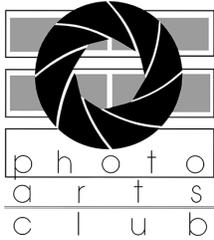


May 2023



The Viewpoint

From the President:

Thank you again everyone for stepping up to make the Annual Photography Contest such a great event.

We've had many visitors and have seen a greater interest from the community about learning more about our organization.

Just a few reminders we have more events coming up that we are going to need help with.

First being the Annual May Sale.

Now is the time to swap out your images if you are interested in selling /displaying them.

Also sign up to host .

We are looking for volunteers to host during the **May Sale**.

Friday, May 12 10a-noon
 noon till 4pm
 4p till 8pm

Saturday, May 13
 10a-noon
 Noon-5pm

Contact Michelekipplen@gmail.com to sign up.

First place
intermediate
assignment



First Place
Advanced
Assignment



Additional news:

I would like to welcome the following Board Members for 2023- 2024

President- Michele Kipplen

Vice President- Ross Ellet

Secretary– Carolyn Ford

Treasurer- Michele Ross (Mickey)

Past President—Wennie Anderson

Board Members- Charlie Mather

Mary Mather

Laurie Dietrich

Donna Gottschalk

The contact information for board members is available at the end of the Viewpoint.

Committee Chairpersons- All these committees below could use an assistant chair. If you are interested please reach out to the respective members listed.

Membership/ Monthly Contest Chair- Jack Myers
(jmyers@roadrunner.com)

Newsletter-Mary Mather (mmather@toast2.net)

Studio Group- John Dillon (jdillon356@aol.com)

Lightroom- Charlie Mather (matherc@yahoo.com)

Education Chair seat is still open

Annual Contest Chair-Charlie Mather (matherc@yahoo.com)

Heralding Holidays- Wennie Anderson (wennieanderson120@gmail.com)

**We have a volunteer to take over the position of Secretary.
Carolyn Ford**

Michele Kipplen (michelekipplen@gmail.com)

2023 Garden Events — **Items in Bold We Participate In**

*Artists clubhouses are closed during Jazz in the Garden events.

Crosby Arts Fest is yet to be scheduled

May Dates:

May Sale: May 12 10am-8pm

May 13 10am-4pm

June Dates:

Saturday June 17, 2023 1:30 - 6:00 Rose Show

Sunday June 18, 2023 10:00 - 4:00 Rose Show

July Dates:

Thursday July 6, 2023, 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday July 13, 2023, 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Sunday July 20, 2023 1:00 - 4:00 Hosta Festival

Thursday July 27, 2023 , 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

August Dates:

Thursday, Aug 3, 6:30 Jazz In The Garden

Thursday , August 10, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Saturday August 12, 2023 11:00-4:00 Art In The Garden

Thursday, August 17, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday, August 24, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

Thursday, August 31, 2023 ,6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

September Dates:

Thursday, September 7, 2023 6:30 **Jazz In The Garden**

December Dates:

Friday December 1, 2023 4:00-8:00 **Heralding The Holidays**

Saturday December 2, 2023 10:00-5:00 **Heralding The Holidays**

Sunday December 3, 2023 11:00-4:00 **Heralding The Holidays**

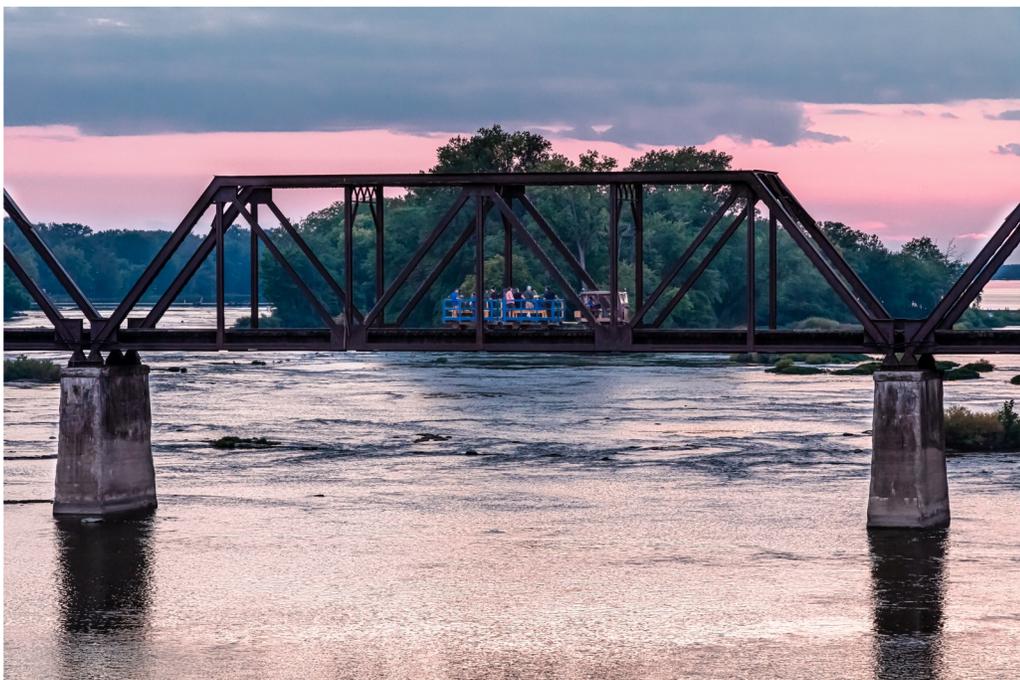
Photo Shoot at Historic St Patrick's Church

