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THE SHUTTERBUG

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Petersburg, Virginia

March Photo Challenge Winners "Urban"



1st Place

Tim Trauger
"Road to Atlanta"

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2nd Place



James Griffiths
"Can Tunes"



3rd Place

Larry Tipton
"Crosswalk Chaos"



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**March 2026 Treasurer's Report****Receipts** (3/1/26 through 3/31/26):

a. Dues (3/26/26 meeting)	\$ 25.00
b. Donations (3/26/26 meeting)	\$ 25.00
Income	+ \$ 50.00

Disbursements (3/1/26 through 3/31/26):

c. PAAL March 2026 Rent	\$ 50.00
Expenses	- \$ 50.00

Dick Menendez, Treasurer

March Meeting Summary

This month's meeting was started about 6:35 by Larry Tipton with 17 people in attendance. He made his usual opening remarks and welcomed any new folks attending.

Overview

The meeting opened with Larry Tipton highlighting an article in the Progress-Index about Pocahontas Island.

Larry then did a show of the 6 images that were submitted for the March Mini Challenge. The location was the iconic Petersburg Market [now the Croaker's Spot restaurant]. This a well-known downtown structure, with many images being submitted by members over the years. [Images came from Juan Giraud, Tatiana Hoosack, Ken Cox, Larry Tipton, John A. Rooney, Jr. and John K. Rooney] See their images on page 5.

The location for the April Mini Challenge is the Longstreet's Delicatessen restaurant at the corner of North Sycamore and West Bank Streets.

March Meeting Summary [continued]

Next Larry made our main presentation this month with an elementary introduction to simple product photography. Using all his own personal equipment, he was able to demonstrate how to set up simple product shoots. Larry demonstrated the use of both flash and continuous lighting, sometimes with diffusers – even using a “cone of shame” at one time. Constant adjustments, in the form of trial and error images, often indicated what kind of adjustments he needed to make to create a successful image. Larry pointed out that with lighting, the biggest challenges to overcome were generally related to dealing with shadows. He also showed how to use simple backdrops, using everything from a simple sheet of paper to a light tent.

We then took time to review and vote on the entries in this month’s Photo Challenge. The topic was **Urban**. The final winners were: 1st – Tim Trauger; 2nd – James Griffiths; 3rd – Larry Tipton. [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 April 2026 Challenge – **FENCES**. [The details are in the next column.]

This month’s Miscellaneous images came from Paul Goodnow, Kyle Witten, Fred Stein, Pablo Brown, John A. Rooney, Jr., Tatiana Hoosack, Tim Trauger, Raymond Meade, James Hampton-Snow, Juan Giraud, Ken Cox, Larry Tipton, Crystal Phelps, Tom Saunders and John K. Rooney. [See their photos on pages 6-12.]

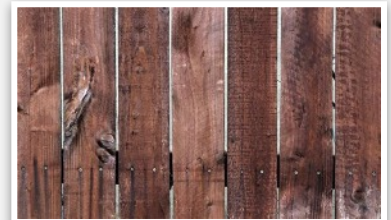
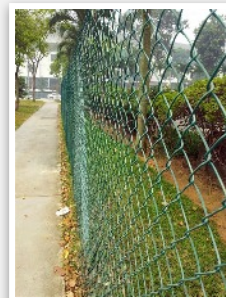
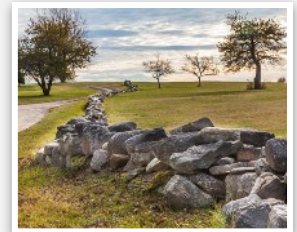
The meeting adjourned @ 8:25.

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

A **FENCE** is a structure that encloses an area, typically outdoors creating a boundary, and is usually constructed from posts that are connected by boards, wire, rails or netting.

Fences can be used to keep us in – or to keep us out – depending on which side you are standing on. We use them everywhere; in fact they are so common everyday objects that they just slip out of our consciousness.

Can you find one of these ordinary items and create a unique image this month?



