A Thousand Words

COASTAL PHOTO CLUB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Karl Mielenhausen, President - Coastal Photo Club

Have You Heard? There are changes in the 2026-2027 Coastal Photo Club with four newly elected Executive Board members who will be taking over officially starting September 1st! They are already hard at work transitioning to their responsibilities.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to have led this club and want to thank you all for your support during my time as president. I appreciate the willingness of members who stepped up to teach us, applaud the growth we have seen in our members' photography skills, and thankful for our outreach into our community.

Words are not enough to thank all members of the Executive Board and committee chairs during the past year for their dedication and hard work to make so many opportunities available to you, the members. Doug Carawan put his heart into finding speakers, guest speakers. and judges for four years now. Several members stepped up when there was an unexpected need for replacements. John Steady, as a member-at-large, has continued to be the leader in mentorship plus contributing so much by creating and maintaining computer programs.

I am confident that Jeff, Gen, Alan, the Members at Large and the Committee Chairs (and their committee members) will bring new enthusiasm while continuing to build upon the opportunities, events and outreach in supporting us all in our photography journey. I encourage you to support them through meeting attendance, stepping up to help on a committee of your choice, and by participating in some small way.

It's been a privilege to serve as your CPC president this year.....

• Karl Mielenhausen

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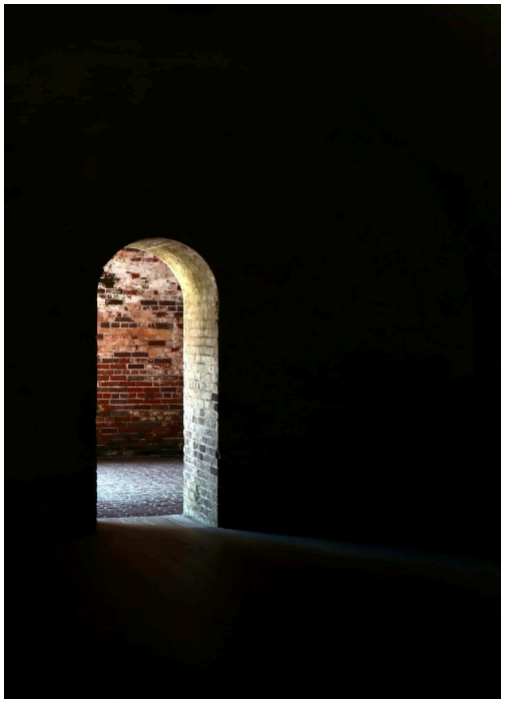
July Digital Competition Winners

Minimalism - Color

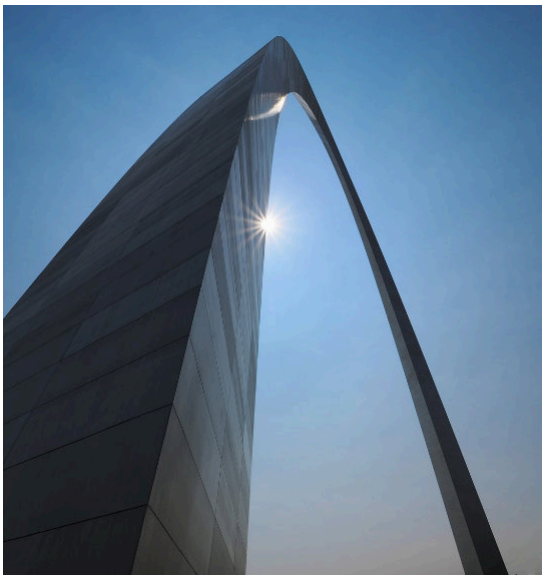
Our judges scored 27 images by 16 members. All images can be found at coastalphotoclub.com. CPC members can visit the "Members Only" tab to see all the images (with scores and judges' comments).



