

Cobb Photographic Society

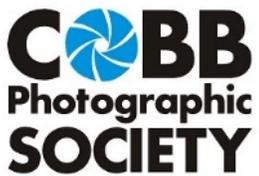


April 2021



(Cover) 1st Place
Monochrome:
Creeping In, Jeff
Westland

(Left) 1st Place Color:
Silver Streak, Tim
Wolfe



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Upcoming Activities and Events

May 2021

Fri, 30 Apr to Mon, 3 May: **Online Lottery Signup for Smoky Mountains Firefly Viewing**

Synchronous fireflies live in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and put on a reproductive, synchronized display for a couple of weeks every year throughout its range (southern Appalachians). This year the park is selectively open for evening viewing in the park's Elkmont area (1 Jun – 8 Jun).

More info on how to enter the lottery (limited to 100 vehicles a night) to view the fireflies is [here](#).

Sat, 1 May, 11 AM . BMX Dixieland Nationals Field Trip. We'll meet inside the *Wild Horse Creek Park*- along the fence opposite the concession stand. The BMX event is open to the public from Fri, 30 Apr through Sun, 2 May. For more information, such as the best places to shoot and other tips, refer to the email sent by the field trip leader, **Mark Chandler**, to all members on 26 April. The BMX track is at 820 Macedonia Rd, Powder Springs GA 30127, behind the *Ron Anderson Recreation Center* on Brown Parkway. See some of Mark's previous BMX event pictures [here](#) for inspiration and planning your day.



Mon, 3 May, 7 PM. Monthly Photo Competition: Churches via [Zoom](#). Join us as intermediate and experienced club members compete in the Standard Division categories of Color and Monochrome. Beginner and intermediate members can compete in the Novice Division's combined categories of Color and Monochrome. Visitors are welcome to join our online Zoom meeting.

Monday, 3 May. Weekly Photo Challenge: Night Photography. All club members will receive an email with the week's hyperlink to upload their photos to our club's Facebook page album. The *Photo Challenge* is not competitive but rather gives members and visitors an opportunity to challenge yourself with a specific theme and receive helpful, fun, constructive feedback from fellow club members.

Monday, 3 May. Extended Photo Submission Deadline. **Georgia Strawberry Amateur Photo Contest.** For more festival information, visit [here](#) and for the updated photo contest rules visit [here](#).

Monday, Week of 3-7 May. Online Lightroom Summit. Requires registration for a week-long online seminar with the industry's best Lightroom instructors. Once registered, you will receive a daily email with the day's training URL. Note there is a paid (\$99) and free (view free day of and two days after

only). For more information/registration, start [here](#). Please note we'll have a "best of the Lightroom Summit" Zoom session in June.

Sat, 8 May, 8 AM at Angel Falls Trailhead in Lakemont, GA. Panther/Angel Falls and Minnehaha Waterfalls Field Trip. Rick Olson, cell/text: 916-715-4196, will be our tour guide to two of Northern Georgia's finest waterfalls. For much more detail, see Rick's email to all members on 23 Apr.



Monday, 10 May. Learning Workshop: Session 1 of 3: "Not so Astro Photography". An introduction to astrophotography basics via [Zoom](#). Umit Yuksel will host the first of two online sessions to acquaint registered students with astrophotography basics before our scheduled field trip at Brasstown Bald on Friday 11 June (in case of rain, on 12 June). Please note there is a \$10 course fee for club members and \$50 for non-members payable to CPS. More information from Umit in early May.

Mon, 17 May, 7 PM. Monthly Speaker Presentation: "Travelogue" via [Zoom](#). Our speakers will be **Jeff and Phyllis Westland** as they use their travel photos to discuss techniques and tips that could increase your number of "wow" travel photos. View the Westland's website [here](#).

