



DECEMBER 2020 - HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY HOLIDAY

THE ROAD AHEAD



President's Message by Ansa du Toit

As we close out a significantly different and challenging year, we are about to open the door to a new year, but how will that year look? I can't help but reflect on the challenges we as a club faced; the biggest of these that we're no longer meeting in-person (a funny new word), we do not have access to the facility that we call home and if we dare meet we open up ourselves and others to the associated health risks. Yet, we all crave that creative outlet and unity in making images together.

Foremost, I want to applaud our Orlando Camera Club board. They found new ways to have amazingly talented presenters from all over the world, to hold competitions, get judges to critique, share those results creatively, and still interact with each other. This technology driven way of meeting will never replace the camaraderie from being together, but because of these dedicated volunteers, our club forged a new path in 2020.

The most exciting announcement for 2021 is the development of Special Interest Groups. These smaller entities have the potential to grow and evolve as much or as little as those involved are willing to grow it. The main goal of these groups is to create a platform of engaged individuals with a shared interest. It is a place to share ideas, questions, and information. These groups will meet on the first Monday of each month beginning January 4, 2021. The first meeting will be a Zoom event and more details will be shared soon.

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Next Competition : Monday, December 14

Theme: Movement

December 7th - Image Submission Deadline!!!!

Get your images in! Image submission ends on midnight on December 7th (but competition tech support ends 24 hours in advance). If you have never submitted an image to the competition, please do so in advance. See the club's competition page for how to submit images and competition information!

December 14th - December Competition Results

Results will be LIVE via Zoom on Monday December 14th at 6:30. This month's competition will be a live Zoom event. Please register in advance. Here is a link to register: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/_tJUvdOGrqDsrHdYErDqJpZRQY1vDjDUC_a28?fbclid=IwAR0bptk6WG6i37gvQXzor0LdQ64PUy2Hk7pR-jHSE22Oo5s4XnhKpCHhTiQ





THE ROAD AHEAD, continued.....

Field trips will also start exploring again. This will be done safely and cautiously for those that feel ready to meet. Attendance will be limited and allotted on a first come, first served basis. This will be increased as circumstances allow. Be on the lookout for additional information.

And, I am so excited to share that we are already talking about when we may meet in person again and how the positive impacts from 2020 will impact our future. We may be 'zooming' in presenters from all over the country once we start meeting again, but let me not get too ahead of myself, there are some feasibility studies to be done first. What I can tell you is that we continue to strive for a great camera club year!

Unfortunately, during times like these we also must make tough decisions, choices that otherwise we may not have to make. Our best event of the year, the September Annual Meeting and Banquet had to be postponed, but we're hoping to offer an event in January. Our member survey showed that less than a third of our members are ready to meet in-person at an indoor venue, so this event will be a virtual celebration of our members on January 11, 2021. Mark your calendars and get ready to kick off another great year!

My call to action for you in 2021 is to get involved any way you possibly can...Post images on Facebook for "Fabulous Fridays", share great locations, new gear, training, and exhibition opportunities and yes, join a Special Interest Group, enter a challenge or competition, and sign up for one of the upcoming field trips. Let's Rekindle our love and passion for photography TOGETHER!

Wishing you all a blessed 2021!

Ansa du Toit

President Orlando Camera Club



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JANUARY INFORMAL CHALLENGE

The next member challenge theme is **HOLIDAY** and submissions are open between **JANUARY 1** and the 14th. Voting is open between the 15th and the 21st of January.

Create some festive images while you enjoy the holidays.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2020 - 2021

In this unprecedented time, the Orlando Camera Club is working hard to bring you programs and education in a virtual format, so that you don't miss a beat! Depending on the speaker and subject matter, these programs will be in various formats. We want to thank our members in advance for being open to new ways of learning. We have your safety and security in mind.

COMPETITION THEMES 20 - 21

BI-MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

December 2020 - Movement

February 2021 - Open

April 2021 - What is that?/Abstraction

June 2021 - Sunrise/Sunset

August 2021 - Open

INFORMAL CHALLENGES

Jan 2021 - Holiday

Mar 2021 - All Things Transportation

May 2021 - Broken

Jul 2021 - Reflection

Sep 2021 - Rain

Special Note: This Zoom meeting is for current members of the Orlando Camera Club. Membership will be verified upon registration. If your membership has lapsed and you'd like to continue enjoying all the benefits of our club, please contact Membership@OrlandoCameraClub.com to renew your membership. We're looking forward to seeing you on the call!

MON 12/14 COMPETITION: Theme is Movement

MON 12/28 NO MEETING. ENJOY THE HOLIDAY.

Links for the meetings will be sent to members via email a few days before the event.

For questions or more information please contact Programs@OrlandoCameraClub.com

INTEREST GROUPS NEW BENEFIT FOR OCC MEMBERS

Beginning Monday, January 4, 2021, OCC members will enjoy an additional benefit of their membership with the launch of Interest Groups. These groups will focus on areas of specific interest such as Landscape Photography, Nature, Post Processing, Fine Art, People, Abstract Photography, and Video and Drones. The purpose of Interest Groups is to provide a forum for photographers with similar interests to communicate and collaborate.

A survey of members was conducted of the OCC membership with over 50 responses. These seven interest categories were of most interest to members so we will begin with these but additional Interest Groups are possible.

