



Action Items this issue



- ... [Attend](#) our Holiday Party!
- ... [Sign up](#) for our next Field Trip
- ... [Mark your calendar](#) for a *bonus* meeting in early January with Bryan Peterson

President's Message

By the time you read this, you should be fully recovered from over indulging the feast of Thanksgiving. I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday as much as we did. This is a holiday that affirms the value of tradition. On black Friday, I realized I owed my wife & kids some gift suggestions. That made me think about what I wanted photographically.

Topaz Labs had a great half-price sale on their suite of Lightroom & Photoshop plug-ins. They have grown an endless number of creative image processing options with 17 different plug-ins now, each with more choices than you imagine. Good news is that they have on-line video training. ON1 also offered a 20% price reduction on their suite of photo processing software. ON1 can be used as a standalone or as plug-in for LR or PS. Of course the best deal for LR & PS plug-ins is the Google NIK software collection of 7 plug-ins, which they provide free of charge. If you haven't downloaded NIK yet, you should do it now! Get CREATIVE, try new things and use these plug-ins as part of your workflow process. Have some FUN. We have 6 more themed competitions coming up that offer opportunities for everyone to think about what image you want to create and



then, go and shoot it. Maybe you'll use the new camera or lens you bought on black Friday.

In just a few days, on Thursday Dec 8th, we'll have our holiday party. Always plenty of fun and great opportunity to chat and get to know our members better. Significant others are invited, so make it a family event. We'll have games and prizes. Speaking of prizes, bring a matted photo featuring our theme of "veins" for our member's choice award. I'm looking forward to seeing you there. You all have my best wishes for the holidays and a Happy New Year!

--Fred Chitty

Field trips

Marine Graduation and Base Tour, Parris Island, SC December 9

This impressive one hour ceremony culminates nine weeks of basic training of two platoons of recruits. Following the ceremony, we will tour the base and the Marine Museum. We will eat lunch at the commissary and will return to Lowes by 3:00. **This trip is limited to 20.**



To sign up for the trip send an email to Gerry Fagan at gerryf1@metrocast.net **by December 1.** INCLUDE YOUR DATE OF BIRTH WHICH IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS

We will leave the Lowes Parking lot at 7:30 in order to arrive in time for the 9:00 ceremony.

Mark your calendars and save these dates for upcoming trips:

(Click on the trip for additional information)

- **Jan 20** [Sun City Model railroad](#)
- **Feb 3** [Wormsloe](#) State park, Savannah GA
- **Mar 21** [Old Sheldon Church](#), Yemassee, S.C.
- **Apr 6** [Nemours Wildlife](#), Yemassee, S.C.
- **Apr 18** [Francis Beidler Forest](#), Harleysville, S.C.
- **May 10** [Donnaly & Bear island WMA](#), Green pond, S.C.

Our carpools organize at the Lowes in Bluffton; we always meet in the north side of the parking lot behind Chick-fil-a.

Questions, comments or suggestions regarding our field trips, contact:
Gerry Fagan gerryf1@metrocast.net or 603-387-1855



Last month's field trip:

11 club members took the field trip to the Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey. See the [Field Trip Galleries](#) on the club website to see photos by our participants.

Competition committee news

January Competition Theme: *Still Life*

Winter is the perfect time to stay inside and be creative with various subjects that make great still life images. Use natural light or whatever works for you, try something new.

This is a "Digital Competition," no print. The judging will be done online a few days before the meeting. The judge will view the images on a high definition monitor to make sure that the rendering of color and details are accurate. More details in the January newsletter.

Deadline will be 4 days before the meeting, January 20 at midnight.

Moving Up One Level

Congratulations to the following members for reaching a new level of expertise:

- **Trish Cosentino** and **Suzi Huisman** from Novice to Intermediate
- **Gretchen Nickel** from Intermediate to Advanced
- **Natalie Nelson** and **Bill Schmitt** from Advanced to Expert

November Competition Winners

Our theme was *Symmetry*. Our presenter, Mollie Isaacs, selected the following winners...

Novice level

1st place: Trish Cosentino, *The Drooping Windsock*



Intermediate level

1st place: Rachelle Jeffery, *Chairs on Parade*

2nd place: Diane Michael, *Fishing*

3rd place: Gretchen Nickel, *Summer's Gone*



Advanced level

1st place: Bill Schmitt, *Thunderbirds Six*

2nd place: Gerry Fagan, *Pretty Ride*

3rd place: Linda O'Rourke, *Peaceful Symmetry*



Expert level

1st place: Jean-Marie Côté, *Kaléidoscope*

2nd place: Al Heacox, *Loblolly Cone*

3rd place: Donna Varner, *Rich St. Bridge*

Holiday Party

December 8 - 6pm

OLLI Facility

Food: Attendees should bring either an appetizer or a dessert.

