



Monthly Newsletter

August 2026

Welcome Back!

I hope you've all had a wonderful summer filled with opportunities to relax, travel, and, of course, capture a few memorable images along the way. As we begin another exciting season with our camera club, we're looking forward to reconnecting with familiar faces, welcoming new members, and sharing our passion for photography.

Whether you spent the summer exploring new locations, experimenting with new techniques, or simply enjoying your camera a little more, we're excited to see what you've created. Here's to another year of learning, inspiration, friendly competition, and great fellowship.

We can't wait to see you at our first meeting!

(Apologies for the lengthy newsletter, but you all are amazing and have accomplished wonderful things - be sure to check it out!)

Welcome Our New Club Officers

As we begin a new season, we're excited to introduce and welcome our newly elected club officers. Their willingness to volunteer their time, talents, and enthusiasm helps keep our club running smoothly and ensures we continue to grow as a community of photographers.

Please join us in thanking these members for stepping into leadership roles and supporting our club. We also extend our sincere appreciation to our outgoing officers for their dedication and service over the past year. Their hard work has laid a strong foundation for another successful season.

We look forward to the ideas, energy, and opportunities our new leadership team will bring in the coming year. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself at our next meeting!

(Use the link above to see the new officers, members at large and chairpersons.)

Club Meeting Dates

Sept. 14: Club Meeting
Sept. 21: Competition
Oct. 5: Education
Oct. 19: Competition
Nov. 2: Education
Nov. 16: Competition
Nov. 30: Critique Night

Exhibit Dates

August 28 - October 3:
High Road Gallery

Nov. 20 - Jan. 18
Columbus Metropolitan
Library (Main Branch)

2027

June 2 - July 28
Riffe Center Lobby Gallery

Sept. 27 - Nov. 28
Ohio Health Riverside Methodist
Hospital Gallery

Competition Themes

September: Open
October: Open
November: Low Light
December: Taken In Ohio
January: Taken in 2026
February: Open
March: Patterns/Repetition
April: Open
May: Salon



Membership...

Joining or renewing your Westbridge membership is easy - pay online or in person at any meeting.

- Existing Members → [Members](#)
- New Members →. [Join here.](#)
- Make Donation →. [Donate here](#)

Westbridge Camera Club has been inspiring and educating photographers of all levels for more than 40 years. Your paid membership gives you the opportunity to participate in this dynamic group of photographers and all the club has to offer. Our membership year runs from September 1st to August 31st with our annual Salon and annual banquet being held in June.

Your membership dues are used to pay for our meeting space, payments to our judges and speakers, and all that it takes to keep a dynamic club like Westbridge thriving. We welcome new members of all levels of experience. Your first month is free after which a paid membership is required to attend meetings and events. Please note that in order to participate in any competition, current paid membership is required. Those living 50 miles or more away from our meeting place receive a discounted membership with all of the same perks of membership.

Remember... that would make dues due by **Sept 21st**

If payment is not made within ninety (90) days, the Treasurer shall remove the person from membership list.

From the Education Committee...

The meeting is **Sept 14th** due to Labor Day being Sept. 7th.

Our September Education Presenter is Cara Jonas. Here is some information about her.

Presentation topic: " Application of critique methods to our own photographs"

"Cara Jonas is a Cincinnati-based portrait photographer known for her empowering senior portraits, headshots, and personal branding work, with a career built on passion, creativity, and client connection. She describes her work as more than just taking pictures — it's about transformation, helping clients see themselves differently and building lasting confidence. Cara has been recognized as a Photographic Craftsman by the Professional Photographers of America (PPA) and has won multiple awards, including the International Photographic Competition Grand Imaging Awards. She also mentors other photographers and is active in the creative community".

Club Exhibits Westerville Community Center

Twenty-nine members and 46 images that tell a whole lot of stories.

This month's club exhibit at the Westerville Community Center brings together an impressive cross-section of what club members have been shooting with their cameras, and the variety on display is one of the real pleasures of viewing the exhibit.

