

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

The Duneland Photography Club is a group of individuals helping each other improve their photography skills through classes, photoshoots, meetings, individual mentoring, community service, and other activities.

For more information, contact the club at DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com or find us on Facebook at facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub

FEBRUARY 2025

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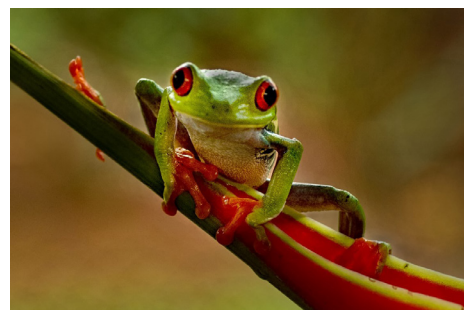
FEBRUARY MEETING

Jim Rettker will be doing a presentation on "HDR Photography."

Jim is an expert in High Dynamic Range photography (HDR). He will give practical help in taking photos for HDR and in using software for putting the HDR images together.

Jim enjoys wildlife and nature photography and is a long-time member of the Duneland Photography Club.

There will also be a Show and Tell time on the topic "Winter Pics."



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



I met Mark Taylor while preparing to photograph the total solar eclipse last April at Rockville Lake Park in Parke County, Indiana. Even though he is from Northwest Indiana, we met a couple hours south of our homes. Mark and I discussed photography and other topics. As we were setting up for the eclipse, he had a problem with his tripod, so I lent him one of mine.

Mark is a free-lance journalist for the Post-Tribune and other publications. He also uses photography in his work. He discussed with me a book he was working on. In a recent article in the Times of Northwest Indiana, columnist Jerry Davich, wrote about Mark Taylor's book, "Hospital Heal Thyself." In the book, Mark discusses the practical applications on the healthcare

system by Eugene Litvak, president and CEO of the Institute for Healthcare Optimization. Several questions are asked, such as: What day of the week should you NOT schedule surgery? What should you ask hospital officials at admission? And how do nurse-patient ratios at hospitals affect mortality rates?

There is so much more to say. With his work, Mark documents how hospitals can be improved, and how we can make it happen. Needless to say, I am very impressed and am interested in getting a copy of his book. By the way, there will be a book signing at the Valparaiso Barnes and Noble Bookstore on February 1st from 1:00-3:00pm.

Mark is interested in joining the Duneland Photography Club. I told him last April about our club. He is quite impressed with us. In the meantime, we have kept in touch by email. He hopes to join us in the next month or so.

Talking to Mark reminds me of the interesting things all of us in the Duneland Photography Club do. We have a common interest in photography, but each of us have other interests and skills that we can enrich each other with. Some of them may involve our jobs or hobbies. I hope we can share our photography and other parts of our lives with each other.

Each month we have opportunities to do that in our meetings and activities. We can also share these things in Carter's Corner, which is a regular column in our Newsletter. We'd love to have you share those things so we can know you better. The Duneland Photography Club is much more than a group of photographers. It is a community of people that enrich each other though our photography and other interests and endeavors.

Steve Bensing
President



JANUARY MEETING RECAP

The January meeting of the Duneland Photography Club was held Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Steve Bensing, President, welcomed the members and guests. A few items discussed which are not included in the newsletter's "Happenings":

- Norman Turner presented "Table Top Photography" at the Saturday, January 11 meeting of the Lake County Photo Club. He will be teaching a class on that topic for the Porter County Parks at Sunset Hills Farm on March 22nd.

Presenter for the evening was Kristina Knowski. She spoke on "Framing Your Photography." Kristina is the owner and framer at the Ancillaerie Gallery and Frame Shop in Chesterton.

Kristina gave an in-depth talk on framing; beginning with what to do before you frame, to the elements of frame design, when and how to use mats or what to do if you choose not to use a mat, the purpose of matting, what color mat should you use or should you go neutral? Then she talked about choosing the best glazing (regular glass or a special

glass, or acrylic). Kristina also spoke about the use of a canvas rather than a frame and mat. Finally, she talked about how to hang the frame. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

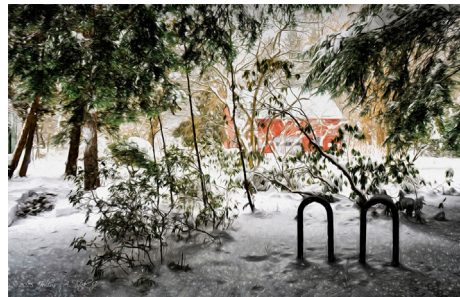


Patrice Lawson

PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Deb Armstrong | 1st Place
Sunset Hill Farm Park



Julius Titak | 2nd Place
Brincka Cross Gardens



Dan Ruggaber | 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

KUDOS

Steve Bensing

The Town Planner publishes local calendars in the Northwest Indiana-area.

