ORLANDO CAMERA CLUB NEWS

APRIL 2016

The OCC Newsletter is published monthly to provide information to our members and interested individuals. The general club meeting is at 6:30 PM on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Marks Street Senior Center.

For more information check the website: www.orlandocameraclub.com

Deadline for submission to the newsletter is the 25th of each month.

NEXT PRESENTATION: APRIL 25, 2016
"Photographing the Nighttime Landscape"

by Roman Kurywczak (*Sponsored by Sigma****)***

An educational how-to program designed to open up your eyes to the possibility of photographing landscapes with the star filled sky as a backdrop all with just one shot. Questions will be encouraged during the entire presentation. The subjects covered will be on necessary equipment as well as camera setting for both star points and star trails. Some additional topics covered will be overcoming the challenges of focusing and composing at night and some minor tips on post processing the images. The program will conclude with a segment on "light painting" of a foreground subject as well as overcoming obstacles when the conditions are less than ideal. Students will leave with a clear understanding of the techniques required and implement them out in the field for themselves.

My e-book on the subject; "A Digital Guide to Photographing the Night Sky" was released in Feb. 2011. You can find galleries, blog, gear reviews, nighttime landscape e-book, and more at my website: http://roaminwithroman.com/

NEXT COMPETITON
APRIL 11, 2016

COMPETITION THEME: MACRO

The new site is now ready to accept your entries. Entries must be uploaded no later than midnight on ***April 4th*** but it would be wise to not wait until the last moment since this is a new website and competition program.

Go to the Orlando Camera Club Website http://www.orlandocameraclub.com/. You will have to log in and go to the Competitions link, located in the Member Area drop down menu. You will have to register to be eligible to enter images into the competition.

This is a new feature of the new website.

All the information and directions both written and video are at: http://orlandocameraclub.com/member-area/competitions/

Become a member of the Orlando Camera Club!

Become a member by visiting the easy sign up page.

Looking forward to seeing you at an upcoming meeting.

Questions? Email us at membership@orlandocameraclub.com

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SHOOT-OUTS

Welcome to Shootout Events for Orlando Camera Club! I welcome your ideas for future Shootouts (Julie Lee email ... put OCC in the subject line of your email) and it would be great if you would also offer to co-host if your idea is selected for an upcoming event. It's guaranteed if you co-host that we will do the Shootout on a day you're available! Shootouts are for Members in good standing. Please use the Facebook 'Event' section to RSVP for each Shootout. Use this link ... OCC EVENTS ... to see all upcoming events on our Facebook page. If you do not have a Facebook account, then you can email your response directly to me. I hope you'll consider joining us for one of our upcoming outings.

APRIL 10 @ 8:00 AM

OCC SHOOTOUT: Florida Southern College
111 Lake Hollingsworth Dr. Lakeland, FL 33801
Sunday, April 10 at 8 AM

Join me and co-hosts Carl and Ed Clay as we travel to Florida Southern College in Lakeland to photograph one of the largest collections of Frank Lloyd Wright structures. 'Early-birds' will meet up at 8:00am at nearby Lake Mirror to photograph the year round resident Mandarin Ducks. At 9:00am we'll meet the rest of the group at Florida Southern College for a morning of architectural shooting. This will be the time to bring a variety of lenses, from wide angle to telephoto to creative, and to practice making creative images of patterns and abstracts. More details to come regarding meeting locations and exact times. We'll wrap up and compare notes at a nearby restaurant before heading back to Orlando. More details as the date gets closer.

MAY 12 @ 8:45 AM

OCC SHOOTOUT: Leu Gardens
1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando
Thursday, May 12 at 8:45

Join us for a morning Shootout at Leu Gardens hosted by Julie Lee and Laura Howell. We will meet in the parking area at 8:45am with the gardens opening at 9. One camera bag and one tripod are permitted. Entrance fee is $10. Julie will be on hand to demonstrate macro flower tips and shooting techniques for those interested. Please consider purchasing an annual membership which also gives you access to reciprocal gardens throughout the USA and discounts in their gift shop and special events. http://www.leugardens.org/membership/

Suggested gear: tripod, extra batteries, external flash, small diffuser, macro lens, Lensbaby, telephoto lens, extension tubes, wide angle lens, infrared camera or filter, shutter release, mosquito repellant, and water.