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March MiniChallenge – “Petersburg Market”

Here are the 6 images submitted for this month. This building is a well-known [and often photographed] structure in downtown Petersburg. There is certainly significant variation in how each of the photos were composed. Some chose to make an image of the full structure - with some at night and some during daylight. There are also a couple of images that were made of details of the building.



John K. Rooney



Tatiana Hoosack



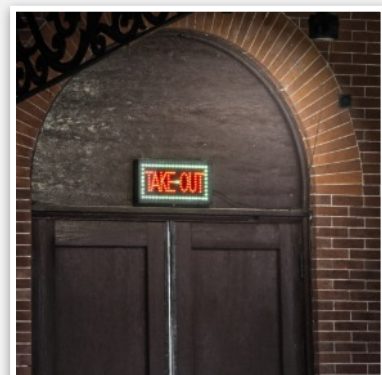
John A. Rooney, Jr.



Larry Tipton



Juan Giraud



Ken Cox

The location for the April Mini Challenge is the Longstreet's Delicatessen restaurant at the corner of North Sycamore and West Bank Streets.

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



(Photos by Paul Goodnow)

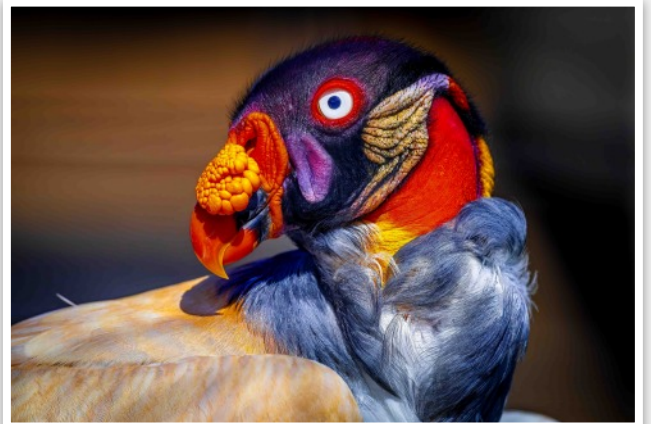


(Photos by Kyle Witten)

Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Fred Stein)



(Photos by Pablo Brown)



Members' Gallery [continued]



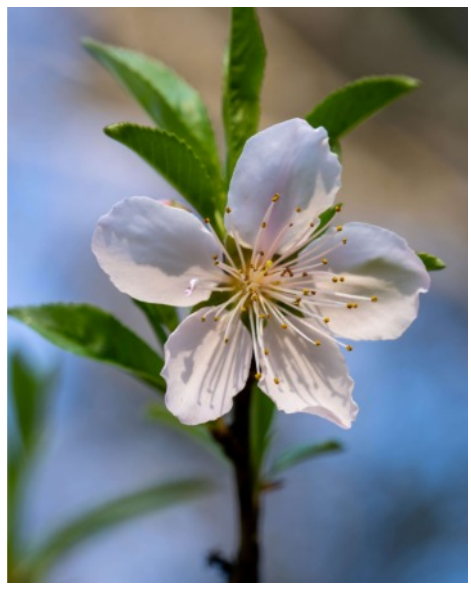
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(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)



Members' Gallery [continued]



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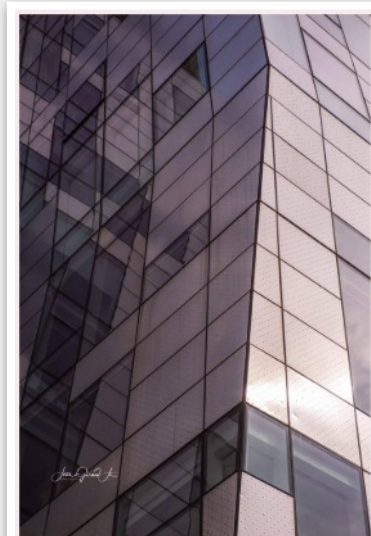
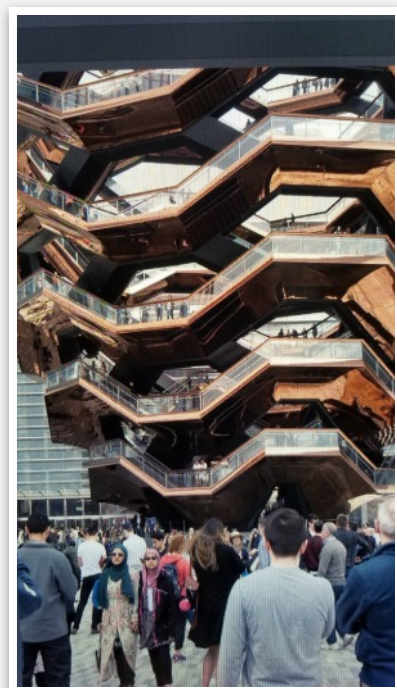


