



DECEMBER 2023

Happy Holidays from OCC

Monday, January 8, 6:30 pm:
"Creative Camera Phone Photography"
by Jeffri Moore: In-Person Meeting

Camera phones have been around for many years. Most people carry a mobile phone, some of which now have very high tech camera sensors and lots of megapixels. If you want to create a memory, just whip out your phone and capture the moment! There are hundreds of apps available for taking, editing, and manipulating your camera phone photos. These photos can then be shared with others via text or on social media sites. There are apps for adding filter effects and frames to your images. Jeffri shares with us her passion and excitement about camera phone photography. Using examples of her work, Jeffri will show you some of her favorite apps and editing methods.

Program Calendar

- Nov 27 Serge Ramelli - Zoom
- Dec 4 SIG Meeting - Zoom
- Dec 11 Competition – In Person and Zoom
- Dec 25 No Meeting – Enjoy the Holiday
- Jan 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
- Jan 8 Creative Camera Phone Photography

ORLANDO CAMERA CLUB MEETINGS

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

2nd Monday of the month are In-Person meetings or Competition Results.

4th Monday of the month are Guest Speakers typically via Zoom.

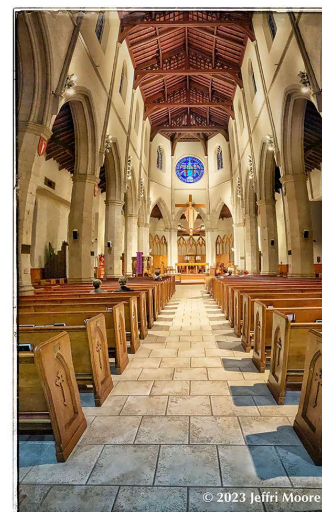


Since 2011, I became fascinated with camera phone photography and mid-2016, was asked to write a Guest Blog Post, which can be found here
<http://ristainophotography.com/iphone-photography-tips/>.

After reading the blog post, you will find out more about my history with the camera phone as well as discover many of my tips and resources for having fun with camera phone photography.

I have given presentations on tips and techniques for camera phone photography to several groups, including June 2023 where I was one of the presenters for the Creative Photography Virtual Conference.

Jeffri's Bio and Artist Statement is on Page 5.





December 4th, Monday 6:30 pm: SIG (Special Interest Groups) Meeting

Join us on Zoom as we explore images, techniques, and processing as well as get to know other members of OCC! Each SIG (Special Interest Group) focuses on one of these different photographic genres, Nature, Landscape, Abstract, or People. SIGs also get together for special interest group field trips! The SIGs are full of great people getting together to share their knowledge and experiences with photography and to have fun! We meet via Zoom on the first Monday of the month. Register in advance for this meeting:

The link can be found on the OCC website under “Digital Content” or in the email sent out.

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

Saturday, December 16, 8:00 am – 10:00 am Presidents Shootout! – Avian Reconditioning Center (ARC)

Dear OCC Members,

I am so excited to invite you all to the Avian Reconditioning Center for this year's President's Shootout! When we last took a field trip to ARC 2.5 years ago, it was one of the very first events I attended with the OCC and met many of our members there for the first time, so it feels a bit like coming full circle for me to have the opportunity to bring you all back as now President of our group. Florida's native birds are one of the most beautiful aspects of our state, and ARC's dedication to raptor rehabilitation, education and research makes it a worthy cause that I am proud to support. I hope you will join me for this very special event!

Stephanie Drake - President, Orlando Camera Club

EVENT: AVIAN RECONDITIONING CENTER [ARC]

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023

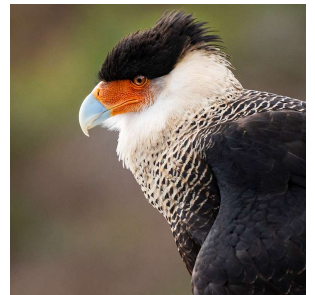
TIME: 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. [Gate will open at 7:30 so we can set up]

ADDRESS: 323 Lester Rd., Apopka, 32712.

