

tidewater camera club

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Welcome to November!

Speaker Meeting

Wildlife photographer, Ken Conger, is in town for the 48th Annual Waterfowl Festival and will be this month's speaker. His presentation is entitled "Four Continents of Critters" and is scheduled for this Friday, November 9th, at Brookletts Place, Talbot County Senior Center (<https://www.brooklettsplace.org>) from 7pm-9pm.

After a rewarding career as a retired Virginia game warden and Alaska park ranger, Ken has renewed his motivation and enthusiasm for wildlife protection over to his passion for wildlife photography. His talk will include a buffet of spectacular photos captured during his 2017 adventures to Ecuador, Kenya, Rwanda, India, Alaska as well as some western US national parks. Ken compliments his photos with animal facts, audio and short videos. The majority

of his images utilize available early morning and late afternoon light to capture the natural color and beauty of wildlife. The presentation provides a view of a wildlife photographer's world and the challenges taken to capture stunning wildlife images. Click on the links for details on Ken's presentation and to view his work.

<https://tidewatercameraclub.org/speaker-ken-conger/>

<https://www.kencongerphotography.com>



Competition Meeting

This month, the digital image competition theme is "Night Vision". The deadline for submitting images is Wednesday, November 7, at 11:45pm. [Link to submit your entries.](#) Our October speaker, Bob Fawcett, wowed us with beautiful images of the Milky Way in his presentation "Capturing the Night Sky & Milky Way". Bob, with the assistance of Russell Wooldridge, led a night sky photography outing on Taylors Island later in the week. Participants learned appropriate camera settings, lens focusing procedures, and how to set up for capturing images with interesting foreground elements with the Milky Way as background. Thank you Bob and Russell! Hopefully, some interesting image captures from that evening will be submitted for this month's competition despite the clouds rolling in!

Click on the links for the theme definition and image submission details. Nikhil

Bahl will be the judge and his scores and comments will be reviewed during the Competition Meeting on Monday, November 19th.

<https://tidewatercameraclub.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/TCC-2018-2019-theme-definitions-v5.pdf>

<https://tidewatercameraclub.org/rules/>

Print Exhibit

Ten club members are participating in the Talbot County Library- St. Michaels Branch “In the Spirit of the Eastern Shore” Print Exhibit. The exhibit will be available for viewing through November 29 during normal library hours; take down is scheduled for November 30.

Special Interest Groups

We initiated the Special Interest Groups (SIGs) program at our last competition meeting. We will be fine tuning program so that members can benefit from all of the groups. As with all of our programs, participation is optional but if interested, we ask that you initially sign up for a particular group. Here’s an update of SIG activity:

-Landscape SIG members have been tasked with photographing landscape images anywhere within the St. Michaels/Tilghman corridor. The group will review images during the second half of the November 19th meeting.

- Wildlife/Nature SIG members met at Bombay Hook on November 3rd. Capturing sharp images was challenging given the windy conditions but the fall foliage colors were beautiful. The group will review images during the second half of the November 19th meeting.

-Post-processing SIG co-coordinators, Mutt Meritt and Jack Upchurch, will be discussing “Better Photo vs Impactful Image” during the second half of the November 19th meeting. They will take some member questions and try to demonstrate, at the beginner level, how to do things in PS and LR – as well as discuss WHY someone might want to make changes. With the program just beginning, we want to start slow but also answer real questions as they come in.

If any member would like assistance with processing a photo, please send your processing question(s), along with a high resolution image, to question@tidewatercameraclub.org.

Kudos

Barbara Saulsbury was awarded Honorable Mention for “Canadian Beauty” at the Photography Show hosted by St. Michaels Art League.

At the Candleberry Gallery Exhibit in St. Michaels, Carol Ward’s “Milky Way Over a Lone Tree” received the most People’s Choice votes. John Ellsworth’s “Hovering” and “Ice Water” received the second and third most votes, respectively.

A number of club members were award winners at the Photography Exhibit and Competition hosted by Dorchester Center for the Arts.

-Bill McDonnell was awarded Best in Show, Best Use of Light Amateur Adult, and 1st Place Amateur Adult- all for “White Pelican”. Bill was also awarded an Honorable Mention Amateur Adult for “Window in Killarney”.

-John Ellsworth was awarded 1st Place Professional Adult, as well as Best Use of Light (black & white) Professional Adult, for “Captain’s Lounge”.

-Cal Jackson was awarded 2nd Place Professional Adult for “Cambridge Log

Canoe Race” and received People’s Choice Award for “Heading Home”.

