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**Casements Camera Club**  
Est 1976  
<http://www.casementscameraclub.com>

Meetings - 4th Thursday monthly  
7:00 PM at the Casements  
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Dear Casement Members,

Welcome to the January issue, and the new year. We're looking forward to quite a bit of excitement in 2023, including our Urban Florida exhibit at Southeast Museum of Photography at Daytona State College. Something a bit less known is the excellent Feedback Friday organized by Ans. It's a perfect opportunity to take advantage of the collective knowledge, talent, and skills of our club. Keep an eye out for the email Ans sends out before each Zoom meeting.

**For next month, I'd like to compile a list of painters (oil, watercolor, whatever) who fascinate, or inspire us. Or even perhaps an artistic look that you're drawn to? Who or what look calls to you? Email me at: [Nealas@msn.com](mailto:Nealas@msn.com)**

**Several members answered the call last month for their favorite or inspirational photographers. Debbie Perez** provided her all time favorite flower photographer, Kathleen Clemons, who also helped her learn to shoot with a lensbaby. <https://www.kathleenclemonsphotography.com/>  
Another of Debbie's favorite flower photographers is Anne Belmont. <https://www.annebelmontphotography.com/>  
And lastly, her good friend and fantastic photographer Jackie Kramer <https://jackiekramer.myportfolio.com/work>

**Alice Gipson** nominated Jason Lanier as one of her favorite youtubers and interesting photographers. <https://www.youtube.com/@JasonLanierPhotography>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSBMS24MkR4>

**Neala McCarten** is getting into compositing more and more, and found these tutorials and videos by Jai Johnson helpful and inspiring. <https://www.dailytexture.com/tutorials.html>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRaqzYs4HHk>

## Letter From the Board

### In November the board asked three questions:

- Should we change the meeting time;
- Should we open the club to new members; and
- Should we change the Zoom meeting time for Feedback Friday.

Although we didn't get the two-third majority (we needed 53 members and we had 30 for the afternoon time slot in question 1) we are going to try out the afternoon meeting time so **January 26 we meet from 3pm to 5pm.**

For questions 2, the majority of the respondents opted for opening the club with limitations. The board decided to try this with the people we had on the waiting list. At the moment 10 people have answered our email with a wish to become a member and we will meet them at the January meeting.

Thank you for all 49 members that answered our questions and we'll see you at the meeting.

### Club News

**Our December Holiday Party was a delicious success.** Although the perfect weather made it a bit difficult to see Ans' slideshow of our favorite images, we can all enjoy the show anytime we want at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JzyoKeffmM4> So click on the link and watch our excellent photography.

**A Special Thanks.** We received a special thanks from the Casements Guild for the tree we provided. Guild President Christine Davenport wrote: "Thank you for your contribution to the great success of the Casements Christmas Gala this year. Your tree was a wonderful addition to the Tree room and delighted everyone who strolled through the Christmas tree forest."

**The field trips were plentiful this month.** On December 13th the group went to Lake Eola. Ans reports "although we got rained on, we had a great walk in Downtown Orlando to Lake Eola and the Christmas decorations were awesome."



The intrepid photographers from left to right are: Nancy Zedar, Kathleen Pruet, Donna Armstrong, Lucie Lachance and Ans.



On December 27th the club went to Winter Park and Mead Botanical Garden. Ans reports the camellias were in bloom and they were fantastic. From left to right are Donna Armstrong, Jeanne Figurelli, Lucie Lachance, Donna Callmeyer, and Ans.



On January 10th the trip was to Jacksonville where Ans reports the group did both the South and North Riverwalk and had beautiful weather and ample opportunities for urban photography. From left to right are Ans, Kathleen Pruett, Nancy Zedar, Donna Armstrong, Lucie Lachance and Sylvia Rohmer.

On Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> there was one more field trip. This may have had the smallest turnout, but Ans reports that the intrepid group photographed the Daytona Boardwalk in golden and blue hour, leaving at 4:30 PM and walked from International Speedway till the Bandshell. According to Ans “Golden hour and blue hour were fantastic!” From left to right are Nancy Zedar, Richard Rosenthal, Lucie Lachance and Ans.



**A reminder...** The meeting on Thursday, January 26th will start at **3pm**. This is a test to see whether everyone likes it (with apologies to the working members). There will be a member presentation about composition, and several prospective new members have also been invited to attend. Don't forget dues are due!



**Did You Know?**

Man Ray's *Le Violon d'Ingres* (1924), a famed photograph depicting a nude woman's back overlaid with a violin's f-holes, sold for \$12.4 million in May, 2022. That sale set a record as the most expensive photograph ever sold at auction. <https://www.artnews.com/art-news/news/man-rays-famed-photograph-of-kiki-de-montparnasse-sells-for-record-12-4-m-1234628663/>