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NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 15

THE LEHIGH VALLEY PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB (LVPC) IS DEDICATED TO ENHANCING MEMBERS' ENJOYMENT AND KNOWLEDGE OF PHOTOGRAPHY.

WELCOME NEW **MEMBERS!**

Joining LVPC in February

Kathy Barry Mark Campbell Skip Cook **Richard Di Bartolo** Nanci Helmuth Danielle Hepner Kevin Horn **Greg Jaeger** David Nicholls Yukiko Okuma Fd Orendorff Rhonda Pagano Candia Peterson Lyn Riley Toni Robinson Katherine Santana Mary Scheibe Caryl Sedushak Jim Shields Carol Strickman Thank you for your support!

FAST PHOTOGRAPHY with ADRIAN KLEIN Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM (ET) ZOOM

While there is a lot of discussion these days around slowing down and being more mindful when photographing, there are also plenty of benefits to being agile in



both mind and body that will help photographers from missing amazing opportunities in the field. Join Adrian Klein as he shares his experiences where he needed to be quick with his feet or mind to take a photograph before the moment passed. He includes suggestions on how photographers can best be prepared for their own outings to move quickly in the moment.

Biography:

Adrian Klein is lucky to call the scenic and photogenic Pacific Northwest home. His love of nature has nurtured his love of photography. Adrian has spent close to two decades in the neverending process of growing as a photographer and building a connection to nature, which has resulted in creating work that is meaningful. One of his greatest joys in photography is leading workshops and tours for other photographers to experience locations and grow in their art. Beyond his individual photography business, he's the founding member of the Photo Cascadia team. See more of Adrian's work at https://www.adrianklein.com/

Registration is required for this virtual presentation. Registration is FREE for LVPC members, \$10.00 nonrefundable fee for non-members. A link to the video recording of the presentation will be emailed to all registrants, both members and non-members, within a week following the meeting. CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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PSA Competition Round 3 Now through Monday, April 1 CLICK HERE for details

FOCUS Exhibition Drop-off Thursday, April 4 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

"Fast Photography" with by Adrian Klein ZOOM Thursday, March 21, 7:00 PM (ET) <u>CLICK HERE for details</u>

"Solar and Lunar Eclipse Photography - The Challenge and the Delight" with Silvana Della Camera ZOOM Monday, March 25, 7:00 PM (ET) CLICK HERE for details

"Creating Light for Portraits" with Susan Stripling, Canon Explorer of Light ZOOM Thursday, April 18, 7:00 PM (ET) CLICK HERE for details

Black & White Photography Workshop at Martin Guitar Tuesday, April 23,

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET) Prior registration; event is full

FOCUS Exhibition Pick-up

Sunday, May 5, 2:00-3:30 PM Monday, May 6, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

"In Nature's Embrace"

with Xuan-Hui Ng ZOOM Thursday, May 18, 7:00 PM (ET) <u>CLICK HERE for details</u>

"The ABC's of Bird Photography" with Isaac Grant ZOOM Thursday, June 20, 7:00 PM (ET) <u>CLICK HERE for details</u>

MONTHLY PHOTO CHALLENGE

Story closes April 5 (tag 03/24_Story) Black & White closes May 4 (tag 04/24_BW) Same Subject 3 Ways closes June 1 (tag 05/24_Subject)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

VIRTUAL IMAGE CRITIQUES IN YOUR HOME, AT YOUR COMPUTER Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 PM (ET) ZOOM

Have you ever taken a photo that you thought looked great through the viewfinder but when you reviewed it on the computer you thought, "What was I thinking?!" Happens to all of us.

Often, just a slight change in framing, exposure, or processing can turn a so-so photo into a great one. Now you can get help to improve your photography!

Join Katherine Fisher and Don Schroder for a critique session on Wednesday, March 13, starting at 7:00 PM (ET) via Zoom! They will provide constructive criticism on a selection of members' photos. <u>CLICK HERE TO REGISTER</u>

Previous sessions like this have been well received by all that attended. You can attend without submitting a photo.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

SOLAR AND LUNAR ECLIPSE PHOTOGRAPHY THE CHALLENGE AND THE DELIGHT! with SILVANA DELLA CAMERA Monday, March 25, 7:00 PM (ET) ZOOM

Are you curious about the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8? Have you thought about day or night sky photography but are uncertain of how to start? What equipment is needed to safely capture an eclipse and protect yourself and your gear?