In case of rain cancellation, our backup date will be Thursday, May 19th.

Novice Group - April 25

The Novice Group meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 in the Maple Room at the Marks Street Senior Center. All paid Orlando Camera Club members are welcome to attend. We have presentations and workshops on topics that would be of interest to newer photographers. Join us for some photography education and stimulating discussions. Presented by Dave Wood & Mike Adkins

If you need further information please email ***novicegroup@orlandocameraclub.com***

Intermediate Group - April 25

The ***New*** Intermediate Group will meet on the 4th Monday of each month at 5:30 in the Main Ballroom at the Marks Street Senior Center. All paid Orlando Camera Club members are welcome to attend. We have presentations and workshops on topics that would be of interest to intermediate photographers. Join us for some photography education and stimulating discussions. Presented by Mike Wacht.

http://orlandocameraclub.com/intermediate-group/

FINE Art GROUP

April 11, 2016 5:30-6:30pm

The Fine Art of Post Processing

presented by **Anna Cary**

Anna will share some of her favorite techniques for optimizing a photograph and producing a creative image using Lightroom, Photoshop, and several other editing programs.

About Anna Cary . . .
Anna Cary is a fine art photographer, based in Central Florida. Her background in medical ultrasound imaging, and in the performing arts, led to the discovery of her passion for photography, and the development of a unique vision from location portraiture to rural landscapes to small town America.
From her studies in Photoshop and graphic design in 2001, she moved into the area of photo retouching, restoration, and digital painting, broadening her expertise in the digital darkroom.
To add creative dimension to her work, she sometimes captures images using a converted Infrared camera, using the deep black and white infrared filter, to produce a traditional infrared image.
Anna has extensively photographed her native upstate New York, as well as northern California, and the eastern seaboard states from Maine to Florida. Her work has been exhibited in several Florida galleries, including the Albin Polasek Museum in Winter Park, City Arts Factory in downtown Orlando, and SOBO in Winter Garden. Anna's Fine Art Notecards and Prints are for sale at several central Florida locations, including the Orlando Museum of Art Gift Shop.
Her images have been published in Central Florida Lifestyle Magazine, Orlando Home Renovation Magazine, and the comprehensive book, Digital Infrared Photography by Deborah Sandidge. You can view her work at www.annacary.com.
Please RSVP using our OCC Facebook Event
See our Facebook Event for each event (posted about 30 days prior to the event) to RSVP. Seating is limited in the Maple Room. You may also RSVP to *Julie Lee* if you are not a Facebook user.

Member Social Media Reminder

Find us on Facebook

We have two places online for members to post their photos, comments, sell their gear, buy new gear and stay in touch with the Club.

These are in addition to our website www.orlandocameraclub.com.

Facebook – our Group page is Orlando Camera Club, open for members only to post photos, sell/buy gear and see what other members are doing. We also post club events on this Facebook Page.

Flickr – our Group is Orlando Camera Club, open for members only to post photos, blog discussions and show your work to the 110+ million Flickr members.
If you are an Orlando Camera Club member, you can join both of these sites by simply asking.

We invite you to join us on the web and show your work to the world!

FCCC Florida Camera Club Council

All 2016 Competitions will now feature a Documentary Category. There will be only one class in Monochrome, Creative, and Documentary. Color will retain the advanced and beginners categories. Check the Competition Rules and Regulations for further information

F3c 1st Triannual Competition Schedule:
2016 1st Triannual – Digital: March 1 – March 31: Accepting Submissions
2016 1st Triannual – Digital: April 1 – April 10: Judging
2016 1st Triannual – Digital: April 13: Winner Announcements

F3c 2nd Triannual Competition Schedule:
2016 2nd Triannual – Digital: June 1 – June 30: Accepting Submissions
2016 2nd Triannual – Digital: July 1st- July 10th: Judging
2016 2nd Triannual – Digital: July13: Winner Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS & PHOTO OPS

