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December Photo Challenge Winners "Arches"



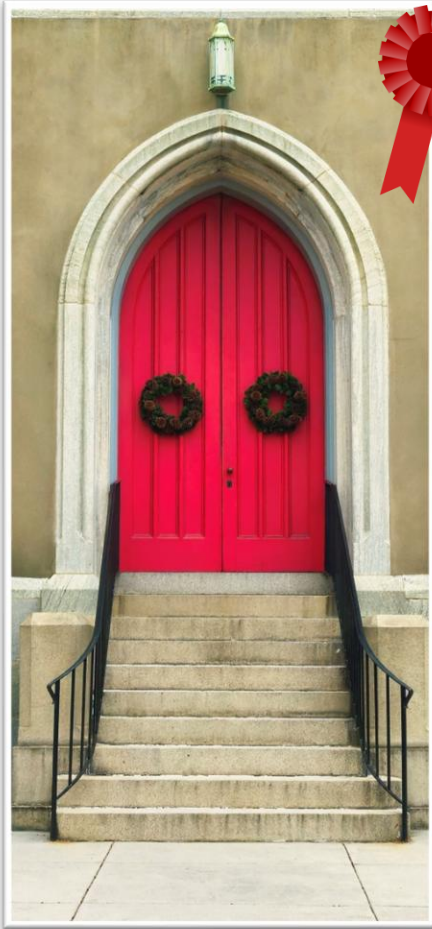
Tatiana Hoosack
"Gateway to Christmas"



1st Place

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2nd Place

Pat Daniels
"Eternal Arch"

3rd Place



Michael Rooney
"Dragon Tails"



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- 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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**December 2025 Treasurer's Report****Receipts** (12/1/25 through 12/31/25):

a. Dues (12/18/25 meeting)	\$ 160.00
b. Donations (12//18/25 meeting)	\$ <u>35.00</u>
Income	+ \$ 195.00

Disbursements (12/1/25 through 12/31/25):

a. PAAL December 2025 Rent	\$ 50.00
b. Dream Host Web Hosting (reimbursed to Kyle Witten 12/19/25 Ck. # 1009)	\$ <u>95.52</u>
	- \$ 145.52

Dick Menendez, Treasurer

December Meeting Summary

This month's meeting was started about 6:45 by Larry Tipton with 17 people in attendance.

For December we didn't follow our normal format. Instead, we held an end-of-the-year social. The Club provided snacks and drinks [with a homemade contribution from Beth Calik!] Our intent was to have an evening where the members could spend time socializing while a couple of slide presentations ran in the background. Larry put together a montage of this year's Photo Challenge winners [up through November. December's winners are on pages 1 & 2 of this newsletter]. Click on the link to open the file in your pdf reader.

Photo Challenge 2025 Winners

Part way through the first half of the evening, Larry showed the Miscellaneous images from our members for this month.

December Meeting Summary

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This month images came from Eddie Rose, John A. Rooney, Jr., James Hampton-Snow, John K. Rooney, Ken Cox, Kyle Witten, Larry Tipton, Tatiana Hoosack, Ray Meade, Tom Saunders, and Marvin Averett. [See their photos on pages 5-10.] A looped presentation of more than 300 of last year’s submissions was running on the monitor.

We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month’s Photo Challenge. The topic was **Arches**. The final winners of the year were: 1st – Tatiana Hoosack; 2nd – Pat Daniels; 3rd – Michael Rooney. [See their images on pages 1 & 2.] This month we also took time to review the other members entries in the Challenge and heard about what ideas they had when taking the photos. After that we then picked the topic for the January 2026 Challenge – **Fountains**. [The details are in the next column.]

Because we had 2 almost identical images submitted, we started a discussion about how differently each of us might see the same object. So, for January, there is a separate little challenge. Members are encouraged to go to the same location and take an image and then we will show it at the meeting to demonstrate that all of might certainly see the same things differently. The location for this “mini-Challenge” is the intersection of Washington and Market Streets in Petersburg. There are no other restriction!

We adjourned the meeting about 8:30-ish. It seemed that everyone had enjoyed themselves and were looking forward to what was going to happen with the Petersburg Camera Club in 2026.