[NOTE: It used to be in a very open area, but is now sandwiched between 2 new developments]

COST: \$15.00 per person [You can bring your money to the in-person Competition meeting on Dec. 11th, or pay when you arrive at ARC]

It's a wonderful experience to photograph these beautiful raptors up close and personal. There will be hawks, falcons, Kestrels, a Caracara, lots of owls (Barn, Screech, Barred, Great Horned), others not named here, and a 4 year old Bald Eagle named Max. This is a worthy cause...as this is not a federally funded group, they rely on donations. It cost 60K to feed these beautiful birds last year. Hope you can join us for this special event!



Rita Ritner - Field Trip Coordinator

Please RSVP by clicking on: fieldtrips@orlandocameraclub.com



LOCAL EVENTS AND PHOTO OPS



25TH ANNUAL
CRACKER CHRISTMAS
 AT FORT CHRISTMAS HISTORICAL PARK
 1300 FT. CHRISTMAS RD., CHRISTMAS, FL 32709
FREE ADMISSION
DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2023 10:00AM TO 4:00PM

PIONEER DEMONSTRATORS
 WEAVING - CIVIL WAR CAMP - CANE GRINDING & SYRUP MAKING
 SPINNING - BLACKSMITHING - BROOM MAKING - LACE MAKING
 EARLY COW CAMP - WOOD CARVING - EARLY TRACTORS & MORE!

GROUPS
 LOCAL 4-H GROUPS, FFA CHAPTERS & COMMUNITY GROUPS WILL BE
 HERE SELLING BBQ, GATOR MEAT, SMOKED PORK, BEEF, BISCUITS & MORE!

CRAFT VENDORS
 CRAFT VENDORS FROM AROUND THE AREA WILL BE HERE SELLING
 UNIQUE AMERICAN HANDMADE ITEMS

 **No Alcohol or Pets**
ATM on site
 407.254.9312 OrangeCountyParks.net



December 11th, 2023 - Monday 5:30 pm: Christmas Cookies, Social Hour & Competition Results!

This will be a HYBRID meeting: In-Person AND on Zoom!

5:30 pm- 6:30 pm: Christmas Cookies and Social Hour!

6:30 pm: Formal Competition Results: The theme is: "Playing with Light"

Join us for Christmas Cookies and Social Hour from 5:30-6:30 pm, the hour before the meeting, as the OCC Board members serve Christmas cookies! For those of you who attended the Annual Banquet you know we have some good cooks on the board! So come and enjoy some yummy cookies and have a great time visiting with each other!

(Please remember the Senior Center does not allow food or drinks on the ballroom floor).

If you can't make it to the in-person meeting please join us on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

Register in advance for this meeting on the OCC website

at <https://orlandocameraclub.com/member.../zoom-meeting-links/>. The link is also in the Activities and Events email that goes out to members on 12/1.

The Informal Challenge for January is Complementary Colors ""

Monthly challenges are great ways to participate in low-pressure competitions. If you are new to competitions it is a wonderful way to get your "feet wet"!

Informal Challenges are open for submission on the 1st through the 14th day of the month. Voting runs from the 15th through the 22nd. Winners will be announced after the competition closes.

You can enter your images or find more information about our Informal and formal [competitions](#) on our website.



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to our great volunteer photographers.

2023 Beads 4 Beats Breakfast

Thank you once again to the duo of [Tish Hart](#) and [Christine Otu](#) for the wonderful job they did with photos for the 2023 Beads 4 Beats Breakfast. I always enjoy seeing their work. They know how to capture the moments.



Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens
November 17, 2023 – January 14, 2024



Jeffri Moore - Artist Statement/Biography

All my life, I have been involved in creative endeavors, including dancing, playing musical instruments, writing, sketching, painting, singing, needlework, scrapbooking, and photography. Even though I had been raised around photography, it wasn't until late 2008, when I purchased my first digital single-lens reflex camera that I developed a strong interest and passion for photography.