April 1-3
Melbourne Air & Space Show
Melbourne Int'l Airport

April 5 - 10
Sun 'N Fun Air Show
Lindner Airport

April 27 - May 1
Florida's Birding & Photo Fest
St. Augustine, Ponte Vedra

2015 - 2016
Competiton & Meeting Schedule:

April 25
Night Photography by Roman
May 9
Smart Phone Shoot
May 23
TBD
June 13
Competition - Story Telling
June 27
Gene Ho
July 11
David Hume Kennerly
July 25
TBD
August 8
Competition - Open

Just a reminder: BRING YOUR CAMERAS! The Marks Senior Center is open for us at 5:30, an hour before the main meeting starts. This is a perfect time to check out the library and socialize with other members. I have always been on site by 5:30 to do photo critiques, answer questions and just chat with whoever shows up.

BRING YOUR CAMERAS! I cannot emphasize this enough. One of the best ways to learn is by asking others with similar gear to yours about functions, tips etc. The club is more than the speakers and events we put on. It is all about the members and sharing information.

Florida Museum of Photographic Arts

UPCOMING EVENTS & PHOTO OPS

Update on the new Club website: Last month was the first competition using the new website. Extra time was allowed so everyone interested had the opportunity to enter. There were 94 images entered into the various categories of the competition. There was a tremendous amount of behind the scenes effort by Mike Adkins, George Crudo, and the other members of the competition team.

Competition results can now be viewed on the website. After logging into the OCC website, click the link for the Member Area and then Competitions. Scroll all the way to the bottom and select http://orlandocameraclub.photoservices.com. Once there select under Competitions, Competition Results. After choosing which category to view, click the box for view all images.

March 14th Meeting:
There was a great turn out for the Birds of Prey photo shoot at the March meeting. Thanks to the folks at Audubon Birds of Prey center in Maitland for bringing four of their awesome raptors for us to photograph.

Senior Educator Robert Veal showing off a bald eagle.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

2017 City of Orlando Historic Preservation Board Calendar

The City of Orlando Historic Preservation Board is seeking photographs for the 2017 Historic Preservation Board Calendar Contest. The 2017 Calendar theme is "Verticality in Architecture". The Historic Preservation Board is looking for people to capture the diverse vertical elements seen throughout Orlando's historic districts and landmarks in black and white pictures. The City of Orlando has produced the popular Historic Preservation Board Calendar since 1991 as a depiction of Orlando's treasured historic resources.

After over 25 years of the annual Calendar theme focusing on a specific area or architecture style, the 2017 Calendar encourages participating artists, historians, photographers, and historic preservationists to get creative and feature our historic resources from a new perspective.

Vertical elements are an important part of architecture. Verticality can create or dramatize scale, visual interest, and provide stylistic detail. Examples of vertical elements can be large such as a tower, turret, or column in a portico of a home. They can also be small details such as a spindle on a staircase, a doorway, or a thin window of a church. Verticality can define an entire building or a site element such as a gate, entryway, monument, or historic sign.

The Board encourages photographs that capture unique architectural details and the various uses of vertical elements. Photos may include a single structure or focus on an architectural element. All subject photos must be located in one of Orlando's Local Historic Districts, National Register of Historic Places Districts or be a designated Local Historic Landmark or Landmark Sign. These locations can be found at http://www.cityoforlando.net/city-planning/historic-preservation/ .

The Winning Photos will be published in the 2017 Historic Preservation Board Calendar, and the photographer will earn $100 per selected photo and recognition by Mayor Dyer during a Presentation to City Council.

Photo by Junko Hennessy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteers for Community Service (VCI)
It is time again for the annual Recognition banquet for the Volunteers for Community Service and they are seeking the help of photographers to help document the day. They are excited to be hosting the event this year on May 20th, 2016 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. Doors open at 11 with the program beginning at noon. To learn more about VCI go to http://volunteersforcommunityimpact.org/

Please contact Carol Winardi at communityservice@orlandocameraclub.com for additional information or to help.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with the Tri-County Emergency Drill at the various hospitals. Each year the Tri-County area participates in an emergency drill to prepare for the possibility of a mass casualty event. the Orlando Camera Club documents the event at Orlando Health through photos as a learning tool. Thanks to Jim Orme, Gina Deitrich, Greg Nelson, Mike Adkins, George Rivera and Cliff Morris for their help with this project.

