

# ST VRAIN PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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HELPFUL LINKS AND  
INFORMATION

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**DEADLINE for the DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER** – Saturday, November 9. Email photos and news items to: Darcy Johnson at [johnsonda111@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonda111@gmail.com)

◆ Cover Photo ◆  
**Chelsea**  
Elaine Hoffman



**NEXT MEETING:** The next Member meeting will be held in person on Monday, November 1 – masks required. Look for more information on Page 5.

In-person meetings are held at the First United Congregational Church of Christ ♦ 1500 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Longmont, CO 80501 (*the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Francis - enter from the Northwest door*) ♦ Fireside Room.

**TIME:** 6:30 p.m.

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# **WELCOME!**

members, *new* members, guests



## **President's Message**

We need your help! The nominating committee has been reaching out to members asking for volunteers to be board officers next year and so far, we have not found anyone willing to take on the position of President. This leadership position is crucial to maintain the club that we enjoy attending and only requires a few hours of your time each month, largely from the comfort of your own home. Please consider volunteering for this critical position.

Beyond board positions, the club needs volunteers to continue to operate. There are opportunities large and small to contribute to the club: Leslie is looking for members to be part of the programs committee; Reed needs members to offer to lead field trips next year; and Anthony, next year's secretary, would love to have members write articles for the newsletter. Whether you are a new member or a long-standing one, everyone can help. If everyone contributes just one thing next year, we would be able to continue to offer great experiences for our members each month.



**Greg Holden**

SVPS President

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◆ **Impressionistic Photography** ◆  
**How to Use Your Camera as a Paintbrush**  
Presented by Charles Needle

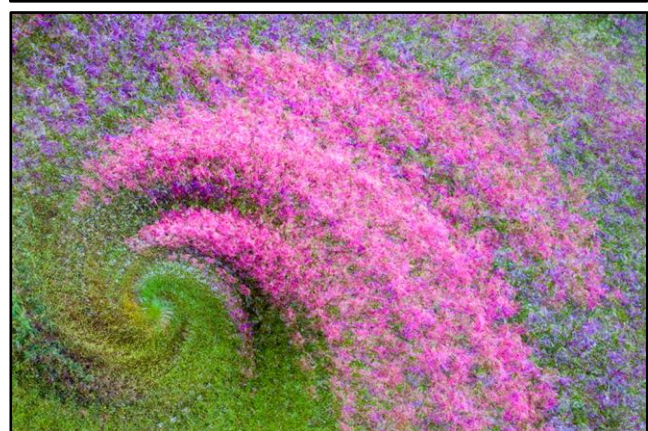
Unlock your creative potential and discover how to craft Impressionistic-looking photographs using nothing more than your digital camera or smartphone. Charles will describe the process of using long-exposure and multiple-exposure techniques to transform everyday scenes into unimaginable visual masterpieces.

His program will begin with a short inspirational slide show, followed by a nuts-and-bolts approach to learning techniques such as, Long-Exposure Pan/Tilt, "Multiple-Exposure Monet" (a technique Charles invented while teaching in Monet's Garden), Multiple-Exposure Rotate & Zoom, Soft-Glow Montage and Composite Montage. He will also explain how to use a free script in Photoshop to accomplish this same look, if your camera does not have built-in multiple-exposure capability. You'll learn how to see in new ways and take your photography to an entirely new, mind-blowing level!



Charles Needle is an award-winning, Colorado-based, fine art photographer, author, speaker, workshop leader and SVPS member with a unique eye for design and artistic interpretation.