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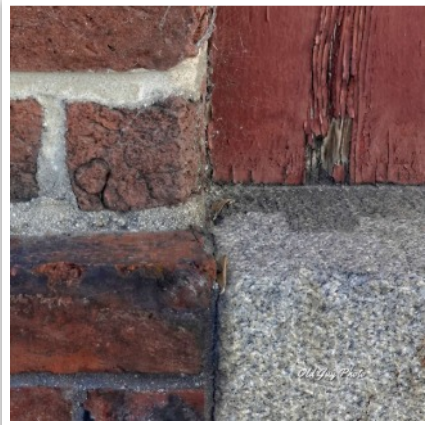


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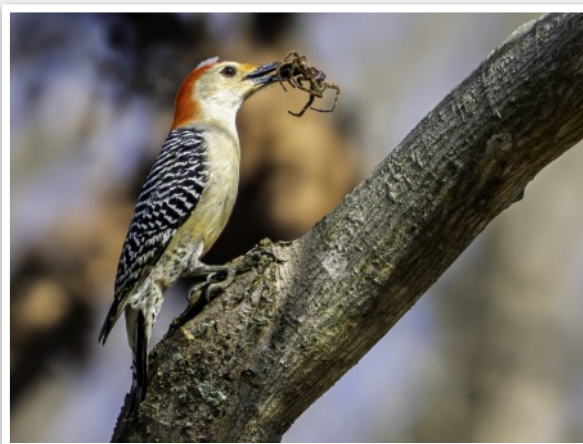
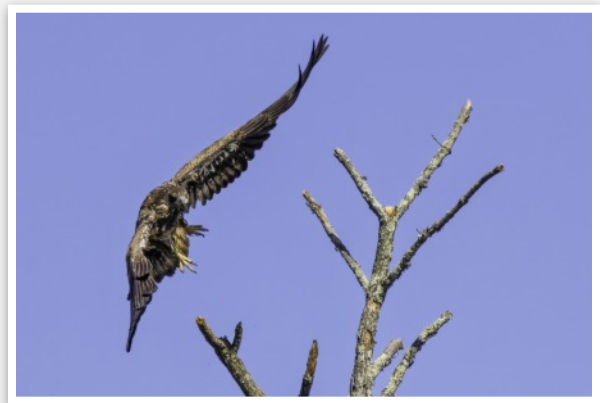


(Photos by Juan Giraud)

Members' Gallery [continued]



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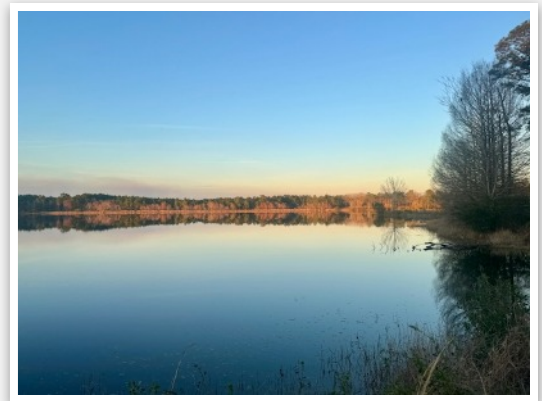


(Photos by Larry Tipton)