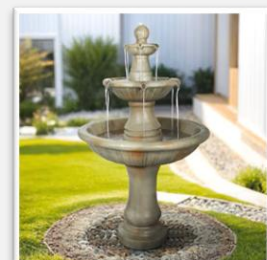
January 2026 Monthly Photo Challenge

“Fountains”

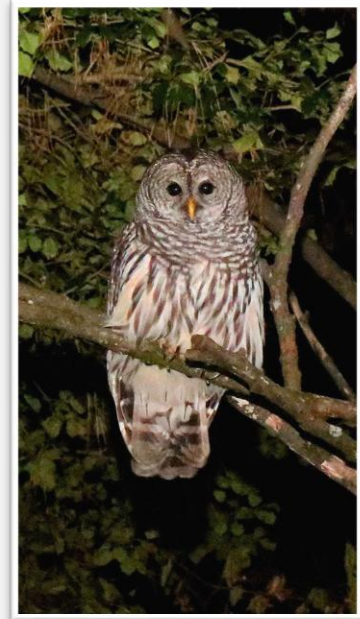
A fountain, from the Latin "fons", meaning source or spring, is a decorative reservoir used for discharging water. It is also a structure that jets water into the air for a decorative or dramatic effect. But not every fountain is designed for water... Can you find a fountain photo this month that may be more unique?



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



(Photos by Eddie Rose)



Members' Gallery [continued]



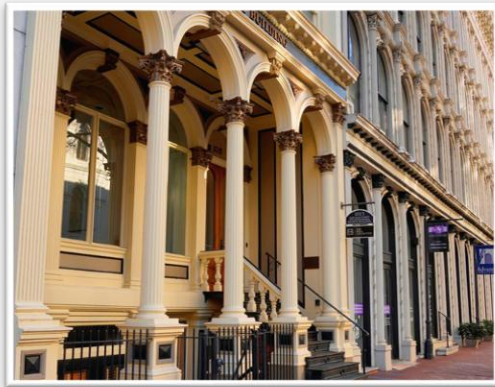
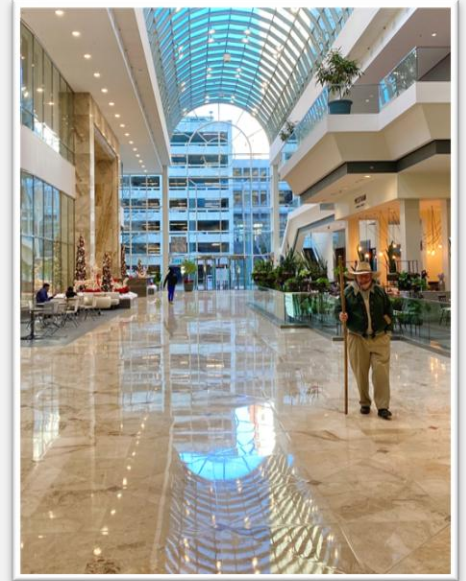
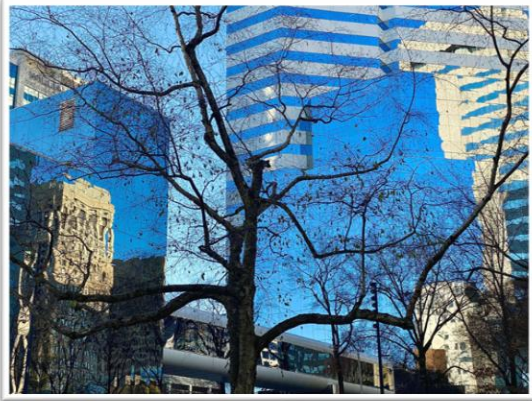
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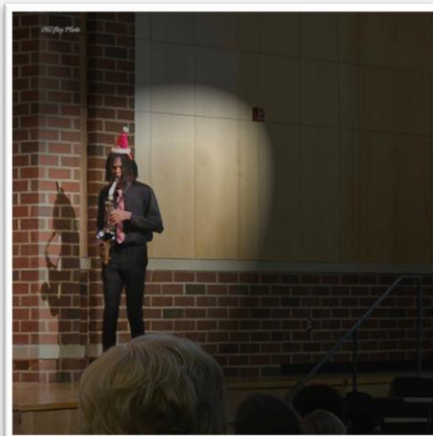
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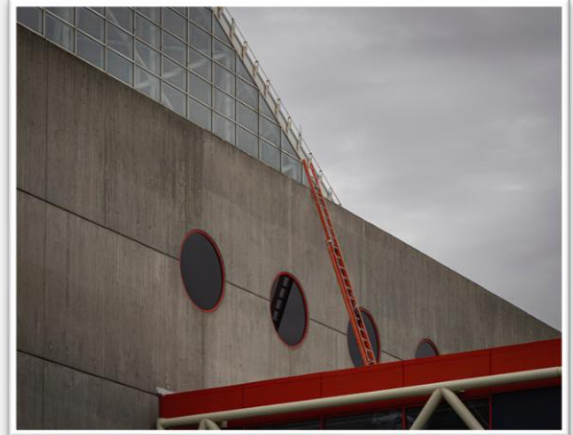
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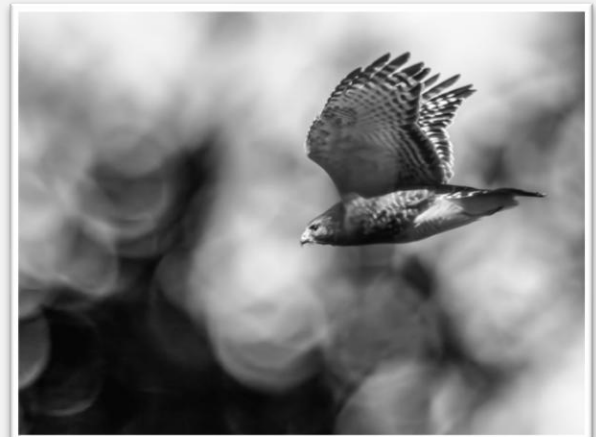
(Photos by Ken Cox)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Kyle Witten)