To learn more about Charles's work, including his workshop and private lesson offerings, visit [www.charlesneedlephoto.com](http://www.charlesneedlephoto.com)



## Remaining 2021 Program & Showcase Schedule

**Monday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**In-Person Meeting; masks required**

**Program:** Charles Needle - Impressionistic Photography  
**Special:** Architecture  
**Challenge:** Worldwide Scenic Wonders  
(*your favorite shots of the natural world*)

**December 6 -** Program: Holiday Party  
Special: Neighborhood Wildlife  
Challenge: Impressionistic Photos

### Monthly Photo Showcase Submission Rules

**No more than a total of four (4) digital images may be entered in the following categories (*Visual Pursuits will allow for up to six (6) images – just because you can doesn't mean you are following Monthly showcase submission rules. Please enter up to four (4) images only*)**

- Special Topic of the Month (0-2 images)
- Challenge Topic (0-2 images)
- Open category (0-2 images)

**All members are encouraged to enter photographs.**

**Submit photographs to Visual Pursuits by the Sunday prior to the meeting at 7 p.m.**

**NO late entries.**

**NO digital entries will be accepted at the club meeting.**

While changes don't happen often, submit photos each month after receipt of the newsletter in case there are updates to the category topics and related definitions.

File Type: Submit .JPG files only

Maximum digital image file size is 7680 pixels wide x 4320 vertically to allow for the best possible resolution.

Photo Title: The name of the image is all that is required (blank spaces are allowed)

**General example:** Image Title.jpg

**Specific example:** Bridal Veil Falls.jpg

Category Code: Images should be placed in the proper Visual Pursuits category. Default is SPEC for Special, and an alert will be triggered if too many images are entered. Please double check the category for each image entered before leaving Visual Pursuits to ensure proper placement.

Contact Elaine Hoffman at [elaine@gokiridesigns.com](mailto:elaine@gokiridesigns.com) for questions or assistance.



**Iowa Barn ♦ Cliff DeJong  
October Member's Showcase**



**The Days are Numbered ♦ John Roper  
October Member's Showcase**

*You can look at a picture  
for a week and never think of it  
again. You can also look at a picture  
for a second and  
think of it all your life.*

- Joan Miro

## HELPFUL LINKS AND INFORMATION

### SVPS Program Volunteer Contacts

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## Volunteers Needed!

*It's your turn . . .  
What will you do to support your  
photography club?*

- ◆ **2022 SVPS Board Officers** – Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary will be solicited at the November Member's Meeting with plans to announce formal nominations at that time. Voting will occur in November if unopposed or in December if otherwise. A description of duties for the officers can be found on our website at [go-svps.com](http://go-svps.com) / *About Us/Newsetters, Bylaws, etc.*
- ◆ **Webmaster** – SVPS needs a webmaster to keep tabs on everything related to the SVPS website including posting the monthly newsletter and member showcase images. Maintaining a dynamic website can keep our members up-to-date on club happenings and draw new member interest from local photographers of all levels. Contact Greg Holden at [gholden@imagesunderfoot.com](mailto:gholden@imagesunderfoot.com) for more information and to volunteer.
- ◆ **Program Committee Members** – This is a short-term commitment each year. Help decide the 2022 program schedule for member's meetings. This committee will meet at least twice to discuss possibilities for in-person or Zoom meeting presenters and recommend special and challenge photo topics. For more information or to express your interest on becoming a member of the club's Program Committee, contact Leslie Larson, Programs Coordinator at [ll.cvc1@gmail.com](mailto:ll.cvc1@gmail.com).

## Colorado Railroad Museum Field Trip

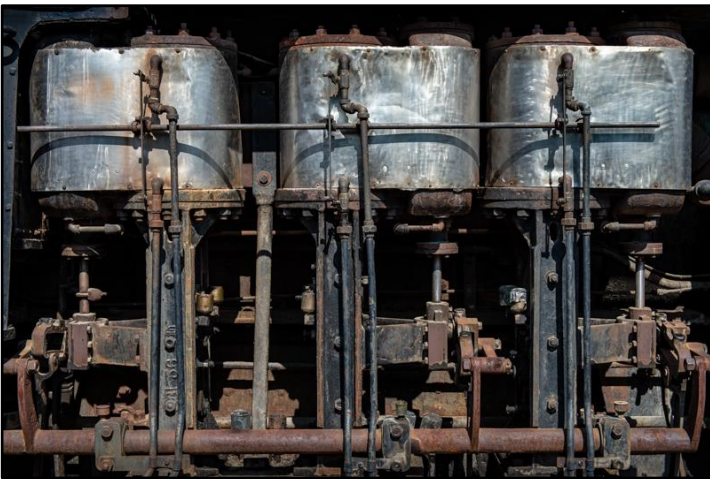
Greg and Anthony enjoyed a fall morning at the Colorado Railroad Museum last month during the club's field trip. Even though they were the only ones to show up for the trip, they had a good morning exploring the yard, looking for details and close-up image opportunities. The trains helped provide some cover from the strong sun while they photographed in the shade and reflected soft light.



