

# 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

## APRIL 2025

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## APRIL MEETING

The April meeting of the Duneland Photography Club will be led by Joel Alderson. His presentation is on "Looking for Cool Subjects." Joel is a member of the club and has his own photography business. The meeting is April 1st at Sunset Hill Farm County Park in the Horton Family Education Center. at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:00pm for mentoring.

Joel is planning for a field trip on April 8th as a follow up to his presentation. We will meet at the Schoolhouse Shop in Furnessville at 5:00pm to continue to find cool subjects.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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**W**hat good is photography? If photography didn't exist, how would our lives, our world be different? What good can you do with photography? How does it help you and others?

Photography has been around for almost 200 years. The technology has changed, but the idea is the same. Photography is the process of capturing light in the form of visual images. Before photography, people had to use the arts of painting or sculpture to create a physical object that is a visual representation of a person or thing. The technology of photography has moved from

film and chemical processes to digital and electronic processes. It has become more convenient, but something may be lost.

So, photography is a way of documenting what we see. I know what my great-great grandparents, Alfred and Anna Wood, look like because I have a picture of them from over 100 years ago. The past was preserved in the photo. Before then, a skilled painter was needed to do a portrait, but as photography became more accessible to people, we see what life was like to the average person back then. That is one of the reasons I enjoy photographing family and family events.

Thinking of preserving the past, we have historical photos that give us a picture (pun intended) the great events of history, going back to the Civil War. So, our society is enriched by seeing and understanding our history.

Almost everyone today has some type of camera. We share photos of people and events on social media. Over time, some photos may be preserved, but I am afraid, that 25, 50 or 100 years from now, many will be gone. This is because many electronic images are not backed up or printed. Then they are lost, not being saved as a physical object

such as a print or negative.

At the Duneland Photography Club, we not only help each other learn how to take photos and capture worthy images, but we teach selecting, printing, exhibiting, and preserving photos that can stand the test of time.

Steve Bensing,  
*President*



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](mailto:DunelandPhotographyClub@gmail.com) or find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub](https://facebook.com/dunelandphotoclub)



# MARCH MEETING RECAP

Steve Bensing welcomed new members and visitors. He also read the thankyou card that Christine sent thanking the club for letting her speak at our meeting in January.

Program Speaker for the meeting was Dave Lasayko. The topic was Salt Printing With Digital Negatives: Bringing the 19th Century into the 21st Century with Photography. In Dave's presentation we watched a video of a photographer going through the process of taking a photo and developing it using the salt formula method to create a portrait that had the 19th Century look. Dave gave us information on

the supplies we would need and showed us an example he had done with a photo he had taken of Steve with his digital camera. He then took the image and made a negative he could develop with the salt and albumen method. The process is quite technical and very fascinating!

Show and Tell theme was Before and After Editing

Many Members participated in tonight's "Show and Tell" including- Carol Estes, Peggy Carter, Steve Bensing, Greg Stephan, Paul Ewing, Matt Kowalski, Terry Fairchild, and Patrice Lawson.



# PORTER COUNTY PARKS CALENDAR



Dina Heijsseler | 1st Place  
Brookdale Park



Steve Bensing | 2nd Place  
Brincka Cross Gardens



Peggy Carter | 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



## CARTER'S CORNER

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### Dina Heijseelaar

Dina traveled to Spain, where she was visiting her sister.

Photos were taken in the Hondon Valley near Alicante. The Region is known for Vineyards, Almond and Olive tree Orchards and is situated about 40km west of Alicante, Spain.



### Teresa McGinley

Teresa and her husband took a trip to St John US Virgin Islands for their spring break.

They mostly spent time sitting in the shade on the beach. She did manage to get a couple of pictures though. They enjoyed their mornings watching the hummingbirds and sugar birds feed.



## KUDOS

### Dawn Duty

Dawn says it best, "Thrilled that my photo "Stairway to Heaven" has been accepted into the juried art show at the at the Art Barn."

Congratulations, Dawn. Well done!



## ARTISTS' GUILD OF VALPARAISO

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Several members of the Duneland Photography Club participated in the Artist Guild of Valparaiso. A reception on March 16th celebrated the one-year anniversary of this group.

Deb Armstrong received an Honorable Mention for "Thinking Chairs." Lorelei Brown sold her piece "Romantic Pond." Carol Estes also participated.





# TABLE TOP PHOTOGRAPHY

The Duneland Photography Club in conjunction with the Porter County Parks Department, held a class on March 22nd on Table Top Photography. The class was offered at no charge to the general public, as well as members of the club.

With the leadership of Norman Turner, the class was planned to help participants learn their cameras better. John Roquet and Jim Rettker set up the Table Top displays and gave instructions. They were assisted by Sharon Kerner and other club members.

