



SVPS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER, 2022

OCTOBER MEETING INFORMATION

Date: October 3, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm

Where: IN-PERSON (United Church of Christ,
1500 9th Ave, Longmont, CO 80501) and on ZOOM
(meeting link will be sent).

Program Topics:

1. Photography Equipment Discussion among members (no formal speaker).
2. There will also be an open discussion about the club itself: new ideas, areas for improvement, what's working, needs, etc.

Showcase Categories:

Special: Autumn Colors
Challenge: Creative Phone Photos
Open and Critique

Click [here](#) for photo submission guidelines.
Submission deadline is 11:30 pm on October 2, 2022.

COMMUNITY NEWS

R GALLERY AND WINE BAR
2027 BROADWAY, BOULDER

Monthly Photography Night
(1st Tuesday of each month, 7 pm)

Bring any one image to showcase
and/or bring an image to enter into the
monthly photo challenge (\$100 prize)
October challenge: "Mountain Top"

Details at [R Gallery](#).



CLUB EMAIL:
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WWW.GO-SVPS.COM



What does the SVPS mean to you?

The St. Vrain Photographic Society is your club!

Perhaps you joined to meet other photographers,
or because you want to learn about various aspects of photography from
engaging speakers,
or maybe, you are looking for constructive feedback on your work so you
can improve as a photographer,
or maybe you want to go on organized photography field trips.

Whatever you are looking for, the club can be that. Help us make the club better than ever through your involvement. Attend meetings. Submit photos to the monthly Showcase. Share your feedback. Volunteer to help with events, field trips, competitions. Take a class offered by the club. Join the board by offering to be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or a Member-at-Large. We also need tech-savvy people to help redesign the club's website and to improve our social media presence.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the above mentioned opportunities please reach out to Reed James or Leslie Larson at SVPSCameraClub@gmail.com



PHOTOSHOP CLASS COMING 1/14/2023

This is a class for those of you that have been wanting to use Photoshop and need some basic lessons or have tried Photoshop and just gave up. This class will lead you through the basics of Photoshop at the end of which you will feel comfortable with it and start to enjoy using it, improve the looks of your photos and even do creative art. Photoshop is a program that someone has to guide you thru its intricacies so that you can start enjoying it. There will be handouts and step-by-step instructions on how to use its many features.

Classes will be at Murth's house at 3811 Doral Drive in Longmont. (Tel. 303-776-8923)

Dates: January 14-February 18, 2023.

Six classes, one a week on Saturdays

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Class capacity: Limited to 6 students.

Cost: \$200.

To sign up contact Leslie Larson or Reed James.

You need to have or have access to Photoshop CC or Photoshop Elements loaded on a computer. Photoshop works fine in both the Mac or Windows computers.

UPCOMING MEETINGS FOR 2022

November 7, 2022: Presenter - Molly Roberts discussing Composition and Judging criteria

Special: Sunrise/Sunset; Critique: before/after photo focused on Composition; Open

December 5, 2022: Annual Holiday Party!!!

Special: What is it??; Critique: before/after; Open

Notes from September SVPS club meeting.

By Reed James

- 1) I presented my proposed new meeting format to address requests for more critique, skill improvement and better time management:
 - a) 3 Categories: Critique, Special, Open (starting November, 2022)
 - Critique focus will focus on Before/After photos & a short discussion of what you did
 - If we have a presenter known in advance, and if they are willing to critique, then members should try to enter critique photos geared to the speaker's topic - otherwise club members can critique
 - b) Members can submit 1 or 2 photos to Special, and 1 or 2 photos to Open
 - c) Photo submission for Critique option: 2 photos, Before and After, Label them as "Title 1" for the Before photo, and "Title 2" for the After photo, so they will get shown sequentially --
- 2) I reviewed the club meeting timeline: 6:30-7 Business, 7-8 invited speaker, 8-9 Showcase
 - a) For Critique - try to limit discussion to 2 minutes/photo
 - b) Remaining time (up to 9 pm) will be divided by the number of remaining photos in Special and Open categories
- 3) I stated that the photo's author needs to be present (or on Zoom) for their photo to be presented/discussed during Critique section (I asked that you please don't submit any photos if you know you aren't going to be present or on Zoom)
- 4) I proposed two Judged/critiqued events per year
 - a) Annual member pot-luck - no change to format, no entry fee, 6-8 categories, professionally critiqued with documentation of comments. The club needs to decide: When (Fall/Dec?), print or digital or both
 - b) Member Show at the Great Frame Up - Pay to enter 2 framed photos (\$40-50), display rental space is \$350/month (paid from entry fees) - need to reserve 1 yr in advance
The club needs to decide: When (Spring?), maximum size, categories (if any), cash awards, hire judge
- 5) Regarding the Boulder Fair - if we want to continue this, we need a volunteer leader
- 6) Nov Meeting: Presenter: Molly Roberts, topic: Composition. Members should submit Before-After photo(s) for Critique category
 - a) Molly judged Annual competition, 5+ hr effort (95 entries), Elaine captured comments and inserted into VP Competition Results
 - b) Molly is an accomplished professional photographer, having taught for 15-20 years - forcing her students to show and discuss Before/After photos - and thinks our new B/A format is a great idea -
 - c) Molly, with Elaine's assistance will select photos from the Annual competition to use - and obtain the Before image from author with approval
- 7) I stated that SVPS needs more/new board members - Need Officers for President, VP, Treasurer, Secretary, and Newsletter; Propose: 2 At-large members
- 8) I requested help with finding someone to revamp the web site - and I asked for volunteers

SHOWCASE SUBMISSIONS CHANGING IN NOVEMBER (Repeated here because this is a big change).

The following information is for the November Showcase and beyond (October will be the same as it has been in the past):

*There will only be three categories instead of four:
Critique, Special, and Open (no more Challenge)

Critique - For this category you will submit 2 versions of an image that will be discussed by the presenter (if there is one, otherwise by club membership) that is aligned with the presenter's topic (if there is a presenter) and for that image you will submit a before-manipulation version (submit as "Title 1") and an after-manipulation version (submit as "Title 2") so all can see what you did to improve your submission.

Special - As in the past there will be a monthly "Special" topic. You can submit 1 or 2 images for this category.

Open - You may submit 1 or 2 images for this category

In total, you may only submit 3 images (before/after counts as 1 image) to the monthly Showcase.



Please send newsletter submissions to
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