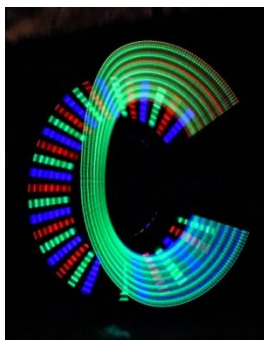


Pocono Photo Club

December 2017 Newsletter

Meeting News

The **December Meeting** is coming up soon. Have you been collecting pictures for our Christmas Acronym? You can do one or all-it's up to you. C- is for Christmas, H- is for Happy, R- is for Relative, I- is for Ice, S- is for Season, T- is for Tradition, M- is for Merry, A- is for Angelic, S- is for Snow. It's up to you to display your **prints** in whatever fashion you'd like and we'll take some time during the festivities to share the stories behind them. There will be a drawing for a grand prize from the names of all those who complete each letter. And maybe one or two surprises for the rest!



C is for Color by Bill Keenan

We'll also be selecting 10 pieces to represent Pocono Photo Club in the next Dunning Gallery Show. The theme "American Identity: Art that Expresses Social, Historical, and Political Issues in American Culture" has been chosen by the National Endowment for the Arts and Humanities and will be exhibited in the gallery from January 19 through May 18. Members are encouraged to bring up to 3 mounted/framed photos for consideration and selection. For more information on this exhibit, check out the details on our website.

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The meeting will take place at Northampton Community College (Monroe Campus) in the Keystone Building on December 19, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm. Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas goodies as part of our holiday festivities.

Hands-on Table Top Photography will return as the theme of our **January Meeting**. We will have an assortment of set-ups for you to experiment with, so bring your camera and tripod for some foto-fun. Our hands-on meetings are also a great place to ask questions and learn more about your gear or get some inspiration from

fellow members. The meeting will take place on January 16, 2018 at Northampton Community College (Monroe Campus) in the Keystone Building from 7 to 9 pm.

Shoot Out Info



Two Wreaths by Ann H. LeFevre

Come join us at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Allentown for the Wreaths Across America ceremony on this month's Shoot Out, December 16, 2017, 9:30 AM to 12 Noon. Sponsored by the Patriot Guard Riders, an internet-based support group for members of US military and public service employees such as the police, Wreaths Across America places Christmas greens on all the graves of US military members who gave their lives in the line of duty. The cemetery is located at 1700 Airport Rd., Allentown, PA. 18109. Members interested in carpooling to this event should meet at Lowe's in Bartonsville at 8:30 AM.

The next Shoot Out is scheduled for January 20, 2018 with location and time TBD. Watch for more details on the website, in emails and the next newsletter.

Please note that "Shoot Outs" are informal meet-ups and are not as such an "official" Club activity organized by PPC. Participants assume any and all liability that might/may be connected with their participation in a Shoot Out.

Opportunity is Knocking!



Did you know that PPC has two on-going displays in our area? We have an on-going display on the campus of ESU which all members are welcome to participate in. If you have a photo you'd like to contribute to this display, please contact Eric Goins at egoins43@yahoo.com. Our second display is up at Pleasant Valley Manor in Stroudsburg. Members sign up for a two-month commitment and can hang up to 6 pictures on a gallery-style hanging system. Currently there are several openings for members to sign up for. If you are interested and would like more details about the PVM display, contact Ann LeFevre at Olivetreeann@mail.com. There are no exhibit fees for either of these displays. Opportunity is knocking; it's time to let it in!

New Officers Elected

New officers were elected at the November meeting. They will assume their duties in January 2018.

President: Ray Roper

1st Vice President: Stephanie Masgula

2nd Vice President: Eric Goins

Secretary: Bill Keenan

Treasurer: Dick Ludwig

Webmaster: Ann LeFevre

Congratulations and best wishes to all our executive committee members of 2018

Executive Committee Meeting Notes

PPC Executive Committee Meeting Notes – 12/5/17

In attendance: Ann LeFevre, Eric Goins, Stephanie Masgula, Dick Ludwig, Sarina Cook, Bill Keenan, Ray Roper

The group discussed plans for the December general meeting, scheduled for Dec. 19. It will be a holiday social event, so executive committee members, and others, are asked to bring some holiday snack foods for popular enjoyment. Members are also asked to bring along a display of print photos that fit the acronym CHRISTMAS, as indicated below:

C – Christmas

H = Happy

R – Relatives

I – Ice

S – Season

T- Tradition

M – Merry

A – Angelic

S – Snow

We will also be selecting member photos for the Spring show at the Dunning Gallery. The theme is American Identity: Art that Expresses Social, Historical, and Political Issues in American Culture, and PPC members can bring up to three framed or mounted photos for consideration. Ten photos will be chosen during the meeting to include in the exhibition.

The January general meeting will tabletop offerings including lightbox set-ups, refraction pictures, water crown photos, and other offerings.

The committee also considered possibilities for other upcoming general meetings, including tutorials on Lightroom and other possible speakers. We also discussed the possibility of showing

YouTube videos on photographic subjects and discussing them with the group. Another possibility, that the club has done in the past, is to have one of more models at the meeting for a photo-shoot by members.

The December shootout will be on December 16 at Cedar Hills Cemetery in Allentown, PA. It will take in the “Wreaths Across America” ceremony commemorating deceased veterans across the U.S. The ceremony runs from 9:30 a.m. until noon. PPC members will be meeting in the Lowe’s parking area in Bartonsville at 8:30 a.m. to carpool to Allentown.

The January shoot-out is currently scheduled for either the 13th or 20th of January, though the subject is currently undetermined. (Suggestions from members will be appreciated.)

The committee determined that our budget for speakers in 2018 would remain the same as it was for 2017.

The club is also looking for additional member participants for the rotating photo exhibit at the Pleasant Valley Manor.

The Smithfield Township exhibit is up and will be showing from December 6 – 29 at the Smithfield Township Municipal Building. Details are available on our website.

The committee also had some preliminary discussion about getting a speaker lined up for the Middle Smithfield Township exhibit, which will be held at the Whispering Pines Country Club in Middle Smithfield in April. Details will be announced on the PPC website.

Another matter for discussion was how to increase member activity and visits to our PPC website. We’ll be looking for suggestions from members and others.



Looking Into the Future by Karen Keenan

**The Executive Committee wishes to extend
Warm holiday greetings to all our PPC members and their families
With our best wishes for a happy and photo-filled New Year!**