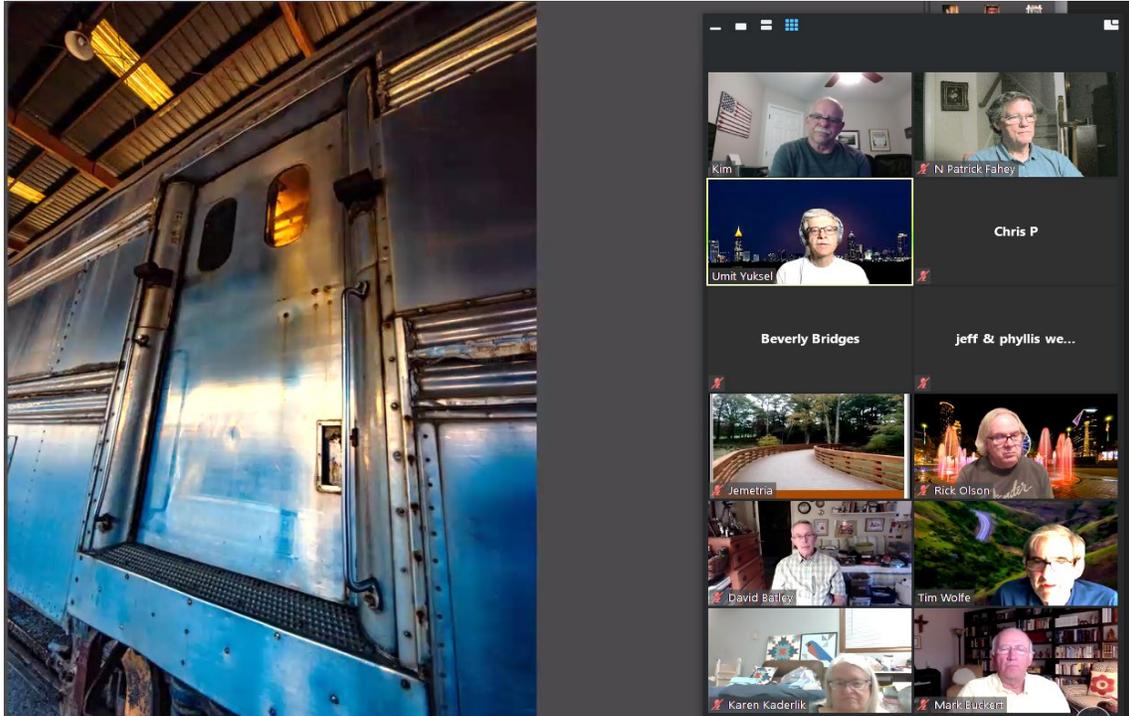
Monday, 24 May. Learning Workshop: Session 2 of 3: "Not so Astro Photography". Umit Yuksel will host the second of two online sessions (*See the 10 May event for more details*).

Mon, 31 May, 7 PM. Learning Workshop: Session 4: LrC Basics & When to Use Photoshop via [Zoom](#). Fourth session of five sessions continues with registered students and **Pat Fahey**. Registration for the next course will open in May with the next course starting in June. Syllabus information [here](#).

Mon, 31 May, 3 PM. Deadline for **Digital Image Submission** and the required competition form(s) for **June's** competition, **Statues**, via email to: cpsdigital2020@gmail.com. More information on 2021 Themes, rules, and competition form can be found [here](#).

Notes From Around Our Club

April Competition Night- Doors. A respected Competition Judge returned this month. **Kim Bates** did a great job not only judging our photos but also explaining how the submitted photos could be considered with a different crop, point of view, or editing.



April Program Night- A Judge's Perspective. **Eric Bowles** was our April Presentation Speaker with *A Judge's Perspective*. The presentation offered insights in how, we as photographers, need to consider key elements to get our competition photos to get their best foot forward. View it [here](#).

