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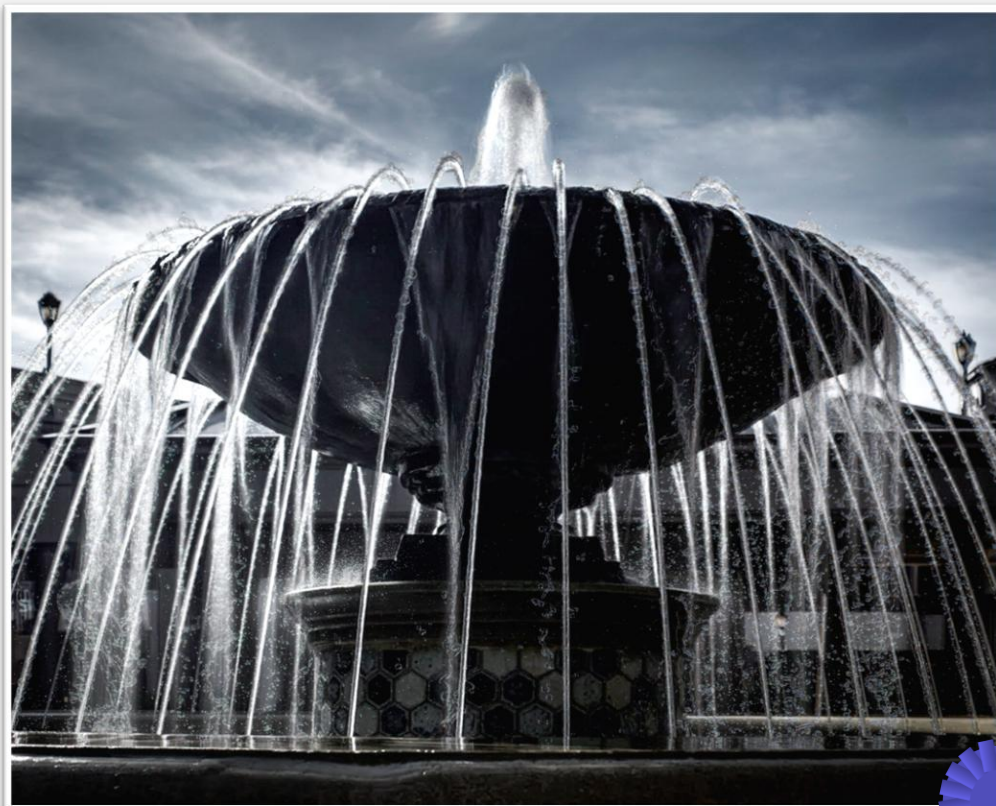
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January Photo Challenge Winners "Fountains"



Larry Tipton
"Veil of the Iron Fountain"



1st Place

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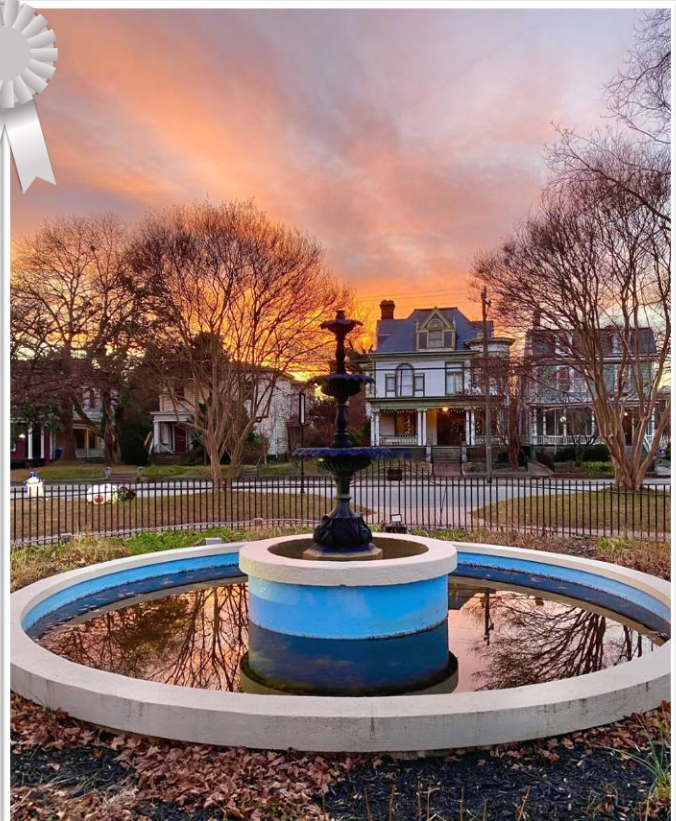
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2nd Place

