

ST VRAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

January, 2021



WELCOME!

members, *new* members, guests



President's Message

What a year!! It is almost over, but we can't even celebrate its passing with anyone. We have had a year that has been mostly online meetings, with a few distanced field trips. Still, it has been an enjoyable year and we have remained connected. I have enjoyed our meetings and seeing the excellent photos from the membership.

In December, I marked ten years with the SVPS. While some of the people have changed, most of the club's activities have not. I continue to enjoy the monthly photos; these are a highlight of the meeting to me. A few special activities, such as PhotoFix, are no longer done. Others, like the Annual Competition continue. We have always had good speakers and a few field trips for all. It will be interesting to see what happens during this next ten years.

For the most part, I have enjoyed being club president. I have had lots of help all year. The Board exchanged emails to explore issues, like speakers that cancelled, and what to do about our Annual Competition and other scheduled events. Greg, as VP, gave me lots of suggestions and inputs during this past year, and served as an online speaker a few times. Darcy, our Secretary, also gave inputs and upped our newsletters to a work of art. Jack kept the money straight as Treasurer, maintained our membership roster, and had several contributions to our plans as well. Leslie, as Program Chair, helped us get our speakers and has already gotten a few set up for the coming year. Elaine kept Visual Pursuits and PSA running, and was there to show photos at our meetings. She also submitted our photos to PSA for the Annual Competition and entered photos into PSA print contests. Reed is taking care of PSA digital entries. Lynda distributed messages and the newsletter as needed to our membership. In a normal, non-pandemic year, there are others that step forward to help. Jim and Joanne prepare badges and setup the church, and the Hospitality committee coordinates our potluck. I apologize if I forgot someone else; this is truly a joint effort.

In 2021, Greg will be a dynamic and energetic leader for the club. I appreciate all of you that have stepped forward to help. I am hopeful that we will be meeting in person again soon, perhaps as early as late spring.

Thank you for your support,

Cliff DeJong
SVPS President



NEXT MEETING:
January's member meeting will be held online. Look for more information on Page 3 .

NO in-person meeting for January at the First United Congregational Church of Christ ♦ 1500 9th Ave, Longmont, CO 80501 (*the corner of 9th and Francis -enter from the Northwest door*) ♦ Fireside Room.

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

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DEADLINE for the February NEWSLETTER - Saturday, January 16 email photos and news items to: Darcy Johnson johnsonda111@gmail.com

◆ Cover Photo ◆
Frosted Maple Leaves
Reed James



Cranes on a Mission ◆ Nancy Loving

2021 Upcoming PROGRAM SCHEDULE and PHOTO TOPICS

(Due to COVID-19, monthly programs are subject to change. This section is updated monthly.)

January 4th at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom
Mark Payler - Street Photography
Special - Holiday Moments
Challenge - Black & White

Planning Ahead PROGRAM SCHEDULE/ PHOTO TOPICS

- February - Special: Boulder County Scenes *
Challenge: Food
- March - Special: Wheels
Challenge: Macro/Close-Up
- April - Special: Doors & Windows
Challenge: Night
- May - Special: Hands & Feed
Challenge: Silhouettes

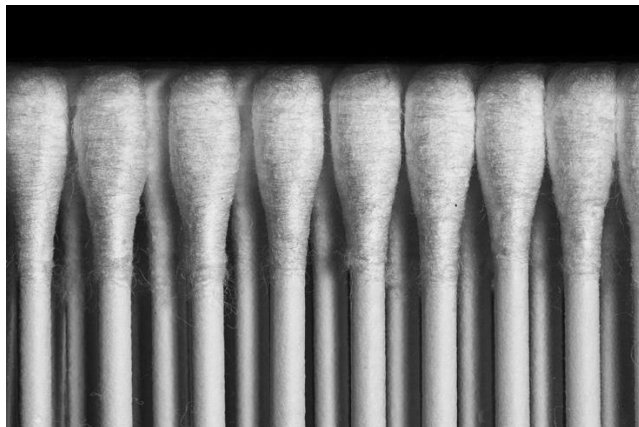
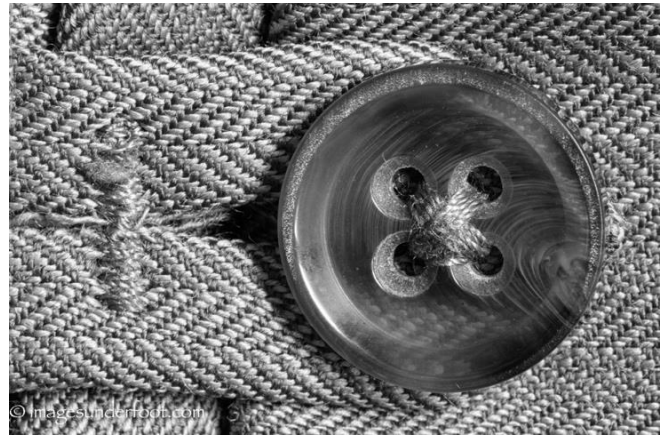
*February's photo special topic, "Boulder County Scenes" must be a photo taken within Boulder County, recognizable as a location within the county, and something that someone else could go see for themselves. This could be a recognizable building, statue, view of the front range, a CU event with recognizable player's uniform, a unique shaped tree at a local park, kids at a playground, etc. Close up photos of flowers, cars or people that could have been taken anywhere are not appropriate. Let's get out and photograph things in our neighborhoods!

