



JANUARY 2023

Three opportunities to meet every month: in-person and/or on Zoom!

1st Monday of the month is Special Interest Group meetings.

2nd Monday of the month is In-Person meetings.

4th Monday of the month is Zoom

January 2nd – SIG Meeting

Please join us here at 6:30PM for our monthly meeting of our Special Interest Groups on Zoom. We will break up into groups to discuss special areas of interest. Special Interest Groups include such photographic topics as: Landscape, People, Abstract and Nature.

Please register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZMrfu2trDMrGNOa-0XJCHhk4Bll6tTZQs4x>

Informal Challenge: January's theme is: "Circles"

Challenges open for submission on the 1st through the 14th day of the month.

Voting runs from the 15th through the 22nd and winners are announced afterward. Whether you submit or not please come join in the voting!

OCC February Competition - OPEN Feb. 13 - 6:30

Submissions for the February competition are open from 1/10/2023 until Friday 2/3/2023 at 8 pm.

In Person Meeting: MONDAY, January 9, 6:30pm Meet, Greet and Share

January 9th – Meet, Greet and Share Session

Please join us at 6:30pm at Marks Street Senior Center for a Meet, Greet and Share Session. Please bring 2-3 prints of your favorite photos to the meeting to share your work with other members. Each photographer will have table space to display their work and be able to discuss it with other members. Start planning now, get your photos printed (no larger than 16x20) and ready to show. Let's get to know each other this year and celebrate our work! **This is an in-person meeting only.**

Zoom Meeting: MONDAY, January 23, 6:30pm Gerri Jones presents "Artistry Beyond the Lens - Turning Your Images Into Art With Texture."

This presentation will show how to transform images, such as Zoo captures or Flowers and blend textured backgrounds into your subjects to create works of Art. Any program, such as Photoshop, which uses layers and brushes can be used with success.



Register in advance for this meeting:

You are invited to a Zoom meeting. When: Jan 23, 2023 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting/register/tZlvd-yhrj4tH9HZnm3msiBLTXBUVkoSj5zT>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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Gerri Jones Bio:

Gerri enjoys photographing all subjects and especially the challenge of new ways to see through the creative use of Lensbaby lenses. She is a Lensbaby Ambassador.

Gerri has been a featured speaker/instructor at regional camera conferences including Mike Moats Macro Conventions, Hazel Meredith's Creative Photography Conferences, New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Photo Conference and Out of Chicago Conferences. Gerri also instructs in creative photography presentations with camera clubs, in person or online.

Gerri's images have been featured in several publications, commercial proposals and she also has reviewed several photography books for development by Focal Press Publications. Her images have received several first place awards in national, regional and online photo competitions.



Gerri resides in Buffalo, New York.

MEMBER NEWS

Florda Camera Club Council Triannual Competition Schedule



Monday, January 2nd, 2023 through Tuesday, January 31st, 2023
2023 1st Triannual - Digital: Accepting Submissions

Wednesday, February 1st, 2023 through Friday, February 10th, 2023
2023 1st Triannual - Digital: Judging

Saturday, February 11th, 2023
2023 1st Triannual - Digital: Winner Announcements

**Board Meeting:
Monday, January 16th, 6:30 pm**

Want to "see behind the curtain"? OCC board meetings are held on Zoom, and are open to all members! Come get more involved with the club, hang out with cool & interesting photo people and have fun!!



If you are interested in attending a meeting, contact President@OrlandoCameraClub.com for an invitation via Zoom.



Program Calendar 2022-2023

- Jan 9 Meet, Greet and Share In Person Meeting
- Jan 23 Gerri Jones Artistry Beyond the Lens
- Feb 6 SIG Meeting - Zoom
- Feb 13 COMPETITION - OPEN



We're Back and We're Live!



COMPETITION THEMES 2022 - 2023

BI-MONTHLY COMPETITIONS

- Dec 2022 Night Photography
- Feb 2023 Open
- Apr 2023 Macro
- June 2023 Long Exposure

INFORMAL CHALLENGES

- Jan 2022 Circles
- Mar 2023 Emotion
- May 2023 Butterflies

We Are Introducing a New Experience!