Landscapes are beside street portraits; wildlife and nature close-ups share wall space with still life, and a handful of artistically enhanced pieces remind everyone that "photography" is a big tent.

Congratulations to all 29 photographers who submitted work, and a special thanks to the exhibit committee members – John Butterfied, Joyce Fasone, Steve Organ and Tom Wehrung – who made arrangements for the show, installed it and coordinated member involvement.



Lookin' Good!



Well Done Everyone!





Congrats to all for a
job well done!

Shout Outs! - Celebrating Our Members' Successes

Salon Awards

The Salon Awards showcased the very best individual images of the year, honoring excellence in each division.

Congratulations to every member whose work was recognized and to everyone who entered throughout the year. Your willingness to learn, experiment, and share your vision is what makes our club such a vibrant community. We look forward to another season of outstanding photography and celebrating even more member successes in the year ahead.

Prints - Color

- 1st Mark Collins Eyes on the Prize
- 2nd Sharon Andrews Chasing Sunsets
- 3rd Albert Erickson Big Ice
- 4th Sharon Andrews Refraction No 1
- 5th Sharon Andrews What Sticks
- HM Audrey Begun Are we alone & Night Light
- HM Linda Ulasiewicz Lost to the Fog

Prints - Mono

- 1st Molly A. Selan A Moment Before Melting
- 2nd Cherry Williams Women's Rights March (Dorothea Lange)
- 3rd Molly A. Selan Frozen Lace
- 4th Sharon Andrews The Acent
- 5th Linda Ulasiewicz Shimmering Spheres
- HM Sharon Andrews Mother, Gogunda India (Dorothea Lange), No Seating Available
& Town Gossip

Advanced Prints - Color

- 1st Frank Begun Maize and Blue
- 2nd Carol Shurlow Desert Storm
- 3rd Frank Begun Gotcha
- 4th Dick Wood Fashion (Lindsay Adler)
- 5th John Butterfield The Knowing Smile (Richard Avedon)
- HM Dick Wood Seen Only By The Light
- John Butterfield The Heart of the Home
- Mark Fohl Space Girl 2

Advanced Prints - Mono

- 1st Stephen Organ Osprey at Alum Creek
- 2nd Frank Begun Vervet
- 3rd Stephen Organ Lake Michigan
- 4th Frank Begun Horse Power
- 5th Jeff Sagar The Wave
- HM Carol Shurlow Rusting Away
- Frank Begun Rembrandt's Nightmare
- Stephen Organ Monument Valley

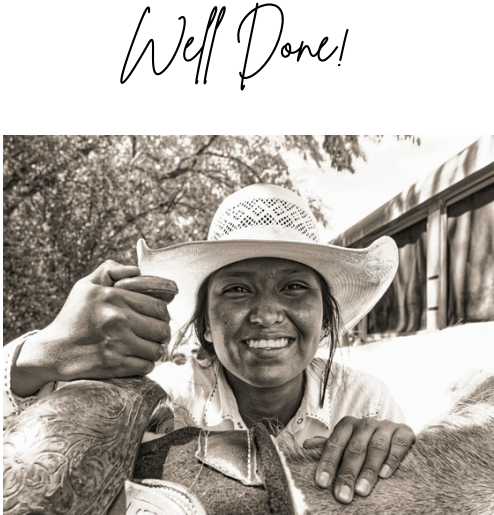
Salon Awards cont.

Digital Novice 1st Thomas Wehrung Under the Mylar Sea (Lindsay Adler) 2nd Thomas Wehrung A Waltz (Ernst Haas) 3rd John Essig The Bee Keepers 4th Thomas Wehrung My Power Source 5th Christopher Kratavil NY Sunset	HM John Essig Roman Crossroads & The Village elders (Rembrandt) Thomas Wehrung Thank you Mr. Edison and HDR
Digital Intermediate 1st Linda Ulasiewicz Focused 2nd David Baldinger Pig-Tailed Macaque and Baby 3rd Sue Day Purple Rising 4th Cherry Williams Boots on the Ground 5th Linda Ulasiewicz Pink	HM Karen Scott Battery Powered & Shining Through Linda Ulasiewicz Where Silence Keeps Watch
Digital Master 1st Frank Begun Wipeout 2nd Frank Begun Harmony 3rd Dale Berlin Ferns 4th Frank Begun Lurking 5th Bill Arneson Transportation and Lodging	HM Dale Berlin 22 Seagulls Dick Wood LindseyAdler_Evan4 Sharon Andrews Man with Tattoos (Diane Arbus)

Other Individual successes...