HARMON'S School of Photography

Club members get a discount on classes. Click here for more information on upcoming classes.

Colonial Photo & Hobby INC.
THE FUN JUST GOT BETTER!

Thank You to Colonial Photo & Hobby for providing OCC with all of the gift cards for our competitions.

Sandhill Crane with New Family—Larry Lynch
Third Place–Advanced Category
2015 Chertok Nature Photography Contest

Orange Audubon Society's 2016 (28th Annual) Kit and Sidney Chertok Nature Photography Contest

OBJECTIVES:

To promote interest and concern for preserving the native fauna and flora of Florida, and to encourage nature photography and enjoyment and appreciation of our natural wonders.

CONTEST THEME: Florida Native Nature Photograph the amazing Florida native plants, animals, landscapes and habitats of Florida. Help to raise awareness to protect Florida's biological diversity.

THREE CONTEST DIVISIONS:

Novice – Open to new and less experienced photo hobbyists of all ages.

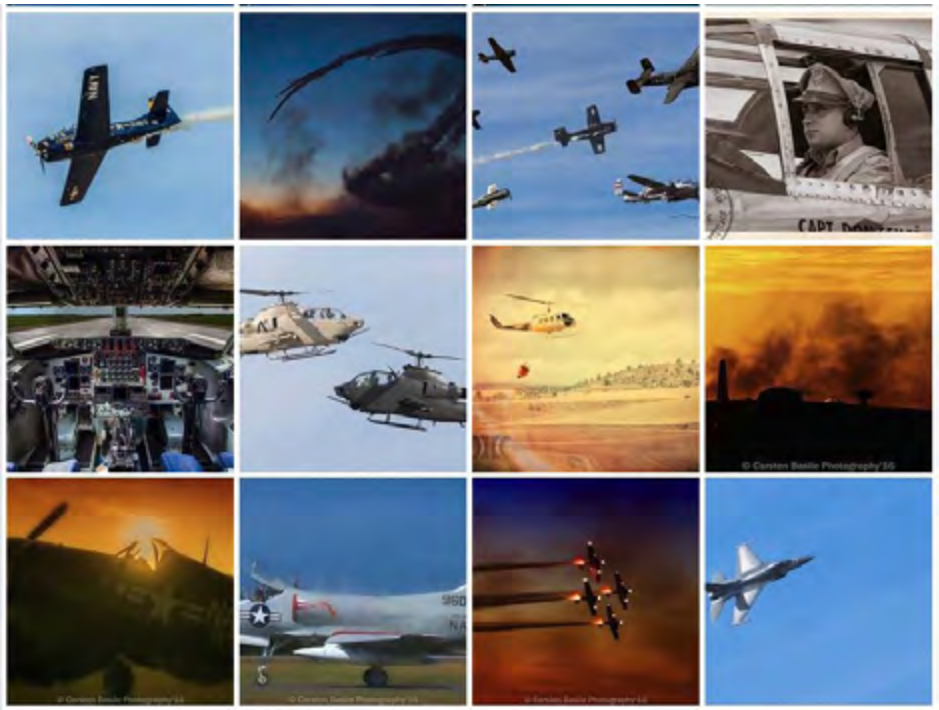
Advanced – Open to experienced photographers of all ages who have practiced and honed their skills over time.

Youth – Open to all photographers 17 years of age or younger by the May deadline.

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all photographers. However, Orange Audubon Society board members and Chertok contest committee members are not eligible to participate.

OCC SHOOT OUT AT THE TICO WARBIRDS AIRSHOW

Just a few of the photos taken by Orlando Camera Club members during the Tico Warbirds Airshow Shoot-out. To see more of the photos taken visit OCC's face-book page and look under photos and albums.



ENTRY DEADLINE for ALL entries: April 21, 2016 (postmarked by date)
Participants will be notified and may replace ineligible entries at no additional fee.

REPLACEMENT DEADLINE for ALL entries: May 19, 2016 (postmarked by date)
Click here for more information.