Join fellow LVPC members for this exclusive virtual workshop with Silvana Della Camera. Silvana is a Master Member of the New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) and also a member of the Professional Photographers of America (PPA).

Drawing on decades of experience Silvana has helped photographers through her many photography workshops, tours, private instruction and presentations to clubs.

You can see Silvana's work on her **website**.

<u>CLICK HERE to register</u> and find out what equipment is needed for safe viewing and photographing any solar event.

To learn more about the 2024 Total Eclipse path **CLICK HERE**.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 7 THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 5 AT THE ALLENTOWN ART MUSEUM

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS

TITLE

Hallelujah Chorus

Congratulations to all! We look forward to this record-breaking exhibit featuring the work of over 90 LVPC members . The Allentown Art Museum is FREE of charge for all and is open Thursday - Sunday, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. CLICK HERE to learn more about the Allentown Art Museum including directions and parking.

MEMBER

TITI E

Scrambled Scrabble

Roz Bachman Robert Becker **Richard Begbie** Karen Benco Gerard Blair John Bohnel

William Boorse Jacqueline Burke Marla Burke Heidi Call Gary P. Campbell Gary W. Campbell Karen Campbell Alan Canner Rebecca Carpenter Shelly Carson Michael Clime Christine Costello **Rich Cox** Joan Dooley Kenneth Duh Rachel Engel Patricia Falco George Farina Laurinda Faye Katherine Fisher Janet Geissler Mark Gittleman Barry Good Jeff Grabert Chandler Grant Lee Hackman T. Brian Hager Bob Hahn Peet Hickman Kevin Horn Chris Hornaman Roberta Hurley Bruce Jacobson Austin Jenkins Cynthia Karchner Glenn Jasten Lita Kishbauah Christianna Knauss Alton Knight Andrew Koch Gary Kochubka John Kostyk Lee Levin-Friend Cheryl Lewis Mark Lineberger

Triad Web Goggles The Nelson-Adkins Museum of Art Skate Park Into the Surf Morning Silhouette Red Poinsettia Unstill Life Timeless #VIII Car Wash Deborah Lea Cohen Tennessee Woods Elizabeth Copeland Working Together **Beach Vibes** Bushkill Falls Blue Mansion Memories Leopard Warning Land of Birches Lunaria Steel Beams Radishes Halloween House #3 Fresh Lettuce Levitation Tire Soup

Ethereal Nature Floral Man-made Open OPen Open Open Nature Nature Floral Abandoned Chateau Floral Shenandoah Misty Morn Landscape Cucumber Root Flower Floral Open Open Hanging on the Line Open Abstract Abstract People The Calm Below the Storm Landscape 8th Avenue Subway Entrance Man-made Landscape Landscape Travel People Nature Abstract Abstract Abstract Open Open Camel Trader's Daughter People Open Travel Abstract Butterfly & Flowers Nature Funky Car Man-made Philly Chinatown Steam People On the Beach People Empty Sky Memorial Travel Windows Man-made The Lock Man-made Morning Stretch People Artillery Park, Valley Forge Travel Spiked Nature The Old Springhouse Landscape Mosaic Maze Abstract Glorious Stretch Nature Thanaka People Prison Light Man-made Watching People Down Below People Knights of St. Patrick Travel Chain and Ring Man-made

CATEGORY MEMBER

Open

Diane Ljunquist Eric Loken Sally Loken Lori Lucas Thomas Marino Jean McKenna

Doug McKenzie Barry McMickle Sharon Merkel Amanda Murphy Mike Murphy Robert Newell Joan Pasternak Ardys Pederson Vince Pellegrini **Robert Penchick** Louise Reeves Tarea Roach-Pritchett Monarch on Zinnia Heather Rodburg Lauren Roman Pamela Rozsa Don Schroder Jeanne Schroder Jan Marie Schwartz

Amy Shaffer Carolyn Logan Shoop William Shoop Dorothy Siravo David Sloan Jacki Spearly Jason Stewart John Stritzinger Doreen Sutcliffe Bobbie Turner Natalie Venkatesh

