

**FEBRUARY
2025**

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FEBRUARY Meeting

Join us for the SVPS
club meeting.

Monday, FEB. 3

6:30 to 9:00 pm

United Church of Christ,
1500 9th Ave., Longmont
and on ZOOM

February Special & Challenge Categories

Special – *Framing the
Shot*

Challenge – *Natural
Wonders*

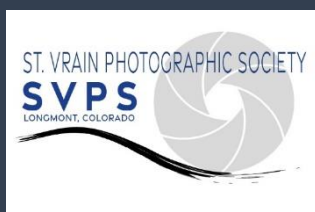
March Meeting (March 3)

Program – *Black &
White Photography*
with Cole Thompson

Special – *Architecture*
Challenge – *Favorite
Travel Photo*

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February Program

Borneo: Capturing the Essence of a Country *with Clare Curtin*

As a wildlife photographer I want people to care about and protect the animals. Photos and videos that portray the animals' country and habitats promote an understanding of the connections between local people, natural resources, and the animals. This program is about my trip to Borneo to photograph not only orangutans and proboscis monkeys but also the country. The trip also was to support ecotourism within Borneo.

Exploring Italy: The Dolomites & Tuscany *with Tim and Camila Laughlin*

They will talk about their itinerary, driving information, photo locations, and will share some non-photo opportunities for enjoying travel in this area.



Please pay your 2025 SVPS membership dues by the February meeting.

NOTE the dues amounts: \$40/individual and \$65/family.

Make check to SVPS. Mail to: Leslie Larson, P.O. Box 4, Lyons, CO 80540
Questions: Contact Leslie at svpscameraclub@gmail.com.

Photo Submission Rules are on the SVPS website: <https://go-svps.com/monthly-showcase-rules>

Tips for Framing the Shot

Here are a few tips for framing the shot and guiding the viewer's eye to your subject:

- Apply common techniques such as the rule of thirds, leading lines, different angles or filling the frame.
- Use frames created by nature (e.g., tree branches) or man-made (e.g., windows, open doors, objects).
- Have negative space next to the subject.
- Use light and shadows to create a contrast (e.g., light shining on subject with a dark background).
- Create depth of field by blurring foreground/background or having layers within the photo.
- Make the background a contrasting color than the subject.
- Avoid any distractions or clutter around the subject.

MAY AWARDS CELEBRATION and APRIL PHOTO DEADLINE

Our May meeting will be the Annual Awards Banquet.

We will cater the basics and request that members bring sides or desserts. It will be at the church (in the Fellowship Hall) on May 10th from 6 to 8:30. Set-up begins ~5:30 pm.

These are the categories for the competition:

1. Scenic – landscapes or cityscapes
2. Animals – wild or domestic
3. Plants - any type
4. People – doing anything, or portraits
5. Reptiles, amphibians, or insects
6. Birds
7. Open – ONLY for photos that can't fit in another category
8. Creative – Obviously manipulated
9. B&W or monochrome.

Members can submit up to 6 photos, but only 1 in each category. Submissions are due by April 13th on the Google Docs links sent out by Reed so we can get them to the judges. The photo submission rules are the same as the monthly showcase. Size: 2048 pixels on the longest side. Title your photos: your name-title.jpg.

SVPS SPRING PHOTO EXHIBIT

More information *coming soon* on the SVPS Photo Exhibit at the Great Frame Up, Longmont.

Check out the **Lyons Regional Library ART SHOW**
(January – mid-April)
Photography by Gautam Bhan

Photo Submission Rules

(Submit only if you plan to attend the meeting)

1. Prepare photos. Name all submissions with your first name + last name and title of the photo.
Example. Leslie Larson–Bear.jpg
2. Size photos. Resize photos to 2048 pixels on the longer side. Photos - no larger than 5MB and in .jpg format.
3. Reed will send an email each month with three links. 1) Special topic, 2) Challenge topic, and 3) Open. You may enter only **three total photos**.
4. Enter photos (drag and drop) into the correct SVPS link sent out before the meeting every month. **Deadline:** 11:30 pm Sunday before the following Monday meeting to send in your submissions. Let Scott know if, for any reason, you don't want your photos to be displayed on our website: go-SVPS.com.

2025 Programs (so far)

March: Cole Thompson – Black & White
April: Colin Young – Capturing Waterfalls
May: Annual Competition & Banquet

June-July-August: summer vacation / field trips.

Photo Topics for 2025

(Special-S; Challenge-C)

March 3: S – Architecture
C – Favorite Travel Photo
April 7: S – Stormy Weather; C – B&W
May 10: Annual Competition
June-July-August: Vacation & Field trips
September 8: S – Street Scenes; C – Waterfalls
October 6: S – Gardens; C – National Park Photo
November 3: S – Silhouette; C – Urban Decay
December 1: S – Deceptive-What Is It?
C – Churches