(Photos by Larry Tipton)



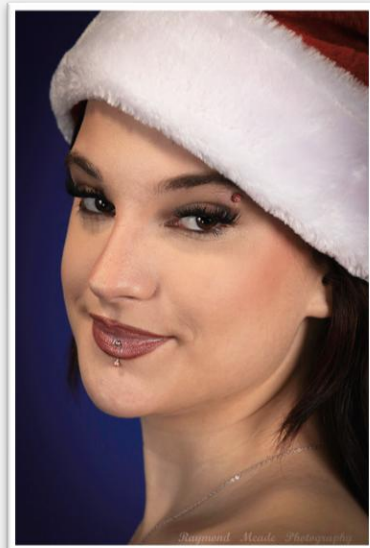
Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)



(Photos by Raymond Meade)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Tom Saunders)



(Photos by Marvin Averett)



Photo Challenge Winner 2025

One of the fun features of our Club meetings is to see how our members have chosen to make an image that meets the Photo Challenge topic for the month. Members [and guests] get a chance to vote for their favorite entry for the night, and then to hear from the photographer about some of their thoughts that went into capturing that photo. There is definitely a sense of friendly competition among the entrants and the final “reveal” can initiate some fun banter and commentary.

This year the member who accumulated the highest point total did so very strongly, scoring a winner's ribbon in 10 of the 12 months. She made images that continuously caught almost everyone's eye time and time again. Those who regularly attend the meetings will not be surprised that our Photo Challenge winner for 2025 is:

TATIANA HOOSACK

Congratulations!

You can see her work and that of the other members who earned their ribbons in the Challenge Winners 2025 link that is on page 3.

A shout out to our art partner. We do enjoy their monthly Friday for the Art shows – which includes our annual Lasting Impressions Photo Exhibit and Contest.

Having a space for our monthly meetings is a major part of keeping our Club going.



Petersburg Area Art League

PAAL is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, located in the Old Towne Petersburg Area. Our mission is to *promote and nurture the Arts for all* via our Gallery Spaces and Art Education Center. We offer workshops and classes and participate in Petersburg's *Friday for the Arts!* with monthly exhibition openings every second Friday.

