



### Next Meeting



Our next meeting will be Monday, February 5, 2018, 6:30 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.



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# SVPS Newsletter

## President's Letter

We hope you are "Focusing on Photography" and having fun!

2018 started with a bang and keeps going that way. Soon, we will be deciding on the opening activities and Special & Challenge Photo Topics for the 2nd half of 2018 and early 2019 club meetings. Please email us your ideas and suggestions, we want your participation... It's your club!

A quick reminder regarding club dues: Deadline is February 15th to renew your 2018 membership. The dues are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a couple/family. You may pay dues to our treasurer Jack, check or cash at the February 5th monthly meeting. Thank you!

Based on members' suggestions, this month's Opening Activity is "What's In Your Bag", so please bring your camera bag to show the kind of things you carry in the field and your favorite accessory. Our Special Topic is "A Picture of the Picture" and the Challenge Topic is "Macros" - 2 really fun topics that allow our creative side to shine!

SVPS welcomes our new members this month. Please welcome Janet Wood, Lee Woodworth, Laura Gordon and Martin Bauer. Welcome - we hope your experience in the club will be challenging, enjoyable, rewarding and most of all, fun. We are looking forward to seeing your Show & Tell and competition entries!

Starting in February 2018, we will bring back our "New Members' Gallery" - all new SVPS members are invited to submit up to 4 photos of their choice for a Show&Tell. Submitters should be prepared to describe how and where the photos were made and provide any other comments. The photos must meet the usual requirements of not more than 2048 pixels and should be submitted as a JPEG attachment to an email to [stvrainphoto@gmail.com](mailto:stvrainphoto@gmail.com).

Category: NM for New Member  
Sequence: 1 - for first photo, 2 - for second, etc  
Photographer: Name of Photographer  
Title: Photo title. Blank spaces are allowed

Example: NM1-Marion Worrell-Boulder Sunset.jpg

It is our hope that new members who initially might feel overwhelmed by the club's standard categories will be encouraged to participate in this special category and, therefore, have an easier time to get acquainted and become more comfortable submitting their images.

SVPS has a fun Facebook page for its members ( Facebook: St.Vrain Photographic Society). Here we share our creations, travel photos, and conversations on photographic topics. It is a 24/7 social community. We'd love to see what you've been up to by posting your images to our Facebook Page!

And lastly, organizations thrive by mentoring those who will lead in the future. SVPS' offerings would not exist without the tireless efforts of our volunteers, past and present, who truly care about the success and growth of our club and its members. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President and would love to hear from you at: [marionworrell@yahoo.com](mailto:marionworrell@yahoo.com)

I wish you all Good Light!  
Marion Worrell  
SVPS President

## New Member Spotlight



Martin Bauer is a retired professional engineer living in Fort Collins, CO. He worked 30 plus years in the hydroelectric industry solving complex technical problems found in water conveyance and power production systems. He lead negotiations of multimillion dollar agreements, major incident and severe accident investigations, significant organization changes, and a successful and talented asset management division. After reaching the zenith of his career he retired to focus his attention on his hobby of over 40 years, capturing the beauty, majesty, and serenity of nature with photography for others to enjoy.

*“If you want to  
be a better  
photographer,  
stand in front of  
more interesting  
stuff.”  
— Jim  
Richardson*

*“Your camera takes  
really great pictures!”*

~

*“Thanks, I  
taught it  
everything it  
knows.”*

## February’s Speaker—Kenneth Wajda, Photographer

A professional photographer for 30 years, I started in the business as a photojournalist for a New Jersey newspaper, *The Times of Trenton*. I'm still working commercially and I consider myself a storyteller with a camera and a time traveler. I'm not interested only in technically perfect images, but ones with heart, and emotion—a story to tell. I shoot with both digital and film (35mm, 120, and up to 4×5”).

My presentation will cover street photography, which is essentially documentary photography in public places, and the documentary photo project I've created, [Roy Stryker](#). I'll go into the hows and whys of photographing strangers and shooting life in public. And what to do with them after you've created them.



