altered Landscape" at the Lubeznik Center in Michigan City in September. The opening reception will be on September 6, from 5 to 8 p.m., during the First Friday event.

This exhibit combines traditional landscape and social documentary photography.

Black-and-white images record his view of the natural landscape around the Indiana Dunes Region that has been altered by human activity. The photos are descriptive, unemotional, and straightforward. Shown as a series, these images tell a story that encourages the viewer to consider the effects of what we, as a society, do to our world.



time to meet up with photographer friend Libby Scott, who lives in Star Lake, WI, and leads the Northwoods Photography Club in Eagle River. He had the opportunity to spend a night in a Yurt and another night in a regular cabin. Every time he visits Camp Jorn, Steve takes his photo by the Camp sign and by Kolijah, the Native American statue that has been at Camp for over 70 years!

Suzan Perry

Suzan donated framed/matted local summer photos to her church in Valparaiso, to add a bit of color to their foyer. "Consider donating your photo(s) to a worthy cause, not-for-profit organization, alma mater or local place of worship."



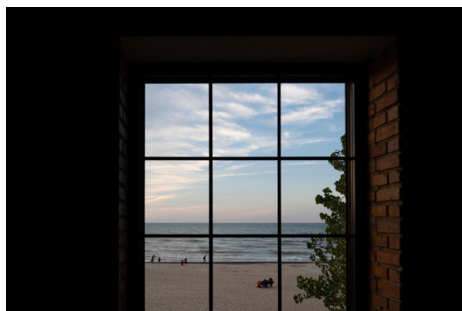
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MEMBER'S PHOTOS



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Crystal Hollenbeck



Teresa McGinley



Jerry Straw



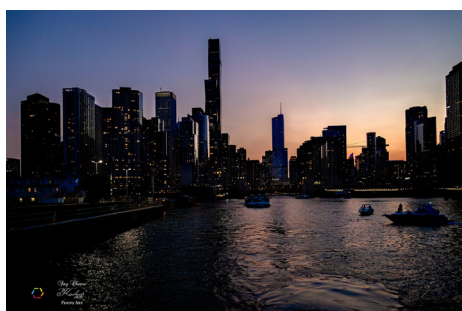
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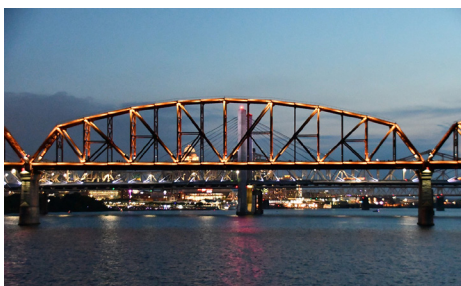
Julius Titak



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Wendy Vander Kooi



Simona Podlecki



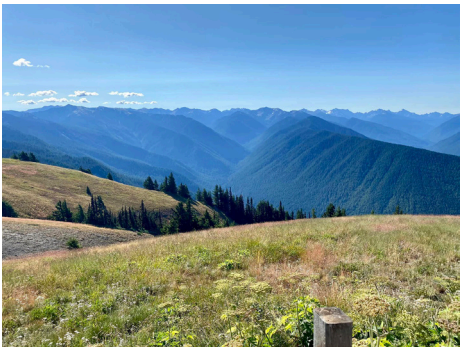
Vanessa Shaffer



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Paul Ewing



Mark Zimmerman



Stephanie Tanke



Crystal Hollenbeck



Harry de Courcy

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**.

Tuesday, September 3 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- John Roquet | AI in Photography
- Show and Tell | Summer Favorites | bring photos on a thumb drive

Wednesday, September 4 / 6:30 pm

- Headshots for Memorial Opera House
- Casa del Roma Banquet Center
- 711 Calumet Avenue
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Friday, September 6 / 5-8 pm

- Reception for George Kassal
- Lubeznik Center
- Michigan City, Indiana

Saturday, September 7 / 3-7 pm

- Benefit Pork Chop dinner for Sharon Kerner and Teri Campbell who were injured in a hot air balloon accident
- Shelby Volunteer Fire Department
- 223318 Shelby
- Shelby, Indiana

Sunday, September 8 / 1:30-5 pm

- Annual Duneland Photography Club Picnic
- Hawthorne Shelter and Horton Family Education Center
- Food, fun, and photography swap

Saturday, September 14 / 4 pm

- Sunflower Photoshoot
- Art Barn
- 695 N 400 E
- Valparaiso, Indiana

Friday, September 20 / 4-7 pm

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

Saturday, September 21 / 9 am-5 pm

- Art Blitz
- Art Barn

Saturday, September 21 / 7 pm

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

Friday, September 27 / Saturday, September 28 pm

- Butterflies & Beyond
- Artwork pickup, September 27 (11-5) Saturday, September 28, 10-1)

Saturday, September 28 / 1 pm

- Fall Harvest Festival
- Meet at Horton Family Education Center
- Sunset Hill Farm
- Full event runs September 27-29, 9 am-5 pm daily

Tuesday, October 1 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Steve Bensing | The WOW Factor
- Show and Tell | Before and After | bring photos on a thumb drive