I enjoy photographing a wide variety of subjects, from nature to old forgotten buildings or cars (subjects that have character.) The artist in me finds great joy while processing my photos. I love creating art from my images. Teaching has become an important part of my life. I offer students what I've learned about getting to know one's camera, basic photography skills, wildlife/nature photography, basic editing/post-processing, and creating art from the images a student has in their portfolio. In addition, I have provided presentations to multiple organizations including the Orlando Camera Club and St. Augustine Camera Club.

My work has been exhibited in the Garden House Gallery at the Harry P. Leu Gardens in Orlando FL as part of the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive exhibit; University of Florida Research & Academic Center in Lake Nona; and at the 2017 CREATIVA: Woman Made Art Show at Osceola Arts in Kissimmee. I've also had work exhibited and sold at the SOBO Art Gallery in Winter Garden FL.

I have been a member of the Orlando Camera Club since 2008; and, was a member of the Oviedo Photo Club for several years, including being the President from June 2010 to January 2013. I attended the Judging Academy held by the Orlando Camera Club in 2011 and participated as a judge for several competitions over a period of three years.

I won multiple awards at the Orlando Camera Club competitions, as well as winning ribbons in several Florida Camera Club Council competitions. Recently, thirteen of my images were in the Power of Photography 2023 exhibit in Pensacola Florida; four of them winning awards. Offering my photography skills for miscellaneous charities and events is a very important part of my life as well.

POP UP FIELD TRIP: VIOLECTRIC HOLIDAY CONCERT – NOVEMBER 17 – LAKE EOLA

On Saturday, Dec. 9th, 2023 the 11th Annual VIOLECTRIC HOLIDAY CONCERT will be at the Walt Disney Amphitheater at Lake Eola! Violectric is an acoustic and electric string ensemble led by famed Producer, Composer, Educator and Recording artist, Michelle Jones. She and her musicians will be playing traditional Christmas Music as well as some classic Rock music. Guest performers will be pianist Carol Stein, Edgewater High School Orchestra and Howard Middle School Orchestra. This Concert will not disappoint! It's a 90 minute concert starting at 7:00 PM. Afterwards, a stroll around Lake Eola, either before or after the concert, will provide lots of opportunities for holiday night photography!

Parking at the Library Parking Garage is just a short walk to the amphitheater.

Please click here to RSVP: fieldtrips@orlandocameraclub.com

Hope you'll come out and enjoy the concert!

Rita



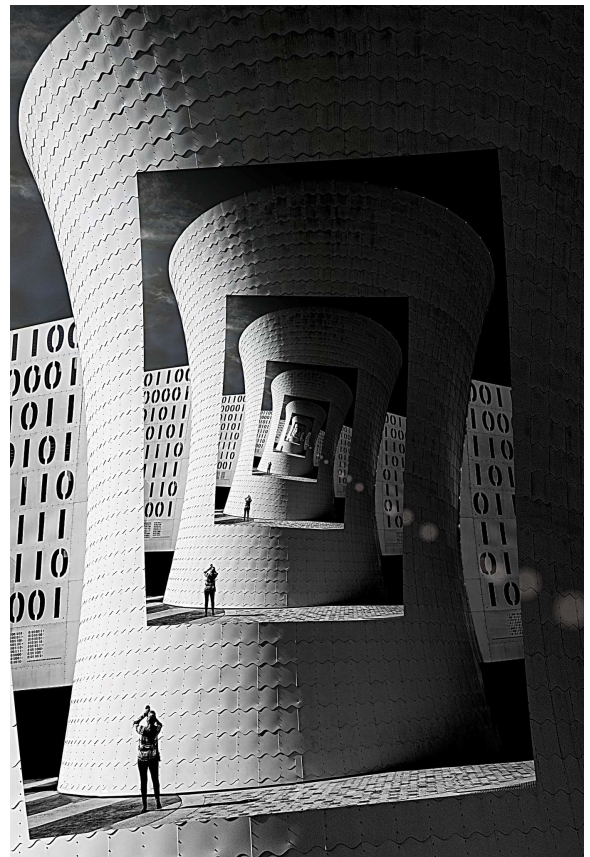


Congratulations to **Randy Seaman** for his **top ten finish** in **Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk**.

