



## Club Notes for September 2024

### WELCOME TO OUR 2024-2025 SEASON!

#### Meet Our 2024-25 Officers & Committee Chairs

President: Frank Begun [fbegun@columbus.rr.com](mailto:fbegun@columbus.rr.com)  
Vice President: John Butterfield  
Secretary: Tonya Sekerk  
Treasurer: Rick Barteldt  
Members-at-Large: Cheri Brent, Jon Harvey, & Jim Urzykowski  
Education Committee: Jon Harvey, Mark Collins, & Lee Flasche  
Competition Committee: Donna Winters, Jerry Jerry Allen, Eric Erickson, & Jeff Sagar  
Exhibition Committee: Cheri Brent  
Liaison/Special Projects: Skip Kremer  
Membership Committee: Tonya Sekerk  
Hospitality Committee: **Could this be you?**  
Technical Coordinator: Carol Shurlow  
Communications Coordinators: Audrey Begun, Cole Haugh, & John Butterfield  
Webmaster: Dale Berlin

*Note: If you believe anyone is missing from this list or wonder if your name should be deleted, please contact a club Communications Co-Coordinator (e.g., [audrey.begun@gmail.com](mailto:audrey.begun@gmail.com)) or the club President.*

#### Club Competition Notes

Digital competition submissions are due one week prior to the scheduled “live” event where print submissions are judged on site and awards acknowledged.

#### Club Competition Notes (continued)

This year’s monthly competition themes (posted on the club website) are “open” with these exceptions: “Taken at Home—Within 25’ of Your Home” (October 21st), “Intentional Camera Movement/ICM” (December 16th), “Taken During 2024” (January 20th), and “Square Format” (March 17th).

Club rules since October 2023: members self-identify for one of 3 levels in the digital platform: beginner, intermediate/advanced, or master. Two caveats: the level self-selected for the first competition is your category for the year and if placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> in total points at that level last year and this year, you must “level up” next year.

On the club website, under the Competitions tab, see “Rules of Competitions” concerning the file naming, file type, and file size requirements for digital entries and matting/mounting (no frames) and print size (maximum 16” x 20” mounted).

Submit up to 2 images in each print category (color & monochrome) and 2 digital images (up to 6 total images). Complete rules of competition are posted on the club website. **Note: annual dues must be paid if you wish to compete!**

<p><b>Educational Programs</b></p> <p>Our Educational Committee is busy scheduling 2024-2025's informative programs for club members' pleasure and edification. Educational programs are scheduled for the first Monday evening each month (September-May). Additional special events will be announced at club meetings, through the club listserve email, and posted on the club website.</p> <p>September 9<sup>th</sup> Frank &amp; Audrey Begun will present "Hard-won lessons in wildlife photography," sharing with members lessons learned during 35+ years of attempting to capture wildlife portraits and animal behavior images, demonstrating a series of lessons learned the hard way.</p> <p>November 4<sup>th</sup> Isaac Cruz of the Columbus Astronomical Society is scheduled to discuss astro photography without telescopes.</p> <p>January 6<sup>th</sup> Jim McCormac will be presenting on macro photography.</p>	<p><b>Critique Nights</b></p> <p>Any 5<sup>th</sup> Monday in a month is designated as a "critique night" to receive constructive feedback from a judging perspective and club members.</p> <p>Constructive feedback = identifying aspects of an image to consider changing AND aspects the photographer got them just right. The goal is to educate the entire membership on ideas, techniques, and useful tips, as well as support the submitting member.</p> <p>Our first critique night is September 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00pm. Submissions accepted from Beginner and Intermediate/Advanced level members; submit up to 2 digital images in the Zenfolio folder labeled CRITIQUE. Be sure to include your name along with the image title in naming your image file, use the 2400-pixel maximum size on longest edge, and save as .jpg file just as for competition digital submissions.</p> <p>March 31<sup>st</sup> is the second critique night.</p>
<p><b>Additional Opportunities</b></p> <p>Chagrin Valley Camera Club offers a distance membership opportunity to Westbridge CC members, with full privileges (\$25 annually): at least 8 virtual presentations by well-known photographers on a variety of topics plus other benefits. See their website <a href="https://www.chagrinvalleycameraclub.com/">https://www.chagrinvalleycameraclub.com/</a> and the schedule dropdown tab for a list of upcoming virtual presentations. Contact Skip (Georg) Kremer with questions <a href="mailto:beacon202@gmail.com">beacon202@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Westbridge Camera Club engages annually with Fotoclub Exakta in Dresden, Germany judging each other's submitted prints. Members are invited to submit one unmounted print, maximum size 8 x 12 or 8 ½ x 11. Bring submissions to a September or October meeting and deliver to Mark Fohl. Club members will "judge" their submissions later in the year.</p>	
<p><b>Special Event Notes</b></p> <p>Skip Kremer has arranged a photography group shoot October 5<sup>th</sup> at 1pm at the Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum in Sugarcreek, OH at a reduced price (\$15 per person) Contact Skip (aka Georg at <a href="mailto:beacon2021@gmail.com">beacon2021@gmail.com</a> ) for ticketing; the website does not have this group tour as an option! See what you will experience: <a href="https://ageofsteamroundhouse.org/">https://ageofsteamroundhouse.org/</a> Note: the museum requires a printed completed release form on arrival and is located in Amish Country, about 2 hours from Columbus, so you might choose to make a day or weekend of it.</p>	

**Special Event Notes Continued**

October 14-17<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for the 2024 Pennsylvania Covered Bridge Photo Excursion. Details are posted on the club website. Contact Jon Harvey [jthincmh@gmail.com](mailto:jthincmh@gmail.com) to participate and arrange payment for 3-night hotel and pizza party cost (due September 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Member News & Updates**

This portion of the newsletter is reserved for announcements related to specific club members—we wish to acknowledge one another's successes and achievements, as well as other significant events.

Please submit items to one of the Communication Committee members for circulation (and/or send an email message to the club membership if you wish).