Tatiana Hoosack
“Flying Through the Rainbow”

3rd Place



John K. Rooney
“A Poplar Place”

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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**January 2026 Treasurer's Report****Receipts** (1/1/26 through 1/31/26):

a. Dues (1/22/26 meeting)	\$ 250.00
b. Donations (1/22/26 meeting)	\$ 36.00
Income	+ \$ 286.00

Disbursements (1/1/26 through 1/31/26):

a. PAAL January 2026 Rent	\$ 50.00
Expenses	- \$ 50.00

Dick Menendez, Treasurer333

January Meeting Summary

This month's meeting was started about 6:45 by Larry Tipton with 19 people in attendance. He made his usual opening remarks and welcomed any new folks attending.

Overview

The meeting opened with Larry Tipton recognizing Tatiana Hoosack as the winner of the Club's 2025 Photo Challenge. [see page 5 for more details.] Then Dick Menendez did a quick read of the proposed Bylaws. The significant changes come from our organization now being a 503c non-profit (tax-exempt) with rules to maintain that status. The proposed draft will be circulated to the Board and any interested members, with a vote on the final at the February meeting.

Because we had 2 almost identical images submitted in December Photo Challenge, we started a discussion about how differently each of us might see the same object. So, for at least a while, there is a separate little challenge each month. Members are encouraged to go to the same location and take an image and then

January Meeting Summary

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we will show it at the meeting to demonstrate that all of us might certainly see the same things differently. There are no other restrictions! Despite the mix-up, there were 3 entries in the first Mini Photo Challenge and the group had a good discussion on the varied techniques and styles of the images. The submitted images included night stills, daytime motion shots, rainy motion shots.

The general rules were clarified for the group, and we decided to try the idea again. The subject for February is the Petersburg Courthouse. Anyone who wants to participate should submit their image via the club email; petersburgcameraclub@gmail.com

Larry Tipton’s presentation was on album covers from the 60’s through the 90’s and how they used photography. He mixed in his passions for photography with his love of music [who knew he had been a DJ in his earlier life?]. There was a lot of nostalgia from some of the covers and he had many examples of how photos were used.

This month’s Miscellaneous images came from John A. Rooney, Jr., Juan Giraud, Jim Griffiths, James Hampton-Snow, John K. Rooney, Ken Cox, Kyle Witten, Larry Tipton, Kyle Witten, Raymond Meade, Tatiana Hoosack, and Tim Trauger. [See their photos on pages 6-11.]

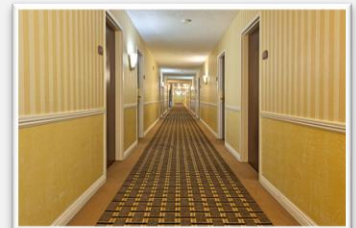
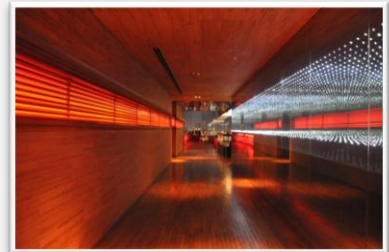
We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month’s Photo Challenge. The topic was **Fountains**. The final winners were: 1st – Larry Tipton; 2nd – Tatiana Hoosack; 3rd – John K. Rooney. [See their images on pages 1 & 2.] This month we also took time to review the other members entries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

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

February 2026 Monthly Photo Challenge

“Hallways”

Hallways lead us places. By definition a hallway (also passage, passageway, corridor or hall) is an **interior** space in a building that is used to connect other rooms. Hallways are generally long and narrow, but they can certainly vary depending on where they are. In hospitals and schools, they may be wider; in museums they may be shorter and is use for exhibits. This month your challenge is to find a hallway that leads somewhere with a story in it!



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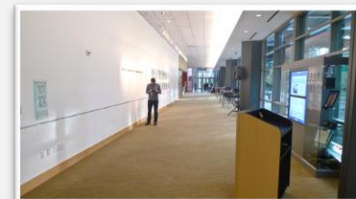


Photo Challenge Winner 2025



TATIANA HOOSACK

Congratulations!

At the January meeting we took time to recognize the winner of our 2025 Photo Challenge – **Tatiana Hoosack**. This year she accumulated the highest point total and did so very strongly, scoring a winner's ribbon in 10 of the 12 months!

Larry Tipton took a moment at the start of the meeting to present Tatiana with a certificate. You can see her work and that of the other members who earned their ribbons in the Challenge Winners 2025 at this [link](#).

