"Virtual" Meeting Agenda

January 5, 2022

Hobbyists Camera Club

Meeting Agenda

- Welcome
- Monthly assignment slideshow
- 2022 Photo Exhibition Ideas
- 2022 Photo Contest
- Changing our Photography in 2022
- Winter Photography Tips
- Winter Macro Photography Ideas
- Monthly Assignment
- Photo critiques

Hobbyists Camera Club

The Hobbyists Camera Club
is 13 years old

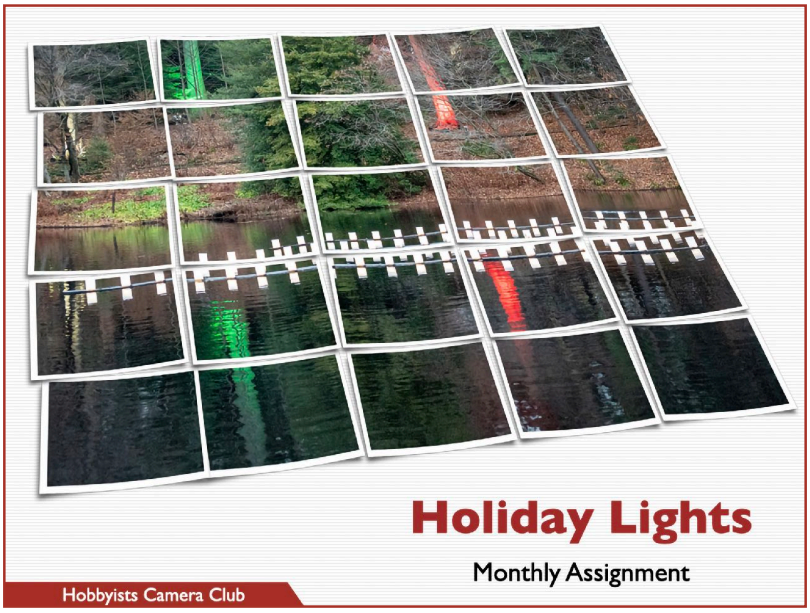
Thanks for your continued support

HCC Financial Statement

Balance on 1.1.20	$83.15
Collected in 2020	$68.00
Spent in 2020	$205 (*)
Balance on 1.1.22	-$53.85

(*) The 2020 contest prizes still have to be paid

Monthly Assignment Slideshow



View slideshow at
https://youtu.be/qN4XDSdQ_2M

2022 Photo Exhibition Ideas

Photo Exhibition Recap

- As you might remember, last month I asked for ideas on a possible Photo Exhibition in 2022.
- Bill Reade has checked the availability of the Passaic Art Center in Hawthorn and they confirmed an availability of the Center for our exhibition in Summer or Fall 2022.
- Given the present opening hours (NOT on weekends) I suggest to go for the Fall slot since by then (hopefully) the Center will be open on weekends as well.
- Lou Fucito will talk about the possible exhibition at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood and details will follow (i.e. exhibition date, opening hours, photo locations, etc.)
- Do we want to have one or two exhibitions?

2022 Photo Contest

HCC Photo Contest

- After the one years hiatus due to the pandemic, I would like to resume our traditional Photo Contest among all the Camera Club Members.
- The Photo Contest topic is:

BEST 2020-2021 PHOTOS

- Only photos taken in 2020-2021 are allowed.
- All photos will be entered in one single pot.
- To simplify the judging process, each member can submit a max of **2** photos.

HCC Photo Contest

- Submission deadline: **February 4, 2022**
- Submission must be sent to me (in original size) via WeTransfer
- Judging Procedure:
  - All entries will be posted on our web site in an album
  - An email will be sent to ALL our members asking them to pick the top 3 photos
  - The votes will be sent via email to Scott Abbey (scott.g.abbey@gmail.com) that will tally them.
  - The top 10 photos will be critiqued and judged by the Camera Club members attending the March 2022 meeting.
- The winners will be picked during the March 2022 Camera Club Meeting.

Changing our Photography in 2022

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- As I mentioned many times, the beauty of our photography hobby is that we can continue to evolve it and learn new ways to improve the overall quality and impact of the photos we take.
- At the beginning of the new year, traditionally we might make a lot of resolutions and some of them might be about our hobbies.
- There are many ways to improve our photography and the following video gives us 7 tips on how to do it.

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How to improve our Photography

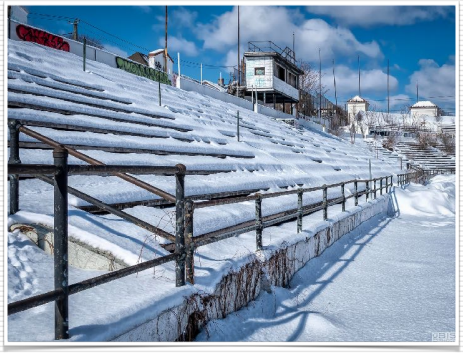
View video at
https://youtube.com/watch?v=Ag9fl3vZ24g

Winter Photography Tips

Winter Photography Tips

- We might feel that winter around us might not be too conducive for outdoor activities (including photography) but, if we decide to go out, you might be pleasantly surprised of the photos you can take during the winter months.
- Actually, if I look back at the photos I took in 2021, some of my best ones where taken during the winter months.
- Winter photography does pose though some unique challenges and the following video gives us some tips on how to successfully shoot in winter.

