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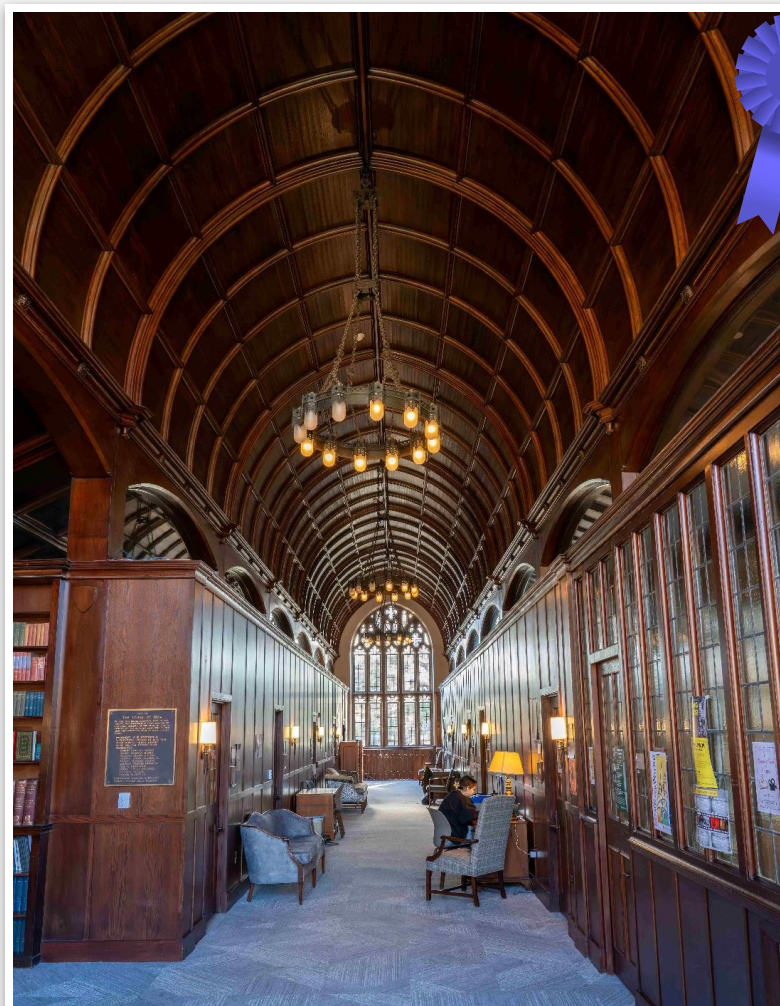
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## February Photo Challenge Winners "Hallways"



1<sup>st</sup> Place

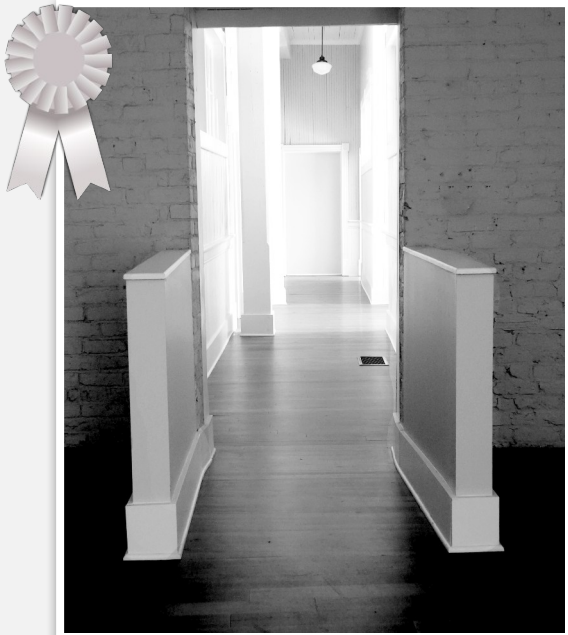
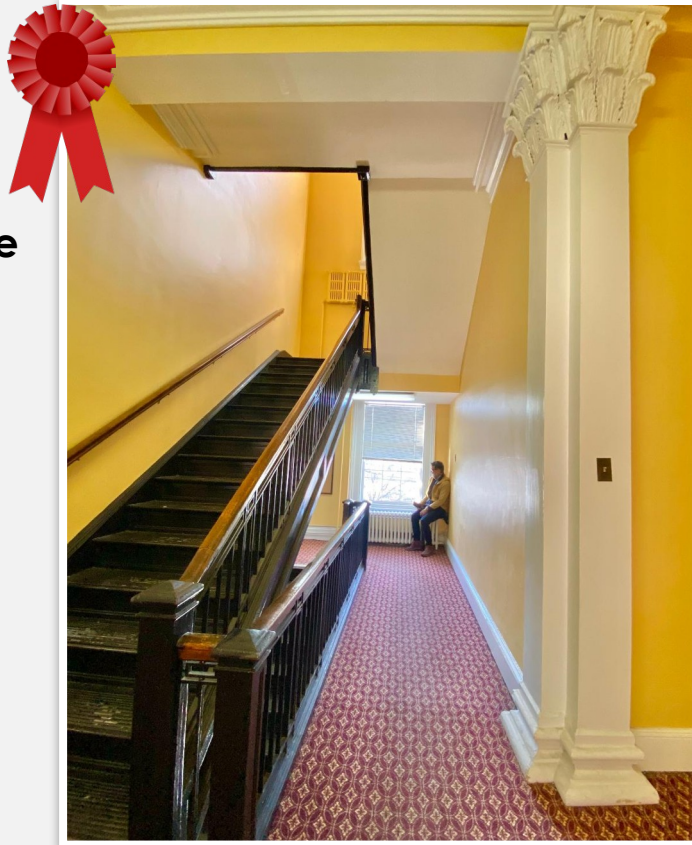
Tim Trauger  
"Studyhall"

