

SHUTTER TALK

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The next scheduled meeting is April 9th at 6:30-8:30 at Dorothy Hart Center.

This April Critique topic will be "Black & White".

By Sunday, April 7, please send up to 3 images to jlafrat@gmail.com.

Responses to APRIL QUESTION: Which lens is your favorite and why?

Favorite Lens:

I am not an expert, but, really enjoy having my Tamron, 18-400mm F/3.5-6.3 lens. It's a little heavy, but allows me to take a single lens.

Judy LaFratta

Favorite Lens:

Even though I have a variety of lenses, the one I take on every trip is a Tamron 16-300 zoom on my Canon 7D Mk2 DSLR. Have been using this combination for several years.

Norma Woodward

Favorite Lens:

My 18-300 Nikkor covers just about everything.

Mike Fleckenstein

Favorite Lens:

Frankly, I do not have a lot of experience with a lot of different lenses. However, I have had a bad experience with changing lenses. . . . We had pulled over on a dirt road on a reservation in the Badlands, and I was changing the lens, in the car with the door open, when a truck came flying over the hill. I had so much dust in my camera, I had to send it back to the factory to be cleaned! I am really paranoid about getting dust in my camera now. So, I decided I would get just a “one size fits all” that will work for most of my needs. When I bought a new camera, I put a Nikkor 28-300 lens on it.

Lee Cochran

A big THANK YOU to those who contributed to this month’s newsletter. It makes a big difference to have submissions from talented members.

Norma Woodward
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MAY QUESTION: How do you get honest feedback on your work?

Opportunities to support club members who have amazing exhibits.

FCCA Members Gallery for April features Judy Lafratta, David Boyd and Dorothy Stout. Three of Judy's photos are below.



“Dandy”

“To the Sky”



“Hanging Hot”

Throughout April, visitors at Brush Strokes Gallery, 824 Caroline St, Fredericksburg, will have the opportunity to experience the “Cuba” exhibition by club member Penny A Parrish, a thought-provoking display of photographs taken throughout her two trips to the Caribbean Island. Penny’s “Cuba” exhibition includes a dozen large pieces and more than sixty 8” x 10” pictures grouped around themes.

CUBA: Cars, Colors & Challenges



Photography by Penny A Parrish Brush Strokes Gallery April 2024

Penny also had two photos accepted in the VMRC Juried All Media Exhibit in Harrisonburg, VA.

Blue Hair Orca

Serpentine



From Mary Jane Branscome

This past August, my husband and I traveled to the Baltic region of Europe. We joined a group of nine people, all from the U.S. Two local guides accompanied us on our walking/hiking tour. Along the way, we stayed in three different hotels, sampled local food, and were introduced to several folk traditions. Here are a few photographs of people we encountered along the way.





From David Boyd

For those who enjoy wildlife photography, opportunities abound all around us. We don't have to travel great distances to get great shots. Some really productive locations – particularly for birds – are right in the Fredericksburg area. And they aren't limited just to birds. Local photographers have also photographed foxes and kits, beaver, otters and other animals. Some great shots – like this one of a northern flicker and another of a hummingbird may be had in your yard just as they were in mine.



A simple feeder or two and you can attract hummingbirds to your yard. We have only one species – the ruby throat – but it is one of the most beautiful hummingbirds.

In the Rappahannock, within Fredericksburg city limits, great photos can be had of ospreys, bald eagles, ducks, geese, great blue herons, and many others. Here are a few examples.

This shot of a great blue heron was taken very near the route 1 bridge in Fredericksburg. The following image of an osprey flying away with its catch was also taken on the Rappahannock. The rapids in the river make a great backdrop.



Just a bit further away – at Huntley Meadows in Alexandria – you can find a huge array of subjects, including birds, turtles, snakes and muskrats .

Not much further, you can rent a ride on the James River, or shoot from the banks, and get ospreys, bald eagles, herons and more.

This bald eagle has caught a fish on the James.

There are no limits to the opportunities for wildlife photography near Fredericksburg.

So pick up your camera and start shooting.



REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS

Stafford County Parks and Recreation is designing a new website to promote activities, program offerings and county parks. They say, “a picture is worth a thousand words” and our staff has realized the need for quality pictures to tell our story. Photography is a great art form which requires someone with an eye for the possibilities. We are looking for artists that could visit our parks and attend our events throughout the year to capture the excitement, the beauty, the nature, and the recreational opportunities within Stafford. We wanted to reach out to the community to find individuals or even a club that would be willing to lend their skills to this project.

These photographs would be utilized to create a catalog of pictures to promote our programming and special events throughout the year. In addition, for our major events such as the Heritage Festival, Fall Festival, and the Stafford Tree Lighting, we plan to create an individual webpage for these events. These webpages would promote the event, showcase the actual event, and then provide information following the event, all captured in photos. There shall be no question; these photographs would belong to the artist. Stafford County would have permission to use them, with credit and citation being given to the artist on the site.

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Parks, Recreation, Facilities and Tourism Department could compensate volunteers in a variety of ways through in-kind service. For example, in exchange for photographer services, the department could provide the photographers with a meeting room or picnic pavilion to hold gatherings or a club picnic.

Thank you for considering this request. We look forward to showcasing both your photographs and our parks and programs. I would be honored to visit and answer questions at one of your meetings.

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Call for Entries

NATIONAL JURIED EXHIBITION

Landscapes Near & Far

April 27 – May 31, 2024

Entries due:

Friday, April 5, 2024, 4 pm

Fredericksburg Center
for the Creative Arts.

<https://fccagallery.org>

You can find pictures everywhere. It's simply a matter of noticing things and organizing them. You just have to care about what's around you and have a concern with humanity and the human comedy.

- Elliott Erwitt



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