2 DAY CONFERENCE TICKET

The 2 Day Conference Ticket includes daily Keynote Sessions, Photo Ops, Morning and Afternoon Photo Walks, Exhibitors and Demos, On Campus Continental Breakfast, and On Campus Boxed Lunch

IN FIELD WORKSHOP ADVENTURES

Embark on an adventure with one of our In Field Workshops! Experiences include local destinations and fabulous speakers! [Click Here to Learn More About these Add-On Experiences!](#)

HANDS ON CLASSROOM WORKSHOPS

This year's in class workshops are all about getting hands on! With a variety of topics to choose from, there is something for every photographer! [Click Here to Learn More About These Add-On Experiences!](#)





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GET INTO THE FIELD!

Our workshop leaders are ready to take you on a photographic adventure! With a variety of topics and locations to choose from, there is something for every photographer!

- Long Exposure at Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary with Todd Nettlehorst
- Camera Mechanics at TBD Location with Robert L. Chaplin
- Photographing Birds from Portraits to Flight! and Rookery Bay Eco Cruise with Roman Kurywczak
- Naples Zoo with Maxis Gamez
- Naples Botanical Gardens with Mike Matthews
- Venice Rookery with Maxis Gamez
- Shooting into the Sun at the Naples Pier with Larry Richardson and Jim Robellard
- Portraits: Easy Ways to Blend Flash with Ambient Light at Baker Park with Tennessee Rick Elliott
- Six Mile Cypress Slough with Mike Matthews
- Ten Thousand Islands Sealife and Sunsets with Robert L. Chaplin
- Painting the Pier and Other Cool Stuff at the Naples Pier with Larry Richardson and Jim Robellard

- Morning Photography Hike with Robert L. Chaplin
- Venice Rookery Wildlife Adventure with Todd Nettlehorst
- Koreshan State Park with Maxis Gamez
- Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary with Mike Matthews
- Shy Wolf Sanctuary
- Naples Botanical Garden with Roman Kurywczak
- Ten Thousand Island Marsh Trail Adventure with Todd Nettlehorst
- Rookery Bay Eco Cruise with Maxis Gamez
- Photographing Birds - From Portraits to Flight! at Lakes Park with Roman Kurywczak
- Street Photography in Downtown Fort Myers with Art Becker

In Field Workshop Adventures require an additional ticket for each workshop. Fees vary based on the inclusions for the workshop. All sales are final and tickets are non-refundable.



Dear Community Partner,

Since 2001, the Orlando Wetlands Festival has promoted community awareness of the Orlando Wetlands Park and the importance of Florida's ecological and water resources. Would you please help us get the word out about this free event for all ages that's full of outdoor fun and learning?

The Orlando Wetlands Festival will be on
Saturday, February 18th, 2023 from 9 am - 3 pm
at the Orlando Wetlands Park
25155 Wheeler Road, Christmas, FL 32709.

The Festival will include:

- Environmental themed, non-profit exhibitors
- Demonstration trucks and equipment
- Air-conditioned guided bus tours of the Orlando Wetlands Park
- Guided birding hikes led by Orange Audubon Society
- Guided photography, Native Plant ID, and Aquatic Critter Crawl hikes
- Live animals and presentations
- Native plant give-away
- Bird-banding and mist-netting demonstrations
- Kids' games and activities
- "Hay" rides
- Live music by Homer Stiles
- Food available for purchase
- Free door prizes!

Admission is free and all ages are welcome, but please leave your pets at home - there are wild animals at the Park. For more information, registration and event reminders visit:

Webpage: Orlando.gov/WetlandsFestival
Eventbrite: Orlando-Wetlands-Festival.eventbrite.com

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FEBRUARY-MARCH at SOBO "Art in Motion"

2D & 3D Artwork that celebrates movement and motion. From sports and exercise to concepts like energy, fluidity and mechanics. This theme has a broad range!