## Committees and Chairpersons

**Programs** - Marion Worrell, Susan Steven

**Hospitality** - JoAnn and Jim Bell

**Website & Digital Entries** - Robert and Lynda Clayton

**Equipment** (projector, easel, lights, cords, etc.) - John Roper, Murth Murthy

**Scoring Equipment** - John & Barb Roper

**Membership** - Jack Cornils and Lynda Clayton

**Photo Exhibits/Venues** - John Roper, Barb Roper & Ann Stringe

**Field Trips** - Robbie Clayton, Cliff DeJong, Vickie Braunagel

**County Fair Photo Exhibit** - John & Barb Roper, Cathy Cook

**Newsletter** - Lynda Clayton and John Roper

**A/C Judges** - Marion Worrell, Susan Steven

**Workshops** - Murth Murthy, Cliff DeJong, Dan Taber

## February Photo Categories:

Special Topic: *A Picture of a Picture*

Challenge Topic: *Macros*

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

- ◆ Special Topic of the Month (0-1 image)
- ◆ Challenge Topic (0-1 image)
- ◆ Open category (0-2 images)
- ◆ Creative (0-1 image).

Digital images should be no larger than 2048 in the greater dimension and should be submitted as a .JPG attachment via email to [StVrainPhoto@gmail.com](mailto:StVrainPhoto@gmail.com), no later than Thursday prior to the meeting. 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

## Photo Submission Rules:

File type: JPG files only, please.

Naming convention:

- ◆ Category (1S for Special, 2Y for Challenge, 3O for Open, and 4U for Creative)
- ◆ Photo title (blank spaces are allowed)
- ◆ Photographer's name (blank spaces are allowed)

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

E-mail photos to [StVrainPhoto@gmail.com](mailto:StVrainPhoto@gmail.com). Submit by Thursday night before the Monday meeting. (Example: January 4th for the January 8th 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.

## 2018 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 2018:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opening Activity</u>	<u>Program</u>
Feb 5th		Kenneth Wajda: <a href="#">Kenneth Wajda, Photographer</a>
Mar 5th		John Kieffer: <a href="#">Outside Imagery</a>
Apr 2nd		Josh Harding: Chief Editor of <a href="#">Colorado Life Magazine</a>
May 7th		Ed MacKerrow: <a href="#">In Light of Nature Photography</a>
June (date TBD)		Annual Competition Awards and Pot Luck

## Tips and Tricks

Take an old filter and put a little petroleum jelly around the outside edge of the filter. A little thicker and it will give your photo a blurry, dream like effect around the outside border. Put it on thin enough, and it can create glowing effect where the light hits the subject. Apply it in different strengths and smears to create all kinds of abstract effects.

Tape different color cello paper over a light sources, flash-lights or spot lights. Point these at different angles when taking pictures to get neat glows and highlights. This works great when doing portraits.

Cut a shape out of a piece of paper, heart, star, etc., about the size of a nickel. Tape to an old filter.

Mix and match, or try all three of these tricks and see what you get!



Umbrella - Barb Roper

## Club Field Trips

One of the most enjoyable activities of our club for me has been group outings. I have led several photo excursions for Stars and Milky Way photography in RMNP, and have been on other trips. Here are some ideas for field trips for this year:

- ◆ Star/Milky Way Photography (RMNP, Westcliffe, Utah)
- ◆ Wolf Sanctuary (Near Colorado Springs)
- ◆ Brainard Lake
- ◆ Eagles/Hawks in Boulder County
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Arsenal – Bison, Hawks, Eagles, Deer
- ◆ Fall River Road -Waterfalls
- ◆ Butterfly Pavilion – Butterflies, tarantulas, scorpions, etc.
- ◆ Keenesburg Animal Sanctuary
- ◆ Sloan's Lake/City Park – Denver at night
- ◆ Bugling Elk – Estes Park and RMNP in the fall
- ◆ Emerald Lake (RMNP) at Sunrise

There are also paid excursions through Mike's Camera and others for raptor shoots, zoo, etc.