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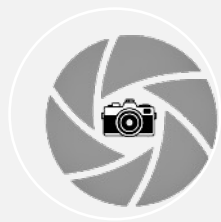


(Photos by Crystal Phelps)



(Photos by Tom Saunders)





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"Collapse of Order"

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2nd Place



Michael Rooney
"Tree Beard"



3rd Place

Amber Smith
"Good Fences"

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**March 2026 Treasurer's Report****Receipts** (4/1/26 through 4/30/26):

a. Dues (3/26/26 meeting)	\$	0.00
b. Donations (3/26/26 meeting)	\$	12.00
Income	+	\$ 12.00

Disbursements (4/1/26 through 4/30/26):

c. PAAL April 2026 Rent	\$	50.00
Expenses	-	\$ 50.00

Dick Menendez, Treasurer

April Meeting Summary

This month's meeting was started about 6:40 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 highlighting that the club works best when the members participate and make suggestions for future programs and events.

Next Larry introduced The Elephant in the Room – Artificial Intelligence. Dick Menendez made a short presentation that offered up a set of guidelines on what limits the Club will accept for images entered into competitions. Key to his presentation is that we are a Camera Club, and that images have to start with a camera rather than a computer. Discussion was lively, as there were strong opinions about photography being an art with concerns about imposed limitations. The current direction of post production software trumpeting "AI" was brought up as a possible contentious issue.

April Meeting Summary [continued]

Larry then did a show of the 10 images that were submitted for the April Mini Challenge. The location was the iconic Longstreet's Delicatessen. This a well-known downtown structure, with many images being submitted by members over the years. [Images came from John A. Rooney, Jr., Juan Giraud, John K. Rooney, Ken Cox, Kyle Whitten, Larry Tipton, Michael Rooney, Pat Daniels, Ron Clarke and Tom Saunders] See their images on pages 5-6. The location for the May Mini Challenge is the Martin Luther King Bridge – also called the Appomattox Bridge – that connects Petersburg and Colonial Heights.

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This month's Miscellaneous images came from John A. Rooney, Jr., Amber Smith, Jim Griffiths, James Hampton-Snow, John K. Rooney, Ken Cox, Kyle Witten, Larry Tipton, Michael Rooney, Pablo Brown, Ron Clarke, Raymond Meade, Tatiana Hoosack, Tim Trauger, Tom Saunders, Tim Trauger and Pat Daniels. [See their photos on pages 6-12.]

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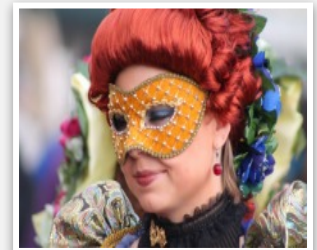
May 2026 Monthly Photo Challenge**“Masks”**

A **MASK** is a covering for all or part of the face that is used to protect, hide, or decorate the person wearing it. Masks can serve various purposes, including protection against germs or harmful substances, disguise, or as part of a performance or ritual.

Can you find one of these ordinary items and create a unique image this month?



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April MiniChallenge – “Longstreet’s Deli”

Here are the 10 images submitted for this month. This restaurant is quite popular, with a wide variety of food and beverage offerings. Because of its location on the corner of Bank and Sycamore Streets, it is something that almost everyone sees as they come into downtown Petersburg.

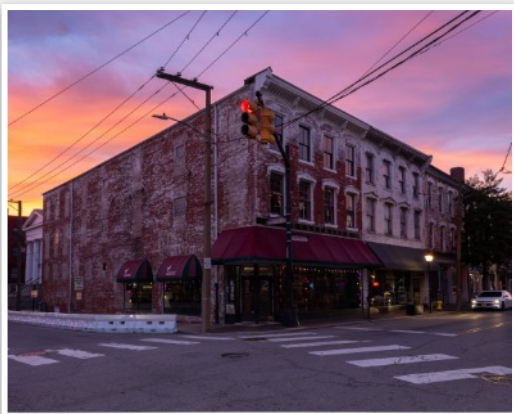


John A. Rooney, Jr.