Steve Bensing had two photos chosen for use in three calendars for 2025. "Sunflower Field Sunset" is being used for the the St. John calendar in August and the Cedar Lake calendar in September. "Fall

Gazebo" appears in the Duneland calendar in August.



Steve Bensing, Linda Camp, Peggy Carter, Dawn Duty, Terry Fairchild, Dina Heijsselaar, Chad Howell, and Susan Kirt,

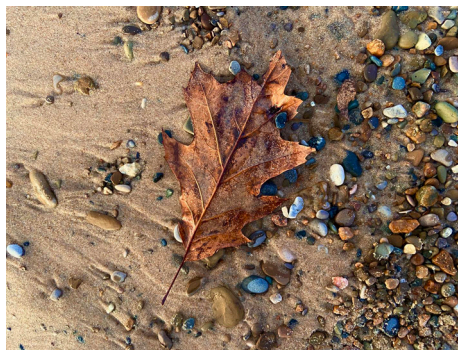
Westchester Public Library selected photographs from local artists to create a gallery wall which is being featured as part of the Baugher Center renovation and redesign.

The Library chose from a variety of images representing Westchester Township (which includes the towns of Chesterton, Burns Harbor, Porter, Dune Acres, and the Indiana Dunes State Park). Images of iconic architecture, wildlife, local traditions, or local culture were all considered. A total of 12 images from eight photographers were picked.

Each selected photograph is being placed on display in the Baugher Center with a placard including the artist's name. The selected photographers also receive a \$50 honorarium for each piece that was chosen. There will be a reception for the winning artists. Congratulation to the following members of the Duneland Photography Club.



Steve Bensing | Beach House Blowout



Linda Camp | Findings in the Sand



Peggy Carter | Downtown Chesterton



Steve Bensing | Twilight Parade



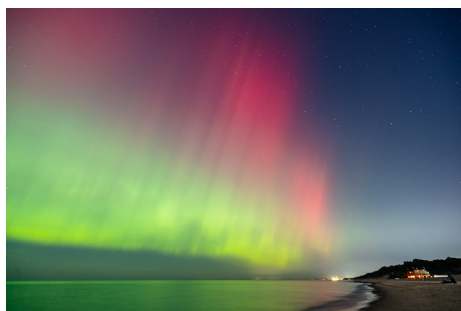
Peggy Carter | Brown Mansion



Dawn Duty | Red Head in Winter



Terry Fairchild | Dunes Pavilion at Night



Chad Howell | October Sky, Aurora Surprise



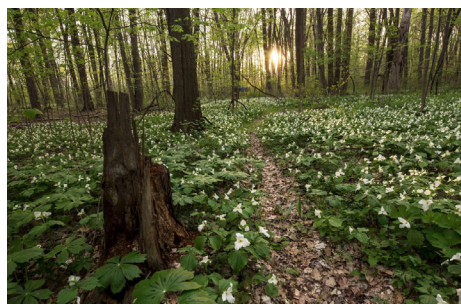
Susan Kirt | Monarch Caterpillar- Indiana Dunes State Park



Dina Heijselaar | Riley's Railhouse



Chad Howell | Sugar Time at Chellberg



Susan Kirt | White Trillium- Shirley Heinze Land Trust

Carol Estes

Carol Estes is excited to have delivered 10 of her Impressionism Art works for the First Quarter of 2025.

Carol sends a thank you to the Valparaiso Creative Council for selecting her.

Five pieces went to Roots Market Café and five pieces went to Lower Lincoln.



Do you have something that needs to be announced to the group? Please submit to DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com with subject KUDOS.

