



Out of Focus

Newsletter of the Focus Photo Club
A Special Interest Club for Amateur and Professional Photographers
Meeting at Central Christian Church, 1200 Forrer Blvd, Dayton OH on the 1st
Thursday each month

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4 - October Meeting - Indonesia Trip - Ned Pennock

October 13- Train Shoot - John Murphy- Rain Date Oct. 20 Museum opens at 10, bring covered dish, they will provide BBQ, Members only, except for Models

November 8 - November Meeting - Club Birthday - Song Titles Video - Weezie Haws

December 13 - December Meeting - Annual Photo Exchange

January 10 - January Meeting

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TONIGHT'S MEETING

Ned Pennock recently traveled Indonesia. The following text describes his final photo essay, which he will talk about and present at our October meeting:

In August 2018, I traveled to Yogyakarta, Indonesia to attend a photography workshop with John Stanmeyer, an acclaimed National Geographic photographer. As I prepared for my trip, I learned that the island of Java is the most populated island on the planet and that Indonesia is the most populous Muslim country in the world. I researched the necessary steps I should take to keep myself healthy and safe. My research led me to articles about attacks on Westerners in Bali, Jakarta, and other locations across Indonesia over the last 15-20 years. I had never traveled to this part of the world before and, honestly, didn't know what to expect. What was I getting myself into?

My photography project took me to the Juwana River in north central Java, about a six-hour drive from Yogyakarta. I met my host family, Petrus, Nanik and their two sons Wiwit and Tito. Over the next week, I traveled with them across many parts of the region extending from the headwaters of the Juwana in the Kendeng and Muria mountains where the cutting of teak and bamboo forests help to amplify the downstream flooding ... through the small village of Tondomulyo ... to the mouth of the Juwana River where fishing boats navigate a river in stress.

This photo essay captures aspects of the daily lives of people who are connected to the Juwana River, and who let me into their lives during my journey. Along the way, I met:

- **Sutawi** and **Suyatmi**, a beautiful couple who live on the banks of the Juwana River, and their grandson, Dul. Sutawi, a fisherman, farmer, and carpenter, built their simple and beautifully colored home in 1976. However, over the last 20 years, their home has been flooded nine times, with increasing severity. In one photo, Sutawi points to the flood level in his home. In several other photos, they get ready to attend the wedding of their nephew.

- **Ngatmin**, who was playing his violin with Wiwit and Tito one evening. As they played and sang, I learned that Ngatmin hand-crafts violins out of bamboo that he finds in the Muria Mountains. Ngatmin invited me to his home to show me how he makes violins and to take me into the mountains to see the bamboo forests that are being destroyed, in favor of planting coffee and other crops. (continued on Page 3)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

To advise all members, this will be the last time we will meet on the FIRST Thursday of the month. That is Thursday, October 4. After that, our meetings will be on the SECOND Thursday of each month, with the Board Meeting following on the next Wednesday. I agree there has been some confusion on moving the date. Our original intent was to begin meeting the second Thursday in October, and this was going to be due to the church having their annual rummage sale the first Thursday. The church changed their plans, and moved the date to the second Thursday, which resulted in Focus meeting on our "normal" first Thursday. This problem was a one-time occurrence, so beginning NOVEMBER, our meeting will be the second Thursday. If you weren't confused before, now you are!



Autumn has begun, and with that, we should begin to see fall color. Last year, we had autumn, but not much color due to the drought late last summer. From what I have read lately, color this fall should be excellent. Try this site, and move the date to see color prediction <https://smokymountains.com/fall-foliage-map/>

The railroad museum shoot is scheduled for October 13 (rain date is October 20, and I will let everyone know if we have to change the date). This is always a fun event, and we can begin arriving at 10 AM when they open, and we can stay until dark when they light up various rail cars and let us shoot after dark. They provide a dinner cookout, and anyone wanting to participate in the dinner should bring one side dish. They provide hamburgers and do the cooking in their park. Well worth the drive! Visit their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/cincirailmuseum/> or their web site <http://cincirailmuseum.org/>

Richard

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 and 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 OK with your account at least one week prior to the due date. Notify us of problems using digitalcompetition@focusphotoclub.com.