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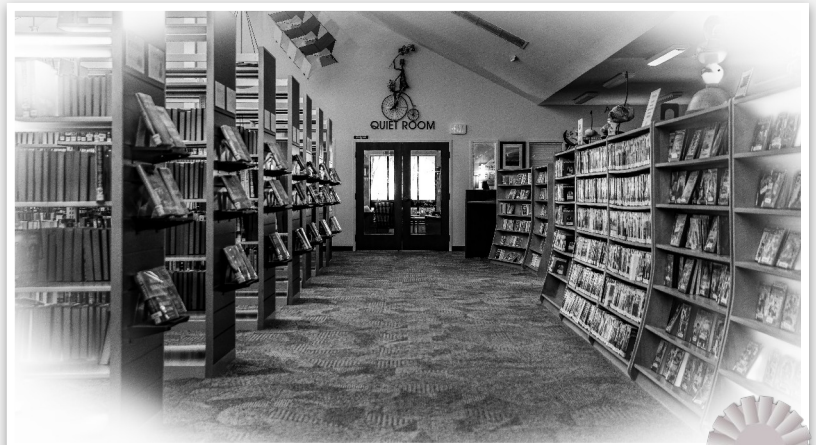
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2nd Place

John K. Rooney  
**"Waiting"**



Ken Cox  
**"Visitor Center"**  
3rd Place  
(Tie)



Tatiana Hoosack  
**"Library"**  
3rd Place  
(Tie)

**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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**February 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           |
| <b>Income</b>                  | <b>+ \$ 286.00</b> |

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

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| c. PAAL January 2026 Rent | \$ 50.00          |
| <b>Expenses</b>           | <b>- \$ 50.00</b> |

**Dick Menendez, Treasurer**

**February Meeting Summary**

This month's meeting was started about 6:45 by Larry Tipton with 21 people in attendance. He made his usual opening remarks and welcomed any new folks attending.

**Overview**

The meeting opened with Larry Tipton conducting a couple of club business items: the amended Club ByLaws that were discussed were unanimously approved via a voice vote. The new slate of members who volunteered to serve as Officers and on the Board were also presented to the Club and unanimously approved via voice vote.

Larry then did a show of the 7 images that were submitted for the February Mini Challenge. The location was the iconic Petersburg Court House. We saw how differently each submitting member captured the same object. [Images came from Ken Cox, Beth Calik, Larry Tipton, Tatiana Hoosack, John A. Rooney, Jr. John K. Rooney and Pat Daniels] See their images on page 5. The location for the March Mini Challenge is the old Petersburg Market – currently the site of the Croaker's Spot restaurant.

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**February Meeting Summary**

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Next Larry made a short Teaching Moment presentation about the new Photoshop 2026, and in particular the new Generative AI capabilities. He gave short demonstrations on extending cropped images, changing facial expressions, and adding/adjusting backgrounds.

Juan Giraud [aka G Man] made our main presentation this month with an extensive photo tour of his recent visit to Italy. From the very beginning of the city to city tour [Venice, Florence, Pisa, Rome, Pompeii], a number of things stood out. First, G Man loves to make images! He noted that he uses his phone's GPS capability to make sure he knows exactly where the images were made. He also talked about previsualizing the image before actually pressing the shutter. G Man's motto in taking all his images was made very clear: "I take pictures because I want you to see what I saw." The volume of his photos worked to demonstrate his themes of color, light, people – everything was considered fair game for his camera. At the end, we all felt that we had been along for the ride.

We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month's Photo Challenge. The topic was **Hallways**. The final winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Tim Trauger; 2<sup>nd</sup> – John K. Rooney; 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) – Tatiana Hoosack and Ken Cox. [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 March 2026 Challenge – **URBAN**. [The details are in the next column.]

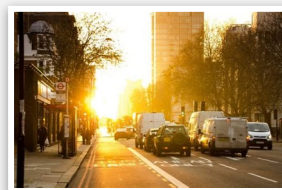
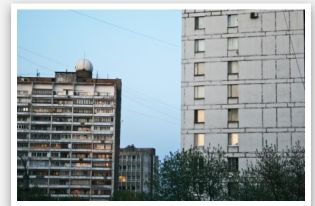
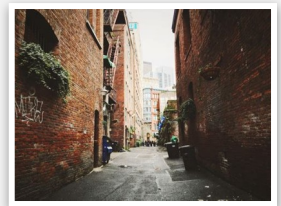
This month's Miscellaneous images came from Kyle Witten, John A. Rooney, Jr., Tatiana Hoosack, James Hampton-Snow, Juan Giraud, Ken Cox, Larry Tipton, and John K. Rooney. [See their photos on pages 6-9.]

