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**Casements Camera Club
Est 1976**

<http://www.casementscameraclub.com>

Meetings - 4th Thursday monthly
All meetings are from 3 PM to 5 PM
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In Memoriam Skip Lowery (By Ans van Beek Torkington)

Skip joined the club in January of 2011 and immediately won his first prize in the 18th Ebony & Ivory Show. And he kept on winning with his amazing images. In 2015 he won Best-of-Show in the Spring Exhibit and last year he won the coveted Casement's Award (plus an Honorable Mention) in the 44th Annual Show for his image Goldfinches. Skip was a wonderful human being and my friend.

He was an English professor at DBCC and gave us insights in the art of writing articles to go with our images. He passed away on May 1st in Georgia where he had a second home. He will be missed.

A memorial service is planned for the end of June. Ans will email when more information is available.



Club News

Last Month's Meeting

Last month's meeting took place on April 16th as the Casements was closed on our usual day. It featured field trip images from members and a short talk by the board about Creativity.

Upcoming May Meeting

This month meeting will be on May 22nd and features presenter Mark Battista from Connecticut via Zoom. He will speak on Composition - Shooting with Intent.

Mark Battista is a painter and fine art photographer specializing in portrait and still life photography. He graduated from Paier College of Art with a BFA, and earned an MS in art education from Southern Connecticut State University. He recently retired from teaching art after 35 years.



Mark's work has been internationally recognized, and he has won awards from organizations such as the Salmagundi Art Club in NYC, the New York Center For Photographic Arts, the American Artists Professional League, and the Connecticut Watercolor Society. He recently won the Grand Prize, and Second Place in an international exhibit through the New York Center for Photographic Art.

A nationally sought after speaker, Mark recently published two ebooks titled *The Art of Still Life Photography* and *Composition: Shooting With Intent* that are available through his website:

<http://www.markbattista.com>

In addition, copies of his ebook will be available at the meeting.



 <p>eBook Available</p> <p>COMPOSITION: SHOOTING WITH INTENT</p> <p>Mark will offer his eBook (regularly \$25) for \$20.</p> <p>The eBook covers using the art elements to communicate an idea, tell a story, and express an emotion. The book will help you work with intent, and create images with greater impact.</p> <p>Email Mark at m16battista@comcast.net and an invoice will be sent through PayPal.</p>	<p>CREATING STILL LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WITH A PAINTERLY APPROACH</p>  <p>EBOOK AVAILABLE</p> <p>Mark Battista will offer his ebook for \$20 (Regularly \$25).</p> <p>The book covers composition and lighting strategies, as well as ways for finding inspiration. Use of symbols and visual metaphors will also be addressed.</p> <p>Email Mark at m16battista@comcast.net and an invoice will be sent through PayPal.</p>
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Field Trip

On April 22nd members enjoyed a trip to Riverwalk Palatka.



Ans, new member Antje Nordman, Sue Causey, Joan Robinson, Jerry LeCrone, Debbie LeCrone, Jeanne Figurelli, Rick Seiler, and John Alger.

Our Latest Exhibition

The exhibit *Casements Camera Club Goes International* opened with a reception on May 8th. This beautiful exhibit includes 66 frameless 11x14" images, printed on metallic paper with a lustre coating. It showcases the beauty and diversity of Central Florida.

Twenty-eight Casement members participated as well as five Dutch photographers whose photographs were taken in February 2024 in Central Florida. All of the Dutch photographers joined the reception via Zoom and answered questions. This exhibit is a must-see. Come early to the May meeting and enjoy, or visit anytime Casements is open.



Top left: An overview of the exhibit
 Top right: Dutch photographer Ingrid Peters on the big screen.
 Bottom left: Donna's wonderful platter (light refreshments) and cookies

And that's it for this month. I'll be off in June on a riverboat adventure from Budapest to Amsterdam. But Stan will be reprising his editorship of the newsletter (thank you Stan!) and I'll be back in July. Have a great month.