

# St. Vrain Photographic Society

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*October 2, 2017*  
*Next Meeting*

Our next meeting will be **Monday, October 2, 2017, 630 PM** in the **Fireside Room**, First Congregational United Church of Christ, 9th & Francis Streets in Longmont.

**Enter through the west door on the north side of the building.**

Our meeting will start at 630 and our program begins at 7 PM. Jim Bell will talk about action photos. Our speakers are Adam Palazzini and Sean Tracey from Superior Art Imaging in Louisville.

## Suggestions

We welcome YOUR input on program ideas, field trips, workshops and ways we can improve the club to make it more beneficial to you, the members. Email your suggestions to **Todd Towell** : <ttcubed@gmail.com>.

Also let us know if you would be willing to lead a field trip, give a program or workshop, facilitate a discussion or become more active in the club as a committee member, an officer, or in any other way.

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## Committees and Chairpersons (Under Revision)

Here are the folks who have stepped forward to help keep our club running smoothly. Feel

free to contact them if they can assist you in any way.

Programs - Todd Towell, Lynda Clayton

Hospitality - JoAnn and Jim Bell

Website & Digital Entries - Gerry Cragun

Equipment (projector, easel, lights, cords, etc.) - Paulette & Larry

McGimsey, John Roper, Murth Murthy

Scoring Equipment - John & Barb Roper

Membership - Sallie Sprague & Cliff DeJong



## *September Business Meeting*

At our September meeting, we discussed several business items for the club. Changes to the By Laws were approved. Committee participation was discussed, and it was noted that we need officers nominated by the November meeting. Each committee was discussed, with responsibilities outlined, and it was stressed that we need member participation to make this club work. Changes to the committees were approved. The budget was discussed in detail. The Scholarship will be redefined.

For the Annual Competition, cash awards will be given for print and digital categories: \$50 for Best of Show in each category, plus \$35 and \$20 for second and third, respectively. Todd will update the submitted budget and show it at the October meeting.

A dues increase to \$25 for singles and \$40 for families was approved, starting in 2018. It was agreed that new members paid from September on would be paid for the following year as well.

A survey on SVPS newsletter and activities was passed out and later emailed to all members. Results are still coming in and will be discussed in November.

## *PhotoFix Coming in November*

The SPVS photofix challenge will be our program in November. You should be able to download any /all of the images from this shared google album (see link at bottom). The objective is to create something new from the existing image(s). If you are new to post processing tools you may want to select a photo and just use basic tools to make global adjustments like cropping, color, contrast etc. Or take it a step further and learn to use the brushes / filters to make local changes to specific areas of a photo. Learn to use layers and masking, remove / insert objects into a photo, combine, retouch or add special effects. The list is almost endless.

Please submit 2 images for the photofix challenge in November and be prepared to share a new technique you learned / used to create your images (you may want to make some notes while you are creating them). Use the following naming convention for these photos: P1-Name-Title; P2-Name-Title (P1-ToddTowell-Flying Umbrella; P2-ToddTowell-Landscape).

If you are using Adobe software check out the [adobe.com](https://www.adobe.com) website for lots of free tutorials. If you want to try something different search the web for post processing software (Topaz Labs has some nice options). Many of these companies offer a 30 day free trial... use that to go crazy with this assignment. Feel free to use your own or other photos as well but remember you do need to use at least one of the provided images. This year I have included land/cityscape, portraits, backgrounds and some silly miscellaneous photos to spark your imagination. Have fun, we will remind you in September and will show these in November (unless something causes a change in the schedule!).

Copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://goo.gl/photos/8NaTE5PQAwdJ579P9>  
If you have problems email me at [tcubed@gmail.com](mailto:tcubed@gmail.com)

**Todd Towell**

## Special: “Black and White”; Challenge “Self Portrait”

Photos will be show and tell.

**[PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!]**

**FOR OUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

For the upcoming year, there will be Show/Tell/Commentary months. Please check the newsletter and the SVPS website for more information on the schedule.