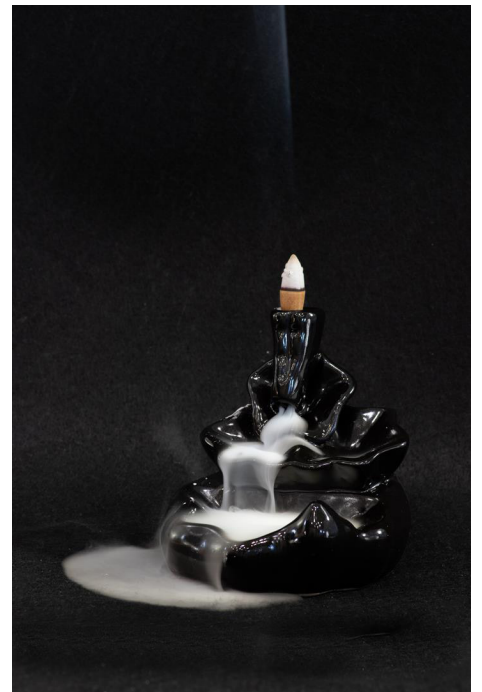
Thanks to Sharon also for providing her birthday cupcakes as well as water. Also thanks to Suzan Perry

who took attendance and assisted guests.

Other members of the Duneland Photography Club in attendance were: Derek Viehman, Robert Evans, Max Dust, Steve Bensing, Matt Kowalski, Wayne Wodrich, Stephanie Tanke, Jerry Straw, and Sheila Stephenson.

Guests and first-time attendees to a photo club event were: Tom Drake, Amanda Caudillo, Tonya Ferrow, Shana Ferrow, Teri Healy, Shelly Jones, Noelle McGlinn, Susan Taylor, Natale Williams, and Rhonda Underwood.

Photo credit | Steve Bensing





# WOMEN'S ART EXHIBITION

Members Sheila Stephenson and Carol Estes participated in the Women's Art Exhibition at Purdue Northwest in Hammond on March 26th.



The photo of the display on the table is from Carol's exhibit last year. This is Sheila's first exhibition. The flower is an example of her work.



# MAPLE SUGAR TIME

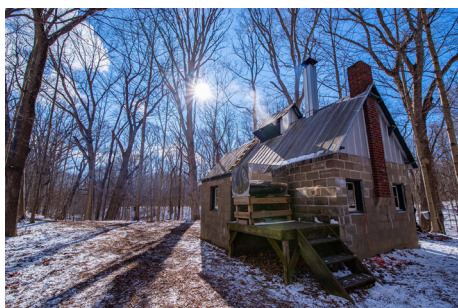
The Maple Sugar Time Festival was held the first weekend of March at Chellberg Farm of the Indiana Dunes National Park.

Steve Bensing, Nancy and Harry deCourcy, Patrice Lawson, and John Roquet (who was a volunteer for the National Park) attended.

There was snow on the ground and a lot of activity.

Chellberg Farm is located at 1100 N Mineral Springs Road, Porter, Indiana.

Photo credit | Steve Bensing





The second weekend in March was Maple Syrup Time at Deep River County Park in Hobart.

Members of the Duneland Photography Club who enjoyed this event included: Steve Bensing, Bob Capen, Harry and Nancy deCourcy, Sharon Kerner, Patrice Lawson, Terry McCaleb, John Moore, Teresa Sheppard, and Stephanie Tanke.

Maple syrup techniques from the voyagers to modern times were demonstrated. Maple syrup produced was sold at the gift shop.

Deep River County Park is located at 9410 Old Lincoln Highway, Hobart, Indiana.



John Moore



John Moore



Patrice Lawson



John Moore



Patrice Lawson



Steve Bensing







Teresa Sheppard



Steve Bensing



Teresa Sheppard



Steve Bensing

**PATRICE LAWSON**

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# MEMBER'S PHOTOS

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Wendy Vander Kooi



Terry Fairchild



Bob Capen



Teresa Sheppard



Stephanie Tanke



Kim Long



Chad Howell



Des Kashyap



Crystal Hollenbeck



Bill Shepard

# HAPPENINGS

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## 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**.

## Tuesday, April 1 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Meeting presenter and topic | Joel Anderson | Finding Cool Subjects | bring photos showing "creativity" on a thumb drive
- Sunset Hill Farm
- Horton Family Education Center
- 775 Meridian Road, Valparaiso

## Tuesday, April 8 / 5 pm

- "Looking for Cool Subjects" photoshoot
- Schoolhouse Shop
- 278 E CR 1500 North
- Chsterton, Indiana (Furnessville)

## Friday, April 18 / 5-8 pm

- Art Barn Juried Exhibition Reception
- Art Barn
- 625 N 400 East
- Valparaiso, Indiana

## Wednesday, April 16 / 6-7 pm

- Artists' Guild of Valparaiso
- Drop Offs
- 255 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso
- agofvalpo.com

## Wednesday, April 19 / 7 pm

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

## Monday, April 21 / 6:30 pm

- Sunset Over the Chicago Skyline
- Washington Park
- Michigan City, Indiana

## Tuesday, May 6 / 5-8 pm

- 5:00 pm | Mentoring
- 6-8 pm | Monthly Club Meeting
- Meeting presenter and topic | Wayne Pope; Smart Phone Photography | bring photos showing "Cool Subjects" on a thumb drive
- Sunset Hill Farm
- Horton Family Education Center
- 775 Meridian Road, Valparaiso

## Upcoming:

- Duneland Photo Club Summer Exhibit
- Promise You Art House
- Highland, Indiana