Photo outing: On April 16th, we had the opportunity to take pictures of the **Historic St Patrick's Church**, inside and out. There were 11 people that came to the church to take pictures. We will meet again. Time and day will be announced. You may use a tripod. Please make sure it does not have spikes protruding out on the feet. You do not need to sign up for this.

Jack Myers (jmyers@roadrunner.com)

Another Photo Shoot on June 3

We will have another opportunity to shoot the sunset on the Maumee River from the Grand Rapids railroad bridge on **June 3rd**. We will board the 'people' carts at 8:30 PM for the 9:00 PM sunset. The cost is \$10 per person, tripods are allowed. I will send out an email in a few weeks asking for people to sign up. We may be limited on space, I'll know that by the next email. We have invited the Toledo Camera Club and Topics Camera Club to join us. This picture from an earlier trip is by Jerry Lohman.



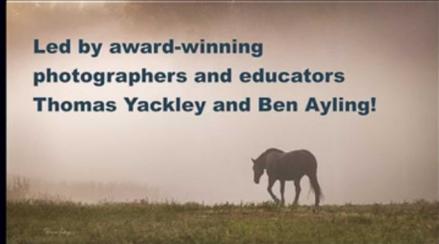
Great Smoky Mountains Workshops

May 10-13 or October 11-14, 2023

New PACT member, [Ben Ayling](#) is teaming up with Atlanta-based landscape and nature photographer [Thomas Yackley](#) to lead two photo workshops in the Great Smoky Mountains. Both are award-winning photographers and career educators. Ben and Tom recently traveled together for a 25-day photo trip to Alaska and will spend 11 days in the Rocky Mountains National Park this April. Check out their webpages by clicking their names above.

Join us as we photograph the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains, the most popular of America's National Parks for a reason! We'll photograph intimate landscapes and great vistas, from streams, cascades, and overlooks to historic buildings.

<https://www.thomasyackley.com/workshops-and-classes>

	<p>Great Smoky Mountains Landscape Photography Workshop</p> 	
<p>Led by award-winning photographers and educators Thomas Yackley and Ben Ayling!</p> 	<p>May 10-13, 2023 or October 11-14 (with optional elk add-on 10/15)</p> <p>For more info and to register, go to https://www.thomasyackley.com/workshops-and-classes</p>	

JUNE 18th – TRI-STATE SCENIC EXCURSION

All-day, roundtrip steam excursion between Edon, Ohio, and Hillsdale, Michigan on Father's Day. Tickets start at \$99.00.

JUNE 24th – ICE CREAM TRAINS

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola, Indiana. Tickets start at \$15.00.

JULY 7th & 8th – WINE & CHOCOLATE TRAIN

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola for passengers 21-and-over. Tickets start at \$75.00.

JULY 13th – 15th – INDIANA RAIL CAMP

Immersive, three-day railroad skills and educational camp for young adults to develop their passions and skills, and for scouts to earn their Railroad Merit Badge. Camp admission and registration TBA.

JULY 15th – WINE & WHISKEY TRAIN

Steam-powered train ride departing Angola for passengers 21-and-over. Tickets start at \$75.00.

JULY 16th – ICE CREAM TRAINS

Diesel-powered train rides departing Angola. Tickets start at \$15.00.

JULY 29th & 30th – RAILROAD OPEN HOUSE

Featuring Little River Railroad, Gramling Locomotive Works, and Nickel Plate Road no. 765. Admission is free. Ticket prices TBA.

JULY 19th – SOUTH MILFORD MEMORIAL DEDICATION TRAIN

Steam train ride departing South Milford, Indiana. Ticket price TBA.

AUGUST 20th – TAILS, ALES & RAILS

Train rides for good dogs and their owners departing Pleasant Lake, Indiana. Tickets are \$45.00.

OCTOBER 7th & 8th – INDIANA FALL COLOR TRAIN

All-day steam excursions departing Pleasant Lake for Hillsdale. Tickets start at \$99.00.