The groups will begin meeting virtually via Zoom starting on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Each Interest Group will have a camera club volunteer Facilitator to begin and keep the meeting active. Thereafter, virtual meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m.

Additional information will be provided to OCC members as we get closer to January 4 so watch for a Zoom registration link.



SHOOT-OUT: Presidents Photo Event

It is time for a President's Shootout.

Join us at Leu Gardens on Dec 17th at 6:30pm for the Dazzling Lights of Orlando show. It is a ticketed event with a 10% group discount; use code DazzlingCamera.

The event is outdoors to accommodate social distancing and masks are required. There will be staff onsite to ensure these guidelines are followed. They do have onsite parking for an additional fee, however if you park in the free off-site parking lot, they are shuttling people in open golf carts.

Our event starts at 6:30 and they stagger entrance times as an additional safety precaution. If you are joining for this event, and I hope you are, please be sure to meet 30 minutes prior at 6:00pm in the proximity of the Christmas tree. Get your tickets asap, since they can not hold our timeslot.

PS: Please RSVP on the Facebook event OR email fieldtrips@orlando-cameraclub.com. That way we can ensure our group enters together.

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*See a sales associate for full details.

Join Orlando Camera Club at Leu Gardens, December 17, 2020 at 6:30pm!

Orlando's Harry P. Leu Gardens will transform into a magical wonderland featuring a million dazzling lights, shining forests, extraordinary displays, beautiful sculptures, and falling snow during "Dazzling Nights," a new family-friendly adventure that gives guests the opportunity to embark on a three-quarter-mile interactive holiday experience.

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Welcome!
New Members

Stephani Drake
Charles Sims
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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: MARK POLLITT

I came to Orlando, as a part-time resident in 2005 and I continue to split my time between Maryland and Florida. I have been an OCC member for a number of years and joined after meeting many of the members at my "other job" as a Volunteer at the Orlando Wetlands Park. I have been impressed with the talent, enthusiasm, and openness of the members and try to make as many meetings as work and travel will allow. I learn something at every club event!



I have been shooting since my high school days, when I did photomicrography and some yearbook sorts of things. I bought my first 35mm SLR when I went overseas in the military and started doing travel and aviation photography. After ten years as a military pilot, I joined the FBI and continued my photographic journey with some great foundational courses in crime scene and surveillance photography. The former can be a bit grim and neither are particularly "artistic," but they both require understanding the principles and good technique. But we did get to "play" with some very high-end Nikon gear! After I got promoted out of hands-on investigations, I started travelling extensively for work. Digital cameras were just coming out and I spent spare time on trips working on my travel photography. I have travelled to, and photographed, over 100 countries and all seven continents. After retiring from the FBI, I became a college professor and added wildlife photography to my interests. Working out at the Orlando Wetlands Park is a fabulous place to grow your skills and knowledge, not just for wildlife, but landscape, nature, and macro photography. Since the pandemic, I have started doing some urban street and mural photography. I shoot entirely for pleasure, as it is for my personal expression and growth.



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Mark Pollitt- Member Spotlight, cont.

Since the 1970's, I have shot mostly Canon for my personal work. But about a year and a half ago, I was having shoulder problems after shooting and decided to make the leap to Fujifilm. I love the lighter weight, better technology, and flexibility. I have an X-H1 for wildlife, an X-T3 for all around, and the lovely, little X-E3 for candid, street, and travel Photography. I look forward to getting back to showing visitors the Orlando Wetlands and traveling. Thanks to all of the OCC members for welcoming my wife and I to your "family."



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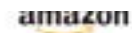
IMPORTANT CHANGE TO DIGITAL IMAGE SIZING.

Change to rules: Participants must reduce the size of their digital submissions to 1024 Pixels on the longest side (1 Mb maximum image size).

Reason: Members used to be required to reduce images to 4500 pixels (then the website software would reduce it further to 1024 Pixels) however due to changes by the Website Software Manufacturer, this function no longer exists and therefore members must now do this instead.

See videos at <https://f3c.org/competition/rules-and-regulations/> on how to resize in either Photoshop or Lightroom
The 3rd trimester competition is now closed.

The FIFTH AVENUE ART GALLERY in Melbourne has invited our members to enter their show, to all your members. The show will be in the first quarter of next year. It is the major juried show in our area. Check out the gallery website. Awards start at \$500.



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<http://innertruthproject.org>



Eligibility

All amateur and professional photographers may enter.

Important Dates

- Dec. 29, 2020 – Feb. 16, 2021** Online digital submissions
- Feb. 26, 2021** Notifications of acceptance or non-acceptance via email
- Mar. 26, 2021** Last day to receive approved shipments
- Mar. 29, 2021** Turn-in of Juror approved photos Port St. Lucie Mid Florida Credit Union Event Center 9:00am – 5:00pm
- April 1, 2021** Opening Reception & Awards ceremony at Port St. Lucie Mid Florida Credit Union Event Center 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
- April 2nd – April 22nd, 2021** Exhibition open to public Monday thru Friday 8:30 am -4:15 pm
- April 23, 2021** Pickup photographs at Port St. Lucie Mid Florida Credit Union Event Center 9:00 am – 6:00pm

For more information go to: <http://innertruthproject.org>