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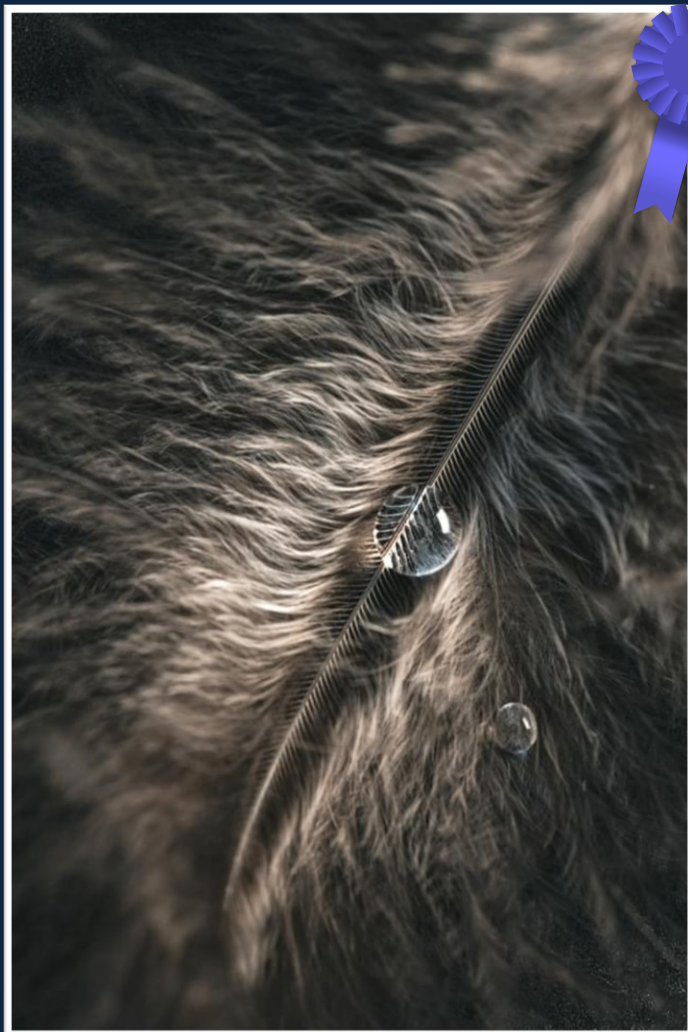
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February Photo Challenge Winners

"Close Up"

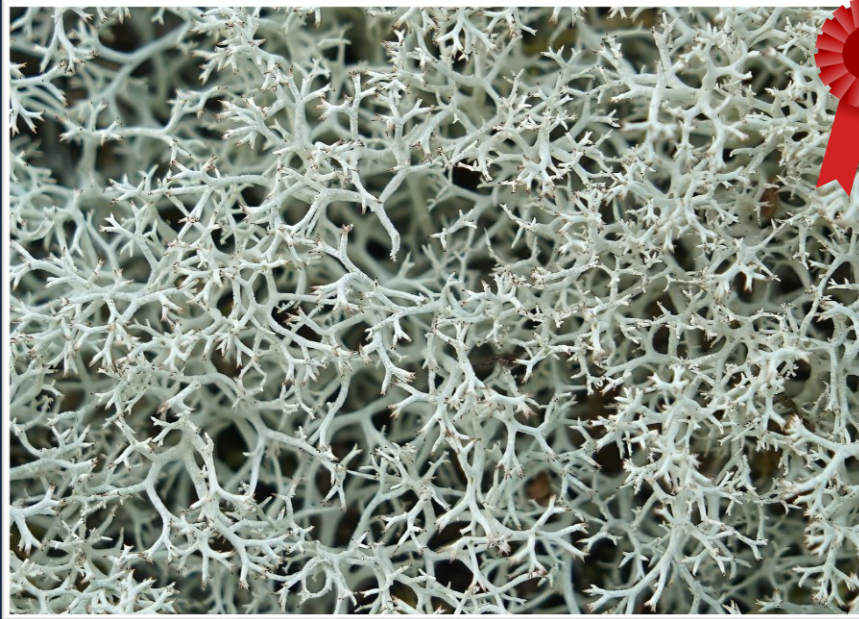


1st Place

Tatiana Hoosack
"Feather in Drama"

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2nd Place
(Tie)

John K. Rooney
"Mossiferous"



2nd Place
(Tie)



John A. Rooney, Jr.
"Zaiya"

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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FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE

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



www.facebook.com/groups/cccccinc

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.

President's Message

Your inspiration was truly inspiring!

At our February meeting, members discussed what inspired them as photographers. People brought books, showed film clips, sent digital photos, and verbally shared some of their favorite sources of inspiration. The volume and breadth of material shared was impressive. It demonstrated that photographers are inspired by all manner of things in the world around them. It also showed that photographers should never stop learning and that the diversity of inspiration strengthens us as individuals and as a Club. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to share what inspires you on our Cockade City Camera Club Facebook page. Much of what was shared at the February meeting is also posted there. Stay inspired, keep shooting, and see you soon!

