

26TH MAY, MEMORIAL DAY

MEMORIAL DAY IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY HONORING AND MOURNING UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WHILE PROTECTING OUR GREAT NATION AND ENSURING OUR CONTINUED FREEDOMS.

THERE ARE MANY EVENTS OVER THIS LONG WEEKEND AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KICK IT OFF WITH HONORING & REMEMBERING THE BRAVE MEN & WOMEN WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR NATION PLEASE HEAD TO THE LAKE NONA VA MEDICAL CENTER AMPHITHEATER AS THEY HOST A MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY, FRIDAY, MAY 23 @ 10A.M

THIS IS ONE OF MANY EVENTS THIS WEEKEND, BUT A GREAT WAY TO KICK IT OFF WITH REFLECTION & GRATITUDE.





MAY 2025

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- Mar 3 SIG Meeting
- Mar 10 OCC Zoom Meeting
- Mar 24 Wayne Bennett Presentation
- Apr 7 Interactive SIG Meeting
- Apr 14 OCC meeting & Formal Competition Results (ZOOM ONLY)
- Apr 21 Board Meeting
- Apr 26 Field Trip: St. Augustine
- Apr 28 Michael Cairns Presentation
- May 5 Interactive SIG Meeting
- May 12 Ian Plant Presentation (ZOOM)
- May 26 Memorial Day
- Jun 2 Interactive SIG Meeting
- Jun 9 OCC meeting & Formal Competition Results
- Jun 23 Colleen Miniuk Presentation
- Jul 7 Interactive SIG Meeting
- Jul 14 Antony Zacharias Presentation
- Jul 28 Camera Academy – Stephanie Drake

ORLANDO CAMERA CLUB MEETINGS

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

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

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



MONDAY, 12
MAY@6:30PM:

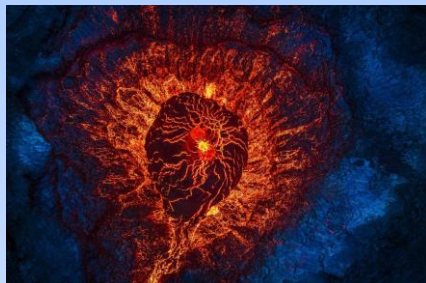
IAN PLANT PRESENTS:
“VISUAL DESIGN
TECHNIQUES FOR
CREATING STUNNING
PHOTOS”

Biography: Whether hanging over the rim of an active volcano or braving the elements to photograph critically endangered species, Ian Plant has spent the past two decades traveling the globe in his never-ending quest to capture the beauty of our world with his camera. Ian has reached hundreds of thousands of people in his mission to inspire and educate others in the art of photography. Ian is the author of dozens of books and instructional videos, an instructor for KelbyOne and other photography education outlets, and founder of Photo Masters, a site dedicated to photography education and inspiration.

Presentation: In this presentation, professional landscape and wildlife photographer Ian Plant will share some of his favorite photos from around the world, as well as some of his top composition techniques for making artistic photographs that get noticed. Ian is the author of the critically acclaimed, best-selling ebook "Visual Flow: Mastering the Art of Composition," which is now part of his Ultimate Photography Composition Course. You'll gain a better understanding of visual design principles from this inspiring presentation, which will help you make compelling photos.

Please check out Ian's work on his website: [Artist's Select - IAN PLANT](#)

Register in advance for this ZOOM only meeting by clicking this link:
[ZOOM LINK](#)





FORMAL COMPETITION

Entries are open for submission from May 5th through May 30th:

The Theme is “Architecture”

Entries are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, 30 May 2025.

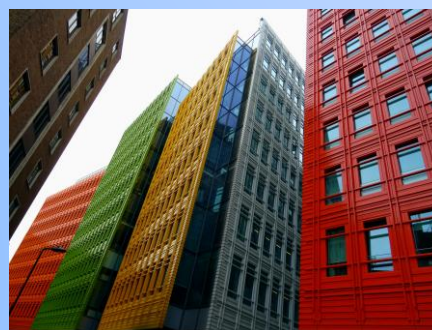
Competitions are a great way to improve your photography skills! Learn by listening to the judge's critiques as well as seeing the different ideas and styles of photography from fellow members!

Remember only images that are completely the work of the individual photographer may be submitted. For a complete set of the rules, more information and to submit your entries visit the competition area of our website in the Member area.

Please be aware any submissions that do not adhere to the rules or are not consistent with the theme may be disqualified.



Good luck!



COMPETITION THEMES 2025



Informal Challenge Dates and Themes

Date	Theme
May, 2025	Flowers
July, 2025	Name of a Song, Book, or Movie
September, 2025	Impressionism
November, 2025	Animals
January, 2026	Black and White Minimalism

Formal Competition Dates and Themes

Date	Theme
June, 2025	Architecture
August, 2025	Open
October, 2025	Macro
December, 2025	All Things Water
February, 2026	Open



UPCOMING MEETINGS & COMPETITIONS

MAY 5, MONDAY 6:30 PM: INTERACTIVE 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 Interactive 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 by visiting our zoom meeting links page [here](#).

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

INFORMAL CHALLENGE FOR MAY WILL BE "FLOWERS"

Informal Challenges are open to all members regardless of experience. 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.



FORMAL COMPETITION 1ST PLACE WINNERS



CONGRATULATIONS



Color A – Autumn – Watkins Glen
by Al Aikens

Color B – Tranquility
by Naoko Otani

Creative – Oceans Echo
by Valleri Ames

Monochromatic – Valley of Fire
By Carlos Roedan



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thank you to our amazing volunteers who selflessly give their time and their skills to our community! They were very busy in April, and supported the following causes:

2025 Emergency Drill: Dana Hutchinson, Tish Hart, & Cristine Out

Morgan Ministries Benefit Gala: Tish Hart & Cristine Out

Hearts of Gold Event: Chris Harris & Tish Hart

Morgan Center 5K Walk/Run: Roxanne & Carl Baggott

American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure: Tish Hart

If anyone is able to help please contact me at :

Communityservice@orlandocameraclub.com

Thanks for all you do **Carol Winardi & our volunteers!**





Sharon O'Brian
Wei-Shen Chin
Lauren Chin
Matthew Chin
Nicole Chin
Ed von Hofen
Glen Garton

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Competition Schedule for FCCC members:

2025 1st Triannual – Print: **10 Feb – 10 Mar**

2025 1st Triannual – Digital: **8 Apr – 8 May**

2025 2nd Triannual – Print: **24 May – 24 Jun**

2025 2nd Triannual – Digital: **15 Jul – 15 Aug**

FCCC

Check out the FREE monthly webinars on the last Tuesday of the month!

Hosted by F3C (the Florida Camera Club Council) in Association with Hunts Photo & Video!

Registration is required ahead of time: Sign up for notifications from F3C by contacting Art Silvergate at 9thexposure@gmail.com.

PHOTO & VIDEO
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Online Courses:

<https://edu.huntsphoto.com/>

Gear & Printing Supplies are available!

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Another feature you can use is our Online Chat/Tech Support with Matt Modica!

Matt can be reached by clicking the chat button on the lower right side of our website, which shows an icon of his cat when he's online. He is typically available from 9-5 pm EST on Monday-Friday. Matt is always happy to provide honest, unbiased advice about various camera or photography topics!