1st Place

The Way Out

by Doug West



2nd Place

Gateway Arch

by Arne Bendixen

3rd Place

Near Far

by Earl Spiece

Honorable Mention

Quiet Waters

by Cindy Pellegrini

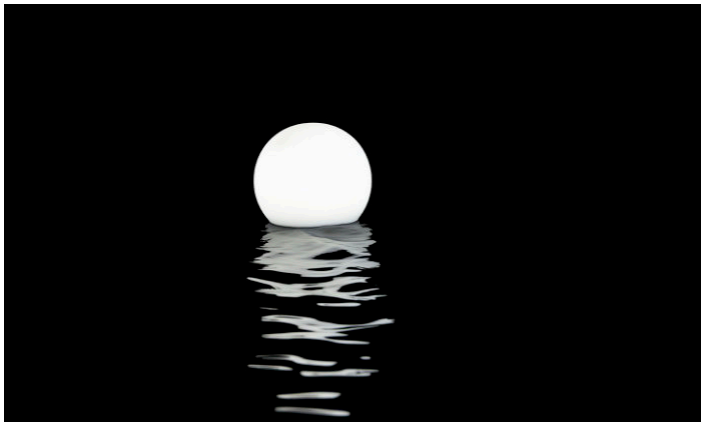
July Digital Competition Winners

Minimalism - Monochrome

Our judges scored 23 images submitted by 14 photographers. All images can be found at coastalphotoclub.com. CPC members can visit the "Members Only" tab to see all the images (with scores and judges' comments).

1st Place (Tie)
Dune Walker
by Claire Hageman

2nd Place
Vanish into Nothingness
by Earl Spiece



1st Place (Tie)
Sphere Afloat
by Richard Macquade

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3rd Place

Cog-nisant

by Alan Yoder

Honorable Mention

Above a Snowdrift

by Richard Macquade

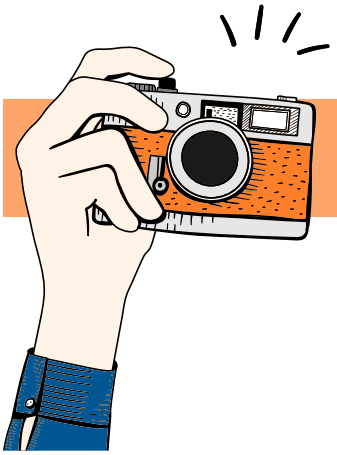
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2 Coffee and Cameras	3	4	5
6	7	8 Last day to judge Digital Competition!	9 Pop Up: Milky Way	10	11	12 CPC Monthly Meeting
13	14	15 Executive Board Meeting	16	17	18 MS Bike Ride	19 MS Bike Ride
20 MS Bike Ride Digital Comp images due!	21	22	23	24	25	26 Field Trip: Jones County Heritage Festival
27 NB Hunger Crop Walk	28	29	30 Camera Cafe	31	32	33

Check out the official CPC calendar in the "quick links" section of the CPC member's site!

Dues Reminder

The 2025-2026 membership year comes to a close on August 31st. While we received quite a few renewals through the mail and more at our August 8th monthly meeting, there are still many unpaid at this time. Please mail your completed form(s) and check as you will soon be in arrears with your dues. Starting September 1 you are not allowed to participate in any of the field trips, pop-ups, competitions, and other offerings provided to members. If you do not wish to renew, we will be sad to see you go but understand changes happen or perhaps we aren't a good fit for you. We would kindly appreciate a quick email to treasurer.coastal@gmail.com to inform us that you do not intend to renew.

The renewal form may be accessed at https://cpcmembersonly.weebly.com/membership-renewal.html



Submitted by: Tom McCabe

Photoshop Tip: "Near-IR Look"

A Dreamy, almost Infrared look – A relatively simple process

1) Open an image in Photoshop. Process as you normally would. Duplicate the image (Ctrl J/Cmd J)

2) Go to the Options Bar across the top and click on Image. In the drop-down menu click on Apply Image. In the flyout menu change the Blend Mode to Screen. This will brighten the image.

3) Duplicate this layer. Go to Filter > Blur > Gaussian Blur > 20 – 25 pixels.

