



Cockade City Camera Club, Inc.

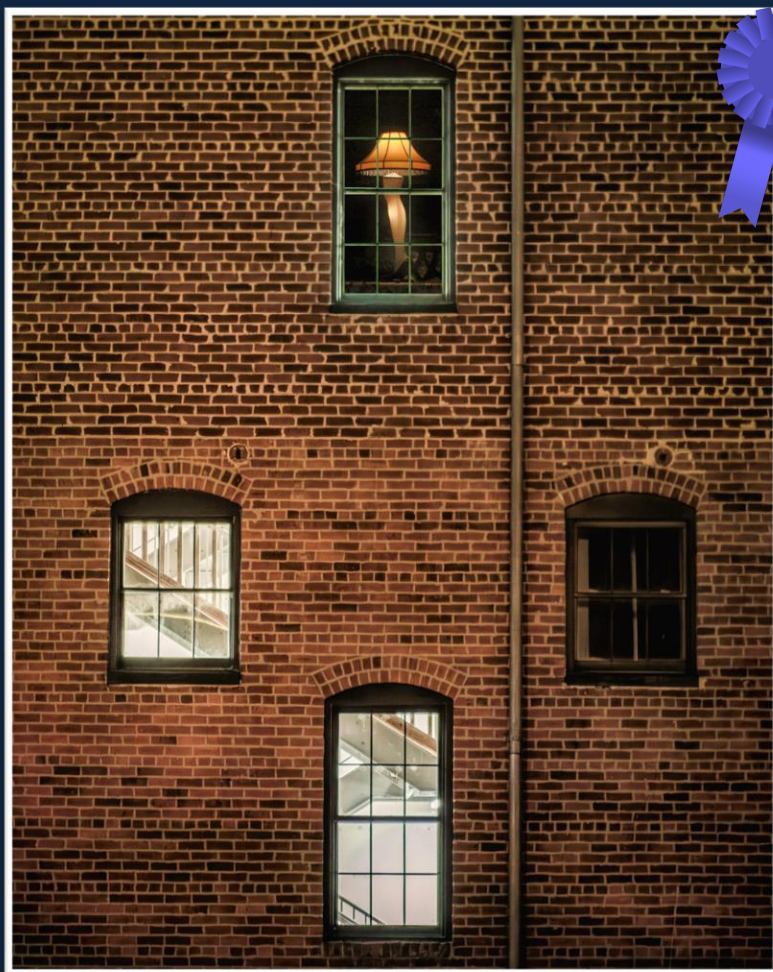
# THE SHUTTERBUG

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## December Photo Challenge Winners “Windows”

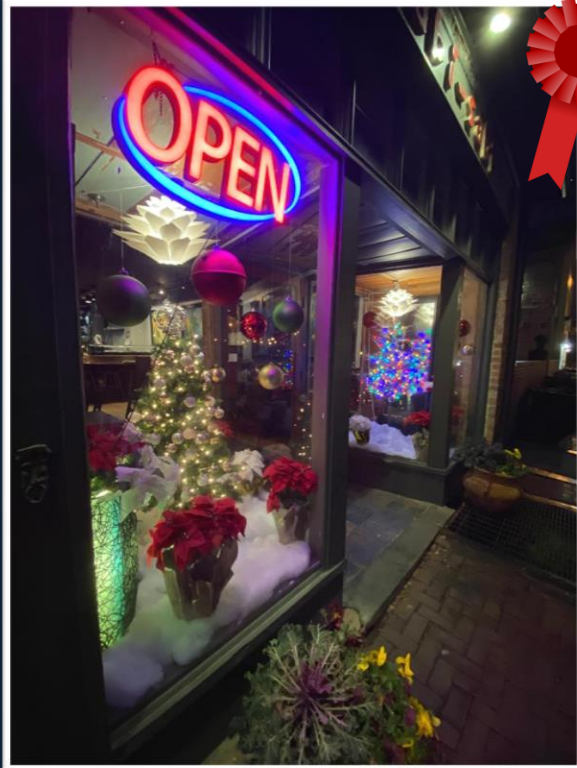


1<sup>st</sup> Place

Larry Tipton  
“It’s a Major Award”

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2nd Place [tie]

John K. Rooney  
“Colorful Christmas”



2nd Place [tie]

Dick Menendez  
“Paradise for Busy Bodies”



**MISSION**

- To promote the art of photography as a hobby in a multicultural, congenial atmosphere.
- To promote educational experiences in the pursuit of excellence in photography.
- To promote public interest in and respect for fine photography.