Cheers,

Daniel

Next Meeting

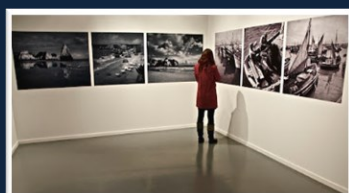
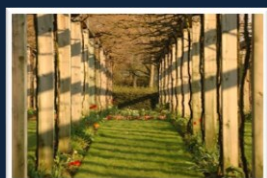
Our next meeting will be March 28th, 2024 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Petersburg Area Art League, 7 E. Old Street, Petersburg.

"You only get one sunrise and one sunset a day, and you only get so many days on the planet. A good photographer does the math and doesn't waste either." - Galen Rowell

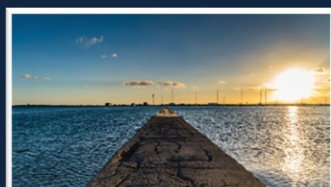
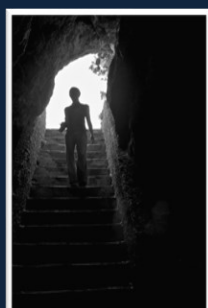
The March 2024 Monthly Photo Challenge

“Perspective”

Perspective in photography refers to the visual connection between the elements in a photo. It involves the angle from which the image is taken, the composition of subjects within the frame, and the viewer’s position to all the elements in a photo. In short, it’s a way of presenting the photo’s subjects to the viewer. It can help you create more dynamic and visually engaging images that instantly capture the viewer’s attention.



All photos



Requirements:

Entries must be on: 8x10, 8½x11, or 8½x12 photo paper. There is no need to frame or mat the photograph. Your photo should be taken between February 22nd and March 28th 2024 .

Winning Photographers

None this month.

Published Photographers

None this month.

Teaching Moment

Daniel Jones introduced a process he developed for solarizing digital images that emulate the work of Man Ray. The final image falls midway between a completed digital photo and a manually solarized film picture. He took the group through the process using some of his own images, stressing that the complete set of steps could be saved and applied to other images.

February Treasurer’s Report

A. Cockade City Camera Club (CCCC) held its monthly regular membership meeting on February 22, 2024. To date, the Camera Club had 5 members sign up in the month of February, 2024; 2 at a family membership rate and 3 at a single membership rate.

B. PayPal membership dues received in February amounts to \$51.02. Cash membership dues received in February amounts to \$70.00. To date, total membership dues received in February 2024, \$121.02. A cash donation in the amount of \$10.00 was received at the February regular meeting. Donations made are used to offset Petersburg Area Art League’s (PAAL) heating and cooling, bringing the total payments the club received in February 2024 to \$131.02.

C. A deposit was made to the club’s TRUIST checking account on 26 February, 2024 in the amount of \$80.00. In February, the club transferred \$51.02 from its PayPal account to its TRUIST checking account.

D. The camera club made the following disbursements in February 2024: 1. Petersburg Area Art League, CCCC rent for February, Ck# 1143, dated February 21, 2024, \$50.00. 2. Model photography services provided for CCCC studio lighting workshop on 24 February, 2024. Daniel Jones paid the models and CCCC wrote a check to Daniel Jones. Check# 1144, dated February 29, 2024, \$200.00.

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted,
Pablo A. Brown, Treasurer

February Meeting Summary

Daniel opened the meeting at about 6 :35 and welcomed the members and guests who came out this evening. He covered the standard administrative remarks and details in his opening remarks. He also highlighted a couple of upcoming Club events: the lighting workshop and photo shoot at Centre Hill Museum on Saturday, February 24th and another in the series of our popular Photo Marathons, on the calendar for Saturday, May 4th.

We then started the session topic for the month: asking members to share information about someone or something that has been an inspiration in their photographic journey. Daniel began by talking about the influence of some cinematographers and their skills in capturing ideas and getting them onto the screen. Then he specifically mentioned the work of a couple of still photographers: Ralph Meatyard and Sol Leiter.

Larry Tipton then spoke about Edward Hopper and the realism of his painting as a source of inspiration. Two photographers whose images and styles who have motivated him are Ernst Haas [whose work was discussed in a short clip from the web vlogger Alex Kilbee] and Art Wolfe, whose mantra is “explore, create, inspire”. Next James Hampton-Snow talked about the influences of grotesque genres on his images. He used a couple of historical images – from the Holocaust and post-war Japan – to discuss how this style has become “acceptable”. Ken Cox added his short input, highlighting vloggers who talk to the art of photography rather than doing gear reviews and “how-to”. Two of his inspirations are Alex Kilbee and Sean Tucker.

