

Portsmouth, NH

October 2022



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**Emilie Talpin** 

Dear fellow camera club members,

This September certainly started with new energy as we are back at the Urban Forestry Center while still streaming online thanks to our amazing SCC team. A big shout out to Sue Mickey, Sharon Colacino, Colleen Goyer and Charlene Gaboriault for making this set up possible.

September was all about macro and nature. We enjoyed the first Speaker/Photo walk series with OM SYSTEM Ambassador Chris McGinnis. We also had a fantastic Zoom night of Tips for Competition organized by Deirdre and Matt (if you missed this Zoom, check for the link on the next page under Club News), and a Sunrise Paddle around Rye.

Now, what will happen this October? Well, we are welcoming our 2nd Speaker/Photo walk series with Amanda Kidd Kestler, director of the NHAA. She will speak about gallery exhibits and Renee Giffroy will take over the photo walk in the form of a framing workshop. Stay tuned for more info on how to register for this event.

We are also offering a *FREE* photo walk led by Ken Goldman (more info on Page 3) to prepare for our print competition in December and the exhibit at the Portsmouth Public Library in February. We will celebrate the 400-year anniversary of Portsmouth, so all of the photos will have to fit the Portsmouth theme. It is exciting to finally be back at the Library and be able to have our exhibit there. We are actively looking for one or two keynote speakers for our opening night, so if you want to nominate someone, please reach out to me.

Continue to learn and be inspired while in your car or doing the mundane tasks required on any given day. One thing I like to do as I drive to school is listen to podcasts on photography. Take a look on Page 5 for my five favorite podcasts I'm listening to right now!

I look forward to seeing all for Charles Needle's presentation on phone photography. In the meantime, keep clicking and making awesome photos!

Emilie Talpin









## CLUB NEWS

#### **RENEW YOUR SCC MEMBERSHIP**

A reminder that it's time to renew your membership! Dues have increased slightly to \$50 to help cover the cost of judges, presenters, and unforeseen events related to technology or location changes.

Please pay your dues by November 1st. If we do not have record of renewal by November 5th, you will automatically become inactive and will not get SCC emails, be able to compete, or have access to our private FB page. So renew now!

Please note: Members who wish to make an extra donation to support our club can now do so any time through the Website under Membership Dues!

To renew your membership, go to our website and click membership dues or send a check (must be received by November 5, 2022) to:

Deb Boulanger 22 Cinnamon Ridge Road Somersworth, NH 03878

Be sure to state that this is for your membership renewal. Thank you for your support!

#### TIPS FOR COMPETITION

If you missed the Zoom night on Insider Tips for Photo Competition, you can watch Deirdre and Matt's event using the link below. They gave us great tips on judging and how to prepare, name, and process our images. They also went over the criteria used to move from a B category to an A category and reminded us to challenge ourselves and not to get discouraged.

Link to watch the event:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/15ri6pY9BLi-AlxrxulzluirrxagrWMi6/view?usp=sharing

Some common judging criteria to keep in mind when submitting for your next competition: Different competitions (NANPA, NECCC and others) use varying criteria & rules. You should read about each of them before you submit.

We highly encourage you to read about each category before you submit to the SCC as well (see link below). Read the "rules". Disqualifications include: Landscape images that have a man-made object like a bridge or lighthouse, anything that has "the hand of man", cultivated flowers (Dahlia, Zinnia, etc.), and no watermarks or signatures. Any of these will result in a disqualification. Guidelines Link:

https://www.gatewaycameraclub.org/Downloads/0eed478e-4daf-4ba6-9745-170f81dd7a03?o=y

#### SCC SPEAKER/WALK SERIES - PORTSMOUTH PHOTO WALK WITH KEN GOLDMAN

This is a free event but you do need to email Emilie (<a href="mailto:emilietalpin@gmail.com">emilietalpin@gmail.com</a>) or Ken (<a href="mailto:ken.photo.geek@gmail.com">ken.photo.geek@gmail.com</a>) to let us know you are coming as spaces are limited.



Ken Goldman will be leading our next photo walk *Sunday October 16th at 8:30am*. The tour description from Ken Goldman:

"We will begin at 8:30 am at the North/Union Cemetery on Maplewood Avenue, go to the top of the Foundry Place Parking Garage to photograph Portsmouth from above, and then amble through several neighborhoods that are rarely photographed. While wandering through the neighborhoods I expect we will see neat old homes, trains, interesting adornments, two or three cemeteries, two parks, Halloween decorations, perhaps some sheep and more. I anticipate that, depending on the speed of the group, we will walk for around 2.5 hours and cover a bit over 3 miles...as we are photographers, I know there will be some locations where we will all want to spend a lot of time; and other locations we will just stroll through. As we wander, there will be several places where we can make decisions as to which way to proceed, depending on time and the desires of the group."

We hope to see you there. It is perfect to prepare us for our December print competition and Library exhibit.

#### OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

#### Our presenter is Charles Needle (https://charlesneedlephoto.com).

Charles will give a talk on "Creative Smartphone Photography". He is an award-winning, Colorado-based fine art photographer, author, speaker and workshop leader with a unique eye for design and artistic interpretation. His popular "Art of Nature" creative macro workshops have attracted students nationwide. Charles' photographs have selected for publication in Nature's Best, Outdoor Photographer magazine, Nature Photographer magazine, Inner Reflections Engagement Calendar, The Chicago Tribune, SELF Magazine and are in private and public collections nationwide and abroad.