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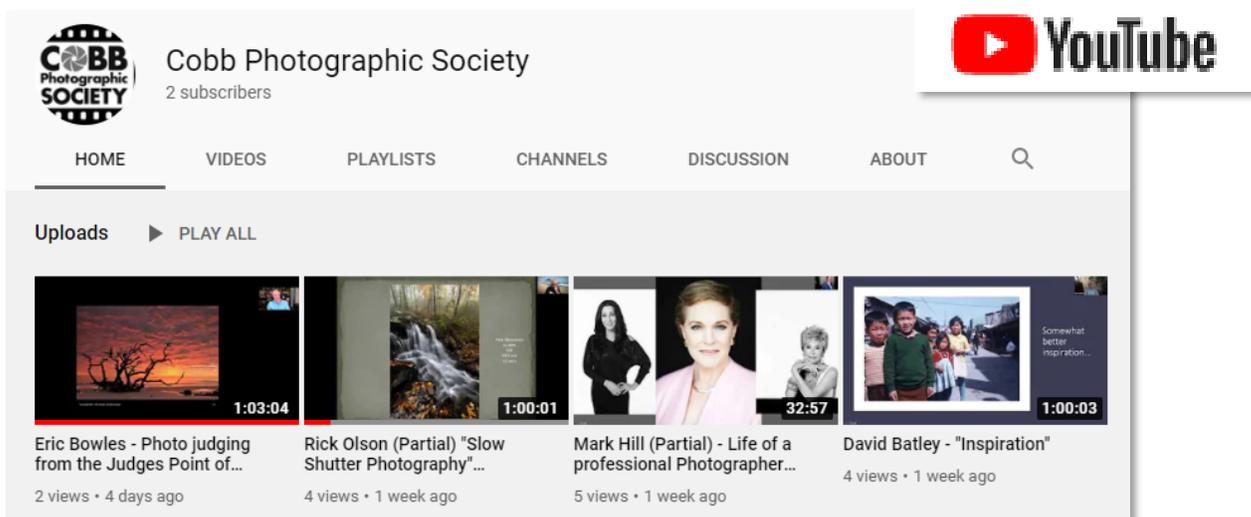
- CATEGORY DEFINITIONS / CATEGORY SPECIFIC RULES
- RULES FOR CAPTURE / EDITING
- LIMITS ON DIGITAL ENHANCEMENTS
- PRESENTATION – FRAME, MAT, IDENTIFYING MARKS
- TRUTHFUL CAPTIONING
- DIGITAL IMAGE SIZING (SHARPEN AFTER RESIZING)
- UNSPOKEN RULES (CLUB PRACTICES)
- DIGITAL ART – MAKE A DIFFERENCE
- DO MORE THAN A USING A NOVELTY PLUG-IN OR TECHNIQUE

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CPS Monthly Speaker Presentations Are Now Online! Armed with each of our presenter's OK to record their presentations, **Hylos Barrett** seized the lead and moved our monthly CPS presentations to the Internet. Did you miss a Speaker's presentation? You can relive the presentation with our YouTube presentations [here](#).



They Say It's Your

Birthday

Best wishes to our current members and past friends:

- 1 May- Milt Schreiber
- 8 May- Charlie Stannard
- 15 May- Tim Wolfe

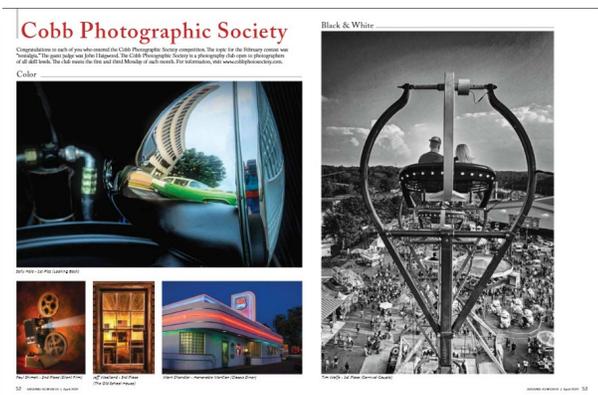
Extended to Mon, 3 May Deadline: GA Strawberry Festival Amateur Photography Contest.



Mail in or drop off printed photos in Reynolds, GA (SW of Macon) **by 3 May 2021** to compete in the festival's amateur photography contest with cash prizes. \$4 per entry (no digital photos). Many categories for club members to compete.

Complete contest details for the *Georgia Strawberry Festival Photo Contest* [here](#).

Competition Winner Photos Published in Local Magazine, *Around Acworth*.



Congratulations to our February 2021 Competition-*Nostalgia* winners for their photos published in the April 2021 issue of *Around Acworth* magazine.

Almost every month, you could have a chance to “strut your photographic prowess” in both the online and print magazine formats of *Around Acworth*.

Be sure to view the online magazine on pages 54-55 [here](#).

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Members.



Rosary Mangano. “I am very much a beginner. Although I have really loved photography for many years, I’ve not had the confidence or patience with myself to learn how to shoot manually.

During the Covid quarantine last summer, I decided to step out on a limb and learn. By a stroke of luck, I came across David Batley’s contact information and with his patience, I am learning how to shoot manually for the first time.

