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"Jonah" - Carol Bader

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Casements Camera Club Est 1976

Promoting the Art of Photography and the unlimited expanse of imagination and creativity

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Greetings CCC members. I open this month's newsletter with flowers in the header. How does that saying go? "April showers bring May flowers." (It's almost May, but the flowers are here.) How blessed we are to enjoy the warmth and the fresh fragrance of Spring. My neighbor (part timer) returned to PA for the summer, only to be greeted with snow. My stepson who lives in WI called crying "we're having a blizzard. We have 3 feet of snow and it's forecast for more." Soooooo, take a minute and count your blessings. Savor the warmth, greenery and vast array of colors in bloom that our Florida Spring is giving us!!!!!! On to the news.

RECAP Unfortunately I was unable to attend the March meeting, thus Ans wrote the following review about the meeting:

"In the March 22nd meeting member Donna Armstrong showed us a perfect slideshow (made with Photodex's ProShow Gold) of "Indochina November 2017". Kudos to Donna for these spectacular images. After a refreshment break the board presented two more slideshows with examples of the January black & white challenge and the February close-up/macro challenge. Thanks to everyone participating. It's not easy to make a daily picture for 14 days!

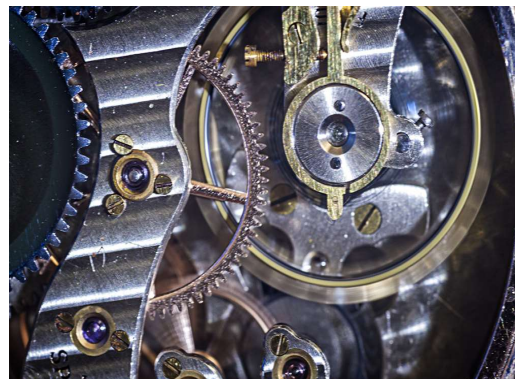
We thank Debbie Perez for donating the ProShow Producer program back to the Camera Club; one lucky member donated enough money to get this program for a steal! And to top this well attended meeting off we signed on two new members; Deborah Berry and Jim Hoolsema.



Donna Armstrog—Vietnam Life



January Challenge---Jaci Hanson



February Challenge—Ans van Beek Torkington

APRIL 26 MEETING

-CCC member Herb Paynter will present his program “Mastering Image Tonality” this month. You may recall that it was noted in a previous newsletter that Herb had been assigned a writer position for Digital School of Photography. It should prove to be a very informative presentation. Hope to see y'all there!!!

On Thursday evening April 12, ten members joined Ans at Al Weeks Sr. North Shore Park for a “Light Painting” Field Trip. The group photo from left to right: Ans, Paul Johnson, David Pruett, Kathleen Pruett, Sue Causey, Lucie Lachance, Rick Seiler, Marie Butts, Linda Johnson, Gloria Lotzer and Linda Harrington.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS—Deborah Berry and Jim Hoolsema. We are happy to welcome you to the club as we look forward to your creativity!!!!

CONGRATS---The Photography Club of Flagler County announced it's winners for their March contest. CCC members Vicki Payne took 1st place, Donna Armstrong took 2nd place and Adelet Kegley took 3rd place. Congratulations to each of you!!!

Patti Swenson is planning a trip to the The Alaska Bear Camp Tour in July. Spaces fill fast. If interested, please contact Patti.

Lake Clark National Park: The Alaska Bear Camp Tour
July 24- July 27, 2019 Price: \$2895



Only 14 people can reserve a spot: Contact Patti Swenson 907- 223-4299
wildflower1353@yahoo.com for more details.

EDITOR'S NOTE

With the news somewhat light this month I thought I might close this newsletter on a different note. Oh no, what is Stan doing now? Firstly, I proudly attest to being a second generation native Floridian! Florida may be described as a state with warm winters and hot summers with the fury of hurricanes. It is described as a state with exotic beaches on both of it's coasts. As a photographer I ask, where can you wake up and photograph a breathtaking sunrise over the ocean and drive a few hours and capture that same breathtaking scene, but as a sunset over the Gulf? Florida is known for it's vast array of amusement parks imparting smiles to millions of visitors from around the world.

Where am I going with this? Please be patient with me. I would like to elaborate on an email I received from Ans earlier this month. She sent me an image for the newsletter header, but I decided to run with it in a different manner especially when she stated, "Stan, I could not believe that Florida has _____!!!" (No profanity LOL) I am leaving it blank until I add a little more to this blog.

There are 164 State Parks in Florida and these parks relinquish many hidden photography treasures, and quite frankly, our Panhandle is one those hidden treasures. The word I left blank from Ans' statements is "**caverns.**"



Florida Caverns State Park—Ans van Beek Torkington

That was the image Ans sent me from Florida Caverns State Park, just outside of Marianna. I had to smile and I replied that there were more treasures in the Panhandle. I told her about the Apalachicola Buffs and Ravines Preserve, outside of Bristol, which has 150 foot cliffs. Wakulla Springs State Park is 14 miles south of Tallahassee and proudly boasts of the filming sites for Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan. Besides being the State Capitol, Tallahassee features Alfred B Maclay Gardens State Park, that I might add is in full bloom as I write and it's a flower photographer's dream!

And my point to all of this is quite simple. As photographers, we have so many opportunities within the boundaries of our state. So, GET OUT THERE, EXPLORE AND SHOOT!!!

Until _____

Stan