

January  
2025

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# ST. VRAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Newsletter of the Longmont Camera Club

## JANUARY Meeting

Join us for the SVPS  
club meeting in  
THE CHAPEL

Monday, JAN. 6

6:30 to 9:00 pm

United Church of Christ,  
1500 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Longmont  
and on ZOOM

## Jan. Special & Challenge Topics

**Special** – Winter  
Scene

**Challenge** – Human  
or Animal Emotion

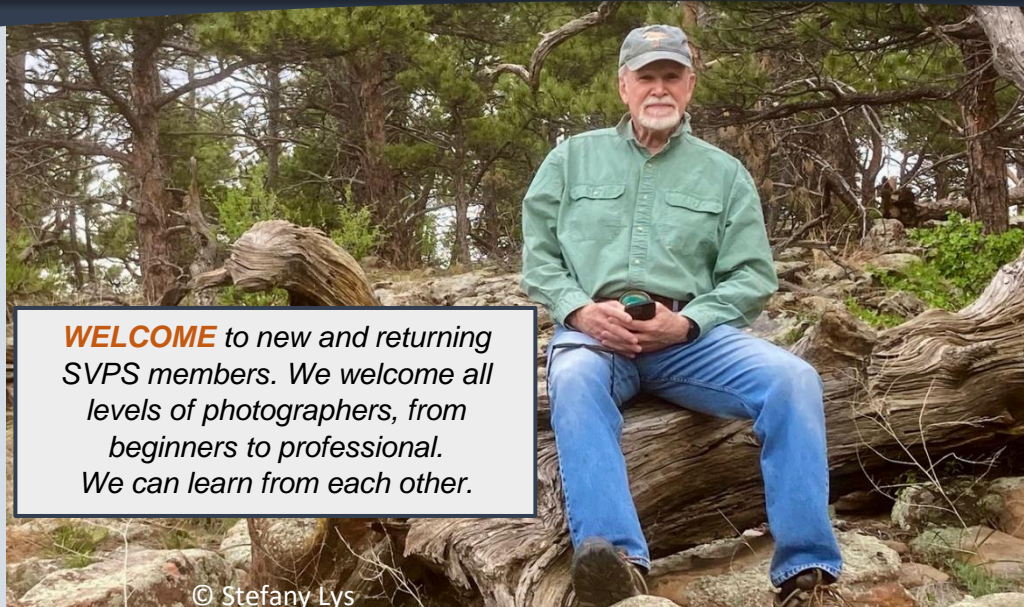
## Membership (Jan. – Dec.)

\$40 – Individual  
\$65– Family

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## SVPS website:

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



**WELCOME** to new and returning  
SVPS members. We welcome all  
levels of photographers, from  
beginners to professional.  
We can learn from each other.

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## January Program – National Geographic photographer Steve Uzzell

Steve started in the photography business 52 years ago as the assistant to the editor of [National Geographic](#) magazine and a member of their photographic staff. He has continued his love of making images for national and international clients, and has garnered worldwide recognition and won numerous accolades, including ten prestigious [Communication Arts](#) awards.

As an inspirational speaker, his travels are also global — in the past 29 years he has given the presentation that became [his book Open Roads Open Minds – An Exploration of Creative Problem Solving](#) to over 650 organizations in all 50 United States, as well as three Canadian provinces and five other countries, including India and China, to a combined audience of almost 700,000 people. Steve's website: [www.steveuzzell.com](http://www.steveuzzell.com)

## Friendly Reminder

The 2025 dues must be paid by the end of January.  
Bring cash or check to a meeting or follow instructions for mailing.  
**PLEASE NOTE** the dues amounts: \$40/individual and \$65/family.

