

May 2023

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St. Vrain Photographic Society Newsletter

May Showcase Categories

SPECIAL: Signs of Spring
(1 or 2)

OPEN: (1 or 2)

CRITIQUE: Before/After

TOTAL: only 4 submissions

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Submission deadline:

11:30 pm on April 30

ONLY 4 PHOTOS!



May Meeting

DATE: Monday, May 1

TIME: 6:30 pm

WHERE: In-person

United Church of Christ,
1500 9th Ave., Longmont

Also on ZOOM

Clare Curtin

Program: Travel Photography

Presenters:

Clare Curtin: Photographic storytelling is an art. Travel photography is an opportunity to share unique experiences. Since photos are a powerful way to tell a story combining the two together can be impactful. Clare, a wildlife photographer and writer, will use her photos from international trips to present the elements of making stories and other considerations.

Leslie Larson : Wild Baja. How many are familiar with our attached Baja California? We had no idea what to expect on our first winter escape, but after the third time exploring the peninsula, we have a good idea what is there and what is available for the adventurous sort...or the timid.

Guatam Bhan: Big Bend Country of Texas. He will show photos from a 2-week journey through spectacular scenery in west Texas and parts of New Mexico. Gautam specializes in black & white photography.

Nancy Loving takes us on a short exploration of Peru's Sacred Valley...a truly spectacular place. What the ancient Incan civilization accomplished is incredible and inspirational.

Vicki Braunagel wraps it up with a short teaser about driving to Alaska. It's our largest state with such a diversity of ecosystems that by necessity this will only be a small taste of the northern possibilities.



Important Topics at the May Meeting

New logo
New brochure
Summer field trips
Website Galleries

Save the Date: June 17

Club Dinner and Awards
Ceremony

Future Photo Categories

October - ethereal, spooky,
eerie
November - fall colors
December – panning

Dues

SVPS annual dues:

\$35 – Individual
\$60 – Family

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SVPS new website:

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St. Vrain Photographic Society Show & Sale, May 12 – July 7

Great Frame Up

430 Main Street, Longmont

DATE of SHOW: May 12 – July 7, 2023

OPENING RECEPTION: Friday, May 12,
5:00-8:00 pm.

Reed will handle all GFU show updates
with the members involved. BUT we
hope the whole club will turn out to see
the exhibit and attend the wine and
catered opening night party (paid for
with entry fees, not club dues).

September Program

There are no meetings in July and
August. Next September the
program is "My favorite 4 photos
from this summer." After the
program we will have a mingle
time to get to know our new
members and have a little time
for catching up and socializing.

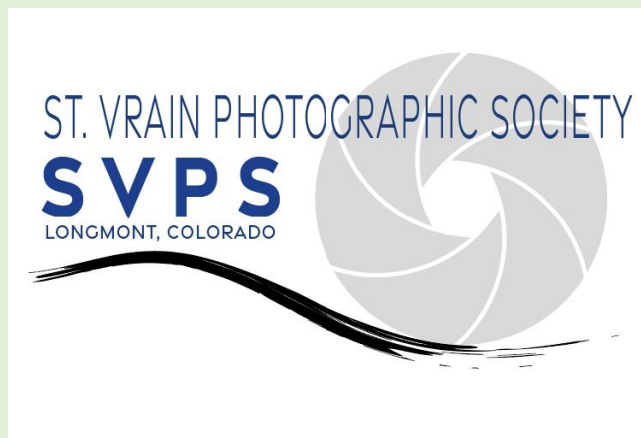
Local Event:

For entry info google:
ProPrints 5th Annual Portrait
Competition.

Deadline is May 19th. Free
entry. \$ prizes.

Put on by ProPrints of
Longmont.

The new logo - thanks
to Tim Laughlin.



SVPS CLUB COMPETITION

Let's broaden what we comment on during photo showcase:

- ✓ **Composition** (e.g., rule of thirds, leading lines, S-shape curves, diagonal lines, negative space)
- ✓ **Use of color** – complimentary, contrasting.
- ✓ **Use of light** (e.g., sidelight, backlight, ...)
- ✓ **What stands out** or draws the viewer's eye.
- ✓ **Emotional impact**
- ✓ **How motion or action are captured.**
- ✓ **How does the photo creates mystery or drama....**
- ✓ **What detail pops out** (e.g., especially with macro).

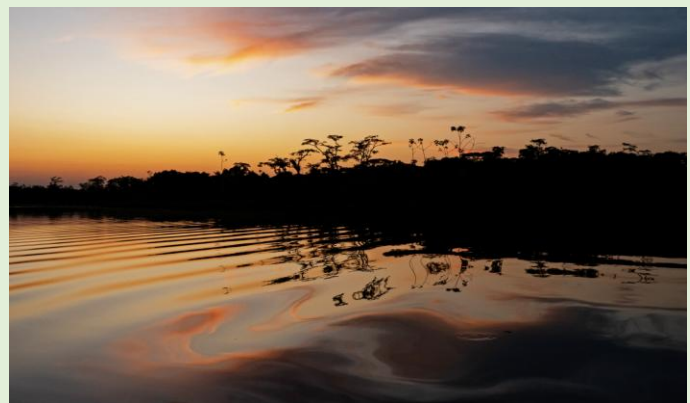
Our June meeting will be the annual awards banquet. We will cater the basics and hope members will bring sides or desserts. It will be at the church (in a different room at the other end) on June 17th from 6 to 8:30. Set-up begins around 5:00.

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 those that can't fit in another category
8. Creative – Obviously manipulated or B&W or monochrome.

Members can submit up to 6 photos, but only 1 in the chosen category. Submissions due on Visual Pursuits by May 25th so we can get them to an outside judge.

Need to talk about judging options. If we ask PSA judges to do it there will be no feedback, only the scores. They can't take the time to give feedback on the number of entries we send in. We can find a local photographer who isn't familiar with members to do the judging. We would pay for the time including the extra time to make comments.



Field trips: Will most likely be during the summer months. If the hummingbird population warrants it this season, Leslie will have a hummer shoot sometime in later June. Cathy will lead a flower session; time and date TBA. Field trip updates will be sent out by SVPS email when definite dates and times are available. Anyone wanting to lead or organize a trip, let Leslie know. Trips can be more than one day - perhaps one to Paint Mines Park near Colorado Springs.