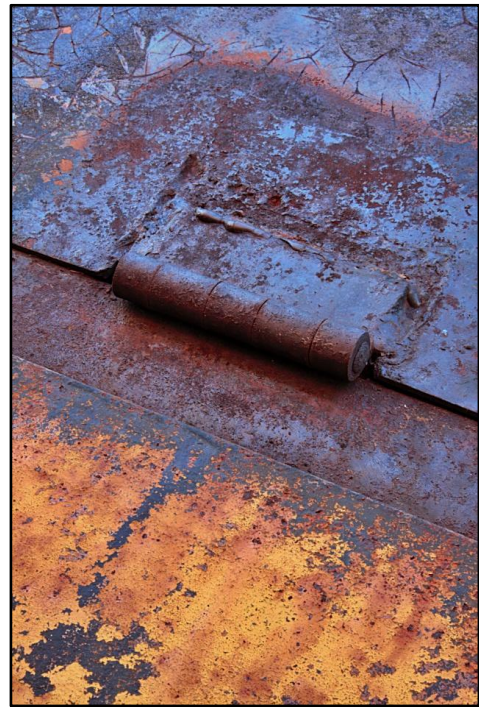
**Greg Holden**  
Railroad Museum Field Trip



**Anthony Maine**  
Railroad Museum Field Trip



**Greg Holden**  
Railroad Museum Field Trip



**Anthony Maine**  
Railroad Museum Field Trip





**Snowscape ♦ Cliff DeJong  
October Member's Showcase**



**Notch Top on Ice ♦ Timothy Laughlin  
October Member's Showcase**



**Peak to Peak Colors – 1 ♦ Vicki Braunagel  
October Member's Showcase**



**A Fall Morning ♦ Claudia Courtney  
October Member's Showcase**

Photographic Society of America  
**PSA Projected-Image Interclub Competition**



**Deadlines:**

- November 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 p.m., Visual Pursuits closes for entries
- November 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m., voting opens
- November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 p.m., voting ends

SVPS can submit up to 6 photos for the PSA Projected-Image Interclub – Open Competition - from 6 different club photographers. In order to achieve this:

- Every club member can submit up to 2 photos in color or monochrome at the Visual Pursuits portal – <https://svps.visualpursuits.com/default.aspx>.
- Every club member can vote via the Visual Pursuits portal and select the top six images.
- Each image selected can be awarded a 1 to 5 star rating. 1 is low; 5 is high.
- Visual Pursuits will not allow you to vote for your own images.
- The top 6 photos will be determined from the sum of the voting. Ties will be decided by a coin flip.

**Photo Requirements:**

- The photo title should not include your name.
- Horizontal images will be no more than 1400 pixels wide or 1050 pixels tall; Vertical images will be no more than 1050 pixels tall.
- Save the file in jpeg format only.
- Strive for a 4 to 3 image ratio. This may be important for projection of your image if it is selected and moves on to the PSA judging round.
- sRGB color space is recommended for optimum results.

Contact Reed James at [rajames200@gmail.com](mailto:rajames200@gmail.com) for questions/comments.



**Barn at Sunset ♦ Claudia Courtney  
October Member's Showcase**

## SVPS Deadlines & Key Events

**Sunday, October 31** – Monthly showcase photos due in Visual Pursuits

**Monday, November 1** – Member's Meeting (in-person; masks required) at 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday, November 7** – Visual Pursuit closes for entries in PSA Projected-Image club competition.