Opening Reception February 2nd 5:30-8pm

APRIL-MAY at SOBO "Top Choice Annual Awards Exhibition"

SOBO's Annual Awards Exhibition. Open to all types of artistic entries. We are looking for your best 2D & 3D Works. Awards: Best of Show, People's Choice, Curator's Choice, and Multiple Medium Category Winners.

Opening Reception April 6th 5:30-8pm



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Reenactment commemorates the 187th anniversary of Dade's Battle of 1835, the beginning of the Second Seminole War.



Event includes period soldiers, Seminole camps, period vendor trade fair, historical arts-and-crafts demonstrations, and full-scale cannon firing plus 19th-century games and activities for children.

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2023 9:00 am - 5:00 pm EST

WHERE: Dade Battlefield Historic State Park
7200 Battlefield Parkway
Bushnell FL 33513

FEES

- Cost is \$5 per person; children under 6 admitted free.
- Parking \$3 per vehicle.

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CONTACT: DadePrograms@FloridaDEP.gov



OCC POP-UP FIELD TRIP

It has been years since I attended the Scottish Highland Games, and I remember fun, food, Scottish music and dancing, and various competitions! Enjoy, and photograph, the Scots in their colorful ancestral Tartans, or if you prefer, the athletic competitions such as Axe Throwing, Archery, Log Toss; "shaggy Heilan' coos" (Translation: Shaggy Highland Cows!); Border Collies and a Medieval Camp with armored knights!

Best of all, DANCING! As an added bonus, Natasha du Toit (Ansa's daughter) will be dancing in the morning and afternoon on the 14th! Ansa du Toit, will be working as the Official Photographer in the dance tent, and said to be sure to stop by and say hello! How cool is that!? There will certainly be something for everyone!

WHAT: 45th Central Fla. Scottish Highland Games!

WHERE: Central Winds Park, 1000 Central Winds Dr., Winter Springs, FL 32708

DATE/TIME: SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 2023 @ 8:30 AM (it will run until 9:00 PM on Saturday, if you choose to stay later!)

COST: \$25.00 online (flascot.com), \$30.00 at the gate, CASH ONLY.

PARKING: On-site, or you can park off-site and be shuttled to the grounds. More on this later.

Please RSVP to: fieldtrips@orlandocameraclub.com, so I'll know to look for you!

It will be fun! Hope to see you there!
Rita Ritner
Field Trip Coordinator



OCC COMMUNITY SERVICE

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please email the community services chairperson at communityservice@orlandocameraclub.com

Girl Scout 5K Race

Hello Everyone and hope you are having a great holiday season. Also hope you are staying warm.

I have a request for photo help for a Girl Scout 5k race and cookie. They are looking for 2 photographers. IF anyone is interested and available please let me know and I will get you additional info.

Event Date:

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Event Timeline:

6:30am – Race-day Registration and Packet Pickup opens

8:00am – 5K Fun Run/Walk begins

9:00am - Awards

9:15am – FREE Kids' Dashes begin

9:00am - 1pm - Girl Scouts COOKIE Party!

Event Location:

Harbor Park @ Lake Baldwin Park
4990 New Broad Street
Orlando, FL 32814

Thanks
Carol

**THANK YOU
TO COMMUNITY SERVICE
VOLUNTEERS**

2022 Lil Rascal's Rescue Christmas Party

Thank you to Majonka Herlikofer and Terri Watkins for taking the time to take photos for the Little Rascal's Pet Rescue. Looks like Santa was enjoying himself.



2022 Children's Safety Village Christmas Party

Thanks to Tish Hart and Christine Otu for the great job they did with photos for the Children's Safety Village Christmas Party. Looks like a lot of fun.



2022 American Heart Walk

Thank you to Jim Peters and Majonka Herlikofer for the amazing photos taken at the American Heart Association Heart Walk on Saturday November 12. Looks like it was a huge success.





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