Ciana Vodofsky David Voros Joan Wheeler Linda Wickmann Jonathon Young

Joan Zachary Jimmy Zumba



Thirsty Pride Abstract Surfer Just Ducky Orange Dahlia The Vessel -Reaching for the Sky At One with Nature Dreamscape Architecture Growth Morning Reflection Last of the Fishing Villages Stormy Weather Josephina Isolation Back Off Dinner Puppy Dog Eyes Solitary Tree Red Shoes Breakfast Along the Chobe River Safe and Warm Contemplation Finely Feathered Reflection Favorite Color is Chrome Bocce Picturesque Fenestration Floral Fun Shores of Longyearbyen A Moment to Choose Covote Mousing Birds of a Feather Local Women on Steps of Kumbhalgarh Fort White Flowers Americana Power Soft Focus Calla Lily Summer Night at the County Fair Her Own World

Man-made Nature Abstract People Floral Man-made

CATEGORY

Abstract Abstract Man-made Floral Nature Landscape Landscape People Landscape Nature Open Nature People Landscape Abstract Nature

Nature Nature Open Open Man-made Nature People Abstract Landscape Travel Nature Open Travel Floral

Travel People Floral Man-made

People People



Live Display

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOHN STRITZINGER Member since 2020

Editor's note:

It is always a pleasure when I have the opportunity to interview LVPC members and this was another one of those wonderful experiences.

What captured my attention is John's approach to processing. Rather than rushing to the computer to make quick editing decisions John often returns to his images over a period of several weeks as a method to determine if his initial thoughts, feelings, or response to the photographs have changed.

Additionally, John shared one of the "tricks"that he utilizes when making editing choices: he rotates the image in the editing software! By doing this John shared how this will certainly prompt a photographer to look at their photograph differently. This technique can often help to identify changes (exposure, saturation, etc.) that benefit the final work.

Thank you, John, for your time and for your willingness to share your photographic journey with our readers!

When did you first pick up a camera and realize that this was something you loved and wanted to pursue?

It was in 2010, on a trip to Australia, photographing with a small all-in-one-zoom digital camera (our 2nd one since 2004), I was getting very interested in making more than just snapshots. On a rain-forest excursion another visitor was photographing with a long lens and DSLR, and I realized that I wanted to learn to photograph with a DSLR too. I came back thinking about retirement planning and what was I going to do for the next 30 years, and felt photography could be a great fit. I took a refresher class in the basics at MontCo community college and bought a Canon 7D and a Mac laptop. With photography I was completely smitten! I found an excellent UK magazine for Canon users at a Barnes and Noble and subscribed, reading each one from cover to cover.

Soon I had subscriptions to a half-dozen magazines and would read them on my train commute to center-city Philly. I joined one photo club, then another.



Writing Overseas

Was there a mentor (or mentors) that played an important role in your pursuit of photography?

Soon after I got my DSLR, I happened into a talk by Rick Wright (at the Perkins Art Center) and felt a connection to his way of looking at the world. I took a class on creating photos with him and that just accelerated my interest, and very much widened my horizon to many more excellent photographers I had not heard of before. Rick helped free me up from being a bit too cautious in making compositions and I started to create better photographs that were more personal, had more of me in them.

And my dad. My dad was an outdoorsman who had an interest in photography with an Olympus 35mm he used in the 1950s-60s to take photos of us growing up and on vacation. In the mid-1970's he traded in some of his outdoors gear for camera gear, took classes at the local high school, built a darkroom in the basement, and practiced the zone system. He made one trip to New Mexico before he was diagnosed and passed away from cancer in the mid-1980s. When I inherited his cameras after he died, it gave me an initial interest in photographing and trying to do more than just take a snapshot.

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT JOHN STRITZINGER continued



Waiting for the bus in Havana

If you could give your beginner self a piece of advice from what you know now - what would you say?

When you see something that turns your head, go with it. Photograph that thing which pulls you and not what you might have thought you should be photographing...and pay as much attention to your background as to your subject.

I have a diverse body of work, tugged to photograph a variety of subjects. This emerged in a 365 project I did soon after getting that first DSLR - taking photos every day and posting one daily on Instagram. I let myself be drawn to whatever presented itself.

Was there a subject or genre that is evident in your early body of work?



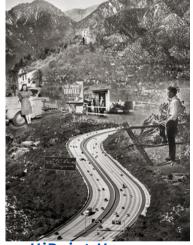
In the 2000's I was often using our small all-in-one digital camera to take macro-ish photos of flowers. I made a poster of flowers in our local High School Park in Elkins Park and sold that as a fundraiser for the park. I also made my first photo book with all flower images. So that was an early subject, and one that I return to a little bit now, but is not the interest it once was.

Is there a particular project that was pivotal in your work?