ARTISTS' GUILD OF VALPARAISO

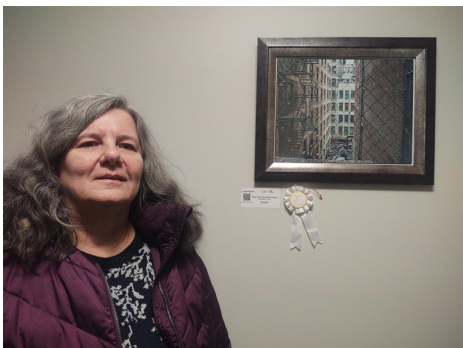
Members of the Duneland Photography Club attended the reception of the Artists' Guild of Valparaiso on January 18th.

They included: Peggy Carter, Steve Bensing, Deb Armstrong, Carol Estes, Dina Heijselaar, Lorelei Brown, and Larry Brown.

Steve, Deb, Carol, and Lorelei received ribbons, with Lorelei Brown winning 3rd place, Deb Armstrong winning 2nd Place, and Carol Estes winning 3rd place.

Congratulations to all!

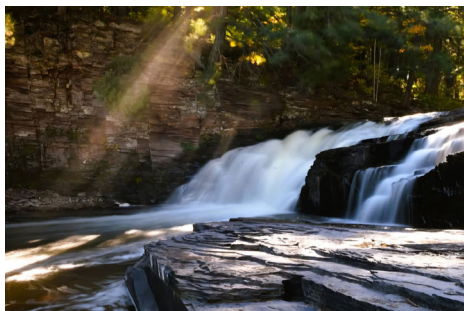
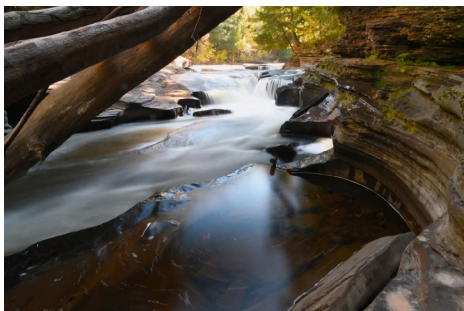




CARTER'S CORNER

Wendy Vander Kooi

Wendy went to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan the first week of October. She learned to photograph water, and discovered a different world!!



Steve Bensing

Steve recorded an *Art on the Air* spotlight interview with Larry A Brechner. It aired on WVLP in late January. The total interview was six minutes long and Steve discussed the Duneland Photography Club and the exhibit at the Art Barn.



Submit items of personal or family nexs for **CARTER'S CORNER** to DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com with the subject line of **CARTER'S CORNER**.

Sherry and Rod Holt

Sherry and Rod visited the Basilica at the University of Notre Dame. Their first time visiting, it's a beautiful church and definitely worth a stop on a road trip.



Stephanie Tanke



Wendy Vander Kooi

MEMBER'S PHOTOS



Julius Titak



Dawn Duty



Peggy Carter



Mark Zimmerman



Bob Capen



Vanessa Shaffer

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 nexs 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, January 31 / 1-4 pm or
Saturday, February 1 / 10am-1 pm

- Drop off artwork at Art Barn for the Winter Wonders exhibit. Volunteers needed to set up exhibit at 1:00 pm on Saturday

Saturday, February 1 / 1-3 pm

- Book Signing for Mark Taylor at Valparaiso Barnes & Noble

Tuesday, February 4 / 5-8pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Meeting presenter & topic | Jim Rettker "How to do HDR"
- Show and Tell | "Winter Pictures" bring photos on a thumb drive

February 4-27

- Winter Wonders exhibit at the Art Barn

February 8 / 6-8 pm

- Reception at Baugher Center, 100 W Indiana Avenue, Chesterton

Wednesday, February 12 / 6-7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso, Drop Offs; www.agofvalpo.com

Saturday, February 15 / 1-3 pm

- Reception for Winter Wonders exhibit at the Art Barn (arrive at 12:30 with food)

Saturday, February 15 / 7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso Reception; www.agofvalpo.com

Saturday, February 22 / 3 pm

- Winter Photoshoot at Indiana Dunes State Park

Wednesday, February 26

- Deadline to enter Art Barn Juried Exhibition; tinyurl.com/yzkvcxz3

Friday, February 28 / 11 am-4 pm

- Pickup artwork at the Art Barn

Tuesday, March 4 / 5-8pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Meeting presenter & topic | Dave Lasayko: Albumen Salt Printing
- Show and Tell topic "HDR" | bring photos on a thumb drive