Indoor Photography

By Greg Holden

As the temperatures are getting consistently colder, it is hard for me to be motivated some days to go outside to photograph. Being indoors should not stop you from being creative and practicing your photography, so that is when I turn to indoor photography. You do not need a lot of fancy studio equipment, just some window light and a keen eye. Look around your house for items with small details or small items with lots of details. Here are four photos from my past experiments: button on dress pants, cue tips in their plastic container, and two items from my kitchen drawer. Each of these was placed on a table or the floor on top of a piece of white office printer paper, next to a window. If the sun was strong that day, I may have used a diffuser to soften the light or just closed the sheer curtain on the window.

The photo of the measuring spoons and the whisk are from a series I called "items in my kitchen" and were taken with my mobile phone with a macro lens adapter. I had fun trying to find interesting ways of capturing these items and then showed them to my friends to see if they could guess what each item was. These were two of the easier items to identify, but the lid to my ground pepper container and my hard-boiled egg slicer were harder to identify. I challenge you to find interesting ways to photograph things in your house and then show the photos to your friends and see if they can guess what they are. In addition, I hope these black and white images inspire your entries into this month's Challenge Topic.





Hitting the Streets of Denver

Mark Payler will present on street photography for January's meeting. Mark was a former president for our club. After a stint as school superintendent in Silvercliff/Westcliff, he retired and moved back to the front range. He and Cindy now live in Aurora and he teaches photography at DU. A quote from him follows . . . "*I started teaching photography for DU at their main campus winter semester 2019/2020. First instructor they have ever hired to teach photography for them!*" Last February Mark did an in-person program for SVPS about traveling Route 66.

Visual Pursuits

SVPS uses Visual Pursuits to enter photographs for PSA and monthly club shows and competitions. If you need assistance in setting up your Visual Pursuits account, contact Elaine Hoffman at elaine@gokiridesigns.com.



Kofa Wildlife Refuge ♦ Leslie Larson



HDR Wall Mural ♦ John Freeman



Lagerman on Fire ♦ John Roper



Frozen ♦ Cliff DeJong



Alberta Falls Under Ice ♦ Claudia Courtney



Moving Sled ♦ Elaine Hoffman

2021 Membership Dues is FREE!

The SVPS Board has decided to extend membership of current members (as of December 2020) with **no dues payable in 2021**. 2020 was fulfilling in ways, but had fallen short of our usual year. As a result, 2021 membership dues will be FREE to those that were members in good standing for 2020.

The SVPS membership year begins in January and runs through December. For those of you that are not currently members, dues are payable to the Treasurer, Leslie Larson, P. O. Box 4, Lyons, CO 80540. Dues are \$25 for an individual, \$40 for couples, and \$15 with a student ID. Not free, but still a great deal!



Lightening in the Valley ♦ Barb Roper

Photo Submission Rules

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)

New members are encouraged to enter photographs.

Digital image files should be no larger than 2048 pixels in the greater dimension and should be submitted as a .JPG and **submit through your own Visual Pursuits account by Sunday prior to the meeting at 5 pm. NO late entries.**

No digital entries will be accepted at the club meeting.