I really am a beginner. I most enjoy telling stories with my photos. I am a middle school counselor and love taking pictures of students and staff. I believe that people want to be seen. When my students or coworkers see their photo in my office, they feel connection. In my role, I use photography to foster this connection.

I also, like getting lost in the process of “seeing” through the lens of the camera. It’s almost meditative for me when I really have the time and space to shoot. I need to make more of an effort to carve out uninterrupted time to shoot. I am currently shooting with a Sony A73. I look forward to learning from the group!



Rita Brown. “I remember when I received my first camera which was a Kodak instamatic X-15 point-and-shoot 126 film. I had so much fun with that camera. I have been interested in photography ever since then and am currently enjoying my Canon Rebel T3i now.

I have taken a few classes offered through Southeastern Photographic Society and am a current member with them. I have also been fortunate enough to enjoy the benefits of using a darkroom at Georgia Institute of Technology where I was formerly employed. I printed black and white photos of my children who are now the ages of 28 and 30.

I like photographing the outdoors and people. I enjoy making scrapbooks and preserving memories.”

Calling All Novice Photographers! If you haven’t placed (won a Standard Division ribbon) in the last two years, our club has a competition division especially for our beginning/intermediate photographers: *Novice*. The category is a “safe harbor” for club members not ready to compete with the *Standard Division*. That’s OK! Get some “skin in the (competition) game” and submit your images! Rules for preparation/submission/deadline can be found [here](#).

CDC Eases Mask Guidelines for Vaccinated People. Those who are fully vaccinated don’t need to wear masks when walking, exercising, dining, or attending a small gathering outside, the CDC says, though they should still mask indoors and in certain other situations. | The Wall Street Journal, 27 Apr 2021.

Lightroom Summit 3-7 May 2021- Free and paid options. A note from **Bill Culpepper** alerts us to a great opportunity to better our Lightroom skills.



Bill's note: "In case you have not seen it, you may want to mention the free Lightroom Virtual Summit that will be **May 3-7**. There is also a VIP registration for \$99 that include notes and more access options, but the free option lets you see the sessions the same day and 48 hours afterwards."

Access the Lightroom Summit 2021 website [here](#).



Reference Guides to Native Plants.

During our April Field Trip to Shirley Miller Wildlife Trail, I was lucky to have fellow photographers who knew all the blooming flowers. Unfortunately, I won't have this "Botanical-In-The-Know" group by my side all the time.

Walter Reeves, noted Georgia Gardener/ Radio-TV celebrity, has a page of links to native flowers [here](#). In my opinion, a link to the handiest of the references, UGA's *Native Plants of North Georgia*, on his page- with photos and ordered by blooming month- is [here](#).

2021 Online Club Survey Results- Learning Workshops and Field Trips. Your 2021 survey results are in and the results are guiding your club leadership to plan workshops for your desired photography training as well as field trips you'd like to participate. More on other results next month.

CPS 2021 Survey, Says: Desired Learning Workshops and Online Training:

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
How to better use your camera/lens/tripod/gear	41.67% 10
Photographic techniques (composition, scene lighting, selective focus, color, motion blur, other techniques, ...)	87.50% 21
On-camera to off-camera flash and modifiers	29.17% 7
Basic to Intermediate software editing for your images (Lightroom, Photoshop)	37.50% 9
Intermediate+ software editing (compositing, B&W, Photoshop filters)	45.83% 11
Astrophotography	29.17% 7
Street/Portrait Photography	25.00% 6
Macro Photography	50.00% 12
How to size your digital image and border for final printing	45.83% 11
Local and web printing resources	37.50% 9
Mounting your print for competition night submission	20.83% 5
Total Respondents: 24	

CPS 2021 Survey, Says: **Field Trips We'd Like to Attend:**

- Atlanta cityscapes/urban/architecture/street views
- Old Car City
- Zoo
- Northern GA/TN nature in Spring and Fall (state parks, Brasstown Bald, Smoky Mountains/Blue Ridge, Gibbs Gardens, wildlife/preserve shoots, waterfalls, ...)
- Small town walkabouts (metro area, Roswell Mill, Columbus, Madison and abandoned industrial/commercial locations.
- Weekend trip to Savannah (coastal birds, beaches, city)
- Chalktoberfest (Marietta)
- Week-long trip to Midwest National Parks and Pacific Coast
- Astrophotography- star trails, Milky Way
- Model Shoot

