



Cockade City Camera Club, Inc.

# THE SHUTTERBUG

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## January Photo Challenge Winners "Cold"



1<sup>st</sup> Place

Ken Cox

"Frozen Around the Edges"

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2nd Place

Tatiana Hoosack  
"Morning Beauty"

3rd Place



John K. Rooney  
"Icy Surprise"

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- 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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/cccccinc)

**President's Message**

2024 is off to a great start! With two meetings under our belt, we have received a lot of positive feedback from you, the members. We have discussed the direction of the Club, what inspires us, and already planned two events for the year. One of those events is the Photomathon, a member favorite, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th from 10AM to 12PM in Old Towne Petersburg. I sincerely hope that the feedback you have provided will help us continue to improve the Club and make it a genuine resource for you. All of us lead busy lives, and taking two hours of your precious time monthly is a big deal. We want to continue to provide a positive useful Member experience, so please continue to let us know if there is a topic you wish us to cover, your special event ideas, and anything else you wish to share. Reach out to us at:  
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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.

*"No matter how sophisticated the camera, the photographer is still the one that makes it." - Doug Bartlow*



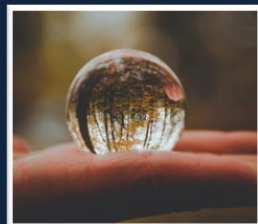
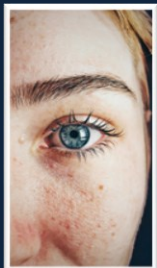
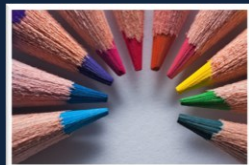
## The February 2024 Monthly Photo Challenge

### “Close Up”

There can be something magical about seeing a subject up close and personal. Close up photography refers to a tightly cropped shot that shows a subject (or object) up close and with significantly more detail than the human eye usually perceives. Macro photography is a form of close-up photography, when you photograph a subject at 1:1 magnification—in other words, the subject appears closer to life-size in the photo. What details can you discover in your image this month?



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### 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 January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024 .

### Winning Photographers

None this month.

### Published Photographers

None this month.

### Teaching Moment

None this month.

### December Treasurer's Report

A. CCCC did not hold its monthly regular membership meeting in December due to the Christmas holiday. The Camera Club had 1 single member for CY 2024 signed up in the month of December through the club's PayPal account, for a total dues collected in the amount of \$30.28. The club's rate for single membership is \$20 each and 2 family memberships at \$30 each.

B. The club transferred \$30.28 from the club's PayPal account to the club's TRUIST checking account on January 1, 2024.

Respectfully Prepared and Submitted,  
Pablo A. Brown  
Treasurer

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at 6:30 pm. We will meet at the Petersburg Area Art League, 7 E. Old Street, Petersburg.

*"Photography, as a powerful medium of expression and communications, offers an infinite variety of perception, interpretation and execution." - Ansel Adams*

## January Meeting Summary

Daniel opened the meeting a few minutes after 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 began the meeting with a summary of the intent of the upcoming February meeting – someone or something that has been an inspiration for any member in their photographic journey. Daniel emphasized that that inspiration could be a person, a unique style, a destination, a genre... Each member was encouraged to bring an example of that influence to the meeting.

Next the meeting changed its traditional agenda and he took a look at Miscellaneous photographs submitted by some of our members this month: Daniel Jones, James Hampton-Snow, John A. Rooney, Jr., Larry Tipton, Paul Goodnow and Tim Trauger. [See their photos on pages 6-9]. We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month's Photo Challenge. The topic was Cold. When the counting was done the winners were: 1st – Ken Cox; 2nd – Tatiana Hoosack; 3rd – John K. Rooney. [Look for their photos on the cover and page 2]. Then we selected the topic for the February Photo Challenge contest: Close Up. [See the details on page 4.]

The last event of the evening was a lively Roundtable Discussion about what events and activities the members wanted as we start a new year of the Club.