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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**March 2026 Monthly Photo Challenge**  
**“Urban”**

URBAN can be defined, among other ways as “Of, relating to, or designating a city or town, and the people who live in them, often densely populated areas. This could include the experience, lifestyle, or culture of neighborhoods which might be considered economically depressed inner-city spaces.” We are familiar with this word, but what kind of image can you capture this month that fits your interpretation?

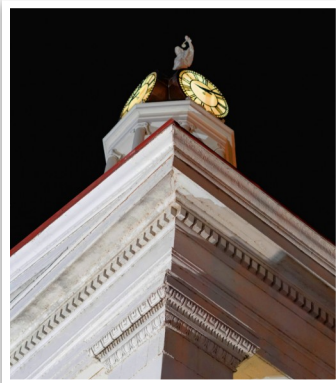


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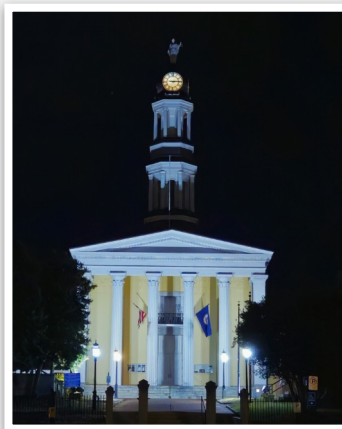


**February MiniChallenge – “Petersburg Courthouse”**

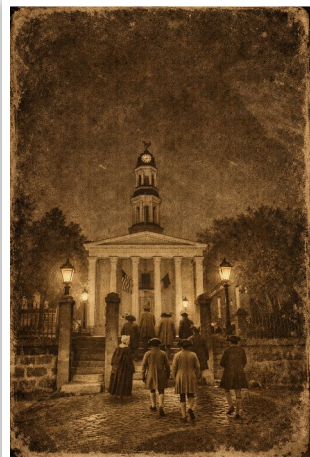
Here are the 7 images submitted for this month. Note the interesting ways in how each one saw the Petersburg Courthouse. Some of the photos had some post-processing done to them.



John K. Rooney



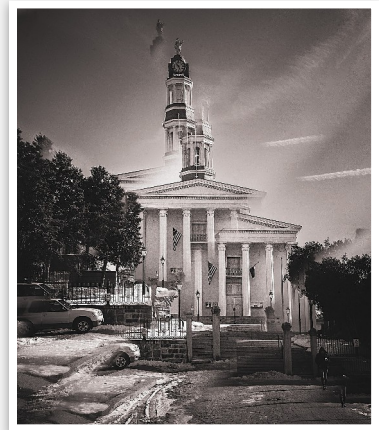
Pat Daniels



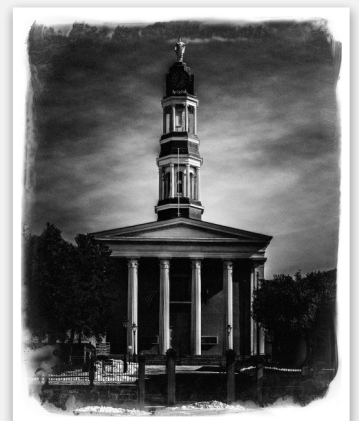
Beth Calik



Ken Cox



Tatiana Hoosack



Larry Tipton



John A. Rooney, Jr.

The location for March is the old Petersburg Market – currently the site of the Croaker’s Spot restaurant. [Right next door to the PAAL building.]

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



(Photos by Kyle Witten)



(Photos by John A. Rooney, Jr.)

Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)



(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Juan Giraud)



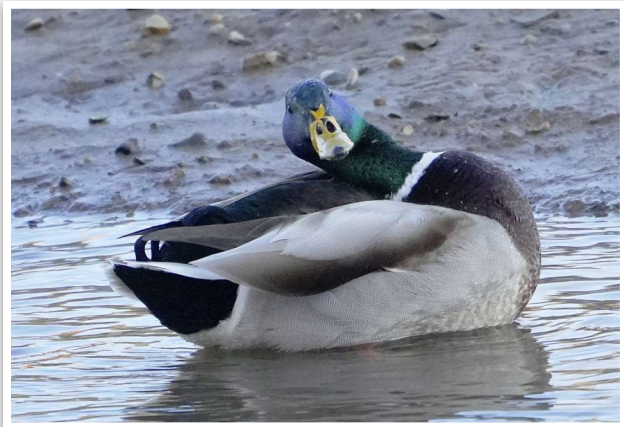
(Photos by Ken Cox)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Larry Tipton)



(Photos by John K. Rooney)