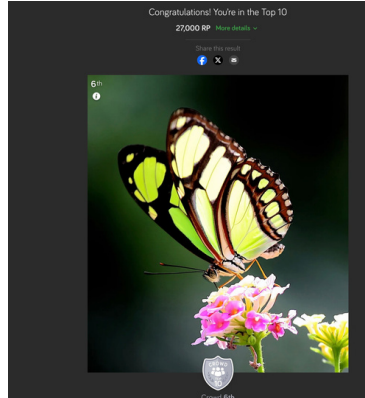
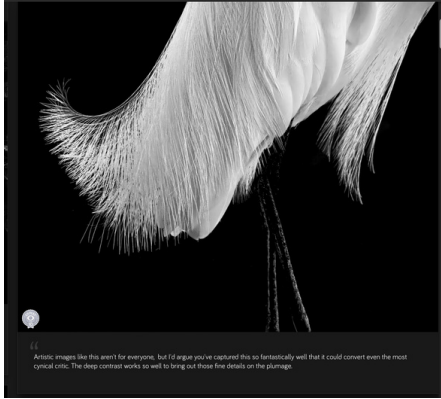
Ed Zirkle shares that it’s been an interesting year...
He has had several photos chosen to be displayed in an exhibits. His piece titled Sidesaddle was accepted at Byn Du and Navajo Diné youth 1 and 2 are going to be at the Ross Art Museum, on campus at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware

Congrats on your success!



Other Individual Successes cont.

Let's check out a little of **Rick Barteldt's** work (with some judges comments included). Besides Westbridge, he is also a member of Photocrowd, an International Group of 14,500 active photographers who participate in a number of contests every week. Judging is done mostly by the crowd members but some by expert judges. (The basic membership is free to join.).



Congratulations to **Roberta Kayne** on an exciting month of photographic achievements! 🎉📷 Roberta had two photographs accepted into the Dayton Society of Artists FotoFocus Biennial Exhibition, Luminous Flow: Time Made Visible. Out of 162 submissions, juror Gregory Changa selected just 30 photographs for the exhibition.

Her accepted images are:

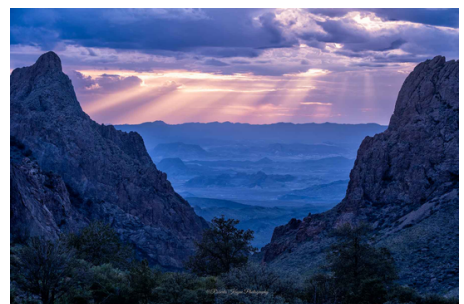
- 📷 Sunset to Blue Hour at the Window
- 📷 Michipicoten on Lake Superior

Roberta will also have two photographs on display at the High Road Gallery through Westbridge Camera Club:

- 📷 Birds Playing in the Morning Light
- 📷 Sunset to Blue Hour at the Window

As an added honor, Roberta will be one of the featured speakers at the High Road Gallery exhibition alongside Robert Formentelli and Sharon Andrews.

Congratulations, Roberta, on these well-deserved recognitions! We hope everyone has the opportunity to see your beautiful work on display.



