

**MARCH  
2025**

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## **MARCH Meeting**

Join us for the SVPS  
club meeting.

Monday, MARCH 3

6:30 to 9:00 pm

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

## **March Special & Challenge Categories**

**Special** – Architecture  
**Challenge** – Favorite  
travel photo

## **April Meeting (April 7)**

**Program** – Capturing  
**Waterfalls** by Colin  
Young

**Special** – Stormy  
weather

**Challenge** – B&W

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# St. Vrain Photographic Society Newsletter

Newsletter of the Longmont Camera Club

## **MARCH PROGRAM:**

**Why Black & White?** with Cole Thompson



## **WHY BLACK & WHITE?**

Cole Thompson claims he is uniquely **unqualified** to speak on photography.

*"I've never taken a photography class or a workshop. I don't have a degree in art. I've never worked as a photographer. I don't have gallery representation. I'm not a Canon Explorer of Light. And I only have three lenses and none of them are primes.*

*Do I have any qualifications?  
Just one...my images.  
Nothing else matters."*

## **SVPS MEMBERS SPRING PHOTO EXHIBIT**

May 9 – June 7 (*this may be extended*)

The Great Frame Up, 430 Main St., Longmont.

Opening Reception: Friday, May 9

Categories: Color and B&W

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, HM and Best of Show

24 display boards available, each 4x8', \$40 ea.

(18 of 24 boards have already been requested)

Reed will email members the hanging dates

and instructions.

If you want to participate, contact Reed James.

[svpscameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:svpscameraclub@gmail.com)

Check out the **Lyons Regional Library  
ART SHOW**

(January – mid-April)

Photography by Gautam Bhan



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**FOR SALE** – Really Right Stuff L-Bracket for Nikon Z8 with Battery Grip. NEW cost: \$250 - never used. Will sell for \$195 OBO. Fits Nikon Z8 with batter grip attached. Arca-Type Compatible Dovetail Mounts. Maintains Ports and Battery Door Access.

If interested, contact Cathy Cook at [cathy.cook2001@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.cook2001@gmail.com)

## Photography Tips

### A few tips for architecture photography:

- Use a tripod and try a wide-angle lens. Also consider panoramic shots.
- Look for repeating patterns, symmetry and shapes, and explore a variety of angles.
- Try taking photos of the same building different times of the day, including the blue hour or even different days.
- Check for straight lines pre- and post-processing.
- Zoom in for interesting, intriguing, or unique details.
- Have more in the foreground with less sky.
- Consider capturing an element of the building's history.

### MAY 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 assigned number-title.jpg.**

### Summer Field Trips

If you have ideas for any field trips, please talk to Reed, Leslie, or any member of the SVPS Board.

Some ideas - Denver Botanic Gardens, Wildlife Sanctuary in Keenesburg, wildflowers in the mountains, Erie Balloon Festival, Buena Vista-historic St. Elmo, hummingbirds at Leslie's, wild horses. Other ideas? Let us know!

## 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](http://go-SVPS.com).

### 2025 Programs

April: Colin Young – Capturing Waterfalls

May: Annual Competition & Banquet

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

### Photo Topics for 2025

(Special-S; Challenge-C)

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



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