



## June 2026

### UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Jun 8	Competition
Jun 25	Field Trip
Jun 15	Board Meeting
Jun 22	In-Person Meeting
Jul 6	Interactive SIG Meeting
Jul 13	Zoom Meeting
Jul 20	Board Meeting
Aug 3	SIG

**Take your photography to the next level during Critique Night on June 22<sup>nd</sup>!** With two seasoned photographers and educators providing critique, this is your opportunity to learn and grow through thoughtful comments about your photography in a supportive environment.

During Critique Night, images will be shared one-by-one on the big screen and our panel of professionals will lead a discussion designed to help our members improve their technical skills, artistic vision, and storytelling through constructive feedback. Whether for beginners developing foundational skills or advanced photographers refining a personal style, good critiques provide valuable insights that can help participants strengthen their work, build confidence, and develop a more intentional approach to photography.

To participate in critique night, send **no more than 3 images to Programs@OrlandoCameraClub.com** by **June 15th**. Please **include image titles**. This will be an in-person meeting so please plan to attend to participate in the discussion. **All images MUST be received by June 15th to be considered.**

### 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.

**J. Scott Kelly** has been commissioned to travel all over the United States, as well as to Greece, Finland, China, Curacao, Grand Cayman, Costa Rica, Mexico, and The Bahamas, photographing corporate events, weddings, and portraits. In his travels, Scott has also had many opportunities to take "the road less traveled" in order to capture not only the beautiful unspoiled scenic vistas, but also the essence of the people and culture, resulting in award-winning images.

Adventure Photography Tours:  
<https://www.adventurephotographytours.com/>

**Ansa du Toit** grew up in South Africa, and is residing in Orlando, Florida, with her husband and two children. Originally inspired by her father's enthusiasm for photography, she now enjoys making creative portraits, working with high school seniors, headshots, and families. She also has a passion for fine art images which include landscapes, abstracts, macro, and amazing high-speed water drop photography.

Her work has been exhibited at Crealdè School of Art, Osceola Arts, the Winter Garden Art Gallery, Highlands Art gallery, Oakland Heritage Center and a show titled 'Composing with Color' in Paris. She is a certified Florida Camera Club Council (F3C) judge and has taught high school photography.



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



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## McKee Gardens Field Trip

Join us on **June 25<sup>th</sup>** for a field trip to McKee Botanical Gardens!



McKee Gardens features an 18-acre historic jungle landscape with thousands of plants and nature. National Geographic Traveler named McKee as one of the top 20 places of surprise and sanctuary in North America.

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**WHERE:** 350 U.S. Highway 1, Vero Beach, 32962 (about 1 hr 41 min from Orlando)

**DATE and TIME:** Thursday June 25th at 9:30am

**COST:** Adult/Seniors: \$25.00 (They honor reciprocal garden passes)

**GEAR:** Medium to long zoom lens, circular polarizer filter, ND filter, tripod, bug spray

**\*\*Images taken cannot be used for promotional or commercial purposes, or intended for publication (including galleries).\*\***



## Formal Competition

**Entries are open for submission 5 July – 31 July:  
The Theme is “Open”**

**Entries are due by 11:59 pm on Friday, 31 July 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

**August 10<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30 pm:** General Meeting & Formal Competition Results!

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# July Informal Challenge: “The Color Red”

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.



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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".

