A Thousand Words

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Monthly Digital Newsletter of the Coastal Photo Club • New Bern, N.C.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jeff Sherman,, President - Coastal Photo Club

This being my first article in our newsletter, I would like to take this time to thank our previous board, and committee members for their diligence, and commitment to the club. Together they have achieved making this photo club very effective in creating a community which enjoys teaching each other new photographic skills, as well as getting the group engaged with the outside community and making our presence known.

In order to maintain the success and effectiveness of this club we need more members to become involved on the different committees, and to participate in our various activities. Having just a few people who organize all the activities cannot maintain the club. The more members that are engaged the more active, and creative our club will become. Our members all have different experiences and perspectives, which can generate new ideas.

I am looking forward to having a great year learning, photographing, and having fun, with each and everyone of you. If you have any suggestions, or questions, please bring them to one of the board members.

-Jeff

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August Digital Competition Winners

Old Barns and Buildings - Color

Our judges scored 30 images by 18 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

Rural Vine Covered Barn

by Wayne Lytton

2nd Place

Framed by Time and Tetons

by Genevieve Rudock

3rd Place

The Last Homestead

by Genevieve Rudock

August Digital Competition Winners

Old Barns and Buildings - Color

Honorable Mention

Entrance to Another Age

by Jeff Sherman

Honorable Mention

Old Fishing Hut

by Monika Smith

August Digital Competition Winners

Old Barns and Buildings - Monochrome

Our judges scored 28 images submitted by 15 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
Weathering the Storm
by Steve Spaanbroek

2nd Place (tie)
Just Need Paint
by Chuck Colucci

2nd Place (tie)
Reclaimed by Nature
by Wayne Lytton

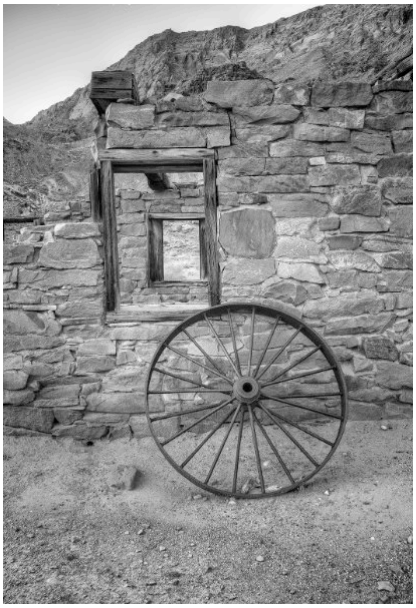
August Digital Competition Winners

Old Barns and Buildings - Monochrome

3rd Place

Still Standing

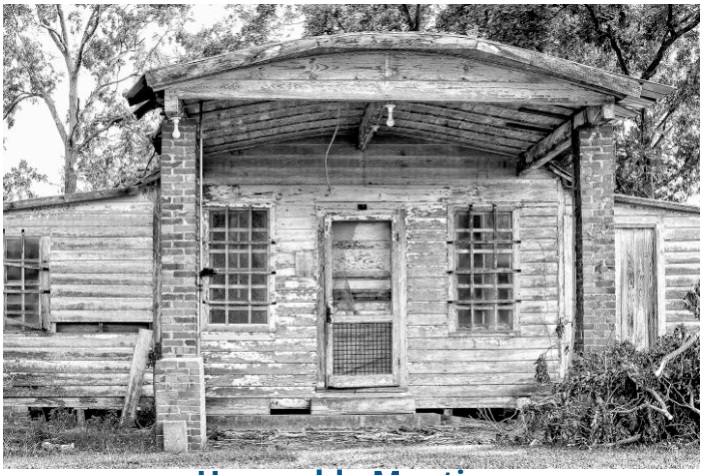
by Wayne Lytton



Honorable Mention

Passage to Nowhere

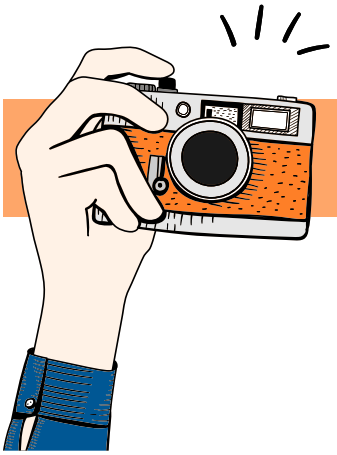
by Genevieve Rudock



Honorable Mention

Welcome Home

by Genevieve Rudockon



Submitted by: Cindy Pellegrini

Photograph birds – without the bird feeder

At September's meeting, several members proffered ways to photograph birds without capturing the bird feeders in our photographs. There's an even better way: ditch the bird feeders and go natural, instead. Briefly: plant native!

1. Plants make the right food at the right time and support birds' favorite food: insects and seeds.

2. Among your native plants, birds can maintain a healthy social distancing, not possible on a bird feeder.

3. Food is fresh, far more nutritious than fat-laden commercial seeds, and importantly, pesticide-free.

4. Plants don't need the frequent cleaning and disinfecting, or re-stocking that bird feeders do.

5. Plants provide cover from predators, shelter, and nesting sites, and they support entire ecosystems.

6. Plants provide beautiful settings for your photographs.

7. Best of all, plants will encourage more birds to nest in your yard, giving you more photographing opportunities!

Once planted and established, native plants are gifts that keep on giving, for photographers and importantly, for the birds they love to photograph.

WelcomeHomeWildlife.com offers suggestions for native plants which will attract birds.

Photo by Andrew McLaurin

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2 Bank of the Arts Dropoff	3 Bank of the Arts Dropoff Field Trip: St Gabriel Festival
4	5	6	7 Coffee & Cameras	8	9 Bank of the Arts Reception	10 Field Trip: Mumfest
11 Field Trip: Mumfest	12	13	14	15	16	17 Monthly Meeting Community Service: NB Historical Society
18	19	20 Digital Competition entries due	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Camera Cafe	29	30 Bank of the Arts Print pickup	31 Bank of the Arts Print Pickup

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

Field Trip Spotlight

Trenton Heritage Festival

CPC Word Search

Submitted by: Alan Welch

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Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance			**6053.98**
Deposits	08/10/2026	Individual Membership (35)	875
	08/10/2026	Family Membership (12)	480
	08/18/2026	Individual Membership (8)	125
	08/18/2026	Family Membership (2)	40
	08/29/2026	Individual Memberhip (6)	150
		Total Deposits	**1710**
Expenses	08/21/2026	Judge Honorarium	50.00
	08/10/2026	Constant Contact	29.45
	08/25/26	Signup Genius	107.89
		Total Expenses	**187.34**
		Available Funds	**7576.64**

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.

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