4) Merge (Ctrl/Cmd E) the Screen and the Blur layers and change the

Blend Mode to Multiply.

5) Adjust layer opacity to taste. Flatten

Field Trip Spotlight

Eastern Carolina Village and Farm Museum

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			**5,993.43**
Deposits	07/02/2026	Individual Membership	25
	07/06/2026	2 Individual Membership	50
	07/07/2026	Individual Membership (part)	15
		Total Deposits	90
Debit	07/11/2026	Constant Contact	29.45
		Total Expenses	29.45
Outstanding Checks	04/11/2026	Judge Honorarium	50.00
Available Funds			6003.98

CPC Newsletter Archive

Missed a previous issue? The last 12 months of CPC Newsletters are available online.

A Thousand Words is the monthly digital newsletter emailed free to members and friends of the CPC. Items highlighting the activities of the club, news, opportunities, and awards, as well as member-submitted items related to the photography field are encouraged and welcomed.

The experience and accomplishments of our members are diverse, but we encourage learning and sharing. Members' photos for our club gallery are especially encouraged. All image rights reserved by the photographers.**Beginning**

About the Photographic Society of America (PSA)

The Photographic Society of America (PSA)founded in 1934, is a world-wide organization providing abundant resources for photographers, from the novice to the professional.

Membership is in over 80 countries, 5,000 members, 460 Camera Clubs and 11 Chapters across the United States.

Coastal Photo Club is a member of PSA.A benefit we are receiving is a professional judge evaluating/critiquing the monthly mini comps. Members are finding these comments quite helpful with their images as well as images of others in the competition.

You may want to consider joining this organization as an individual as a viable option in training for you. Annual individual digital membership is only $45. Benefits of membership include:

- Study Groups
- Online Photography Classes
- Webinars
- Personal Gallery Page
- Individual Competitions
- Member Discounts
- PSA-RecognizedExhibitions
- Photography Recognition
- Society Recognition
- Monthly Journal
- Mentors and Consultants

Visit PSAOnline or Facebook

About the Coastal Photo Club

Aspire • Learn • Develop

We provide a variety of opportunities for our members with the hope that each member will find something of interest. The best way to improve your photography is to get out and shoot. All of our activities and community service projects are designed to help our members learn. There are a lot of experiences for you to get involved in. We hope to see you at some of them.

Member Benefits

•**Web Portfolio**: Display and edit your portfolio at no charge on the CPC
web site.

•**Competition**: Challenge yourself and receive feedback on your work through monthly competitions available only to members. Two juried competitions annually.

•**Instruction**: In-house, hands-on workshops with experts and novices, and presentations by visiting pros make meetings interesting and useful.

•**Exhibit Your Work**: The CPC is regularly invited to mount exhibits in galleries and other public venues. Usually, you can offer your prints for sale.

•**Service**: Give back to the community by doing what you love. CPC members have the opportunity to volunteer as photographers for local nonprofit events and organizations.

•**Free Newsletter**: Our monthly newsletter offers photography tips and event information. Submit your own images for publication.

•**Field Trips**: Enhance and practice your skills in new settings. Group travel makes it fun and affordable. Past trips include Historical North Carolina towns, nature & wildlife settings and local outings in New Bern.

•**Discounts**: At redriverpaper.com/myclub, enter the club code "coastal" when placing your order. The club also gets a commission each time you order. Ballantyne Framing and Art in New Bern offers a 15% artist discount to active CPC members.

STAY CONNECTED

Facebook users, join our members only group and feel free to ask questions and/or advice from your fellow photographers, as well as share your images. Look for details in the weekly club emails.

2025-26 Club Officers & Board Members

Elected Officers

President
Karl Mielenhausen

Vice President
Doug Carawan

Secretary
Arlene Edwards

Treasurer
Claire Hageman

Standing Committee Chairs

Special Events & Community Service
Allen Stroud

Marketing & Public Relations
Joe Barta

Competition
Genevieve Rudock

Membership
Alan Yoder

Field Trips & Outings
Robbin Haigler

Webmaster
Alan Welch

Members at Large

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