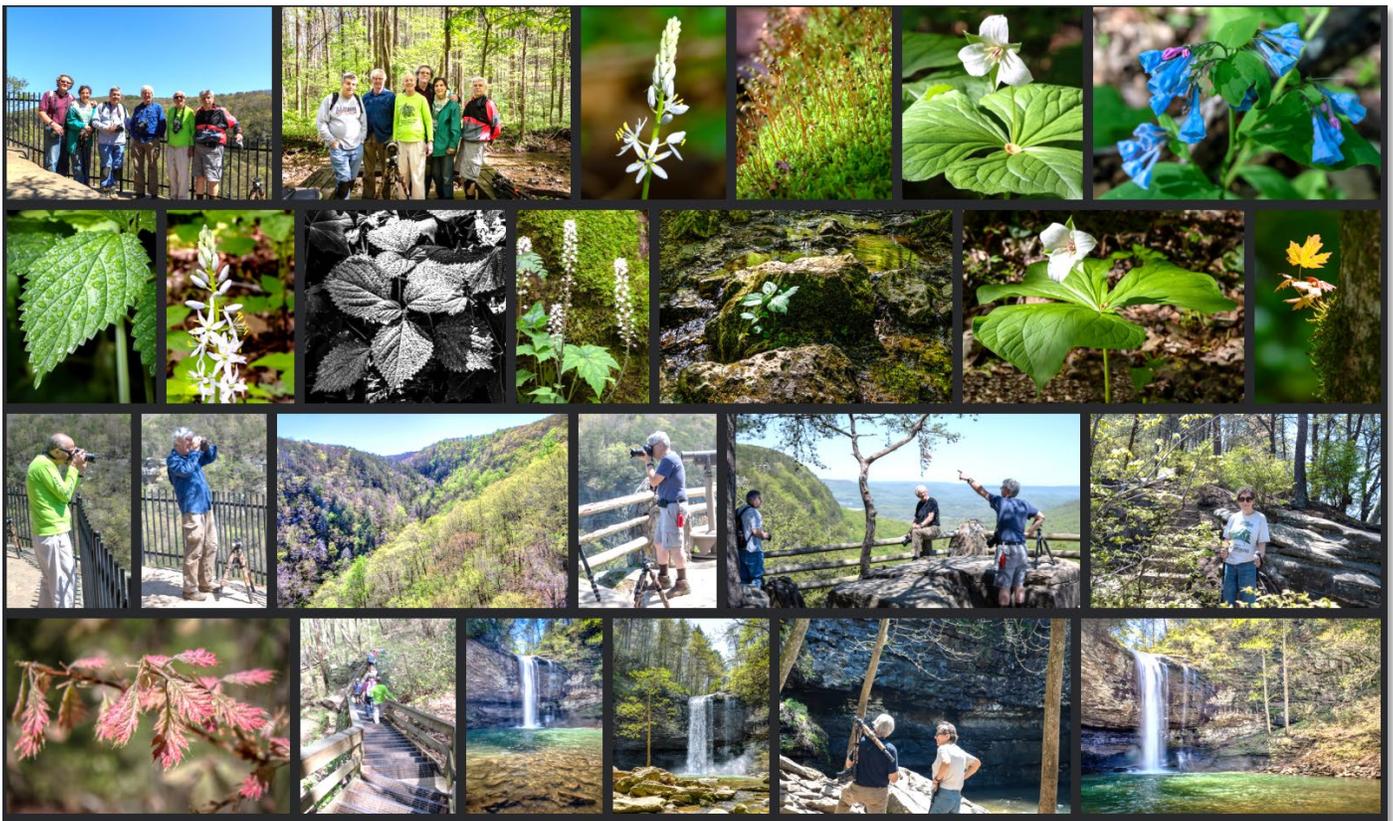
Shirley Miller Wildlife Trail (SMWT) and Cloudland Canyon State Park (CCSP) "Two Field Trips In One" - Sun, 11 Apr.

Coordinating our Springtime field trip took some planning on the part of **Umit Yuksel** and his efforts to dodge thunderstorm-laden weekends played out well.

Visiting Shirley Mill Wildlife Trail in the morning was stunning to see various wildflowers in bloom and the early morning's strong directional light. Cloudland Canyon State Park was all about vistas and waterfalls.