-Graham Slaughter was awarded 3rd Place Professional Adult for “Mountain Meadow”.

-Joe Soares was awarded Honorable Mention for “Eyed”.

-Cal Jackson’s “Daily Catch” was juried into Maryland State Arts Council, Art on the Fly Exhibition “From The Mountains, To The Ocean: *Maryland Landscapes Inspired by Countryside, City and Sea*”.

-John Ellsworth’s “Reeds” was juried into Maryland Federation of Arts online “Water Works” exhibit.

-Carol Ward’s image of Bass Harbor Head Lighthouse, located in Acadia National Park, was selected as one of six that will represent the Coastal Camera Club (CCC) in the Photographic Society of America (PSA) Inter-Club Travel Competition. The image will represent CCC in round two.

-Erika Forsythe made the news in The Star Democrat as an exhibitor at the Chesapeake College Artisans Festival event.

https://www.stardem.com/spotlight/chesapeake-college-hosts-artisans-festival/article_c1332bdb-2339-5662-866d-29c76c20bfe6.html.

Congrats to all!

Website Link:

Tidewater Photos, a collaborative effort of John Ellsworth and Joe Soares, is a site for featuring images by TCC members. Each month, a selection committee will choose a photo to be featured and will include a write-up that discusses the image and the methods used to capture it. This month’s article is “Kayak Rack- a photo by George

Drake with elements of music”. The site can be accessed via a link found on the left hand side of our Welcome page (<https://tidewatercameraclub.org>) or from <https://tidewaterphotos.net>.

Outings

November 17: We will meet in the lobby of the Visitors Center at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge at 2:30pm. Sunset is 4:50pm. Please register at outings@tidewatercameraclub.org so that I can contact you in the event of a weather-related cancellation.

December 16: We will meet at Terrapin Park from 10am-2pm to capture images of the iconic landmark, Chesapeake Bay Bridge. David Blecman will be our guide and mentor for this event. Stay tuned for details. Please register at outings@tidewatercameraclub.org so that I can contact you in the event of a weather-related cancellation.

TCC Sponsored Workshops

December 8, 10am-1pm: Wye Oak Room, TCCC
David Blecman’s “Getting Acquainted, or Reacquainted, with Lightroom”
TCC Member Fee-\$25. Please register at workshops@tidewatercameraclub.org.

January 12, 10am-1pm: Wye Oak Room, TCCC
Charles Bilconish will be conducting a workshop on lighting and posing. Stay tuned for details. Please register at workshops@tidewatercameraclub.org.

Workshops Sponsored by TCC Members and/or Speakers

Bob Fawcett will be doing a Long Exposure shoot in DC on November 18th, 2018 from 2pm-5pm. If interested, contact Bob at rwf93@verizon.net.

Bob Fawcett & Carol Ward will be conducting an Outer Banks II/Photography Workshop scheduled for April 11-15, 2019. In addition to capturing the Milky Way, some general photography concepts will be covered with various advanced techniques to improve your work. The workshop will also include post processing with Lightroom, Photoshop, Adobe Camera Raw and Adobe Bridge. In addition, DXO NIK will be demonstrated within the workflow along with other Apps for stacking and blending of images. This group will be limited to 12 participants with 3 instructors for a 1:4 ratio.

[https://www.meetup.com/Maryland-Nightscapers/events/254986725/!](https://www.meetup.com/Maryland-Nightscapers/events/254986725/)

Nikhil Bahl will be conducting a Chincoteague Island Spring Workshop (Virginia) scheduled for May 17-19. The workshop will cover how to think conceptually and create abstracts of common subjects to challenge the viewer's perceptions. We will create abstract art with flowing water and photograph ocean views, beach scenes, patterns and textures in the sand, marshes and plant life. The workshop includes instructional presentations that will inspire and explain how to make creative and beautiful photographs at this location. There will be plenty of field instruction that will cover techniques like capturing and freezing motion, long exposures and other creative techniques. A constructive image feedback session of the participant's photographs will complete the workshop. There is a \$100 discount for TCC members.

http://www.nikhilbahl.com/chincoteague_may2019.html

Please Note:

- Our schedule is subject to change due to weather-related or other unforeseen events. Please check the website calendar prior to attending the meeting.
- To receive announcements of photo ops, equipment for sale, or other photography related information, sign up to receive blog posts at <https://tidewatercameraclub.org/blog/>.
- Feedback is appreciated. If you have suggestions for future speakers, club activities, or ideas on how to improve or expand our programs, send an email to

president@tidewatercameraclub.org.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Cheers,

Janet

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