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Check out our Club on Facebook. Many of our members continue to post great photos, good information and interesting links.



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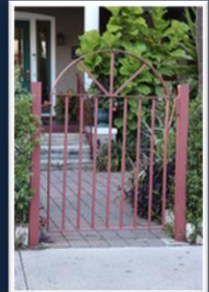
**PayPal links – the Club is now using PayPal to offer members the means of both renewing their membership for 2024 and for separate donations.**

- Here is the link for starting [or renewing] your [membership](#).
- This is the link for making [separate donations](#) to the Club.

## The January 2025 Monthly Photo Challenge

### “Gates”

Gates lead us to places...or from places. They might be there to keep us out of places. Big gates, little gates, fancy, plain – they all serve a purpose. We often ignore them...unless they get in our path. Then we see them and have to make decisions. What gate will you capture this month?



All photos

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Petersburg Area Art League, 7 E. Old Street, Petersburg.

## December Meeting Summary

Larry Tipton opened the meeting at about 6:40 and welcomed the members and guests who came out this evening. He covered the standard administrative comments and details in his opening remarks. Ken Cox updated the members on the current status of the Club Board, introducing the new members who had been elected at the November meeting: Dick Menendez as Treasurer and James Griffiths as Secretary. Ken then addressed the Club's financial situation and encouraged everyone to consider being a little more generous when they filled the Donations bucket. At this point, Juan Giraud spoke and suggested that the Club should certainly think about raising our membership dues, citing that they had not changed for at least the last 6-7 years. The group agreed, and there was a motion from the floor that the membership fees should be raised \$5.00 for each category. At the same time, the members said that the membership period should run from January to December, rather than using the staggered system now in place. Following a unanimous voice vote, it was approved that beginning in January 2025, new and renewing memberships would now be: Single - \$25.00 and Family - \$35.00.

Our format for the meeting was not our traditional sequence of events. As we were going to have an informal social gathering, there was no presentation scheduled. Larry took the program right into the viewing of the Miscellaneous Photos submitted by our members. This month's images came from: Tim Trauger, Tatiana Hoosack, Ray Meade, Pablo Brown, Michael Rooney, Larry Tipton, Ken Cox, John A. Rooney, Jr., John K. Rooney, James Hampton-Snow, and Daniel Jones. [You will find their photos on pages 5-10.]

The group then took a break and voted on this month's Photo Challenge entries. The topic was **Windows**. While the voting was going on, the members shared some light snacks and drinks. Everyone seemed to like this extended time for socializing. It really looked like the group really enjoyed the chance to talk to other folks.

After the final count, the results were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Larry Tipton; 2<sup>nd</sup> [tie] – John K. Rooney and Dick Menendez. [Their photos are on the cover and page 2.]

As a last order of business before we concluded the meeting, the Photo Challenge topic for January 2025 was chosen: **Gates**.

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## December Treasurer's Report

A. Cockade City Camera Club (CCCC) held its monthly regular membership meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2024. The camera club had 4 members sign up in the month of December, 3 of which were renewed memberships, and the other was a new member. Membership fees received on 19 December 2024 totaled \$110.00. The club's new rate for single membership is \$25.00 each and \$35.00 each for family memberships.

B. Cash donations in the amount of \$128.00 were received at the December regular meeting. Donations made are used to offset the Petersburg Area Art League's (PAAL) heating and cooling, bringing the total payments the club received in December 2024 to \$238.00. This amount was deposited on December 20, 2024 in the club's TRUIST checking account.

C. The camera club made the following disbursement in December 2024: State Corporation Comm. Annual Reg. Fee, Chk# 1154, dated 30 December, 2024, \$100.00.

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted,  
Pablo A. Brown, Treasurer

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*"Photography is a calling that requires vigilance and alertness for that moment in time that only occurs once." - Caroline Mueller*

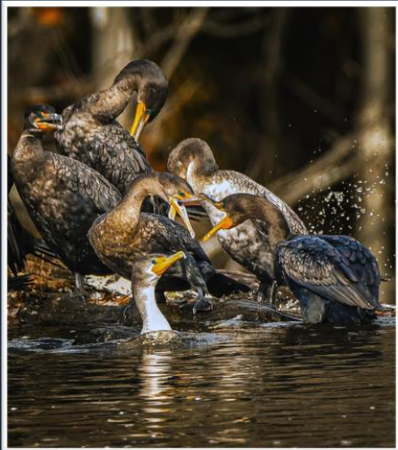
*The best images are the ones that retain their strength and impact over the years, regardless of the number of times they are viewed. - Anne Geddes*