**New SVPS  
meeting room  
beginning in  
January**

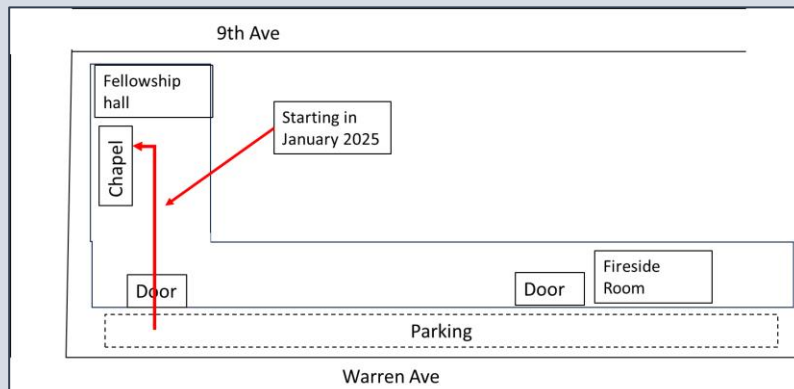


Photo Submission Rules are on the SVPS website: <https://go-svps.com/monthly-showcase-rules>

## IMPORTANT SHOWCASE INFORMATION !

### Monthly Photo Showcase for 2025

1. Each member will be allowed to submit a **TOTAL of three images**: Special: 0-2 images; Challenge: 0-2 images; Open: 0-2. We encourage feedback on the showcase images to emphasize the learning process by providing helpful comments to each photographer on the work they submit. If time allows, we will encourage brief feedback on all the submitted photos.
2. A brief *Tips and Tricks* for some of the chosen SPECIAL or CHALLENGE topics for each month may be included in the previous month's newsletter to help you capture that photographic topic. We will be asking SVPS members to help write these brief paragraphs for the newsletters.

### Photo Submission Rules

*(Submit only if you plan to attend the meeting)*

1. You will receive an email from Reed each month with three links. 1) Special topic, 2) Challenge topic, and 3) Open. You may only enter **a total of three photos**.
2. Prepare your photos. Name all submissions with your **first name + last name and title** of the photo. Example. Leslie Larson-Bear.jpg
3. Size your photos. Resize your photos to 2048 pixels on the longer side. Photos should not be larger than 5MB and be in .jpg format.
4. Enter your 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 Kevin Crafts know if, for any reason, you don't want your photos to be displayed on our website: [go-SVPS.com](http://go-SVPS.com).

### Meet the 2025 SVPS Board

#### Officers

President: Reed James  
Vice President: Kevin Crafts (website)  
Treasurer: Leslie Larson  
Secretary: Clare Curtin

#### Members at Large

Tim Laughlin  
Cathy Cook (newsletter)

### 2025 Programs (so far)

January: Steve Uzzell – National Geographic  
February: Clare Curtin – Borneo  
Tim & Camilla Laughlin – Exploring Italy  
March: Cole Thompson – Black & White  
April: Colin Young – Capturing Waterfalls  
May: Annual Competition & Banquet  
June-July-August: Summer Vacation with some field trips.

### Photo Topics for 2025

(Special-S; Challenge-C)

January 6: S – Winter Scene  
C – Human or Animal Emotion  
February 3: S – Framing the Shot  
C – Natural Wonders  
March 3: S – Architecture  
C – Favorite Travel Photo  
April 7: S – Stormy Weather; C – B&W  
May: Annual Competition; Date TBD  
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

Programs may change due to unforeseen circumstances or the availability of speakers.

### LYONS ARTS & HUMANITIES COMMISSION

#### ART SHOW (January – April)

**High Contrast – Gautam Bhan & Mat Hughey**  
Lyons Regional Library Solo Art Show/Photography

**Reception @ Lyons Regional Library,**  
Wednesday, January 15, 5:30-7:00 pm

Mat Hughey will present quick demos in the Effie Banta Room on his unique light painting photography techniques.

Steven Mullins (Flamenco Guitar/  
Farra Tapas/Wine/Beer (donation appreciated)

### Summer Field Trips Ideas

Possible field trips – wildflowers, hummingbirds, wild horses, waterfalls, car shows, fireworks, Pawnee Grasslands, Soapstone Prairie, poppies in Morrison, or anything else.

These field trips are designed for practice in the field. Near or far, they help all of us get out to photograph and learn in the process. Let a board member know if you have ideas for additional field trips.