



Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club
A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers
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TONIGHT'S MEETING

The Board met last week online and decided to cancel this month's meeting. They will decide by April 15 whether or not to cancel the May Meeting. The newsletter will not be printed this month, but will be emailed to the members and posted on the website.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Focus Photo Club's annual awards banquet, which replaces the June meeting, has been canceled. It will not be rescheduled for this year. The awards will be handed out at the September meeting. If we don't have a meeting in May, Photographer-of-the-Year and other awards will be determined by the stats as they were at the end of the last meeting we had. If there is a meeting in May, the results of that month's competition will be included in determining the final stats.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS UPCOMING

Our annual elections are held at the May meeting. We need people to run for the board positions. All positions except President are for a one-year term, while the president serves for two years. Susan has another year to go, so we won't vote for president this year. To find out the duties of each position, check out your Constitution on the website. You can run for any position, but as of now, no one is running for Hospitality or Program Chair.

Judy has done an amazing job as Hospitality Chair, but she is not running again. Don't be afraid to run for this position, as we have decided to cut back on refreshments! All we need is something to drink and a simple snack such as cookies or chips and dip. If you're still hungry, go to Archer's with us!

Linda Madden has done an outstanding job of Program Chair, but she is ready to step down and spend more time traveling. She has several programs planned, which will give the new chair a head start, and has offered to help that person get started. If you are interested in running for a position, contact Susan Willin, President, at Susan.Willin01@gmail.com.

Out of Focus is published monthly by the Focus Photo Club. Announcements and articles relating to photography, photo contests, and events are strongly encouraged.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9 - April Meeting—
CANCELED

May 14 - May Meeting –
To be announced by
April 15.

May 16 - Focus Photo
Adventure to Morris and
Sweet Arrow Reserves -
Linda Madden

June 11 - Annual Focus
Photo Club Awards Ban-
quet - CANCELED

July 9—July Meeting

August 13—August
Meeting People's
Choice Competition

President's Message

February 2020

Susan Willin



Things to 'FOCUS' on while you 'Stay at Home'!

As you have probably learned from our prior announcements and email updates, FOCUS Photo Club has postponed or canceled many of our club meetings, competitions and activities. We are not the only ones, as many clubs throughout the state and country have done the same.

Most of the world has embraced the challenge of trying to contain an unknown virus and has canceled and or postponed human activity to prevent its spread. Schools, travel, sports, restaurants, the economy, and most everything has been affected...especially social gatherings.

We are a very social club and I know the absence of our monthly get togethers weighs heavy on many club members. It's hard not to see old and new friends, and to bond over great conversations both before, during, and even after our meetings. I realize this is a big hole for many of us.

The FOCUS Board has met in creative ways during this hiatus and we hope to keep everyone involved and informed of events as they happen. We learned that Chat Rooms, while low in technology and easy to use, are too cumbersome, and that face-to-face video meetings, while higher on the technology end, worked much better for good communication. Many of us are practicing

strict 'stay at home' measures and using video technology such as SKYPE and ZOOM are great ways to connect with friends, family! ...and work (not so fun).

The Board decided, as a whole, to postpone our official competitions. The Board believes it is important for our competitions to remain fair across the board for both digital and print competitors.

In light of this decision, we are currently holding an 'unofficial' Photo Competition on our FOCUS Facebook Page. The idea is to post a photo that you have taken during the governor's 'Stay at Home' order. The photo can be any photo you've taken at home since the Stay at Home order was issued. It should be a photo that was taken at your home...indoor, outdoor (your yard), still life, candid, composite, macro...anything you can think of! It can be of any subject, it just has to be done while at home. Go to the our FOCUS Facebook page for more details and enter away!

Another decision by the Board included postponing our Annual Year-End Banquet. While we know this is a disappointment, we intend to celebrate one way or the other at some point! :) We will make sure to keep you all informed as the details are worked out...and we appreciate your patience very much.

While at home, there are still many photography-related things to do. I have seen many images posted by our members either as 'drive by' opportunities or by lone visits to local parks and wildlife areas. Impressive images!
Susan

Table with 4 columns: Position, Name, Phone Number, Email Address. Title: Executive Board 2019-2020

GUIDELINES

Competition is open to all paid-up members of Focus Photo Club (dues must be current one week prior to competition.) Entry deadline is 7:10 p.m. on meeting night. Each member may submit 4 entries, no more than 2 photos in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution. Projected entries must be uploaded by midnight of the Monday before the meeting.

MEMBER GALLERIES on CLUB WEBSITE

If you haven't already checked out the Member Galleries on our Focus Photo Club Website, you're in for a treat. A number of our members have a selection of their photos on the website for people to view. There is some beautiful work being highlighted here.

NEWSLETTER INFO

Please e-mail me any information you have for the newsletter. That include good news, like awards you've won, photos you've had published, and exhibits you're participating in. I can also use information about local photography events, contests or exhibits that might be of interest to the members. It's your input that makes my job easier and enables me to include information that is of interest to the members. Thanks!

DIGITAL COMPETITION

Welcome, new members. Just a few words about Digital (aka Projected) Competition. We use Photocontestpro.com to submit our digital format pictures. If all goes right, you should have an account created, using the email you gave us, within two weeks. Once created, you will receive an email from Moskowitz & Associates with your credentials with your information. If you have questions, please email digitalcompetition@focusphotoclub.com . If you do not have an email address, there are several free sites. Please check that all is okay with your account at least a week prior to the due date. Notify us of problems using the email above. If you wait till the last minute to notify us of problems, we cannot guarantee that you will be able to compete digitally that month.

Nancy Christolear, Digital Competition Vice-President

PEOPLE'S CHOICE COMPETITION

If we have a meeting in August, the People's Choice Competition will take place at that meeting. Last year we started giving an award called the Legacy Award, in memory of club founders Nancy Roach and Brook Brandewie. The award will be given to the photographer whose photo gets the most votes. This award will be passed on next year to whoever wins it that year.