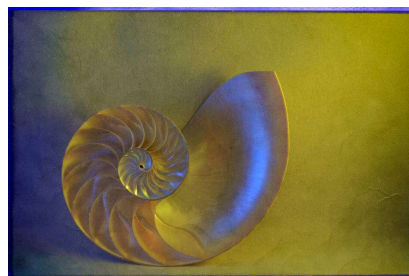
His photo "Street Dancer" taken in St. Augustine was chosen as a top Ten Finalist from photos taken in more than 30 countries and over 6000 photographers.



Randy Seaman's photograph "The Continuum" was awarded **first place** in the Creative Category from the Florida Camera Club Council's end of the year digital competition.



Laura Howell had 3 images selected for exhibit in the 2023 Lake County Museum of Art Member's Show. The opening reception is on Friday December 8 from 5-7pm - at The Lake County Museum of Art, 213 W. Ruby Street, Tavares, FL - exhibition end date is January 27.





F3C 2024 CONFERENCE – MARCH 15 – 17, 2024

Save The Date

The Florida Camera Club Council 2024 Conference is shaping up to be a memorable event. We'll be gathering in Bradenton on Florida's Gulf Coast, just south of Tampa. On Friday, March 15 the off-site specialty workshops and outings will begin Saturday and Sunday, (March 16 & 17) the conference will open on the main campus of Manatee Technical College. There are more than 3 dozen included breakout sessions and free photo opportunities on campus. This is a live and in person event and a chance to see old friends and make new acquaintances.

We will be enjoying the main campus for most of our events and our conference sponsor, Johnson Photolmaging, a brick-and-mortar photography store is located just off State Road 70 and I-75, it is practically next door. We have additional venues for a wide range of experiences.

In addition to Johnson Photolmaging, this year's sponsors already include Canon, Nikon, Hunts, Sigma, and Tamron. You'll be able to visit with them at the exhibition hall. Southern Photo Technical Services will be available for professional sensor cleaning.

We have not been able to secure a block of rooms in the Bradenton area so plan to book accommodations on your own. There is a list of nearby facilities on our website.

We will be sending out conference updates and special opportunities from now until the conference starts. If you know a fellow club member who hasn't received this, have them go to the F3C.org web site, sign up and get on our mail list also encourage your club president to share your club's membership list with us. This is the best way to get the word out and keep everyone updated. For example, did you know that a new image critique workshop is starting, or that the monthly lecture series is free or the changes in the F3C competitions?

We don't share our list and you can opt out anytime.

Registration opens Friday, December 15, 2023, so take advantage of the early registration member price of \$139 and secure a place on the extra opportunities not included in the general admission. We'll send out the link before registration begins.

Here is a link to a short video announcing the event
<https://youtu.be/5o3c13Bl-xQ>

Save the date!

Richard Tindell

President, Florida Camera Club Council



Surfing Santas Cocoa Beach Event

December 24, 7:30 am – 12 pm

2 Minuteman Causeway, Cocoa Beach

ADMISSION: FREE

DADE BATTLEFIELD REENACTMENT

January 6 and 7, 2024

Dade Battlefield State Park

7200 Battlefield Parkway, Bushnell, FL



Central Winds Park

The history and culture of these events are centuries old and the Scottish-American Society of Central Florida are honored to represent that heritage at the Central Florida Scottish Highland Games. Experience traditional highland athletics, dance, art, music, culture and food!