No more than a **total of four digital images** may be entered in the following categories:

- Special Topic of the Month (zero to one image)
- Challenge Topic (zero to one image)
- Open category (zero to **two** images)
- Creative (zero to one image). (You do NOT have to submit entries in all categories.)

Digital images should be no larger than 2048 in the greater dimension and should be submitted as a .JPG attachment to an email to **StVrainPhoto@Gmail.com**, **no later than the Thursday** prior to the meeting. **This is a NEW email address for submissions.** Late entries will not be accepted!

**New members are encouraged to enter photographs.**

Please submit photos each month only after receipt of the newsletter. This is because there may be changes in category definitions, where to send photos, etc.

**SVPS is on the Web!**

Check out our Website at:

[www.go-svps.org](http://www.go-svps.org)

(It's cool...)

### ***NEW*** Digital submittal rules for ***St. Vrain Photographic Society***

1. File type: jpg

Naming convention:

- Category (1**S** for Special, 2**Y** for Challenge, 3**O** for Open, and 4**U** for Creative)
- Photo title (blank spaces are allowed)
- Photographer's name (blank spaces are allowed)
- Category, photo title, and photographer's name separated by a dash (-)

General example: [Category]-[Title]-[Photographer].jpg

Specific example: 3O-Bridal Veil Falls-Ansel Adams.jpg

*Photographer Name and Photo Title together should be no more than 45 characters. DO NOT use underscore or special characters (except dash).*

3. Size: Digital images no larger than 2048 pixels in the larger dimension

4. E-mail photos to **StVrainPhoto@Gmail.com**. Submit by Thursday night before the Monday meeting. (Example: September 28th for Oct 2nd meeting). Submitters should get confirmation by Saturday evening that their photos were received. If not, please call and/or re-submit. No digital entries will be accepted after the Thursday deadline except in unusual circumstances by special arrangement with Lynda Clayton. NO digital entries will be accepted at the club meeting. For questions contact Lynda Clayton at (720)468-3085.



## September Photos

Some sample pictures from our September meeting are shown below (choosing was difficult, as there were so many great pictures!). To see all of the May results, plus important club information and other cool stuff, go to our website at [www.go-svps.org](http://www.go-svps.org).



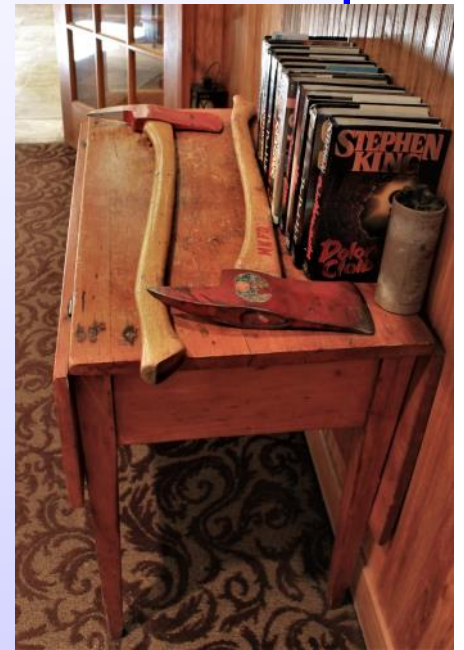
**Lynda Clayton**  
"Smoky Hoops"



**Vicki Braunagel**  
"Black Bear Food Fight"



**Robert Daugherty**  
"Rose with Blue Vase"



**Robbie Clayton**  
"Heres Johnny"



**Barb Roper**  
"Renoir Butterflies"



**Cliff DeJong**  
"Twin Lakes"

## 2017/18 SVPS Meeting Schedule

*Activities begin at 6:30pm*

Your program chairs have been working hard to create informative and entertaining discussions and programs. The following events are confirmed for 2017:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opening Activity</u>	<u>Program</u>
Oct 2	Jim Bell-Action Photos	Superior Art Imaging
Nov 6	Cliff DeJong-Drone Adventures	PhotoFix/Scav Hunt/Field Trips
Dec	Annual Holiday Party, Election of Officers	Beth Buglione
Jan 2018		