I am gone in February but will be back at the March club meeting. I have contacted the Butterfly Pavilion about getting a group rate (for more than 10), and have asked them to show us tarantulas and scorpions up close for macro photography!! I have done that and it is a blast!! We would go in before the public is admitted. (OK, full disclosure—my daughter is the head zookeeper there!)

I am thinking about the Butterfly Pavilion or Rocky Mountain Arsenal in March. Sloan's Lake at night is possible in April or May. Summer events could be stars/Milky Way or a sunrise at Emerald Lake in RMNP.

Please let me know what you like and of any other trips you would like, especially those you would lead. Leading involves setting up a meeting place and time, and any special photo tips for the subject, if needed.

Cliff DeJong  
[CliffDeJong@gmail.com](mailto:CliffDeJong@gmail.com)



Winter Day-David Mowrer



## Member Photos from the January Meeting

Here is a sampling of the photos that were submitted in January. Please send your photos for the February meeting to [stvrainphoto@gmail.com](mailto:stvrainphoto@gmail.com) by Thursday, February 1, 2018!



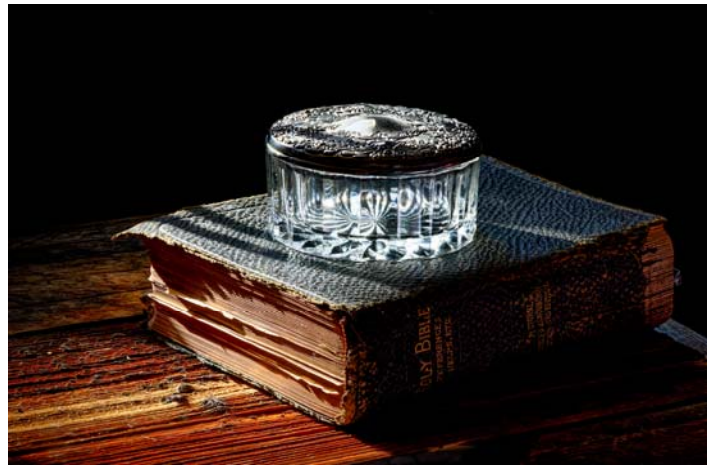
Snow Frost - Robert Daugherty



RMNP Horseshoe Falls Late Fall - Martin Bauer



Vintage Travel Guide - Robbie Clayton



Bible and Glass Jar - Robert Daugherty



Las Vegas Strip - Leslie Dickenson



Delicate - Joe Sutcliffe

## Coming Up

**Ed MacKerrow** will be our guest speaker in May. Additionally, he's offering this awesome workshop to shoot the Sandhill Cranes at MonteVista in March.

For the special workshop, here is a rough outline:

**March 23, Friday evening 7pm-9PM** Meet and Greet and brief planning meeting in Del Norte, CO Windsor Hotel

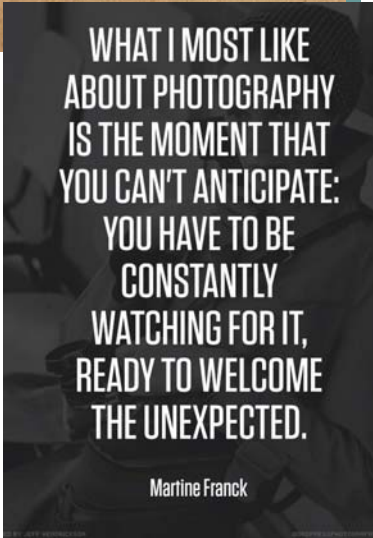
**March 24rd, and 25th, 2018. Saturday and Sunday all day.**

### Saturday agenda:

Start 5:45AM sunrise photography on Monte Vista NWR  
7:00AM - 9:30AM wildlife photography on MVNWR  
10AM-11AM break  
11AM - 2PM classroom post processing tutorial in Del Norte  
3PM - Sunset (6:30PM) Great Sand Dunes NP

### Sunday agenda:

Start 5:45AM sunrise photography on Monte Vista NWR  
7:00AM - 9:30AM wildlife photography on MVNWR  
10AM-11AM break  
11AM - 2PM classroom post processing tutorial in Del Norte  
3PM - Sunset (6:30PM) MVNWR, and area surrounding Monte Vista / Saguache.