Enjoying the day with fellow camera buddies was well worth the effort to get up early and take the long drive to Georgia's Northwest corner of the state.

Access both the SMWT and CCSP field trips at either SmugMug photos [here](#) or FB photos [here](#).



2021 Year To Date Competition Standing- Overall and By Category Leaders- As of Apr 2021

Overall	Paul Shimek
Novice	Jemetria Mabrey
Monochrome	Paul Shimek, Charles Stannard, Milton Schreiber
Color	Paul Shimek

2021 Monthly Competition Themes and Digital Image Submission Deadline

Meeting Date (1st Monday) except as noted *	Topic	Digital Submission Deadline
January 4	Minimalism	December 28
February 1	Nostalgia	January 25
March 1	Eyes	February 22
April 5	Doors	March 29
May 3	Churches	April 26
June 7	Statues	May 31
July 12 *	Waterfalls	July 5 *
August 2	Leading Lines	July 26
September 13 *	Woodlands	September 6 *
October 4	Still Life	September 27
November 1	Symmetry	Oct 25
December 6	Second Chance / Photo of Year	Nov 29

* Meeting/digital submission deadline dates moved due to the 4th of July and Labor Day weekends.

Do You Need Help Uploading Your Photos to the Facebook Weekly Photo Challenges? Email our Social Media Chair, **Mark Chandler**: mchan18078@aol.com.

30 Apr to 3 May Signup Window: The Great Smoky Mountains Firefly Viewing Lottery



Synchronous fireflies are one of at least 19 species of fireflies that live in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. This insect's reproductive, synchronized display occurs for a couple of weeks every year throughout its range (southern Appalachians), and is typically in late May or early June in the Elkmont area of the park. **Note:** 2021 viewing is 1 Jun- 8 Jun.

More info on how to enter the lottery (limited to 100 cars a night) to view the fireflies over the eight evenings is [here](#). Local news coverage video is [here](#).

CPS Facebook Weekly Challenge: Access all the *Silhouette* images [here](#) (Apr 2021):



CPS Facebook Weekly Challenge: Access all the *Arches* images [here](#) (Apr 2021):



Monochrome Competition Winners



2nd Place
(Left): *Come
Into the Light*,
Jeff Westland



3rd Place
(Right): *Store
Doors*, Milt
Schreiber

HM: *Up In Smoke*, Pat Fahey



HM (Right):
Notre Dame
Rouen,
Charlie
Stannard



(1st Place Monochrome Photo on Cover)

Color Competition Winners



2nd Place (Left):
Behind Door
Number 7, Jeff
Westland



3rd Place (Right):
Pleasure Awaits
You, Umit Yuksel



HM (Left):
Hiring, Chris
Pietrzykowski



HM (Right):
Who's There?,
Paul Shimek

(1st Place Color Photo on 2nd Page)

Member-2-Member Classifieds

Email faheyatlanta@gmail.com if you have photographic items for sale or events that you or your business would like to advertise in our next newsletter. Advertising your business website is OK as well. We encourage you, a member in good standing, to use your magazine as a resource.

Photographic Items for Sale:

Contact **Charlie Stannard**, cistannard@yahoo.com, for the following sale items:

- **Tamron G1 150-600 mm lens** for Canon. Excellent condition. (G1 does not auto-focus With R5) \$400
- **Canon 7d** with I-bracket, Tamron 12-24 lens, Battery, and battery charger. \$150

Contact **David Batley**, dbphotodesign@comcast.net, for the following sale item:



Rollei compact digital camera. I bought this camera in Germany in late 2019, but never used it--except to test it out. I bought it for my grandson who was in graduate school in Germany at the time. He never used it, so I consider it "new," and it comes with the original box. Great "travel" or "pocket" camera. About the size of a small cell phone but has quite a few "bells and whistles."

Specs: 20 megapixels, f3.2 - f6.4. lens (26mm to 130mm) wide angle to small zoom. Uses SD cards. File format is JPEG, and also shoots video (but no RAW mode). Price: \$130

Teaching Photography Basics Opportunity With the Cobb County Summer Camp Program.

David Batley is advertising opportunities to teach photography this summer through the Cobb County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs summer camp program.