**Members' Gallery** - a sampling of photos submitted by Club members from the past month.



(Photos by Tim Trauger)



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)

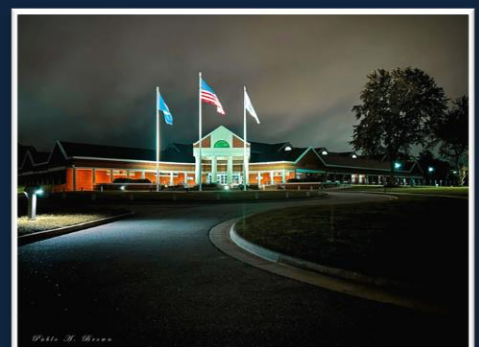


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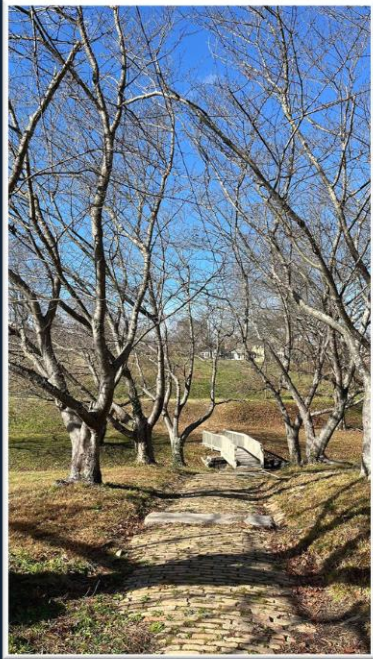


(Photos by Raymond Meade)

(Photos by Pablo Brown)







(Photos by Michael Rooney)



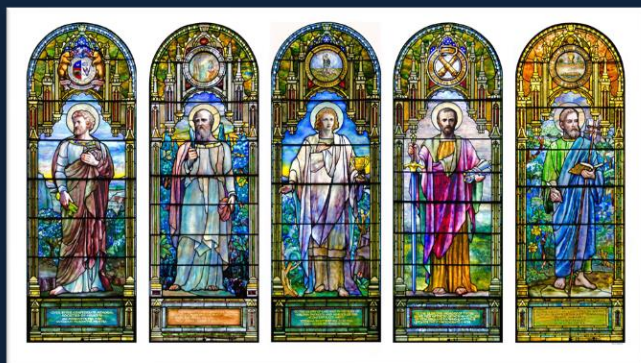
(Photos by Larry Tipton)



Members' Gallery (continued)



(Photos by Larry Tipton)



(Photos by John A. Rooney, Jr.)



Members' Gallery *(continued)*



(Photos by John K. Rooney)



(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



**DAHMER'S FRIDGE**

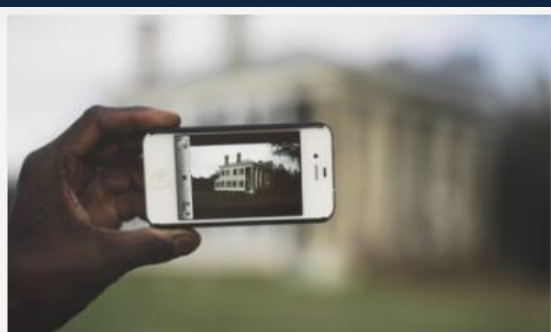
**Members' Gallery** *(continued)*

(Photos by Daniel Jones)



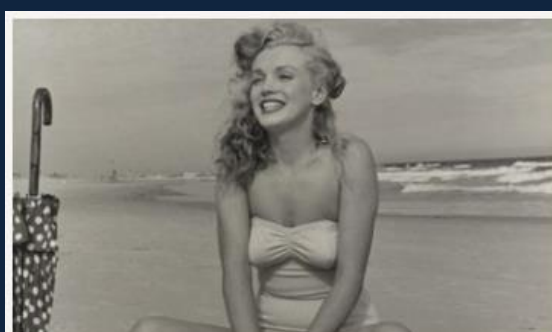
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## Current Photography Exhibits at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



ALTRIA GROUP GALLERY, NEWMARKET GALLERY  
**A Long Arc: Photography and the  
American South since 1845**

OCT 5, 2024 – JAN 26, 2025



ALTRIA GROUP GALLERY, NEWMARKET GALLERY  
**American, born Hungary: Kertész, Capa,  
and the Hungarian American  
Photographic Legacy**

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