## In March:

- ◆ Please bring your cameras to the March meeting. We want to take a group photo of everyone taking a photo for the website! We'd like to have a variety of different cameras, Vintage, DSLR, Mirrorless, Point and Shoot, Polaroid, Camera Phones, etc. A photo will be taken during one of the breaks. If you have questions about this, please see Robbie Clayton at the meeting or send him an email at [stvrainphoto@gmail.com](mailto:stvrainphoto@gmail.com) with the subject line: Camera Photo.

- ◆ Photo Categories for March:

Special: "The Color Green"  
Challenge: "A Low Angle"

- ◆ Speaker: John Kieffer

John and Outside Imagery LLC offer full-day and half-day custom photo tours and hikes for up to 2 people. Photo tours & hikes are designed around your personal interests and needs. This means pick-up & drop-off at your location and on your schedule, including Denver International Airport (DIA). John has explored Colorado for 40 years and has written five books on photography and Colorado.





## Fundraiser

Members, we have a unique fundraising opportunity coming up in May. Ed MacKerrow, our May guest speaker, has offered to give a presentation on Saturday, May 5th in the church sanctuary. WE are really excited about this opportunity and would like to ask all of you to help us promote this event!

Our goal is to sell 180 tickets at \$5.00 each. The club has the opportunity to make \$200.00+ from this event.

We will certainly advertise this event through social media, local newspapers and the neighboring photo clubs, but we would still appreciate it if you could help us sell tickets to friends, neighbors and family. 150 tickets is a big nut!

It would be great if every member would help out by selling 5 tickets.



### The Salmon Seekers Coastal Bears of Alaska

#### Photographic Journey with Ed MacKerrow

[www.inlightofnature.com](http://www.inlightofnature.com)

Please join nature photographer Ed MacKerrow on a photographic journey with the bears and other wildlife of Coastal Alaska.

Salmon are the lifeblood of Alaska. Many species depend on the return of the salmon each year. Symbiotic inter-species relationships form in salmon choked rivers. This presentation will focus on these relationships.

A discussion of the places visited, man's impact on the bears, bear behavior, and

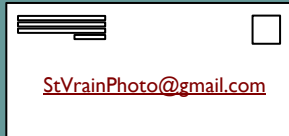
photography tips will follow the multimedia presentation.

**Ed MacKerrow, Ph.D.** is a scientist who researches complex adaptive social systems, a professional nature photographer, and a wilderness explorer. His award winning images of nature have been published in magazines and journals. He serves on the boards of scientific societies and the Bosque del Apache NWR.

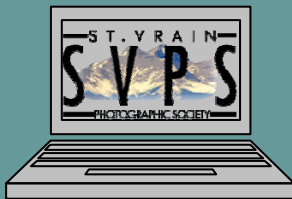


## News and Information

### E-mail:



### Website:



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

### 2018 SVPS Board:

#### President:

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- ◆ Our new website will be online in February. If you have ideas or suggestions for the new site please talk to Robbie Clayton at the February meeting or send an email to Robbie at [stvrainphoto@gmail.com](mailto:stvrainphoto@gmail.com) with Attn: Robbie in the subject line.
- ◆ St. Vrain Photographic Society is joining the [Photographic Society of America](#). More about the benefits to our club through joining PSA coming at the February meeting.
- ◆ We're adding a "Student" rate to our membership rates. More on this at the February meeting.
- ◆ Cliff DeJong has agreed to be our New Members Ambassador.
- ◆ Don't forget the Longmont Artists Guild's Annual Member Show - Barn A | Boulder County Fairgrounds: **June 6th - 10th 2018**. SVPS will be joining LAG by entering photos and volunteering to help during the show. See Susan Steven for more information.



"photography is an art of  
observation.  
It has little to do with  
the things you see and  
everything to do with the  
way you see them."

Elliott Erwitt