OCTOBER 14th & 15th – MICHIGAN FALL COLOR TRAIN

Steam & diesel excursion departing Hillsdale for Angola. Tickets start at \$99.00.

NOVEMBER 24th-26th – CHRISTMAS CABOOSE RIDES

Traditional diesel-powered Christmas train rides and group charters aboard Santa's caboose in New Haven, Indiana. Tickets start at \$10.00.

DECEMBER 8TH-10th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at \$35.00.

DECEMBER 15TH – 17th – INDIANA SANTA TRAIN

Diesel-powered holiday train excursions and events departing Pleasant Lake. Tickets start at \$35.00.

The Indiana Rail Experience is a partnership between the [Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society](#) and the [Indiana Northeastern](#)

Education Nights

Previous presentations from Steve Stalker, Michele Kipplen, Donna Gottschalk and Kelly Chalfant are available on the Website.

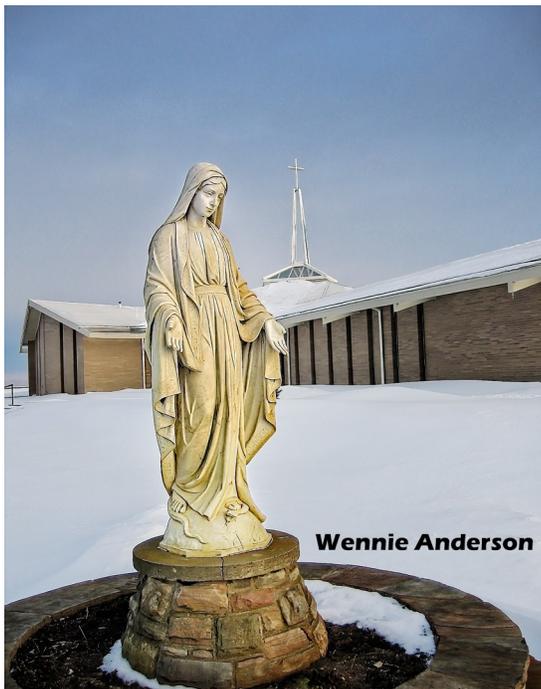
Jack Myers and Charlie Mather conducted an Education Night on **April 13th**. It was a critique night via Zoom. Members submitted 1-2 jpeg photos to either Charlie (matherc@yahoo.com) or Jack (jrmyers@roadrunner.com). They reviewed them together, and used Lightroom to make some suggested changes. In the past, members have used the suggested changes and submitted the photo in a contest.

May 11th, Steve Stalker will do a presentation on flash photography in the clubhouse at 7 pm.

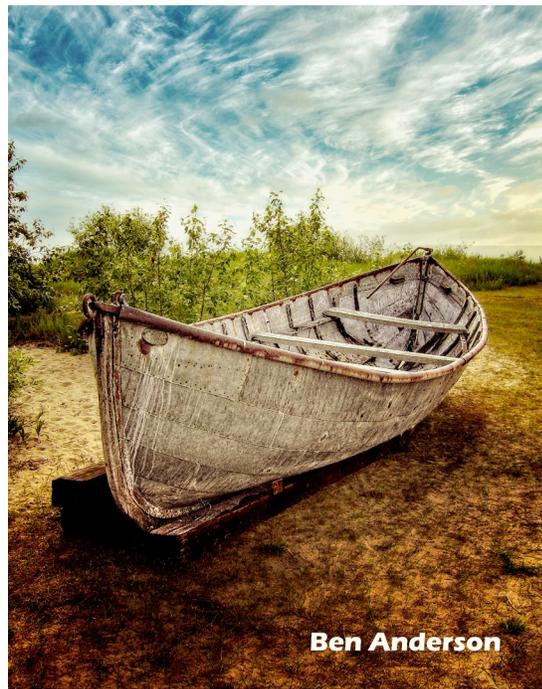
Future Education Nights

Airborne and Static Airshow Photography

1st place
intermediate open



1st Place Advanced Open



Improve Your Photography

Improve Your Photography: There will be two Improve Your Photography classes this year, if we have enough people signed up. The Summer classes start June 20th, skipping Tuesday July 4th. The Fall classes start September 12th. We have four persons signed up so far. Reach out to family and friends to invite them to join.



Places to Have Your Photos Printed (From Members)

[CanvasHq.com](https://www.canvashq.com) for canvas prints, they do extra bracing that other canvas printers don't do. Also 30% off when signing up for a free pro account. Finerworks.com out of texas for fine art prints.. lots of choices of fine art print papers.

Metalmouthprints.com for aluminum prints. The "facemount killer" option adds an epoxy overlay on the aluminum. pricey (doubles the price) but very cool.