## 2017/18 Special & Challenge Photo Topics

A monthly photo topic AND a challenge topic help all of us stretch our photographic abilities.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Special Topic</u>	<u>Challenge Topic*</u>
Oct	Black and White	Self Portrait
Nov	Natural Light	Stripes
Dec	Street Lights	Symmetry
Jan 2018	Hobbies	Snowscapes
Feb	A Picture of a Picture	Macros
Mar	The Color Green	A Low Angle
Apr	Motion	Emotion
May	From a Distance	Upside Down

\*The Challenge Topic is to encourage us to get out and learn something new about our cameras and shooting techniques.

## Connecting with the Club

The St. Vrain Photographic Society maintains a Facebook Page, known as St Vrain Photographic Society. There is an option for you to join the group. Lynda Clayton is the administrator. You can post messages or photos here. Lynda will provide more info about this at the October meeting

## *Photography Tips and Tricks*

The idea behind this section is for members to submit your own tips and tricks you would like to share with the club members. The subject can be anything from software editing tips to camera setups for doing macro, astrophotography, portrait, Bokeh or camera use tips (brand and model specific with enough detail for others to follow along step by step) . Please send your submissions each month to me, Todd Towell, at <ttcubed@gmail.com>, and I will try to get all of them included each month

**Todd Towell**

## *Workshops and Field Trips*

One of the committees for our club has been Field Trips. I have led field trips to Rocky Mountain National Park for Milky Way and star photography over the past few years. This has been a very fun time for me and I have gotten to know several members of the club. Several of us have also come home with great photos!

Diane Kaiser has organized our club's summer field trips and they have gone to some great regional locations, including Monument Valley and Yellowstone. These have spanned several days and have been a great service to the club. Diane is stepping down from the Field Trip committee and will not be doing this next year. We owe Diane a debt of gratitude for all she has done for us!!

We are now combining Field Trips with Workshops into a joint committee. Our goal for each year is to have 5-10 photo walks, field trips or workshops for members. We need people to help us schedule these and to coordinate dates and times. We also need suggestions on where people would like to go and for workshop topics.

There is something very special about an activity shared with other photographers. I have done a few commercial photo excursions and have loved them! At home or even on a trip, I find it harder to go out by myself and take photos, especially if it involves getting up at dawn or before and driving an hour or more. Doing this with friends makes it much more enjoyable and my creativity is expanded by seeing how others approach the same subject.

Workshops are a way to learn something new and to share our knowledge with others. Again, we need to know what topics are of interest to you. We have had some in the past on Photoshop and Lightroom, and even a beginning photography class.

So, as you think about your photography, keep in mind that others might like to join you. You can post a brief message on our Facebook page. You can also send us ideas and suggestions for group outings or workshop topics you would find interesting.

**Cliff DeJong**

## *SVPS Student Scholarship Award*

We have established a scholarship award of \$500 each year to one student from the St. Vrain School District, planning to enroll in a 2 or 4 year photography degree program of higher education in the fall directly after graduation from high school. Applicants submit an application with a personal essay, and six photographic images of recent work.

For further details, contact Cindy Payler at <cpayler@gmail.com>

## *Workshops and Other Opportunities*

### *Compass Bank Display*

To display framed photos at Compass Bank, please contact **John Roper** at <jmroper2@comcast.net>. Photos may be left for one or two months and may be offered for sale if a price is included.

### *Scott Kelby World Wide Photowalk Saturday Oct 7 10 am-12 noon*

Todd Towell & Lynda Clayton of the St. Vrain Photographic Society will be hosting a walk in historic downtown Longmont, CO. This is a social photography event where photographers get together to walk around, shoot photos, and have fun with other photographers. After the walk, participants have the opportunity to submit their best photo into a contest. The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Register at [www.worldwidephotowalk.com](http://www.worldwidephotowalk.com), search for Longmont, CO and complete the free sign up form. For those interested we will plan to gather for lunch after the walk to share our adventure and socialize.