**Monday, November 8** – Voting opens at 7 a.m. in Visual Pursuits for PSA Projected-Image club competition.

**Thursday, November 11** – Voting closes at 11:30 p.m. in Visual Pursuits for PSA Projected-Image club competition.

**Sunday, December 5** – Monthly showcase photos due in Visual Pursuits.

**Monday, December 6** – Member's Meeting/Holiday Party (in person) at 6:30 p.m.



Calcutta India Boy Blue Door ♦ Anthony Maine  
October Member's Showcase



STOP! Men at Work ♦ Reed James  
October Member's Showcase

# Welcome

**TO SVPS's NEWEST MEMBERS!**

**Rene Larrabee  
Anthony Maine**



**Easter Orchid ♦ Barb Roper  
October Member's Showcase**

## **Tell Us Your Good News!**

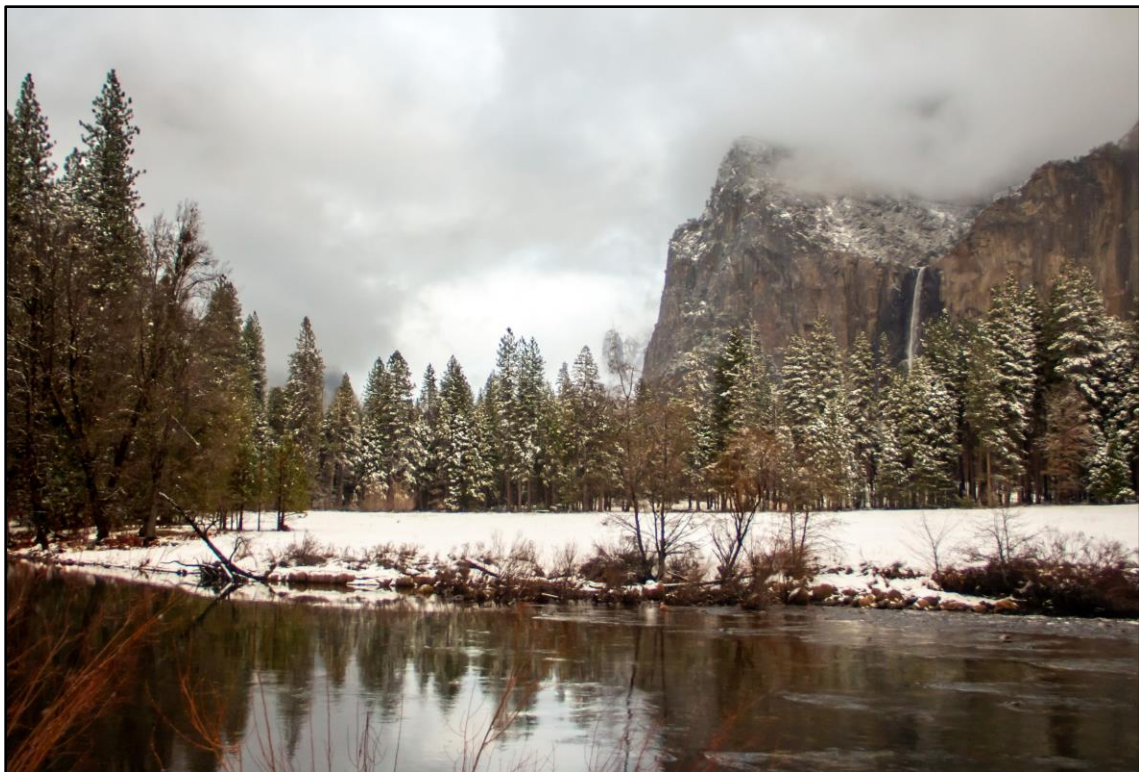
Did you sell an image, are you showing your photography somewhere, have you been accepted into a local or national show and/or have you been awarded top honors in a juried exhibition? Let your fellow club members know of your good fortune. Email celebrations and/or announcements to [johnsonda111@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonda111@gmail.com). Deadline is Saturday, November 9 for the December newsletter.