Congratulations to **Ernst Wehausen** on an incredible month of exhibitions! 🎉

During July, Ernst's photography was featured in four different shows:

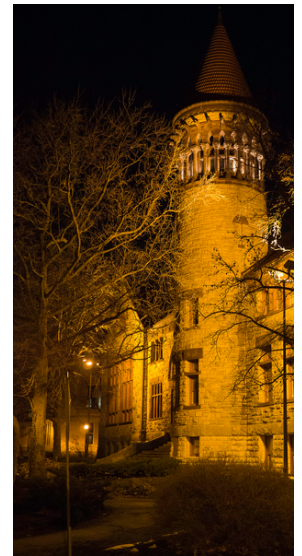
📷 6 photos in Colors of Courage at the Fran Ryan Center

📷 2 photos in Across the Field – An Artistic Tribute at The Ohio State Faculty Club

📷 1 photo in the Ohio State Fair Fine Arts Exhibition

📷 2 photos in Reflections of America at 250 at the Richard M. Ross Art Museum, presented by the Ohio Art League

What an outstanding achievement and a wonderful showcase of Ernst's talent. Congratulations on your continued success—we're proud to celebrate your accomplishments!



Martha Morss had an image had a photo accepted this summer for the Art in the Park exhibition in Mount Vernon, OH. It was a table still life titled "H is for Hawk." Great job Martha!

Joyce Fasten also has a photograph accepted into an Ohio Art League show at the Ross Art Museum in Delaware, Ohio. The show is titled Reflections of America at 250, and her photograph is titled “Faces of America”. She took the photograph at the No Kings protest at the Ohio Statehouse last fall.



Mark Collins had a busy summer. He entered eleven photos in the Logan County Fair Photography competition. There were many categories and he had something in most of them. (Six were from Westbridge entries.) The two included here are some of his favorites that were not submitted to Westbridge. The Yesteryear was almost used for the Shiny Objects competition; the other one is a covered bridge near me. I had six first place and four second place but there were only two of us in the Advanced category.



Congratulations to **Molly Selan** on an outstanding showing at the Ohio State Fair Creative Arts Competition! 🎉📷

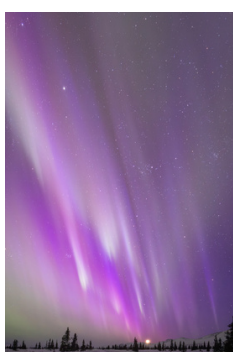
Molly earned three awards this year:

- 🥉 3rd Place – Busy Bees (Insect Category)
 - 🥈 2nd Place – Aurora Awakening (America 250 Theme Category)
 - 🥉 3rd Place – Big Boy – 4014 Portrait (America 250 Theme Category)
- (And in Paper Crafts - 🥈 2nd Place – Snowflake Album)



Adding to the excitement, Molly also had two images accepted into a PhotoPlace Gallery exhibition in July juried by Lance Keimig—co-owner of the Nightscaper Conference and co-founder and co-owner of the Night Photo Summit.

Congratulations on these well-deserved honors! It's exciting to see your work recognized in both state and national exhibitions, and we look forward to seeing what you create next.



OHIO STATE FAIR FINE ARTS EXHIBITION

Congratulations to all of our photography members whose work was accepted into the 2026 Fine Arts Exhibition at the Fair! 🎉📷

This is an incredible accomplishment. Only 109 pieces in the amateur division and 249 in the professional division were selected! With 1345 entries submitted, having your work accepted is a true honor and a testament to your creativity, technical skill, and artistic vision.

Your dedication to your craft continues to inspire our club, and we're proud to see your talent recognized on such a competitive stage. Congratulations to everyone whose images made the exhibition—we can't wait to see your work on display!

Please join us in celebrating these outstanding photographers! 🙌

Amateur

Sharon Andrews - Mother Gogunda (Juror's Choice Awards) & Light from the Threshold

Frank Begun - Arc of the Diver

John Butterfield - Resilient and Strong (Friends of the Cultural Arts Center Award), First Day of School & The Heart of the Home,

Carrie Cartwright - Greeting the Fall

Steve Organ - Stormy Morning, Western Kansas

Linda Ulasiewicz - Forgotten

Professional

Jeff Sagar - The Wave, Lone Tree, Cosmic Vortex

Paul Wilbur - Tree on Horizon, Tree on Horizon & Wilburs Steiglitz Winter in OH

Dick Wood - Seen only by the Light, The Last Detective, Nothing Scheduled, Meditation in Light & Between Light and Stone



Congratulations!!!