Miscellaneous Photography Corner *by Ken Cox*

Awesome Photography Facts You Probably Didn't Know



The First Digital Camera was Invented in 1975

In 1975, Steven Sasson invented the world's first digital camera. He was working at Eastman Kodak at the time. The camera weighed around 8 pounds (3.6kg) and shot only 0.01MP

The Most Expensive Photograph ever sold

Sold in 2022 for \$12,400,000, Man Ray's *Le Violon d'Ingres* is now the most expensive photograph of all time. Though it was sold by Christie's in 2022, it was actually produced one hundred years ago in 1924.



How many Photographs are Taken a Year?

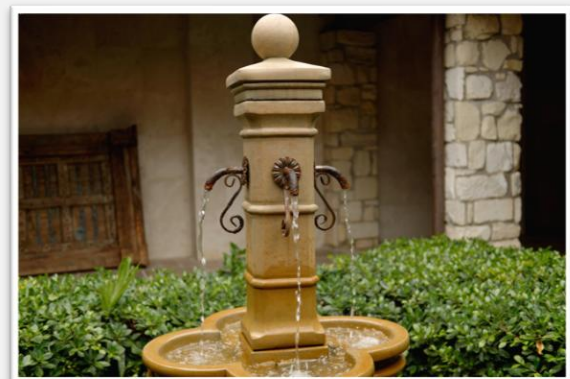
For 2026, estimates work with two headline figures: about 2.1 trillion photos annually and roughly 5.3 billion taken each day. At 5.3 billion photos a day, that's around 61,400 every second. Blink, and tens of thousands just happened! Smartphones are expected to account for roughly 94% of all photos in 2026.

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

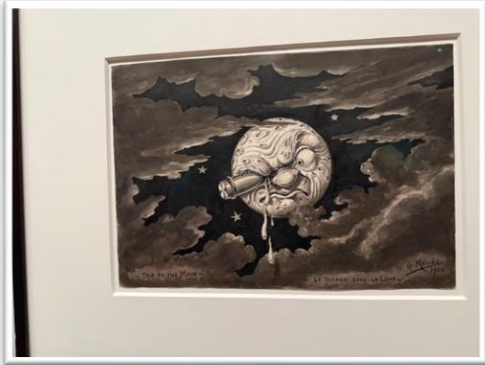


(Photos by John A. Rooney, Jr.)

(Photos by Juan Giraud)



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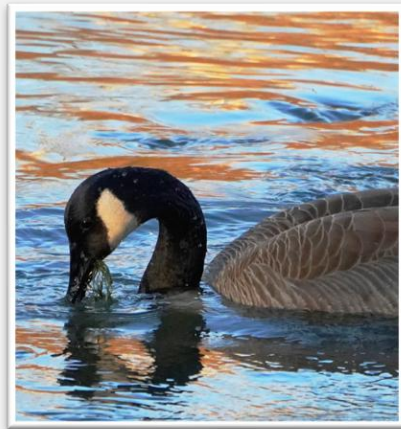
(Photos by Jim Griffiths)



(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



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(Photos by John K. Rooney)



(Photos by Ken Cox)



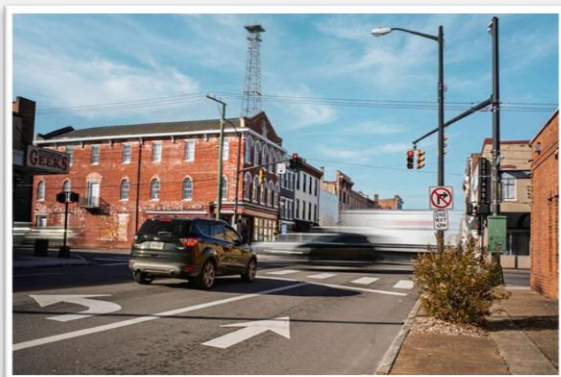
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(Photos by Kyle Witten)



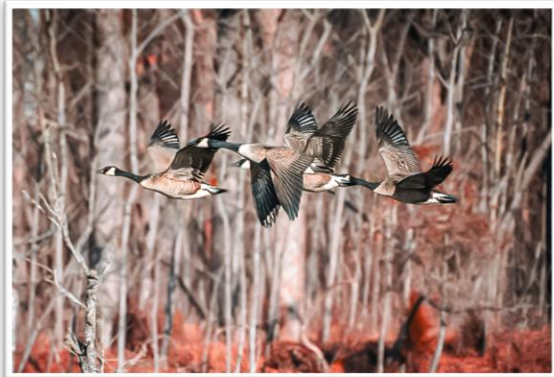
(Photos by Larry Tipton)



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(Photos by Raymond Meade)



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)



Members' Gallery [continued]

(Photos by Tim Trauger)



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.

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.