Charles will join us via Zoom. This meeting will be held on Zoom (check your email for the link) and also projected on the big screen at the Urban Forestry Center (at 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH). It will be like going to the theater!

Feel free to BYO snacks and beverages (no alcohol) - and if you'd like bring some to share :)

As always, if you are not feeling well or just getting over a cold - please stay home. We encourage you bring your own masks. If you forget your mask, we will have some at the UFC. Thank you:)



## MEET OUR MEMBER ...

Each month we will feature one of our members. It's a fun way to get to know the people in our club! The questions are always the same - super easy to participate! If you'd like to be featured, please email Karen Harter (kharterphotos@gmail.com), otherwise we will select a member and contact you:)

#### This month's member feature is ... Deidre McEachern!



#### What do you shoot with?

I shoot with the new OM1. After about a year of online research, talking to other club members and trying out different cameras (thank you Matt Siler for letting me test drive your Fujis!) I bought the OM1 in May and I love it! Previously I shot for five years with a Nikon D3300 DSLR. The OM system is very compact & light weight which is great for my style of shooting.

#### What is your favorite lens and why?

This is a hard one! I love my Macro 60mm because I'm really into macro flower photography. On my wish-list is the OM 40-150mm when I need more reach and versatility.

#### What do you like to shoot, and why?

I love shooting flowers and plants from all angles and perspectives. I like to capture them in a way they are not normally seen...filling the entire frame with the blossom or selecting just a special element and using a macro lens to magnify it. I love discovering beautiful hidden symmetry or fine details you would only notice with magnification.

#### What's in your camera bag?

I do most of my shooting hand held so I have a new smaller "walkabout" waist bag that I carry with my OM1, my Macro 60mm F2.8 and my 12-100mm F4. I also carry a set of magnification filters, a diffuser and flash. Thank you to Emilie Talpin for showing me this versatile macro system! I also have a larger backpack camera bag I use for storing all of my gear at home, carrying my tripod and for traveling when I want to have everything with me.

# What have you learned in the last 6 months to a year, photographically, that has made all the difference?

I have learned it's good to stretch yourself outside of your comfort zone into all types of photography (portraits, still life, landscape, street, nature etc) to improve your skills but it's also just as important to not expect yourself to master all of these disciplines. It's too much! Instead, I have learned to remind myself to spend plenty of time on the areas of photography that thrill me most: right now that is flowers!

#### SCC FALL AT A GLANCE

#### **OCTOBER 2022**

Tuesday, October 11th on Zoom - "Phone Photography" presented by Charles Needle

Tuesday, October 26th at the Urban Forestry Center, Competition Macro & Open with Judge Emily Hojnowski

#### **NOVEMBER 2022**

Tuesday, November 8th on Zoom - "PhotoPills and How to Plan & Capture Sun, Moon & Milky Way Images presented by John Tunney

Tuesday, November 29th on Zoom - Competition Cellphone & Nature with Judge Charles Needle (NOTE: This is the LAST Tuesday of the month)

#### **DECEMBER 2022**

Tuesday, December 13th SCC will meet at the Seacoast Waldorf School for our Year-End Party and Print Competition!

Theme is Portsmouth, NH - to get ready for the Portsmouth 400 Anniversary and a Print Exhibit at the Portsmouth Public Library in February.

#### **EMILIE'S FAV PODCASTS**



Capturing Nature: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/capturing-nature/id1617794891">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/capturing-nature/id1617794891</a>



Impact: The Conservation Photography: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/impact-the-conservation-photography-podcast/id1497996060">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/impact-the-conservation-photography-podcast/id1497996060</a>



Outdoor Photography: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/outdoor-photography-podcast/">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/outdoor-photography-podcast/</a> id1557526197



Wild and Exposed: <a href="https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/wild-and-exposed-podcast/id1400603504">https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/wild-and-exposed-podcast/id1400603504</a>



Photo Taco:

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/photo-taco-podcast/id980781096



#### NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Shout out to our SCC Community - we need YOU to contribute to our newsletters!! Please contact us with any special achievements or announcements.

Email your news to Karen Harter (kharterphotos@gmail.com) or Lisa Tutinas (lisa.tutinas@gmail.com)

Please type SCC NEWSLETTER as the subject (otherwise we cannot guarantee it will be included in the newsletter). Include your contact information, attach any supporting documents or photos, and provide a short narrative.

Newsworthy contributions: photography related achievements, awards, exhibits, sold/published works, camera gear for sale, share your travel adventures/photos, processing tips, camera tips, etc.

### SCC PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE

If you are a new member we encourage you to join our Private Seacoast Camera Club Facebook group! It's a great way to connect with members and keep up to date on Club news.

Please contact our FB coordinator Susan Irene Correia through the SCC website.

#### 2022-2033 SCC COMMITTEE

Co-Presidents - Shirley Reed & Emilie Talpin
Vice President - Sue Mickey
Treasurer and Membership Coordinator – Deb Boulanger
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