Winter photos



Winter Photography Tips

View video at
https://youtube.com/watch?v=MJafQ8DoJuk

Winter Macro Photography Ideas

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- When we think of macro photography, we generally associate it to close ups of flowers details and insects that unfortunately are not available during the winter months in the are where we live.
- This does not mean that we have to "pause" our macro photography if we are interested in it.
- The following short video gives us some ideas on how to create beautiful macro photography even during the cold, winter months.
- If you don't own a macro lens or extension tubes, you can still get some decent macro photos using a long telephoto lens at its longest range.

Winter Macro Ideas

View video at
https://youtube.com/watch?v=LkcNAZXfcrA

Monthly Assignment

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Crayons & Coloring Pencils

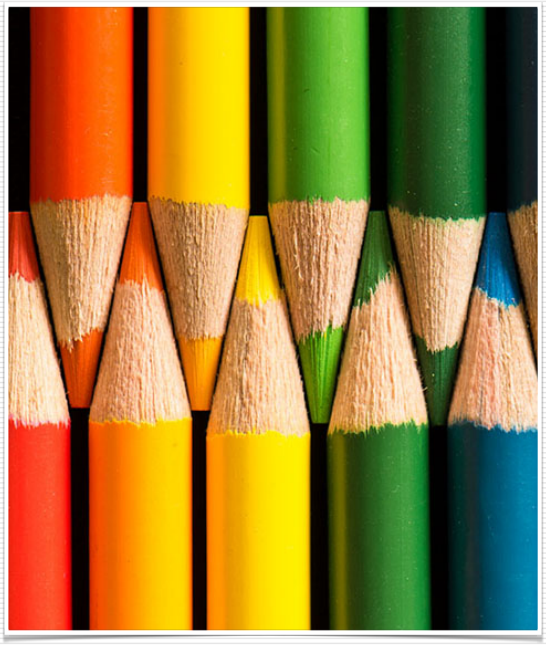

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Photo Critiques

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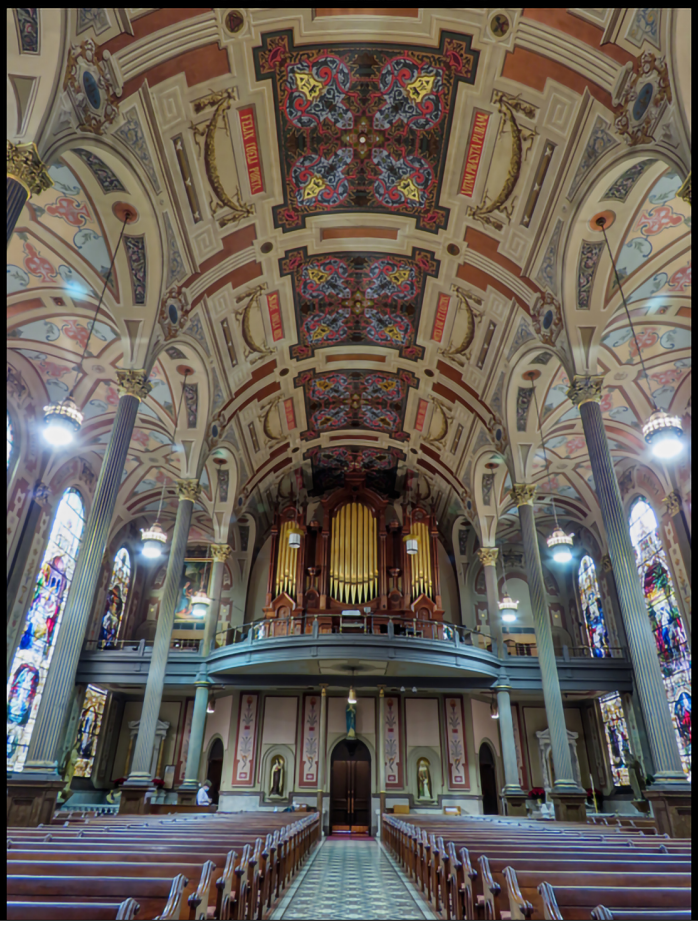
- As we have done in the last meetings, we are going to end today's meeting with another photo critique.
- Remember that the main purpose of these critiques is to "learn" from other people on how to possibly improve the appeal of our photos.

Dennis Portsmore

Bill Reade

Craig Ellison



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Calendar

Wednesday February 2, 2022
Camera Club Meeting

Thanks