



APRIL 2026

Palmerton Camera Club Newsletter
April 14, 2026

www.palmertoncameraclub.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 502 Lafayette
Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071
Next Meeting April 23 at 7:30PM



If you haven't paid your 2026 dues: Dues are \$25.00 per person, \$40.00 per couple and \$1.00 for students up to 12th grade with student ID. Half year rates are available March 1st for new members. Please mail dues to Beverly Steigler, 390 Hahn's Dairy Rd., Palmerton, PA 18071 or pay at the meeting.

CHRISTMAS IN MARCH

Our own Santa Claus, Sam Borso, provided a gift to all members at the March meeting. The gift was a small key chain flashlight that is a perfect addition to your keychain or camera bag for those night shots when you are fumbling in the dark for something. Thanks Sam!

A NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE

John Makuvek, who re-did our website, gave us a tour of the website at the March meeting. It's easy to navigate and so far it has gotten great reviews. We need to increase traffic to the site and to that end we will start posting the monthly newsletter on the website and provide a hyperlink to the newsletter in a monthly email rather than send out the newsletter via email.

One thing that we need to do is have members submit their favorite photos to the website. This is your chance to put your work on display. In order to limit the number of photos we are including one photo per person for a period of up to three months, at which time it will be removed and replaced with a new photo if you wish.

2026 SCAVENGER HUNT

The hunt is underway. Photos must be taken between 11 March and 13 May and can be submitted through this email palmertonhunt@gmail.com. Seven subjects were chosen and an email was sent to all members on 10 March listing them. The website has a listing of the subjects as well as the rules for the hunt. Here is the hyperlink for Scavenger Hunt details: <https://palmertoncameraclub.com/contests>. Right click on the hyperlink and select "open hyperlink".

Lucy has been sending emails that contain descriptions of the subjects and suggestions for how to photograph them.

PRESENTERS

We have a full slate of presentations and other activities scheduled for the rest of this year. Thanks to everyone who stepped up. If you have an idea for a presentation you would like to do, you can get it in the queue for the next available opportunity. Preference goes to club members who want to deliver presentations themselves. At our December meeting the survey results were presented and members voted to have less frequent presentations, thus we are reducing the number of presentations to five per year. Other activities are planned for the vacant time slots.

MENTORS

Our members have different levels of experience in photography. Some of our members have expressed an interest in being mentored about the use of their camera or settings for different types of photography. If you have a question or need help and if you would be interested in mentoring one of our members, please contact Larry with the topics that you can help or need help with.

CRITIQUE

If you are interested in having your photo critiqued in a constructive way by members of our club, this opportunity is now available. Please send your photos to Sam prior to the meeting with a note that it is for critique. The photo will be displayed on the screen for everyone to see. It can also help other photographers learn what not to do and how to correct it.

TRIPS AND PROGRAMS

Some members have indicated that they would like to see group programs such as trips to Longwood Gardens, Steel Stax, State Parks and other locations. If you want to sponsor such an event, (and it may not necessarily be a trip), feel free to arrange it with other members on your own.

PALMERTON LIBRARY FRAMED PHOTO DISPLAY

We are planning to have a framed photo display in the gallery room of the Palmerton Library. Details are still being worked, and a sign-up sheet was provided at the March meeting. If you have not signed up and want to participate, send Larry an email or notify him at the April meeting.

Photos must be framed and a wire to hang the photo will be needed. Based on the wall hanging facilities, it looks like the largest photo we can accommodate will be 16" x 20" and the smallest should be 5" x 7", preferably 8" x 10".

AMERICA250PA PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

A list of photo opportunities in Carbon County has been sent out to those who signed up to take photos. The photos will be provided to the County Coordinator so they can be used in a year-end book to capture the events. If you are interested in participating, contact Larry.

DELAWARE AVENUE PHOTO DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

We will undertake a project to photo document the businesses, government buildings and private residences along Delaware Ave. Connie has graciously agreed to head this up and it will occur sometime this summer. PCC has done this in the past and it is overdue. More details will follow.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER!

A hearty welcome to Donna Laviola, our newest member. Donna hails from Andreas and had been a member in the past.

FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY WEBINAR

The following flyer provides details about a free webinar on flash photography. The date is 27 April and the time is 7pm. Access is via Zoom and instructions are provided in the flyer.

Thanks to Connie for passing this along.



Free Webinar Joseph "JC" Carey From Fear to Flash

Presented by the
Delaware Photographic Society

April 27, 2026, 7:00PM

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Join JC Carey, a formerly-light-phobic photographer turned lighting junkie, for a fast-paced, fun, and fear-free dive into the wonderful world of artificial lighting. JC will strip lighting down to the essentials (and throw in some "aha" hacks) so that you leave with not just better photos, but better confidence behind the camera. You'll learn how to get light off your camera and into your creative toolkit—whether you're working with a speedlight, a strobe, or a flashlight duct-taped to a ceiling fan. (Kidding. Mostly.)

