

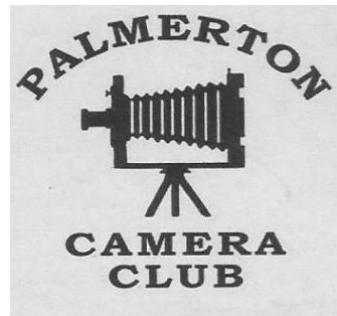


DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025



Palmerton Camera Club Newsletter
December 18, 2025
www.palmertoncameraclub.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 502 Lafayette
Ave., Palmerton, PA 18071
7:30



BE SURE TO READ THE END OF THIS NEWSLETTER

Dues are payable in September: 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

DECEMBER meeting will be the 18th

Please Read!

Cookies! Cookies! Cookies! We will have a cookie exchange for our December meeting. Bring big cookies, small cookies, fun cookies and cookies that I like. Since I goofed and the November newsletter did not go out on time, I want to ask everyone if you haven't already done so, please bring a donation for the Environment Center either something from their wish list or a monetary

donation which is also accepted. SEE the wish list at the end of the newsletter. Jeannie said that they appreciate items over money since that saves them a trip to the store.

At the December meeting if time allows, Larry will discuss the results of the survey.

We Need more photos for the Members' Gallery on the website!!! Get your name and photos on the WEB.

We hope that you check out our website on a regular basis. Several members have submitted photographs that really add a lot to our site. This page features a short slide show highlighting your own photographic talents. So, get your talents recognized by submitting a collection of your images to Connie at the club's Yahoo email, photographersrus247@yahoo.com We would like to show new images from our members every month. Please put "members gallery" in the subject line. Don't worry about resizing; I will take care of that. These do not have to be new images, just ones you really like. Feel free to search in your archives. Please add a title for each image as your name will be on a banner above the images. SEND ME MORE PHOTOS.

PROGRAMS

Future program suggestions: We need more photo shoots.

- Jean and Gordon Perry would like to do a canal walk in the fall.

We could spend a Saturday taking photos of all the buildings on Delaware Avenue for the Palmerton Area Historical Society as a public service.

- We need members to tell or take us to their favorite places to visit that offer photo ops. Larry will compile a list of member's favorite places.
- Kris Sebring who started the Nazareth Center for the Arts photography club is an expert on solargraphy and pinhole cameras. Solargraphy is a photographic technique that uses a pinhole camera with very long exposures, days, months, and even years, to capture the path of the sun across the sky. Mr. Sebring is willing to give a workshop to our club on a Saturday.

Larry has suggested the following:

Here are a few activities/places you may want to check out in the coming weeks.

1. The Palmerton Concourse Club is having a holiday house tour. Details can be found in the attachment.

2. Our own Jim Schneider is a member of the Carbon Model Railroad Society in Bowmanstown. They will be having an open house in the upcoming weeks. It's a great activity for grandkids and a great opportunity for macro photography.
3. Light displays include Lights on the Parkway in Allentown and the lightshow at Coca Cola Park (Ironpigs stadium) which is in its second year. We went last year and it was impressive but very cold that night. It's a great photo opportunity.
4. Eckley Miners Village is having a Christmas weekend where some buildings in the village are decorated for Christmas. The church in the village has an impressive pipe organ, they will have an organist giving a small concert. More photo ops.

If you know of any holiday events that may be of interest to club members, feel free to share them!

We also need members to make suggestions for interesting places and events that offer good photographic opportunities to post on our website as well as helpful websites that introduce good photo ops.

Photographer of the Month

Be sure to sign up at the meeting for a specific month. The requirements are 10 – 12 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:

DECEMBER 18, 2025 – Paul Sell

JANUARY 22 – Ed Eberhardt

FEBRUARY 26 – Gwen Shellhammer

MARCH 26 – Anne Zagarella

APRIL 23 – Karen Frankenfield

MAY 28 – Susan Bulanda

JUNE 25 – Amanda Russell

NO MEETINGS July & August

SEPTEMBER – 24, 2026 – Gordon & Jean Perry

Monthly Challenge

December - **"HOLIDAYS IN THE KITCHEN"** - Cookies, cakes, holiday food items, cooking utensils, kitchen scenes. Thanksgiving through Christmas.

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

February - **"WINTER"** - Ice formations, frost, snow. Many possibilities for: landscape scenes, macro. Lakes, ponds, waterfalls. Also daytime or nighttime.

March - **"MYSTERY IMAGE -or- WHAT IS IT?"** - Photograph something that is basically ordinary or commonplace, but try different angles, variations with lighting, telephoto, macro. Make the viewer guess what it really is.

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 - (none - Scavenger Hunt results)

**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

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

ANY TIME PHOTO OP

Buttermilk Falls: Buttermilk Falls Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18301

Tumbling Waters: Start at Pocono Educational Center (PEEC), 538 Emery Rd., Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Dingmans & Silverthread falls: Start at Dingmans Falls Visitor Center, 224 Dingmans Falls Rd., Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328

Hackers Falls: Start at Raymondskill Rd. Trailhead, 917 Raymondskill Rd., Milford, PA 18337

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CCEEC Wildlife Wish List
Baby Blankets – NO Towels!

Baby Food – Meat, Veggies, Rice Cereal

Feather Dusters
Hand Warmers
Heating Pads
Paper Towels

Masking Tape – WIDE 2" or more

Dishwashing Gloves
Fresh Fruits
Fresh Greens

Acorns, Nuts, Bird Seed, Suet

Birdseed
Nylon Rope
Sheep Skin
Dawn Dish Liquid
Cotton Swabs
Ziplock Baggies