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 VP

Dave Lundy's Proud Moment

Microwave Update (MUD) is an international conference dedicated to microwave equipment design, construction and operation. This year's charman asked Dave to take photos related to the event, which will be held in Dayton this year, and to create a collage for the book cover. The book has just been printed by ARRL (American Radio Relay League.)

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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 3 entries, no more than 1 photo in any one category. Competition rules can be found in the Constitution. Projected entries must be uploaded by midnight of the

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.

If you don't have a photo gallery on the website, send the link to your photo website to Susan.Willin1@gmail.com .

FOOD DRIVE for CHURCH

Our agreement with the church includes having four food drives. This month is one of them. Please bring a couple of items of canned food or other non-perishable food.

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! patmcbirder@woh.rr.com

- **Sunhadi**, a devout and peaceful Muslim man who courageously works alongside Christians to try to spearhead better watershed management. Sunhadi's day starts with the early-morning call to prayer, followed by daily chores, and getting his kids ready for school. He also pours his time and energy into his school to make sure that children are taught the importance of respect, relationships, and dialog: all fundamental building blocks that help to resolve challenging issues in non-violent ways.

- **Matkolil**, a farmer who runs a rice mill in Tondomulyo. I learned that rice is harvested in two seasons in this part of Java (January and July), but that the typical yields have dropped 40-60 percent as a result of the increased flooding. I watched as members of the village came to the mill to process their families' rice that they had harvested the previous season. •

Mbok Ayu Parni (Mbok in Javanese means Mother), an old woman who was returning to her home after having collected a bundle of firewood in the Kendeng Mountains. To me, the firewood she carried on her back symbolized the deforestation of the teak forest. However, for her, the wood was an essential part of her daily life. **As we returned to her simple, one-room hut, she told me that she has lived alone for many years, since** her husband left her. She sat on a bed that rested on the dirt floor of her home. Even though she had little, she asked us to stay and offered us tea.

- **Bilel**, a deaf boy who lives in Pati. Bilel and his mother, Dewi, were meeting with a other deaf members of the community at Peace Place, an interfaith school founded by Nanik and Petrus, and supported by Friends Peace Teams.

- **Juhadi, Gemi, Ramini**, and many others who were harvesting mung beans don their traditional bamboo hats to shade themselves from the rising sun and temperature. During the wet season, rice is grown in these fields in north central Java. However, during the dry season, mung beans (similar to soy beans) are grown. Unlike in the U.S., where most harvesting is accomplished by combines, entire fields of crops are harvested by hand in Indonesia.

My Lasting Impressions: Throughout my journey, I was touched by how gentle and hospitable everyone was. I was the stranger in their land and they welcomed me with open arms. My experience is a far cry from how some would like to portray Islam and all Muslims as radical, violent people. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Petrus and Nanik, my host family and founders Peace Place in Pati; and to Nadine Hoover, coordinator of Friends Peace Teams in Asia West Pacific, that supports long-term relationships with communities in conflict around the world to create peace, healing and reconciliation, such as through Peace Place in Pati. They are truly making the world a better place.

SEPTEMBER TOP TEN

1.	Ned Pennock	27
2.	Tod Brining	25
3.	Jeff Smith	21
	Kathy Moore	21
5.	Richard Fox	19
	Sally Oberbeck	19
	Carolyn Willis	19
8.	Stan Rohrer	17
	Stephen Goldberg	17
	Nancy Christolear	17
	Pat Elliott	17

ICON ACHIEVERS

50 Points

Ned Pennock Stan Rohrer
Nancy Christolear Jeff Smith
Kathy Moore Holly Smith
Linda Madden Richard Fox