Says David, "Here's an opportunity to use your skills and teach photography to youths:

I have been teaching a youth "photography camp" for nearly ten years through the Cobb County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs summer camp art program. The location of my camp is The Art Station at Big Shanty; however, this summer I will also be teaching at a second location as well--The Sewell Mill Library and Cultural Center.

Students are middle school age (11- through 13-year-olds). The summer camps are offered all summer, from June to early August, and include a variety of art subjects. The photography camps will be 5 days each, Monday through Friday, 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM. The Sewell Mill photography camp will begin Monday, June 28. The Art Station camp will begin July 12.

I have a plan (curriculum) that I normally use for the week. Title of the camp is "Instagram This". However, keep in mind the importance of being "flexible" when dealing with the middle schoolers!

Each day can be different, but the overall goal is to have FUN and instill some INSPIRATION to these kids.

For example, I have in the past introduced a modified "film" process--and discovered it was their favorite activity--especially considering most of these youths have never shot film, or for that matter, have never held a roll of film in their hands (yes, this age group are all "Digital Natives--born after the year 2000).

I can give you more details. I'm looking for folks who may want to participate all 5 days, or even just a day or two. Consider this and let me know, dbphoto@comcast.net or 404-314-6359."

Events/Websites Sponsored By You Or Your Business:



Our April *Presentation* Speaker was **Eric Bowles**.

Eric Bowles is an Atlanta based nature photographer specializing in the Southeastern United States. His work has been published in magazines, newspapers, and commercial publications. He is a regular speaker at camera clubs and other organizations with presentations on a wide range of topics.

View Eric's website at [Eric Bowles | Bowles Imagery](#).



Our April *Competition* Judge was **Kim Bates**. Kim says, “

“Specializing in interior, lifestyle, commercial and architectural photography, I strive to provide wonderful photographs of every room and every space that portray the character and beauty of the home.”

Please take the time to view Kim's website [here](#).

Articles/Photo News/Tips and Tricks

Photo Tip: 180 Degree Reflection.



Several viewers of our CPS *Spring Flowers* Weekly Photo Challenge REALLY liked how **CJ Andretta** captured the photo. Here's the low-down:

"I was visiting Gibbs Garden a couple of years ago on a day that was clear, bright and too harsh for most of the interesting flower photography.

The hard light made a reflection in one of the ponds that I photographed and turned it upside down. Very little editing was done to the photo with the exception of the 180-degree orientation.

When we are given lemons, we have to look outside the box to make lemonade."

2021 World Press Photo Awards. What Makes a Prize-Winning Photo?



View the *2021 World Press Photo* finalists [here](#).

National Geographic asked the question and after reviewing the 2021 World Press images (link above), I was touched by how each image emotionally moved me in a different way.

We've heard judges tell us after a competition night "Does your photo keep the viewer's eyes on your photo or does the viewer quickly move to the next photo?"

Take the time to view the Nat Geo article and make your own opinion [here](#).

PhotoPills Landscape Class: Six Styles of Landscape Photography



Courtesy of PhotoPills, Erin Babnik, a Canon Explorer, has an online class on *Finding Your Own Style in Landscape Photography*.

I watched the course; it's chatty between Erin and Rafael but I enjoyed the lively and experience-laden discussion. Some of her displayed images are stunning.

Don't want to watch the entire show? In the YouTube video description, you'll find an index to help you find the sections you wish to watch.

View the sixty-minute class [here](#).

New Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) Photoshop Feature: Super Resolution



Example using bicubic resampling



Super Resolution

“Super Resolution doubles the *linear resolution* of the photo. This means that the result will have twice the width and twice the height of the original photo, or four times the total pixel count. For instance, the following source photo is 16 megapixels, so applying Super Resolution will result in a 64MB DNG.” For more technical information (includes this quote) and how-it-came-to-be discussion, click [here](#).

I've tried Adobe Camera Raw's (ACR) Super Resolution and am satisfied with the increased resolution. I have a friend who tried to get a good 8"x10" photo of one of his kids taken back in the 1980's that just didn't have the resolution to print at 8"x10". With Super Resolution, he was able to print an acceptable image at his desired print size.

Please note that **there are other software products** that can do this same function. Google **super resolution alternatives** to find comparisons between Adobe ACR and ON1, Gigapixel, and other software products. BTW, this feature is coming soon to Lightroom!



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