Topics Covered (with minimal headaches and zero math quizzes):

- The simplest, least-scary way to start adding flash to your photos
- What lens choice has to do with lighting (spoiler: more than you'd think)
- TTL vs Manual (and why both have their place)
- High-Speed Sync & Rear Curtain Sync: What they are and when to use them
- The joy of getting the flash *off* your camera
- Light modifiers: softboxes, umbrellas, and other magic tricks
- Using gels to add drama, flair, or just fix weird indoor lighting

Whether you're looking to take better portraits, spark your creativity, or just finally win your war with the flash, this is your gateway to making light your friend.



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Joseph "JC" Carey is a lifelong image maker and recovered natural-light-only photographer. Like many of you, JC used to think flash was a four-letter word worthy of pulling his hair out. His journey into lighting started with a hilariously bad lighting class in 2007—a true "gift" in the sense that it lit a fire under him to learn everything the instructor *didn't* teach. That fire turned into a full-blown passion for figuring out how to control light, shape it, and use it to create images that stand out. Fast forward 18 years and JC is now a professional photographer and the Northeast Sales & Marketing Rep for FJ Westcott and a proud lighting evangelist. He spends his days teaching people how to go "From Fear to Flash," showing photographers that the best available light isn't necessarily natural—it's the one you *can* use consistently to stay creative, even when the sun's being a diva. When he's not lighting something (or someone), he's being a dad, making photos, or finding new

ways to make lighting fun, accessible, and a little less terrifying. Follow his journey (and see some of his lighting antics) at [Instagram.com/JCPhotoMedia](https://www.instagram.com/JCPhotoMedia).

No registration required. **To attend:** On the night of the webinar go to the calendar at www.dpsphoto.org, scroll down and click on the meeting notice, then click on the Zoom Meeting link.



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UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

April: Photographing Celestial Objects and Phenomena – Sam Borso

May: Location, location, location – a list of places to go to photograph various subjects. Member participation is required to add new locations. – Larry Bulanda

June: Scavenger Hunt results – Scavenger Hunt Team

Note: *presentations are subject to change based on circumstances.*

PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE MONTH

Be sure to sign up at the meeting for a specific month. The requirements are **6-8 photos** resized to 900 pixels on the long side. Send your photos at least two days before the meeting to: photographersrus247@yahoo.com

Our Photographer of the month line up is:

APRIL 23 – Karen Frankenfield

MAY 28 – Helen Hartmann

JUNE 25 – Amanda Russell

JULY 23 - Gwen Shellhammer

AUGUST 27 - Ed Eberhardt

SEPTEMBER 24 – Gordon & Jean Perry

OCTOBER 22, – Sam Borso

NOVEMBER 19 – Susan Bulanda

DECEMBER 17 - TBD

MONTHLY CHALLENGE

April - “**UMBRELLAS**” - We all know what "April showers" are supposed to bring. But they also bring out the umbrellas. Find something interesting.

May - “**FARMLAND**” - Lots of possibilities here: landscapes, farm buildings, animals, crops, machinery. Try not to trespass, get permission to enter private property.

June – No monthly challenge, Scavenger Hunt results

July - “**TRANSPORTATION**” - Many modes to choose from: airplanes, trains, cars, motorcycles, bicycles, etc, or your favorite car. As always - Be Creative!

August - “**SUNSETS**” - Include other things in the sky such as clouds, aircraft, birds, the Moon, also foregrounds: trees, water, rural or city landscapes, famous landmarks, etc, etc. Make it interesting.

September – **BLACK and WHITE** – Either shoot your picture in B&W or convert a color image with post-processing software. Utilize the “Zone System,” in your image which goes from zero (black) to ten (white).

October – “**SOMETHING OLD**” – LOTS of things to choose from!!!

November – “**ARCHIVE FAVORITES**” – Here’s a chance to dig out an image from your Photo archives of anything you would like to share with the club.

December – “**ORNAMENTS**” – Indoor, outdoor, day or night time.

NOTE: NO meeting January and February 2027

**NOTES : PLEASE PARTICIPATE & ENJOY THE CHALLENGES -
THIS IS NOT A CONTEST, HAVE FUN !!!**

- (1) One image per member, send images to photographersrus247@yahoo.com with a file name that contains your name (e.g. patsy_cline.jpg). Attach to your email, and provide a brief description of your image, and a title.
- (2) Deadline is 12 Noon on the meeting day , BUT - don't wait -
- please send your images as soon as possible, prior to the monthly meetings.
- (3) Except as noted, try to take images close to the time period for each month.

ADMINISTRATION

President – Larry Bulanda
Vice President - Jeannie Carl
Secretary - Vacant
Treasurer - Bev Steigler
Challenge Coordinator - Sam Borso
Newsletter Editor - Susan Bulanda