In 2014 I moved my then 92-year-old mom from her home near Harrisburg to an independent living apartment in a continuing care community near me mom is now 101. After that move I brought several boxes of old family photos that had been stored at her house, and in going through those photos, became very interested in using them in collage/composite work. I developed a series called Sacramentos: Family Moments of about 10 works and really grew in my image making with that series. Since then I feel more like a photographer as artist and less a photographer as craftsman.

Do you have a favorite podcast, blog, or photographer that you enjoy following?

LensWork podcasts by Brooks Jensen both his short daily Here's A Thought and his longer



HiPoint Honeymoon

weekly podcasts. John Barclay and Cole Thomson have a very fun YouTube series that's enjoyable to watch and listen to.

What is one piece of equipment that you never leave home without?

For most shoots, that's my tripod. I don't always pull it out and use it, but having it opens up the possibility of long exposure images which I like to make, and reminds me that often taking more time to compose and make an image results in more satisfying work.

Quiet Convergence

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT **JOHN STRITZINGER** continued

Which do you prefer: film, DSLR, mirrorless, or phone?

I love my mirrorless Canon EOS R camera! My DSLR was great too, but I like the options for silent shutter, histogram display, focus peaking, etc that I can get with mirrorless. I use my cell phone some, but just don't feel my photographer brain kicking in quite as fully without looking through the viewfinder. Film was fine when I started. but I don't want to have a darkroom or do my own developing, and would just be scanning in negatives to work with in LR and PS.

I enjoy both going out photographing to capture images, and time at the computer post-processing and pulling out the results I envision from those images. I also like to do my own printing, matting and framing of work. I enjoy the physicalness, the handmade quality of that activity.

CLICK HERE to visit John's website



Billowing Blue

WILL YOU BE OUR NEXT FEATURED **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT?**

To learn more - please email Carolyn Shoop at lvpcsocialmedia@gmail.com



Bewildered



The Way to Tiffany

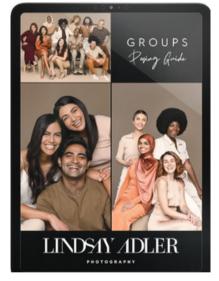
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NEWS & RESOURCES

LOOKING FOR HELP WITH MAKING PORTRAITS?

POSING GROUPS GUIDE FREE DOWNLOAD! Inside this free guide you'll find more than 75 images to use as a reference when photographing groups of 2, 3, 4, or 5+. Furthermore, you'll master invaluable strategies that allow you to quickly pose groups of ANY size. You'll learn to envision triangles, build balanced compositions, and work with perspective for flattering group shots whether they are families, bridal parties, fashion shoots or corporate group shots.



<u>CLICK HERE</u> to access the free download offered through Lindsay Adler Photography

UNIQUE EVENTS

Last month several members in the Agricultural Interest Group attended a "Mud Sale". In next month's issue we will feature some of those photos and share our experiences. If you would like to learn more or attend an upcoming Mud Sale event please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for a complete schedule.

AN INVITATION FROM A FELLOW NYMACC MEMBER

Westchester Photographic Society, a member of NYMACC, invites all interested photographers to attend Sapna Reddy's virtual presentation " How to Tell Compelling Stories Using Pictures" on Friday, April 12, 2024 at 7:30 PM (ET). If you would like to attend, please email meetings@wpsphoto.org to request a link.

NYMACC FIELD TRIP CENTRAL PARK, NEW YORK CITY

Did you know that members of the LVPC are also members of NYMACC (New York Metro Area Camera Council)? Take advantage of this fantastic offer to participate in their upcoming field trip to Central Park! Registration deadline is April 28; NYMACC member cost \$10 (does not include food). CLICK HERE to learn more and for registration

PHOTO CONTEST SPONSORED BY CHURCHVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Churchville Photography Club (Churchville, PA) is hosting their inaugural digital photography contest. Submission deadline is March 31 and the categories include: Landscape, Wildlife, Architecture, Open/Other, and Student. Winners will be announced on June 1.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for details and registration



As shared in our Member Spotlight feature this month the *LensWork podcast* with fine-art photographer Brooks Jensen is an incredible resource that is dedicated to helping photographers grow in their creative process.

In February 2004, Brooks started with what he called an "audio blog" and approximately six months later Apple introduced the iPod and a new concept called "podcasting." With such a vast history of digital conversation that translates to over 1,200 episodes that are **still available and free of charge**!

<u>CLICK HERE</u> to learn more!