John K. Rooney



Juan Giraud



Kyle Witten



Ken Cox

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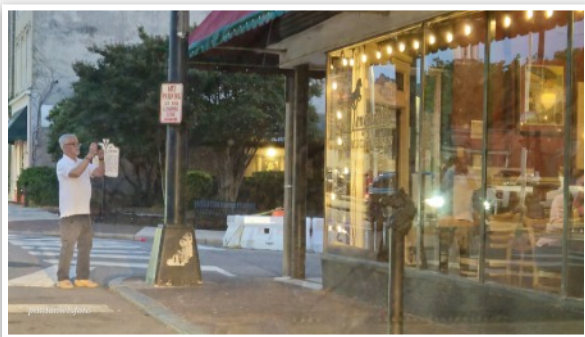
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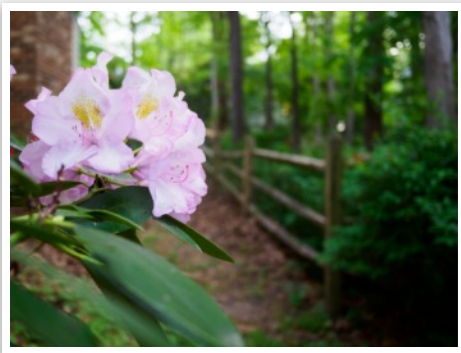
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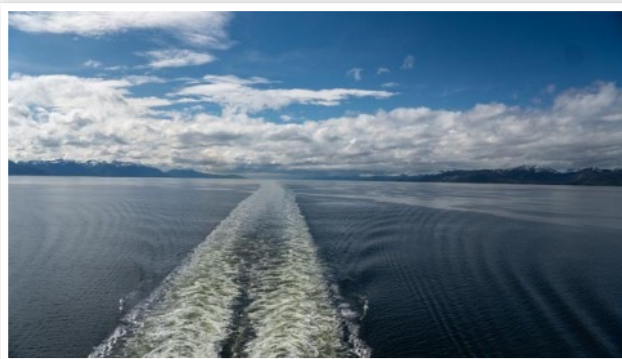


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(Photos by Amber Smith)

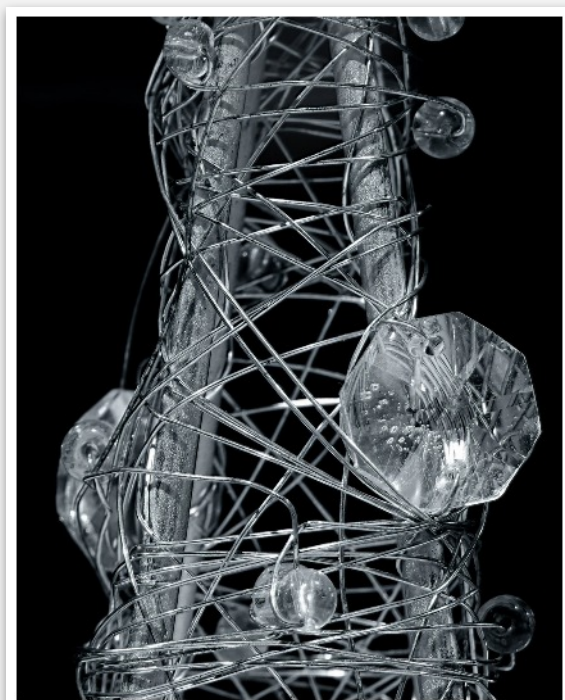
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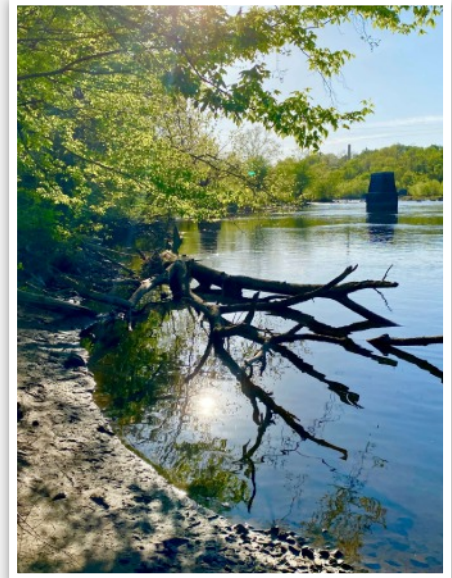
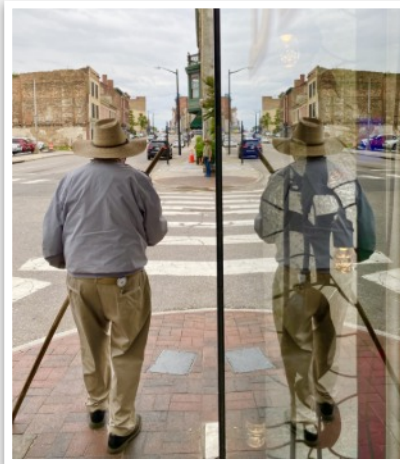
(Photos by James Hampton-Snow)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by John K. Rooney)