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professional photo lab delivering the highest quality online photo printing. We make only the best quality photo books, albums, prints, canvas & metal. AdoramaPix is now [Printique.www.printique.com](http://www.printique.com).

I like their selection of papers, they have a good selection of sizes, mounting options etc. For just prints, it's a very economical option. They also offer printing on glass, metal, canvas and acrylic, though I have not yet tried any of these.

Jamie Van Natta

<https://www.mpix.com/>

Great quality and fast turnaround. I usually receive prints within 4-5 days.

Chris Boesel

I have always used Walmart Photo for convenience and pricing. The photo gift collection contains many original concepts and prints can be either glossy or matte. I use matte exclusively. Also, you can have one hour service or home delivery in regards to prints. All you need to do is establish an online account or you can use the photo kiosks at Walmart/Sam's Club.

Carolyn Ford

Printing Photos (continued)

I have been using Khohne's as their work is top notch, in my opinion. Their pricing is also commensurate with quality and is limiting to one's budget. However, after hearing much of the discussion at the April Print Contest, I'm very interested in learning about additional services.

Ben

C: 330.842-2423

Owner, Ben Ayling Photography

<https://benayling.zenfolio.com/>

Committee Meetings

The Studio Group will meet on Saturday May 20th in the clubhouse. Time is 10-noon.

This month we will be playing with light painting. There are many different ways of doing this, and we are ready to try any and all.

Please let **John Dillon** know if you are planning on attending.

jdillon356@aol.com

Lightroom will meet on Zoom on 3rd Monday of June (June 19th) at 7pm. Content to be discussed is open to discussion. Zoom link is on the calendar on the website. Contact **Charlie Mather** if you have suggestions or questions.

matherc@yahoo.com

Judging Criteria

ARTISTIC / Wow Factor

This is the most important and possibly the simplest. The judge should ask, does this image have impact? Does it stand out? Is the image appealing? Does the image interest the viewer; provide the viewer pleasure/interest or effectively communicate a message?

COMPOSITION / Creativity

What compositional or creative elements such as color, light leading lines, subject placement, cropping, etc.-make the image work and add to the composition or take away from it? In the assignment division, does the image relate to the subject of the assignment?

- Cropping
- Subject Placement
- Rule of Thirds
- Lines
- Shapes
- Texture
- Good Eye Movement

TECHNICAL

How do the technical elements such as exposure, selective focusing, print quality, Sharpness, etc. contribute to the image?

- Appropriate to the Category
- Quality of the Presentation (mounting)
- Subject Sharp
- Good Background
- Unique Angle or Treatment
- Good Use of Color, Tone, Contrast

Membership: There are currently 64 members, 34 are competing, 2 members are in the grace period.

Membership renewals:

James Unger

New Members:

Kathy Nelson

Susan Shull

Monthly Contest: The April monthly contest was a print contest and had 19 entries from 8 members. The April contest was held in the clubhouse. We had a nice question and answer afterwards, members asking about where to get prints made, what is the judging criteria, and how often we would like to have print competitions.

Competition assignments:

May – Shot of glass in any form or function

June-Depth of Field Show F stop in or out of focus Bokan

July-Street Photography

August-Macro Shot

September—Arches

Category	Level	Place	Photographer	Title
Assignment	Intermediate	1st	Jamie Van Natta	Sunset Hills
		2nd	Jamie Van Natta	Boardwalk Rainbows
		3rd	Wennie Anderson	I Left The Light on For You
		3rd	Nancy Walles	Summer Gaze
		HM	Nancy Walles	Misty Morning
Assignment	Advanced	1st	Ben Ayling	Canyon Sunbeams
		2nd	Jack Myers	Seed of Dreams
		3rd	Ben Ayling	Tuscany Morning Scene
Open	Intermediate	1st	Wennie Anderson	Full of Grace
		2nd	Wennie Anderson	Ninja and Cowboy
Open	Advanced	1st	Ben Anderson	Old Lifesaver
		2nd	Jack Myers	Old Town Hall
		3rd	Jeff Walles	Hey Mom Wait For Me!
		HM	Jeff Walles	Town Hall

The **2023 Annual Contest** is on display until Saturday May 6th from Noon to 4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. **Photographers should pick up their entries on Sunday May 7th from Noon to 4 pm at the Secor Center at Secor Metropark.**

Special congratulations to Xavier Adair in the Youth category for winning the Peoples' Choice Award which includes a 12x18 metal print from Kohne Camera and the Print Refinery.



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Membership - Jack Myers - jrmyers@roadrunner.com
Newsletter - Mary Mather - mmather@toast2.net

For more information about the happenings or Zoom links to the meetings please check out the website.

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/club/clubschedules.aspx>.