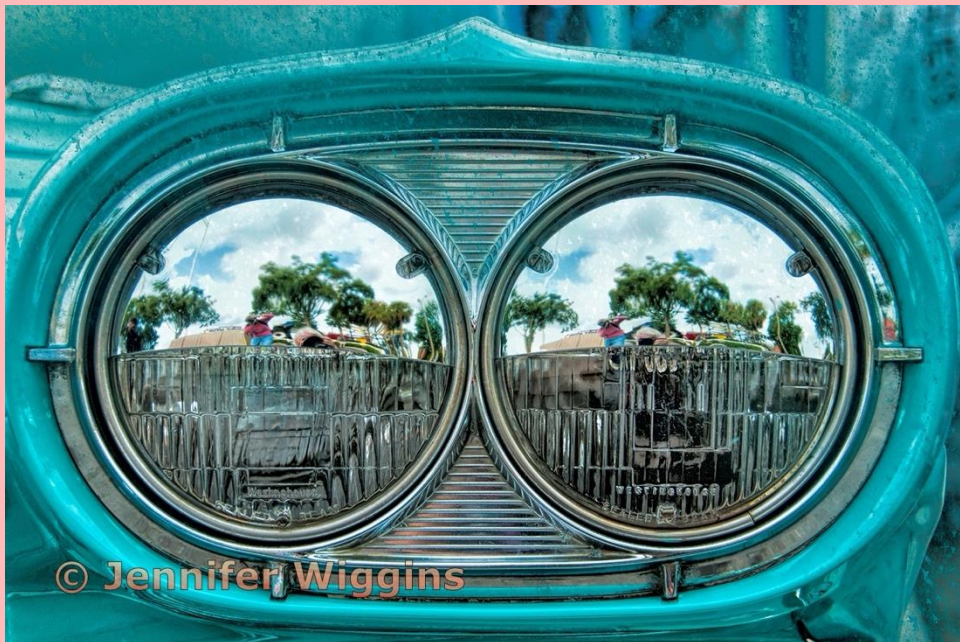
The EBA (Everything But Abstract) SIG incorporates the Nature and Landscape SIGs. It will be hosted by the members and will include the types of photography subjects that interest them. It includes nature, landscape, street, travel, B&W, infrared, macro –all types of photography except Abstract. March's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

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

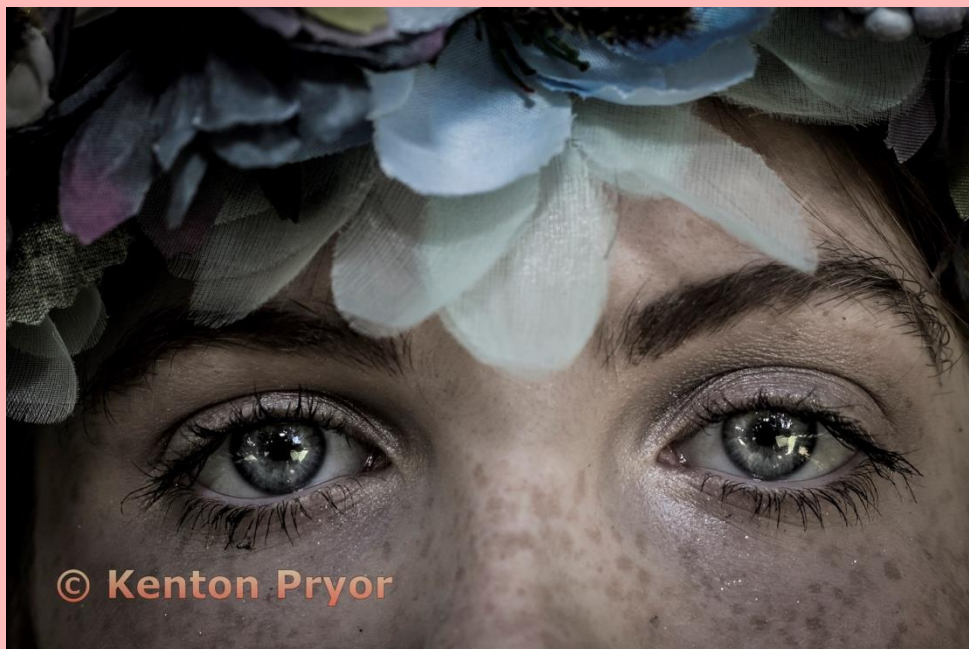


## Informal Competition Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the May Informal Challenge: "Eyes"



"Eyes of a Turquoise Lady"  
Jennifer Wiggins



"Look Into My Eyes"  
Kenton Pryor



## OCC Member Highlight

*Congratulations to OCC Member Laura Howell!*

OCC Member **Laura Howell** has **received two awards** in the **Creative Category** of the Florida Camera Club Council's 1st Triannual Digital Competition for her images "*Fish Out of Water*" (Red Ribbon) and "*Leaf Shadows*" (White Ribbon).



"Fish Out of Water"



"Leaf Shadows"



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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](mailto: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



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!



Online Courses:

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

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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!