Next Pablo Brown talked about using other photographers as sources to emulate – but urged us not to specifically copy their styles. He emphasized that ideas and not gear will create successful images. Our last input came from Paul Goodnow, who was inspired by Peter McKinnon. He particularly referred to a video called “The Bucket Shot” which energized him [Paul] to get his gear off the shelf and to start making images again. He emphasized that it is important to compare your images with your earlier work rather than to that of others.

We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month’s Photo Challenge. The topic was **Close Up**. When the votes were counted the winners were: 1st – Tatiana Hoosack; 2nd [tie] – John K. Rooney and John A. Rooney, Jr.. [Look for their photos on the cover and page 2]. Then we selected the topic for the February Photo Challenge contest: Perspective. [See the details on page 4.]

Next Daniel took a look at Miscellaneous photographs submitted by some of our members this month:

James Hampton-Snow, Larry Tipton, John A. Rooney, Jr., John K. Rooney, Pablo Brown, Tatiana Hoosack and Ken Cox. [See their photos on pages 6-9].

Daniel closed the meeting at 8:30 with a reminder of our next meeting in March [the 28th] and encouraged everyone to capture and enter an image in the Photo Challenge – topic is Perspective.

Miscellaneous Photography Corner

by Ken Cox

Our program this month looked at the inspirations and influences to our photography. The idea that newer, more technological gear doesn’t make better images is something that we all should have in the back of our minds when the camera companies show their newest lines of products at trade shows. Mike Browne, an English vlogger with almost 270,000 YouTube subscribers, may say it best: “Cameras don’t take photos, you do.”

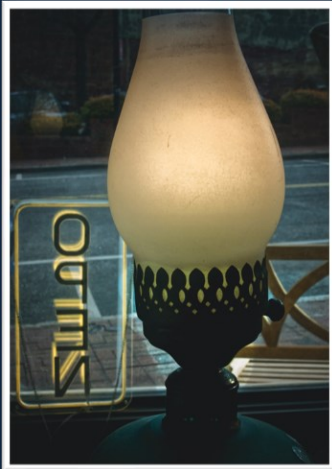
Alex Kilbee of [The Photographic Eye](#) suggests in a recent posting that the right camera from you may not be the one with the most megapixels or the best 4K video capabilities, but rather the one that makes you excited about picking up your camera and going out to make images.

I believe Mike and Alex are right: you take the images and having the right gear – for you – will most likely result in both more enjoyment on your part and better pictures [Here is the link to the full video from Alex Kilbee:

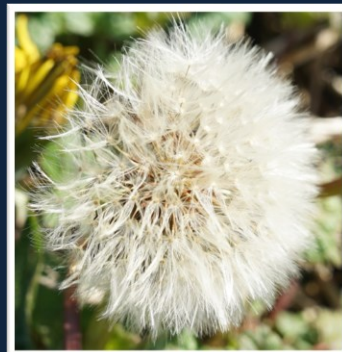
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“Good photography is unpretentious.” - Walker Evans

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



(Photos by Ken Cox)



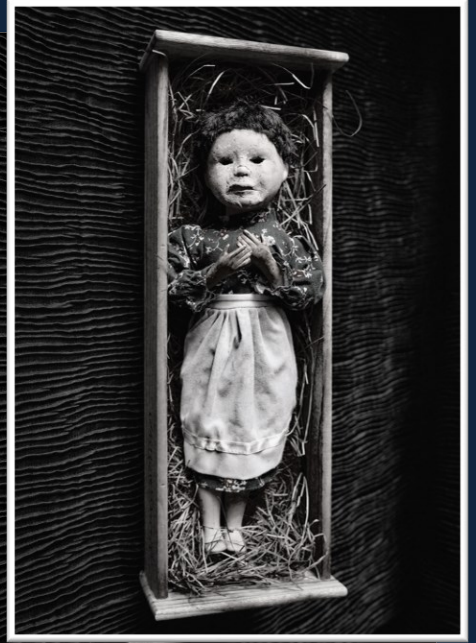
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Members' Gallery *(continued)*



(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



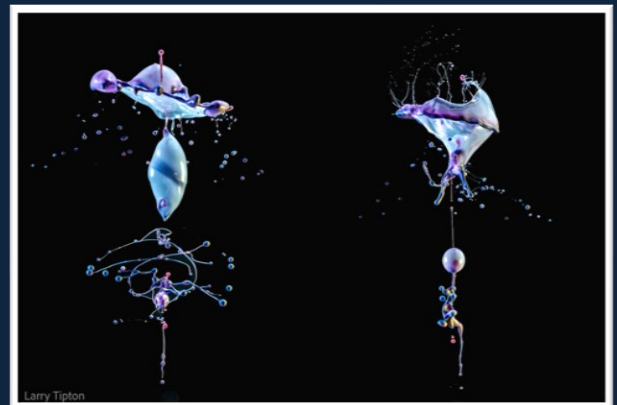
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Members' Gallery *(continued)*



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)



Larry Tipton

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Members' Gallery *(continued)*



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