



May 2026

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 16	Field Trip
May 18	Board Meeting
May 25	Memorial Day
Jun 1	Interactive SIG Meeting
Jun 8	Competition
Jun 15	Board Meeting
Jul 6	Interactive SIG Meeting
Jul 13	Zoom Meeting



“Abstract Floral Photography ”
with Jamie Davidson

Mon, May 11th, 6:30pm

Zoom Meeting Only – All Members Invited

In a world where many look for details to be well defined and clear so that one can identify the subject, the world of abstracts is not about being literal but rather interpretive in nature. Abstract floral photography embraces and celebrates colors, shapes, lines, curves and textures more than identity. Learn how to embrace and celebrate the beauty of flowers and let go of its name. In this session, Jamie will share how she immerses in the floral abstracts with soft focus, macro & close-up, Lensbaby & Helios lenses, intentional camera movement and multiple exposures.

Jamie Konarski Davidson is an award-winning outdoor & nature photographer with a passion for finding and capturing beauty in all places, from flowers and still life to landscapes, intimate scenes and ordinary places. Her images range from macro and abstracts to intimate, grand and rural landscapes. She embraces an interpretive style in her work through techniques such as infrared, long exposures, ICM, multiple exposures and Lensbaby in the field and creative approaches to interpret in post. As a photographer and visual artist, Jamie is open to experimenting and playing with new techniques. Based in Greenville, NC, Jamie is a Lensbaby Trailblazer and has been a presenter/instructor for Out of Chicago, NANPA, CNPA, PPSNYS, Mike Moats' Macro Photo Conference and more. She offers programs online and in person to camera clubs and organizations. Her location workshops on the East Coast through New Life Photos offer a wide range of subjects and learning opportunities in beautiful places. Jamie's goal as an instructor and presenter is to educate, encourage and inspire people to grow in their photography skills with intention and discover their own visual voices.

Learn more at <http://www.newlifephotos.com>

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.



Share your images and what you are up to on our [OCC FaceBook](#) page!



Follow OCC on Instagram and share your photos @Orlando_Camera_Club



Field Trip to Avian Reconditioning Center



Taken at ARC

We are heading back to ARC (Avian Reconditioning Center) in Apopka to photograph raptors! We were last there 2 or 3 years ago, and it was a great success! It's so special to see these raptors up close! There will also be a demonstration of a bird in flight. Learn more at their website:

<https://arc4raptors.org/>

Please RSVP and indicate how many people are coming to Rita and Brian at fieldtrips@orlandocameraclub.com space for this field trip is limited!

Sunday, May 16th, 2026
Gates open at 7:30
Plan to start shooting at 8:00am
323 W Lester Rd, Apopka, FL 32712

Brunch to follow at Panera Bread nearby!



Formal Competition

**Entries are open for submission 5 May – 29 May:
The Theme is “Flowers”**

Entries are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, 29 May 2026.

Join us for the Formal Competition images and results to get a glimpse into what other members are doing! Competitions are a great way to improve your photography skills by listening to the judge's critiques as well as seeing different styles of photography!

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You can enter your images or find more information about our Informal and formal competitions on our website <https://orlandocameraclub.com/member-area/competitions/>



Formal Competition Dates and Themes

Date	Theme
March 2026	Landscape
May 2026	Flowers
July 2026	Open
September 2026	Fill the Frame

April 13th Monday 6:30 pm: General Meeting & Formal Competition Results!

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Formal Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the April Formal Challenge winners: "Landscapes"



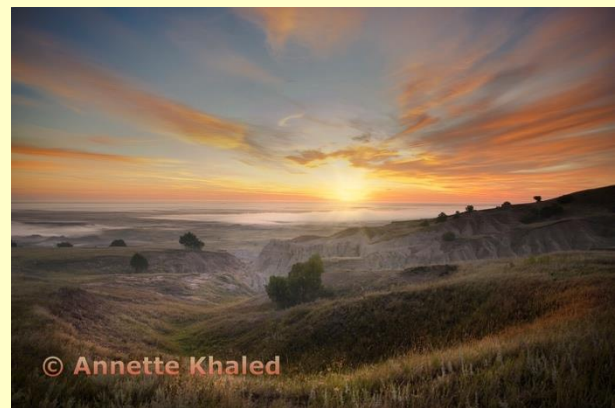
"Mangled Knees"
Mayra Rodriguez



'Heading Home'
Susan Kirby



"Between Tides"
Valleri Ames



Badlands Sunrise
Annette Khaled



May Informal Challenge: "Eyes"

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.



Informal Challenge Dates and Themes

Date	Theme
March 2026	Wavy Things
May 2026	Eyes
July 2026	The Color Red
September 2026	Windows
November 2026	Abstraction

Interactive SIG (Special Interest Groups) Meeting

The newly restructured SIGs include the Abstract group and Everything But Abstract (EBA) group. Both SIGs are open to all members.

The Abstract SIG is now the Abstract/Creative SIG and will include open-to-all field trips, new education opportunities, new projects and new ways to be more creative. Come join us and find your Creativity. March's challenge is "Color Red".

The EBA (Everything But Abstract) SIG incorporates the Nature and Landscape SIGs. It will be hosted by the members and will include the types of photography subjects that interest them. It includes nature, landscape, street, travel, B&W, infrared, macro –all types of photography except Abstract. March's meeting focus is "Landscape".

We meet on the first Monday of each month, 6:30-8 pm via Zoom.



OCC Member Highlight

Congratulations Laura Howell!



"Orange Blossom Cannonball"
Laura Howell

OCC Member **Laura Howell** has **received the 1st Place** award in the **Mount Dora Art League 100th Year Anniversary Show - 1926: Then & Now** for my image "Orange Blossom Cannonball"

Laura's image and many other beautiful images are on **exhibit** at The Gatehouse at Lakeside Inn (100 Alexander Street) Mount Dora **until May 30** and there will be a Reception on Friday May 15 from 5pm-7pm.



Nicole Walker
Hector Gonzalez
Paul Gacusan
Laarnie Gacusan
Jon Gacusan
Iziah Gacusan
Prakash Pillai
Harvey Boe Marshall



Roy Morris from "[My Photo Club](#)" is a new sponsor of OCC!

Each Thursday at 2 pm EST, "My Photo Club" offers talks and masterclasses by leading photographers at a nominal cost. The talks are recorded, and the recordings are available for 14 days after the presentation.

Watch the OCC FB page for the upcoming talks and the link for the OCC members' FREE talk!



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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.

Competition Schedule for FCCC members:

- 2025 3rd Triannual – Digital: **19 Oct – 19 Nov**
- 2025 EOY Delivery – Print: **2 Dec**
- 2025 EOY Judging – Digital: **14 Dec – 21 Dec**



Online Courses:

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

Gear & Printing Supplies are available!

Hunt's carries over 25,000 different products! Not everything we sell is listed on our website, so please reach out to your Hunt's dedicated sales rep **Alan Samiljan** at asamiljan@huntsphoto.com or directly at 781.432.2383 with any gear inquiries and special quotes!

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!