With no specific agenda in mind, the members offered up their thoughts on:  
Presentations about:

- Setting up a photography business or retail site
- The wide variety of software applications for postprocessing and content management
- The value of copyrights and digital rights management
- Business contracts for doing photography shoots and events
- Posing vs. candid approaches in doing head shot images

Events and member activities

- Photo editing using the wide variety of applications available

- A lighting workshop [perhaps with models] at a local venue or attraction
- A Photo Marathon, following the 2 previous successful events
- Field trips that emphasize photography. The current shows at the VMFA were highly recommended
- The Club's annual photography show – Lasting Impressions. Emphasis was on getting onto the PAAL events calendar.
- Printing at home vs using local or other professional sources. This might include creating and printing books of one's own work.
- Use of mobile applications, featuring free and purchased editing and displaying images
- Rules of composition beyond the Rule of Thirds to develop new and distinctive styles

At the end of this segment of the meeting it was apparent that the membership has some wide ranging ideas about where they wanted the Club to go in this next year!

Daniel closed the meeting at 8:15 with a reminder of our next meeting in February [the 22<sup>nd</sup>] and encouraged everyone to capture and enter an image in the Photo Challenge – topic is Close Up.

## Miscellaneous Photography Corner

*by Ken Cox*

Sometimes, interesting or worthwhile ideas for photography projects elude us. It makes us feel that we're out of things to shoot, which tends to be discouraging. If you're currently in this situation and feeling the frustration, here's a quick tip worth trying out.

Alex Kilbee of The Photographic Eye suggests using the WAKE system to help with your photography exercise. **W**hat is **W**orthy of being photographed? How can you increase your **A**wareness of what you can take photos of? Once you have those settled, it's important that you **K**eeP shooting and don't overthink what you've done so far. Finally, don't be afraid to **E**xperiment with ideas and explore different approaches; you may just end up with something delightfully surprising!

[Here is the link to the full video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5fneU1FIEP0>]

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



(Photos by Daniel Jones)



(Photos by Tim Trauger)





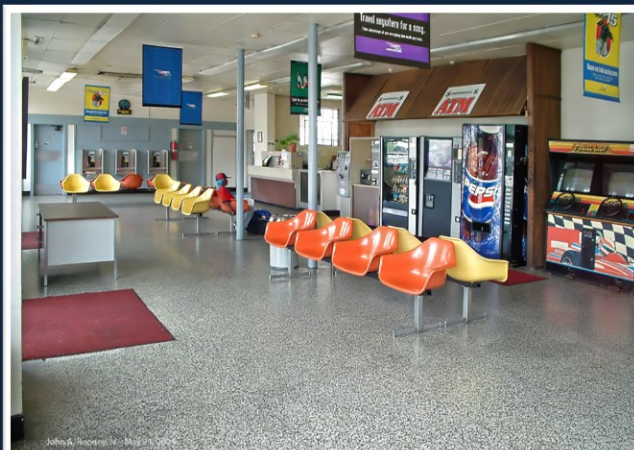
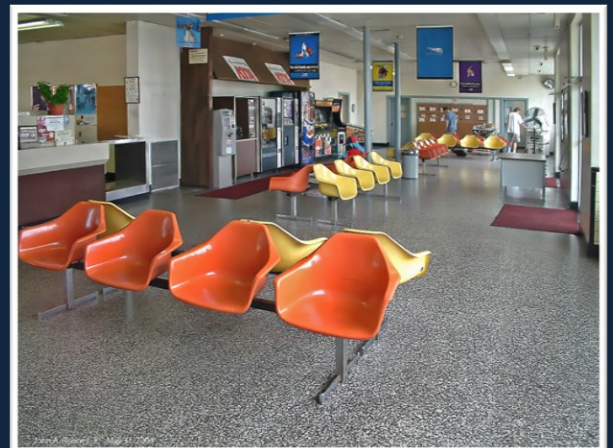
Members' Gallery *(continued)*



(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



John A. Rooney, Jr. - Jan. 13, 2010



(Photos by John A. Rooney, Jr.)