25 Points

Tod Brining Tom Entingh
Marilyn Calondis

THEMES

October	Farms
November	Autumn
December	In the Air
January	Storms
February	Door Knobs
March	Leading Lines
April	Sunrise/Sunset
May	Shadows
July	Bodies of Water
August	Metal

September - Theme - Trails

COLOR OPEN

1. Mt. Bromo - Ned Pennock
2. Leopard in a Tree - Stephen Goldberg
3. Sailboat at Sunset - Sally Oberbeck
3. Beautiful Red Buds - Carolyn Willis
- HM - Pretty in Pink - Robin Brandewie
- HM - Weathered Barn - Tom Entingh
- HM - Scuffle - Louise Haws

COLOR THEME

1. I Jen Crater - Ned Pennock
2. Towpath Trail - Richard Fox
3. Teton Bike Trail - Pat McCarthy
- 3 Trail through the Azaleas - Sally Oberbeck
- HM - Rainbow Trail - Robin Brandewie
- HM - Shields Cabin - Stan Rohrer

BLACK & WHITE OPEN BLACK & WHITE THEME

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Snowy Egret in Full Plumage - S. Oberbeck 2. Streets of Sienna, Italy - Carolyn Willis 3. Carlsbad Cavern - Eleanor Hilton HM - Snowy Trail - Holly Smith | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Badlands Trail - Robin Brandewie 1. Trail at Arches - Marilyn Calondis 1. Traveling a Different Path - Tom Entingh 1. East Gorge Trail - Stan Rohrer 2. Animal Trails - Pat McCarthy |
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EXTENDED PRINT OPEN

1. ZAP! - Holly Smith
2. Covered Bridges - Fletcher - C. Willis
3. Gallery - Louise Haws
3. Red Poppies - Eleanor Hilton
- HM - Solar Barn - Tom Entingh

EXTENDED PRINT THEME

1. Star Trails over Arches - Ned Pennock
2. Autumn Trail - Richard Fox
3. Cemetery Road Bridge - Stan Rohrer
- HM - Snow Trails - Louise Haws

PROJECTED STD OPEN

1. Lake Sumpter Sunset - Crystal Allen
1. Ruffled Feathers - Tod Brining
2. Smoky Mountain Waterfall - N. Christolear
2. Hangin' in Oak Openings - Linda Madden
2. Horse 2 - Curt McAdams
3. African Daisy - Tina Hatfield
3. Peaceful Spot - Jeff Smith
3. Hello? - Scott Young
- HM - Capturing the View - Nancy Dankof

PROJECTED STD THEME

1. Leaving Spring Valley - Pat Elliott
2. Smoky Mountain Trail - Nancy Christolear
2. Blue Angel Trails - Judy Fellner
3. Trails in the Sky - Richard Fox
- HM - Fall Hiker - Crystal Allen
- HM - The Red Cedars - Nancy Dankof
- HM - Glen Helen Trail Dog - Joann Jozwiak
- HM - Rooted Trail to Mingo Falls - L. Madden
- HM - Lunch with a View - Scott Young

PROJECTED EXTENDED OPEN PROJECTED EXTENDED THEME

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Hummingbird Moth on Bush - Kathy Moore 1. Fiery Fountain of Light - Jeff Smith 2. Fen Indian Plantain - Tod Brining 2. Bear on a Bench - Joann Jozwiak 3. Stream at Huffman Prairie - Pat Elliott 3. Blue Polo - Curt McAdams 3. Two Bees on Flower - Phyllis Morrow HM - Smoky Mountain Bear - Nancy Christolear | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Beach Road - Tod Brining 2. Snowy Garden of the Gods - Jeff Smith 3. Heading to the Mountain - Gina McDowell 3. Fire Trails - Kathy Moore HM - Rain Rivulets - Pat Elliott |
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PROJECTED SPECIAL CATEGORY

1. We, the Peiople - Susan Willin
2. Three Sisters - Kathy Moore
3. Fashion Still Life - Linda Madden
3. Barrel Bourbon - Curt McAdams
- HM - Blue Bottles in Window - Judy Fellner