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President's Comments

This edition of the Newsletter should arrive in your inboxes between Christmas and New Year's Day. Whether you celebrate Christmas, or Chanukah, or Kwanzaa, or perhaps even Festivus, I hope it was satisfying and renewing. And hopefully you captured some images to print for your enjoyment, and maybe share with your fellow TCC members in a future competition. In any case, please remember to photograph responsibly on New Year's Eve!

Speaker Meeting

Our next Speaker Meeting is on January 6 when Les Picker will talk to us on the subject of *Travel Photography*.

Les has photographed for National Geographic Society publications and many

other consumer and corporate magazines and newspapers. He has had more than 600 published articles in major national publications. He was a monthly columnist and features contributor to Oceans Magazine and a weekly columnist, Op-Ed contributor and features travel writer and photographer for The Baltimore Sun.

Two characteristics shape Les' photography; passion and inquisitiveness. Since an early age Les has been interested in the natural world and in other cultures. He has an earned doctorate in environmental affairs (winter ecology), which he believes helps inform his landscape and wildlife photography. His interest in other cultures draws him frequently to exotic locales.

Les was named Best Travel Photographer for the prestigious Canada Northern Lights Award. He is in demand as a keynote speaker, lecturer and judge for photography competitions. Les also leads photography adventure tours throughout the world.

"I feel blessed to be able to write and photograph for a living," Les says. "If my photographs help people better appreciate our natural world – and its fragility – then I feel I have accomplished a worthy life goal."

You can view a number of Les' images at his website

<https://lesterpickerphoto.com>

Competition Deadline & Theme Discussion

Our January 2020 photo competition has the theme **"Shadow is the Subject."** All images must be captured after January 1, 2018. The judge will be Fred Silber, who presented on this subject at our December 2 Speaker Meeting.

If you are a paid up TCC member you may **submit one or two images by**

This assignment is to produce an image where shadow, or shadows, is the main subject. The object that creates the shadow can appear in the frame but must be minimized in the construction of the composition. Some ideas -

- 5 Tips for Using Shadows to Create Dramatic Images <https://www.digitalphotomentor.com/5-tips-for-using-shadows-to-create-dramatic-images/>
- Photographing The Perfect Shadow <https://www.digital-photo-secrets.com/tip/4698/photographing-perfect-shadow/>

Digital submissions must be sized to a maximum of 1024 pixels wide and 683 pixels high, and saved in the jpeg (.jpg) format with a file size no larger than 350k.

Please name your jpg files as follows: Image Title (with each word separated by a underscore) Member ID Number (underscore) Section (dot) jpg For Example:
wye_oak_123_b.jpg

Exhibits

- **TCC General Exhibit at Art League of Ocean City, March 2 – 29, 2020.** This exhibit has the theme “The Art of Photography,” and the registration deadline is Wednesday February 12. This will be a judged event. *A separate announcement with all the details will be sent soon.*
- The Christmas in St Michaels team is in need of a **volunteer to keep a catalog of photos** of their events, and whom they can contact for photos when sending out advertising, promotional materials, etc. If you are interested please contact Joan Schneider

joanfschneider704@gmail.com or +1 (410) 745-9563. *[Well, a catalog will lead to images being exhibited, right?]*

Outings & Shoots

- Monthly **Wildlife SIG** field trips every first Wednesday – January 8. Joe Soares will provide the details. And if the **Landscape SIG** is joining them, Norm Bell will provide details, too.
 - The members of the **Wildlife and Landscape SIGs** will be meeting Monday December 30 2019 to share and discuss their images captured on recent outings. They will meet at Joe's home 28486 Sanderstown Rd., Trappe, MD from 7:00-9:00 PM.
 - On Wednesday January 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, David Blecman and Fred Silber will be hosting a **Behind The Scenes Photographic Tour of Union Craft Brewing**. This is limited to 15 photographers. Details are available at <https://www.meetup.com/annapolisphoto/events/267165072/>
 - Would other TCC members be interested in forming a **Travel Photography SIG**? If so, let Wayne Zussman or Mark Nelson know.
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Workshops & Other Events

- The Calvert Photography Club has invited members of the clubs that make up the Maryland Photography Alliance to their event “**Chasing The Stars - A Night Sky Presentation**”. The speaker will be Robert

Fawcett who will give a visual presentation of night sky images and the What, When, and How of obtaining them. The event is on Saturday January 18 at 10:00 AM. For more information, please use the following links: <https://www.meetup.com/Calvert-Photography-Club-Meetup-Group/events/266931671/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/498601760483057/>

- David Blecman will be teaching a **Portrait Lighting Workshop** with a Live Model on January 11th. Details at <https://www.meetup.com/annapolisphoto/events/266904240/>

 - The **Post-Processing SIG** has been revived. The PP SIG will meet twice a month prior to each of our Monday meetings. We'll start at 6:15 or so for about 30 minutes. David Blecman will begin at the beginning, emphasizing Lightroom and Photoshop, and covering:
 - Workflow- getting the images into the machine so that they can be worked on and found when you need them. Using LR or Bridge/PS as working systems for Image Management and processing for final use/output.
 - Global Adjustments- and some 'why' you might do certain things every time.
 - Targeted Adjustments- LR Brushes, gradients and PS layer basics, adjustment layers to start and then blending down the road.
 - Saving/sizing images for web, general printing, large print options.
 - A great opportunity for your questions and, importantly, answers on post-processing
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Kudos to TCC Members

- **Steve Lingeman's** photo "*Oxford Pier*" was accepted into the Long Island Photo Gallery's juried exhibition called - "Dramatic Black and White." The exhibition runs from Jan. 7th to Feb. 29th.
- **Chris Jewett's** image "*Vintage Atomizer*" sold at two venues – the Academy of Art Museum Members Show and the Maryland Federation of Art Small Wonders Show. And Chris's photography will be in a solo show, tentatively scheduled for the first week of May, at the Annapolis Collection Gallery in Annapolis.
- On February 8 & 9, 2020, **John Ellsworth** will be displaying much of his work in a 10x10 booth at the Spring Art Festival on the Cornell Museum Old School Square in Delray Beach, FL.
- **John Ellsworth's** photograph "*Waterman's Shack*" was juried into the Maryland Federation of Art's Winter Membership exhibit which will run from January 4-30. The show is at the Circle Gallery, 18 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. Reception is Sunday, Jan 12, 3-5pm. Here's the link to the ["Artist Preview Gallery"](#)
- And **John Ellsworth's** image "*Ways of Thinking*" AKA "*Footbridge Detail*" was accepted into the Rehoboth Art League Regional Juried Photograph Exhibition at the Corkran Gallery, Jan 31 - March 8, 2020.

- **Norm Bell** had three images accepted into both the Fifth Annual Rehoboth Art League Juried Photography Exhibition as well as the Maryland Federation of Art's Lowe House 2020 Exhibition. One image – “*Abandoned*” – was accepted in both juried events.
 - **Larry Reese's** image “*On the Road*” received 1st Runner Up in the 2019 AAA World Photo Contest.
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Equipment & Materials For Sale

- Chris Jewett is selling a 27” iMac with Retina 5K display for \$500. He can provide a list of all the "ingredients" that come with it. Contact Chris at cfjewett50@gmail.com
- Chris also has a handful of those Tidewater Camera Club thumb drives for \$20 each. Ask him at the next meeting.



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