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2025

St. Vrain Photographic Society Newsletter

Newsletter of the Longmont Camera Club

October Meeting

Join us for the SVPS club meeting.

Monday, Oct 6

6:30 to 9:00 pm

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

Oct Special & Challenge Categories

Special – Gardens
Challenge – Favorite
Summer Photo

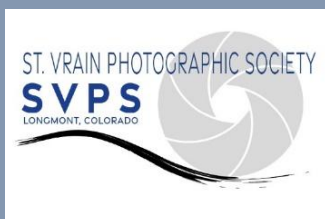
Nov Meeting Monday, Nov 3

Mark Payler –
Favorites Unframed:
When the Image isn't
the Whole Story

Special – Silhouette
Challenge – Urban
Decay

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

Photographing Colorado's Mountain Mining and Ghost Towns

by Bob Dean



Colorado's mountains are full of historic mining towns. Some are vibrant tourist spots, others quiet vacation spots and still others have faded away leaving only a few dilapidated structures and have "achieved" ghost town status. Regardless of their status or condition, they all provide photographers with a myriad of subjects. In this presentation we will visit over a dozen towns and explore their history, status and glimpse their future. We will look for ways to make images that are strong and worth the effort.



Bob Dean has explored and photographed the outdoors for more than 50 years. While working in the fast-paced High-Tech world, he found relaxation in taking pictures of nature and wildlife. Since his retirement from the corporate world, he and his wife, Nadine, have continued to focus on nature, wildlife, and travel photography with a history flair.

Bob has lectured at many Colorado venues, including classrooms and workshops. He has written five eBooks: *Macro Photography - Bringing the Small World to Life*, *Travel Photography for Fun and Profit?*, *Depth of field: A Photographers Guide to Understanding Focus*, *Digital Nature Photography - Nature and Wildlife for the Outdoor Photographer*, and *Fundamentals of Bird Photography*.

His travel images cover the globe with special focus on Colorado and California. Published images and articles have appeared in magazines and newspapers including Falcon, Outdoor World, Durango Herald and several photo newsletters. He was an assistant editor and featured writer/photographer for First Light Monthly Newsletter for Nature Photographers.

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

Tips for Photographing Gardens

- Photograph the garden as a whole, then zoom in for more specific scenes and flowers.
- Pay attention to colors – consider having all the same or complementary colors in the frame.
- Look for shapes, patterns, textures and/or lines.
- May want to include other elements such as butterflies, insects, structures or garden ornaments.
- Let the light guide you on where to focus in the garden.

Photo Submission Rules

(Submit only if you plan to attend the meeting)

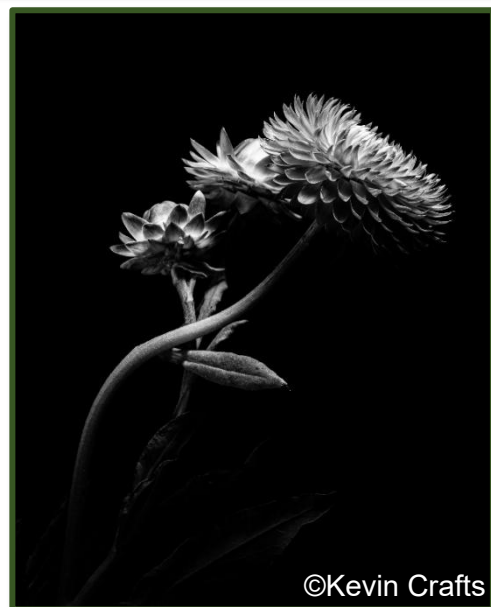
1. Prepare photos. Name all submissions with your first name + last name and title of the photo. Example. Leslie Larson–Bear.jpg
2. Size photos. Resize photos to 2048 pixels on the longer side. Photos - no larger than 5MB and in .jpg format.
3. Reed will send an email each month with three links. 1) 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.

First Place Winners Members' Summer Show at the Great Frame-Up



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First Place - Color
"Badlands Evening" By Gautam Bahn



©Kevin Crafts

First Place – Black and White
"Daisy" By Kevin Crafts

2025 Programs Photo Topics for 2025 (Special-S; Challenge-C)

- October 6: S – Gardens.
C – Favorite Summer Photo
November 3: S – Silhouette; C – Urban Decay
December 1: S – Deceptive-What Is It?
C – Churches

Program Topics for 2026

The Program Committee will meet in November to plan the speakers and programs for 2026. If you have ideas for good speakers, would like to be on the committee, or are willing to present a program, contact Leslie Larson at svpscameraclub@gmail.com.