(Photos by Ken Cox)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Kyle Witten)

(Photos by Larry Tipton)



Members' Gallery [continued]

(Photos by Michael Rooney)



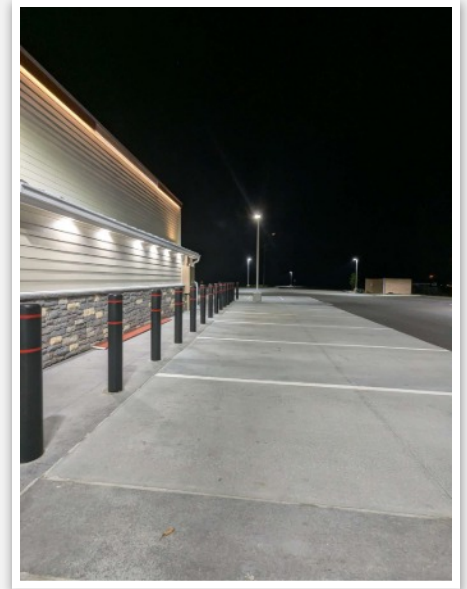
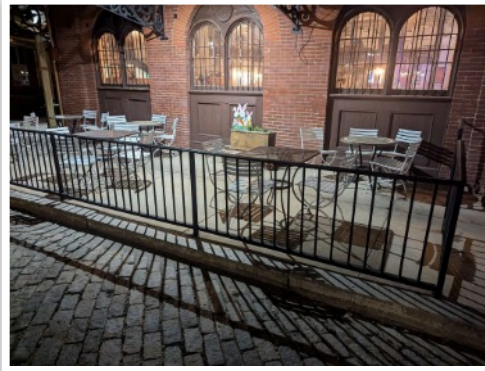
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Members' Gallery [continued]



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(Photos by Raymond Meade)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Tatiana Hoosack)

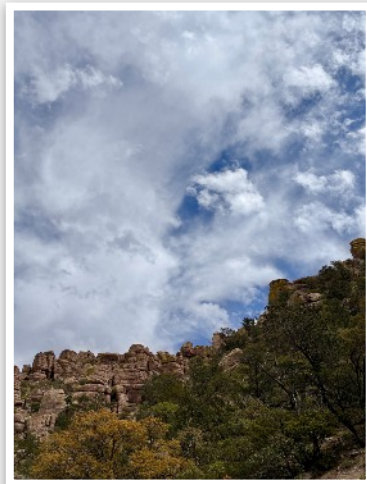


(Photos by Tom Saunders)

Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Tim Trauger)



(Photos by Marvin Averett)



Members' Gallery [continued]



(Photos by Pat Daniels)



PETERSBURG CAMERA CLUB “LASTING IMPRESSIONS” PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT AND CONTEST - 2025

We are excited to announce our annual Camera Club photo contest that again will be held at the Petersburg Area Art League!

The contest will have its opening in the Members Gallery [where we have our Club meetings] on Friday, August 8th and be one of the two exhibits for PAAL for the month.



Petersburg Area
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