SPONSOR NEWS

And now for our April specials. These specials will be offered through April 30, 2016 unless otherwise stated. Please note that several are based on limited quantities and I cannot issue rain checks. As always, UPS Ground shipping is FREE in the Lower 48 and there is no sales tax except for orders shipped to MA, RI or ME. If you'd like to place an order for any of these specials, or any other items not listed here, please call me, Alan Samiljan, at 781-662-8822 or send me an email including your phone number to alansamhunts@gmail.com and I'll call you.

You are in luck! Canon continued their rebate program.Now through April 30, 2016 or until supplies run out we are offering the Canon Pixma PRO 10 printer at $379.99 before rebate (Canon sells it on their website for $699.99). If you purchase the printer plus a package of 13x19x50 sheets of Canon Semi-Gloss or Luster paper, $50, Canon will send you a $250 mail in rebate! This is a pigment based printer and is always reviewed very well. Your final cost is $129.99 plus the paper! You can't buy a decent document printer for this price, let alone an exhibition quality photo printer!

If you'd rather have a printer that will handle up to 17x22" you should consider the NEW Canon imagePROGRAF PRO-1000 17" Professional Photographic Inkjet Printer. The PRO-1000 uses twelve 80ml ink cartridges which really lower your cost per ml of ink. The PRO-1000 is $1,299.99.

During April only, inks for the PRO-1000 will be 10% off!

We've been told by our customers that our Canon and Epson ink prices are among the lowest in the country! Call for pricing!
Take 20% off all Think Tank bagsTake 10% off all Induro tripods, monopods, heads and gimbalsTake 10% off all Vu filters and filter systems

OCC Members,
Make a note of the new Think Tank Camera Club purchase program re: the Think Tank Purchase Program email "thinktankphoto.com" and the **new OCC code " 140504.1cb66**" to be used in the "Affiliate Box" when making a purchase. Remind the members that they get a free gear with every purchase over $50 and they are supporting the Club.

Think Tank has been a long time Club Sponsor with a great product line of Camera Bags and such.

Popular Retrospective® Photography Shoulder Bag Collection Expanded with New Color and New Size - 03/31/2016

We have just released enhancements to our popular Retrospective camera shoulder bag line. All of our existing Retrospective bags—the Retrospective 5, Retrospective 5 Leather, Retrospective 7, Retrospective 7 Leather, Retrospective 10, Retrospective 20, Retrospective 30, and Retrospective 30 Leather—are available in a new colorway, Sandstone. In addition, a new size, the Retrospective 6, is now available in Sandstone, Black, and Pinestone. The Retrospective 6 caters to DSLR users who want to fit more lenses and to Mirrorless users who want to fit two small lenses front to back.

WHAT FITS
The Retrospective 6 fits a DSLR or gripped DSLR with short lens attached, one to two additional lenses and an 8" tablet or flash in the front pocket, or one to two Mirrorless bodies with lenses attached, one to four extra lenses and an 8" tablet or flash in the front pocket.

Olympus is running instant rebates and bundles on many of their Micro 4/3 bodies and lenses thru April 23. Call me for pricing bundled specials!

Panasonic is also running instant rebates on many of their Micro 4/3 bodies, lenses, point & shoots and digital camcorders through April 23. Call me for pricing and special bundles!

...and not to be outdone, Fuji is offering instant savings on X-T1 bodies and body/lens kits from April 3-16 only!

Sigma 150-600mm 5-6.3 DG HSM OS Contemporary, Canon or Nikon, special price $899
Sigma 150-600mm 5-6.3 DG HSM OS Sport, Canon or Nikon, special price $1,699

NEW Panasonic Leica DG Vario-Elmar 100-400mm f/4-6.3 ASPH. POWER O.I.S. Lens, $1,7999.99

NEW Olympus M.Zuiko Digital ED 300mm f/4 IS PRO Lens, $2,499.99

Just in time for Summer fun, Olympus Tough TG-4, $349.99 through April 23

NEW Sony A6300 body with FREE 16gb SD card, spare battery and Tamrac 5696 bag, $999.999

Sony A7R Mark !! body with FREE 32gb card and spare battery, $3,199.99