



JANUARY 2021 - HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Virtual Annual Banquet

### January 11th - 2020 Annual Awards!

In lieu of our cancelled banquet, grab some snacks and a drink and join us on zoom for a night to celebrate you, our members. Walk through a virtual art gallery featuring the collective work of our members, look back on the highlights of the year.

Register here: [https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0acquqzlrHN176w6-go-jB\\_CYoHux0f?fbclid=IwAR0iz6DIh-BapHtarLKjJ08LGDrlujAHE3wg2fpbx3lx4Aumy4s0Fcfqdo7Uf](https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0acquqzlrHN176w6-go-jB_CYoHux0f?fbclid=IwAR0iz6DIh-BapHtarLKjJ08LGDrlujAHE3wg2fpbx3lx4Aumy4s0Fcfqdo7Uf) In lieu of our cancelled banquet, grab some snacks and a drink and join us on zoom for a night to celebrate you, our members.

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#### January 1st - Informal Challenge Begins

Get your images in! This month's theme is "holiday" - you've got those, right?! See the competition page on the OCC website for more information on competitions.

#### January 3rd - Image Submission Begins For February Competition

The February competition theme is "Open" so you have no excuse not to submit an image! See the competition page on the OCC website for more information on competitions.

#### Competition Meeting : Monday, February 8

Theme: OPEN

#### February 1st - Image Submission Deadline!!!!

Get your images in! Image submission ends on midnight on February 1st (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!

#### February 8th - February Competition Results

Results will be LIVE via Zoom on Monday February 8th at 6:30. More information and a link will be forthcoming.



## *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.

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 1/4** Special Interest Group Kickoff.

**MON 1/11 VIRTUAL ANNUAL BANQUET**

**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](mailto:Programs@OrlandoCameraClub.com)**

**MON 1/25** PROGRAM TBD

### 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.



February 10-11, 2021  
**Virtual Conference**

FCCC Members \$99  
Non-members \$119



**Speaker Sessions**

Join FCCC for our virtual conference featuring a variety of fabulous speakers ready to impart their knowledge to you in the comfort of your own home! This year's line up of speaker is sure to be a hit. With both live and pre-recorded sessions that will be available to you for 30 days after the conference, you can experience every bit of it!

**Demo Sessions**

Learn about the latest equipment and tools to have in your photography arsenal! These fifteen minute demo sessions will let you get a closer look at a variety of items that could help take your photography to the next level!

**Image Credits:**

- Top Row from Left to Right: David Marx, Ben Knoot, Bobbi Lane, Bryan Peterson, Cameron Darnell
- Second Row from Left to Right: Colleen Miniuk, Emil von Maltitz, Marie Altenburg, Melvin Guante
- Bottom Row from Left to Right: Mark Buckler, Lewis Kemper, Mike Moats, Noah Buchanan, Tim Grey



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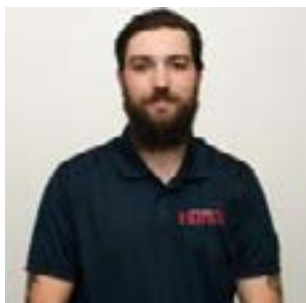
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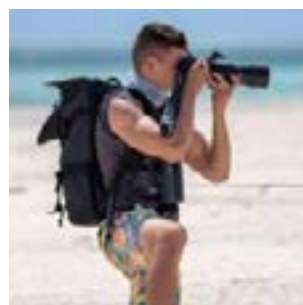
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# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: SONIA DURRANCE

A native Floridan who was born in Orlando, I spent most of my school age years on the east coast. Growing up I could climb on our rooftop to see rockets launch into space!

My husband and I appreciate nature and love to vacation in our National Parks. Initially, photography was a way to document and share those travels with friends and family. Eventually, I became more interested in photography and after retiring, began to dedicate time to my newfound passion.

I've pursued a variety of learning opportunities including free resources like YouTube, blogs, podcasts and tutorials, online courses such as those available at Creative Live, video tutorials like Sean Bagshaw's series on post processing and luminosity masks, and numerous books, as well as attending workshops/outings. My favorite method of learning is to shoot with others in a workshop or casual setting – whether it's to try a new genre, a fun new technique or simply seeing through someone else's eyes. The Orlando Camera Club shootouts provide a great opportunity to shoot with others and meet club members.



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Sonia Durrance- Member Spotlight, cont.

Favorite subjects include birds and other wildlife, flowers, and landscape photography - I especially like to show wildlife in their natural habitat. I'm a hobbyist who enjoys the process of making an image. I currently use Sony gear (a9 ii and a7R iii); Lensbaby lenses are my go-to for flower photography. In the past I've shot with Canon and Olympus. Lightroom and Photoshop are what I use for post processing along with an occasional touch of Topaz or Nik filters.



There is so much beauty in nature and I am blessed to have found a passion that gives me the opportunity to see amazing things like a bird take its first flight, turtle hatchings make it to sea, fields of colorful flowers or a great sunrise/sunset! Through photography I have also become more aware of the environment - who knew there were so many varieties of wildflowers or lichen – and the impact humans have on our planet.

**100% PURE FLORIDA**  
*a juried exhibition*



**The 15th Annual  
100% Pure Florida  
Call for Art!**

Open to all Florida Artists, 18 and older  
Subject matter & style unlimited  
Entry deadline: January 20, 2021  
Jury results announced February 4, 2021

**Awards:**  
1st Place, a solo exhibit & \$500  
2nd Place, \$300  
3rd Place, \$200  
Merit awards of \$100

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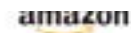
**IMPORTANT CHANGE TO DIGITAL IMAGE SIZING.**

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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## *“From the Heart Juried Photo Exhibition 2021”*

### Event

*“From the Heart Juried Photography Exhibition”* is the eighth annual photography exhibition presented by the Treasure Coast Photography Center, Inc. and hosted by the City of Port St. Lucie Mid Florida Credit Union Event Center. This three week long photography exhibition is a sponsored event and is being conducted in support of **The Inner Truth Project**, a 501c3 organization on the Treasure Coast that is committed to changing the conversation and eliminating the shame and secrecy of sexual abuse, violence and rape. They believe that speaking the truth in a safe, accepting and healing environment is the first step on the road forward. Their mission is to provide therapeutic services to survivors of sexual trauma and provide education on preventative strategies and trauma to the larger community. They provide an environment where people can share the truth about experiences and receive help. Programs provide peer support, private and online support groups for survivors. For more information go to:

<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 2<sup>nd</sup> – April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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>