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2025

St. Vrain Photographic Society Newsletter

Newsletter of the Longmont Camera Club

December Meeting

Join us for the SVPS club meeting.

Monday, Dec 1

6:30 to 9:00 pm

United Church of Christ,
1500 9th Ave., Longmont
Showcase on Zoom

Dec Special & Challenge Categories

Special – *Deceptive-What is it?*

Challenge – *Churches*

Jan Meeting

Monday, Jan 5

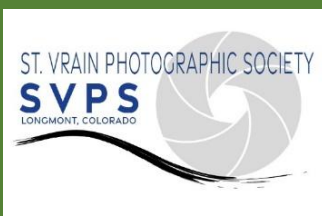
Speaker – Mark Paylor

Special – *Holiday*
Challenge – *A favorite photo, reflecting your vision*

SVPS website:

go-svps.com

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HOLIDAY PARTY!

December 1st 6:30 – 9:00 PM

Holiday Social / Election of Officers

Please bring your favorite savory or sweet snack to share.

SVPS will supply beverages.

The theme of November's substituted program was: Defining your vision by recognizing your own artistry. Recently, several club members visited Cole Thompson's studio in LaPorte. Inspired by Cole's previous program at a SVPS meeting and talking with him in his studio, Clare Curtin presented: "Defining Your Vision: My Journey as a Wildlife Photographer." The following quotes and observations helped define the November program's theme.

From John Barclay

Vision is the unique way you see the world based on your life experiences.

From David DuChemin:

**Find your WHY then you will find your WAY.
What is your photo about? vs What is your photo of?**

From Cole Thompson: Questions to ask yourself

Was it my idea (not borrowed or stolen)?

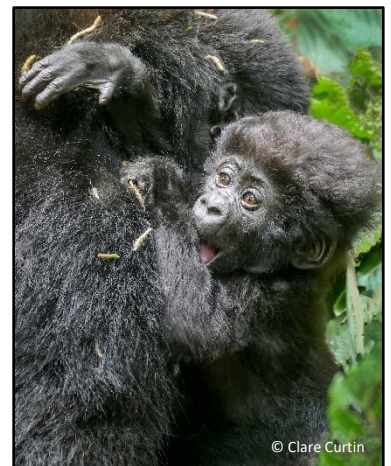
Was it created from my vision?

Was it created with no thought of how others would receive it?

Is it a work I love regardless of what others think of it?



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

Tips for Photographing Churches

- Check if taking photos is allowed inside the church.
- Be respectful of any churchgoers.
- Inside - put your camera on silent mode and avoid using the flash.
- Wear appropriate clothing inside.
- Capture interesting small and large details, colors, or shapes in the architecture (e.g., windows, ceilings, types of columns, stonework, steeples).
- Ensure that the church walls and columns are straight when editing.

November Aurora Borealis by SVPS Members



2026 Programs Photo Topics for 2026 (Special-S; Challenge-C)

Feb 2: S – Red; C – Photo that tells a story
Mar 2: S – Cars or Trucks; C – Forest
April 6: S – Portraits; C – Birds

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.

Friendly Reminder

2026 Dues must be paid by the end of January. Bring cash or check to a meeting or mail to Leslie Larson at PO Box 4, Lyons, CO 80540. Dues amounts are \$40/individual and \$65/family.