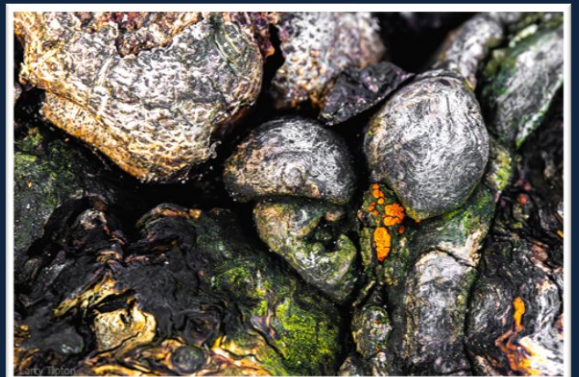
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(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)

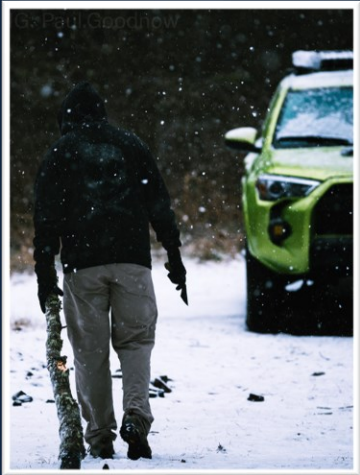


(Photos by Larry Tipton)





Members' Gallery (continued)

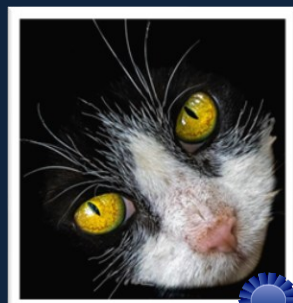


(Photos by Paul Goodnow)

# Congratulations to Tatiana Hoosack!

She earned the most points for her photos entered into the  
2023 monthly Photo Challenges.

February



Feral Eyes



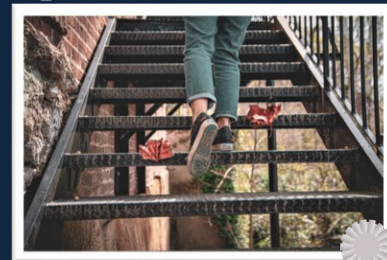
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Amazing Nature



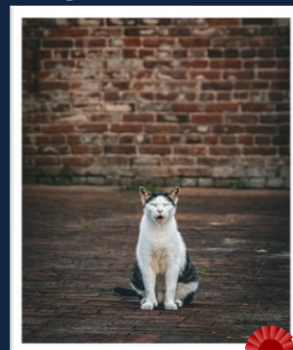
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Always Go Up



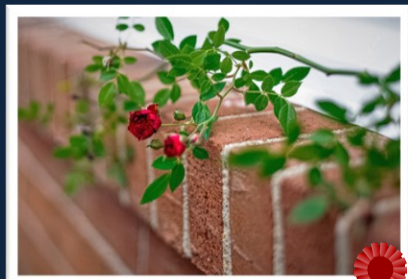
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Loneliness



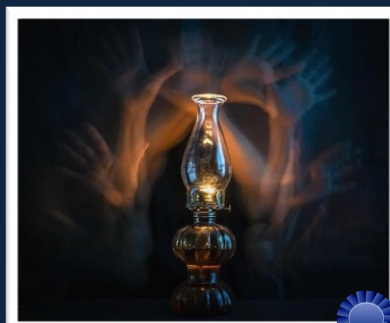
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Stronger Than a Brick



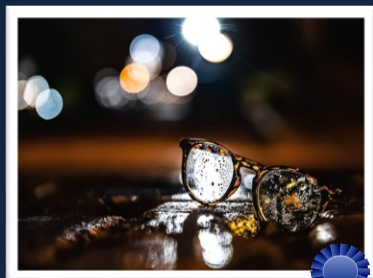
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What the Darkness  
Hides



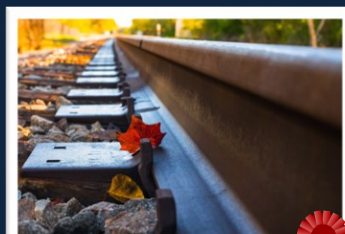
September



The Night is  
Watching You



October



Beauty is Everywhere



November



Bridging the  
Reflections