**Snow and Fog ♦ Vicki Braunagel  
October Member's Showcase**



**Weed with Snow Hat ♦ Leslie Larson  
October Member's Showcase**



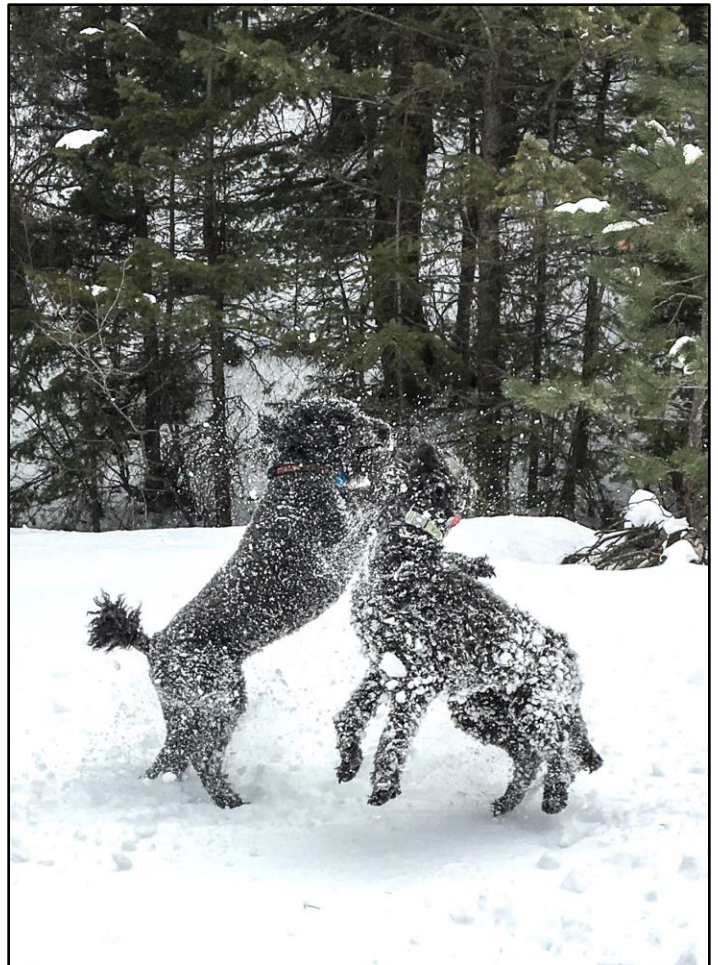
**Bridal Veil Falls ♦ Reed James  
October Member's Showcase**



**Alaska Winter ♦ Elaine Hoffman  
October Member's Showcase**



**McIntosh Barn ♦ Timothy Laughlin  
October Member's Showcase**



**Snow Collision ♦ Nancy Loving  
October Member's Showcase**



**Sylvan Lake SP Relic ♦ Leslie Larson  
October Member's Showcase**



**Hwy 52 Barn ♦ Anthony Maine  
October Member's Showcase**





**Violet-Green Swallow Catch ♦ Nancy Loving  
October Member's Showcase**

**♦ SVPS Tidbits ♦**

- ♦ The Treasurer reports that the club's current balance effective October 7 is \$1,304.
- ♦ SVPS email address has changed to [svpscameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:svpscameraclub@gmail.com)
- ♦ The SVPS uses Visual Pursuits to enter photographs for PSA competitions and monthly club shows. For assistance in getting started and setting up your Visual Pursuits account, contact Elaine Hoffman at [elaine@gokiridesigns.com](mailto:elaine@gokiridesigns.com).



**Winter at the Make Believe Farm ♦ Barb Roper  
October Member's Showcase**



**Flatirons in Moonlight ♦ Cliff DeJong  
October Member's Showcase**

## **SVPS Meetings / Events**

The **Monday, November 1st meeting will be held IN-PERSON (masks required) starting at 6:30 p.m. at the First United Congregational Church of Christ.** Please join us. Look for more information on what will be happening at the October meeting in the Program Schedule and Photo Topics on page 5.

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