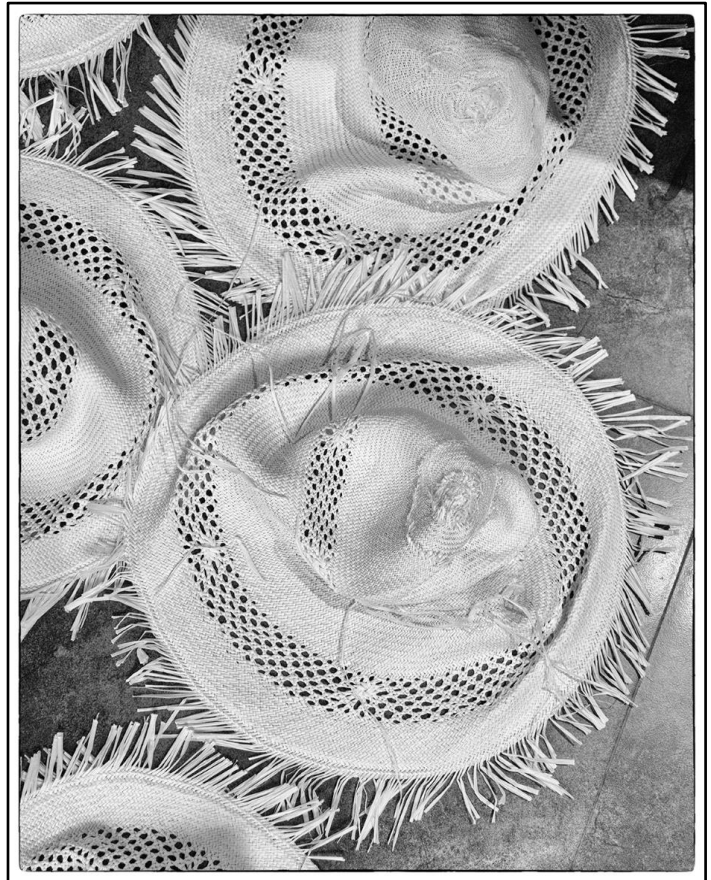
Please submit photos each month only after receipt of the newsletter in case there are changes to the category definitions or where to send photos.

File Type: Submit .JPG files only

- Photo title (blank spaces are allowed)
- Photographer's name (blank spaces are allowed)
- Category CODE: (SPEC for Special, CHAL for Challenge, OPEN for Open, and CREA for Creative)

General example: [Title]-[Photographer]-[Category].jpg

Specific example: Bridal Veil Falls-Ansel Adams-OPEN.jpg



Hats of Cuenca ♦ Patricia Jarvis

SVPS Deadlines & Key Events

Sunday, Jan. 3rd - Monthly photos due in Visual Pursuits

Monday, Jan 4th - Online Member's Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 16 - Deadline for the February newsletter

Sunday, Jan. 31 - Monthly photos due in Visual Pursuits

Monday, Feb. 1 - Online Member's Meeting



Kebler Pass Pano ♦ Claudia Courtney



Ina ♦ Kamen Guentchev

Tell Us Your Good News?

Help inspire fellow members by letting us know if you sold an image, are showing your photography somewhere, got accepted into and/or have been awarded top honors in a juried exhibition. Email any photographic celebrations and/or announcements to johnsonda111@gmail.com. Deadline is January 16 for the next newsletter.

SVPS Meetings/Events

The **Monday, January 4th meeting will be held online starting at 6:30 pm.** Please join us. Look for more information on what will be happening at the January meeting in the President's Message on page 2, in the Program Schedule and Photo Topics on page 3, and in an email on how to connect to Zoom distributed before the meeting. There will be **NO in person meeting** held at the First United Congregational Church of Christ in December.



The health and safety of SVPS members is of primary importance to the SVPS Board. Should the Board need to cancel meetings and/or events due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, an email to all members will be distributed at least one week in advance. The newsletter, Facebook and Meet-up sites will also be updated as appropriate.



A Bird for Christmas ♦ Vicki Braunagel



Blue Ice Crevasses
Leslie Larson



Salmon Glacier Pano
Vicki Braunagel



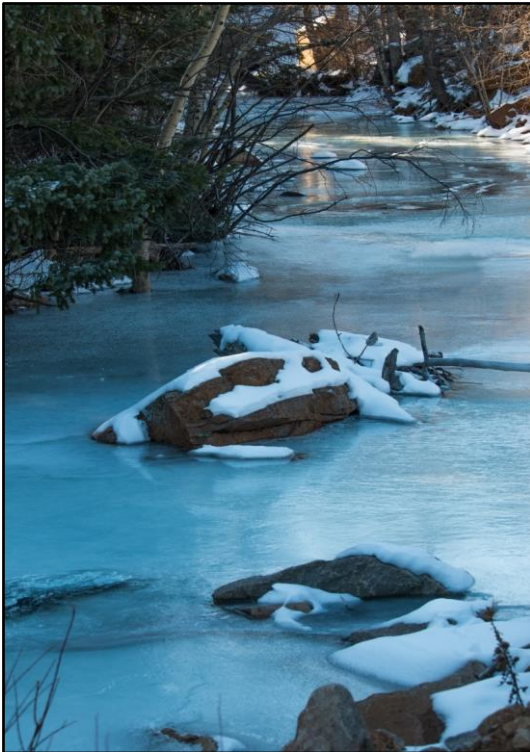
Salmon Glacier ♦ John Freeman



Yosemite Cathedral Peaks ♦ Reed James



Cormerant Group ♦ Cliff DeJong



South St Vrain Creek ♦ Reed James



Ptarmigan Revel in a Snow Bath ♦ Nancy Loving



Colorado River ♦ John Roper