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October Photo Challenge Winners “Parallel Lines”



Crystal Phelps
“Path in the Sun”



1st Place

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Tatiana Hoosack
"Heartstrings"



2nd Place



3rd Place

Tim Trauger
**"Cannan Valley
Ice Rink"**

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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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**October 2025 Treasurer's Report****Receipts**

a. Dues	\$	0
b. Donations	\$	89.00
	+	\$ 89.00

Disbursements

a. PAAL October 2025 Rent	\$	50.00
	-	\$ 50.00

Dick Menendez, Treasurer

October Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Larry Tipton with 18 people in attendance.

Larry opened the meeting with some standard administrative remarks

He then introduced our presenter for the meeting – Lisa Mistry, who gave us a comparative introduction on Compositional Perspectives. Lisa is a well-known local painting and graphics artist, who has also been involved in art education. She currently serves on the Board of the Petersburg Area Art League, and was a judge in our Lasting Impressions show at PAAL in August this year.

Key themes: Lisa emphasized:

- the importance of composition in both painting and photography. She identified some key elements; include eye flow, contrast, and focal points.
- a critique process is essential for evaluating strengths and emotional impact of artwork.
- composition guides viewer's attention and conveys intended message or emotion; tools include angle, lighting, color, and subject placement.
- successful art evokes emotional or journalistic truth, creating a human connection and reaction in the viewer.

October Meeting Summary

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In-depth Discussion: Next Lisa addressed some artistic rules (e.g., rule of thirds), emphasizing that they serve as visual shorthand for audience comprehension, and noted that breaking compositional rules can confuse viewers and misdirect attention. Intentional scene construction directs viewer focus and evokes emotion. Elements like lines, curves, symmetry, negative space, repetition, and contrast create movement and interest, guiding the eye toward focal points. Centering a subject creates calm and weight; off-center placement injects energy and movement.

Lisa pointed out that depth of artistic intent varies; both painting and photography allow for deep or superficial engagement. Her overall message was that the artist controls viewer focus through subject placement, contrast, and compositional choices.

We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month's Photo Challenge. The topic was **Parallel Lines**, but the reveal was held until the end of the program. Next, we showed the Miscellaneous Photos submitted this month. For this month images came from Kyle Witten, John A. Rooney, Jr., James Hampton-Snow, Larry Tipton, Tom Saunders, Amber Smith, and John K. Rooney. [See their photos on pages 5-8].

When the counting was done the winners were: 1st – Crystal Phelps; 2nd – Tatiana Hoosack; 3rd - Tim Trauger. [Look for their photos on the cover and page 2]. Then we selected the topic for the November Photo Challenge contest: **Architecture**. [See the details on this page.]

The meeting was then adjourned.

October 2025 Monthly Photo Challenge

“Architecture”

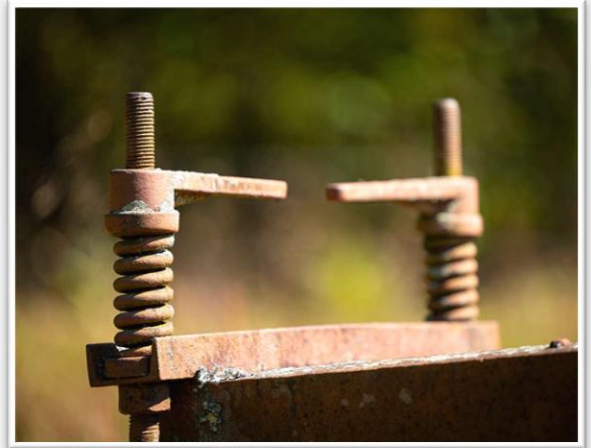
A simple definition of architecture is the art and science of designing and making buildings, or the styles of a building. Photographers try to make images of either the exterior or the interior – or sometimes both – of a building. The choices for your challenge this month are almost endless!



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



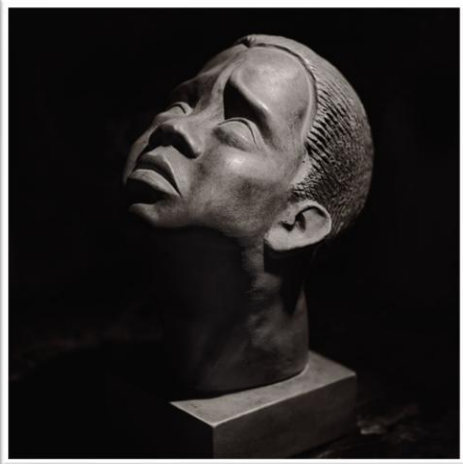
(Photos by Kyle Witten)



(Photos by John A. Rooney, Jr.)



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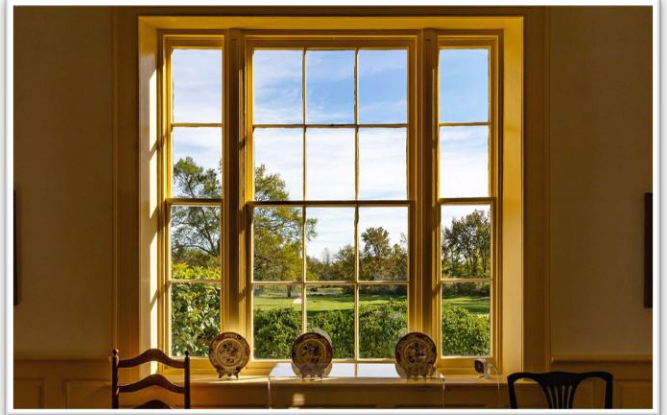
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James Hampton-Snow)



(Photos by Larry Tipton)

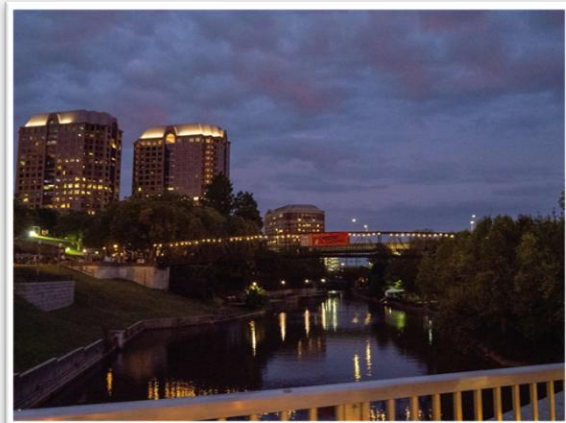


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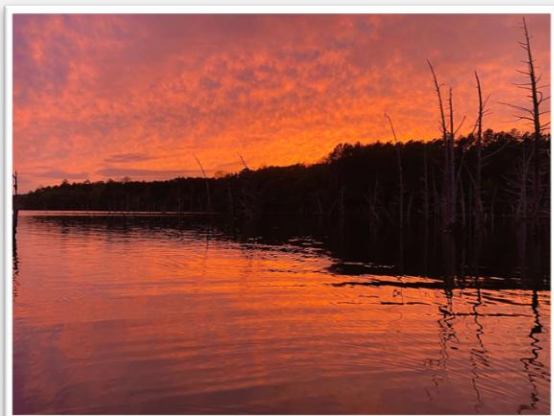
(Photos by Tom Saunders)

(Photos by Amber Smith)



Members' Gallery [continued]

(Photos by John K. Rooney)



Calendar Reminder!

Our November meeting will take place a week earlier than usual – the 20th – because Thanksgiving falls on our normal meeting date.