Drink: CCHHI will furnish soft drinks, plates, cups, napkins, etc. If you prefer something a bit stronger than a soft drink, feel free to BYOB.

And more! There will be door prizes, a raffle, and good fun to be had by all. Come enjoy some holiday cheer with you fellow photographers!



photo by Linda O'Rourke

Please RSVP to: Natalie Nelson at tallyann2009@hotmail.com

Our Holiday party includes our annual *Peoples Choice* event.

As published, the theme is ***Veins***. Approach this in a very generic context, expressing form and shapes that are connected to a main core. For more ideas and suggestions with this theme, see what's on the [CCHHI web site](#).

This is a **print event**. All members attending the Holiday Party will be able to vote for their favorite image, regardless of the level you are in. This is *not* a competition, just a fun and participative event.

You must **register your entry online** and **bring a print**, but **no need to submit a digital file**.

Next Meeting: December 8

CCHHI typically meets at 7 pm the fourth Tuesday of every month, September through June.

Please note that this month's

Bryan Peterson to Speak

Bryan Peterson will speak on January 9 at a special meeting open to all club members.

This meeting will be held at the Palmetto Electric Community Room, located at One

meeting is the [Holiday Party](#),
[December 8](#).

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
2 Mathews Court, Suites B&C



Of Member Interest...

Audubon Bird Count

If birds are your favorite photo subject, you might be interested in participating in the annual Hilton Head Audubon Christmas Bird Count, Thursday, December 15.

A program of the National Audubon Society, the activity is part of an early-winter bird census, where thousands of volunteers across the Western Hemisphere go out over a 24-hour period on one calendar day to identify and count birds. We spread out across Hilton Head and Daufuskie Islands, parts of Bluffton and our waterways to identify species and count each bird we see in our 15-mile diameter circle.

If you are interested in participating or if you have questions, please contact Susan Murphy at (843) 686-3733 or murphy3733@roadrunner.com

Cooperative Way, Hardeeville, SC
(located just off of US 278, between Sun City and the Super Walmart).

Lightroom Users Group

meets the first Monday of the month at OLLI. This group is dedicated to all things Lightroom including: what's new, how-to's, trouble-shooting, users tips and tricks. Questions? contact [Bill Schmitt](#)



Final frame...

A drive past the [Dove Street Festival of Lights](#) at Shelter Cove this week reminded me again of how much fun it is to photograph Holiday lights.

Getting a great capture of hundreds of colorful lights makes for delightful memories. The light display also gives you the opportunity to play. Try "painting" some colorful abstracts by moving the camera, zooming in and out, blurring your focus, or using the multiple exposure feature (if your camera has one).

Once you get going, you'll immediately notice how much you can learn from an exercise like this.

Hilton Head book update

If you submitted images to the Hilton Head Book project, Lydia Inglett Publishing will be notifying contributors of acceptance after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Facebook is coming to CCHHI

A group of members is currently testing a CCHHI facebook page which we hope to roll out in January. This will be a place where you can share images, get opinions and pointers, and connect with other club members. Stay tuned!



The Photographer's Corner Walker Evans

Walker Evans (1903-1975) is best known for his photography for the Farm Security Administration. He was born on November 3, 1903 in St. Louis, Missouri, and began taking photographs in 1928. During the Great Depression Walker Evans worked for the FSA documenting the hardships and poverty of the era, focusing on the rural south. Walker Evans died April 10, 1975. [Click here](#) to learn more about Walker Evans.

Last month's presenter, Mollie Isaacs, encouraged us to get to know our gear and how it works in order to get the photos we envision. Photographing holiday lights is a great way to practice that. It tests knowledge of basics such as ISO, metering, white balance, shutter speed, etc. It calls for controlling for the difference between how the camera "sees" and how we see. Practice makes perfect, and what a fun way to practice your technical skills!

Happy Shooting and Happy
Holidays!
--dv

Have something for the newsletter?

E-mail your information for review to drdonna1@hargray.com.

For consideration for the next newsletter, send no later than one week before the 1st of the month. Keep your message short and your images small.

Banner photo: This month's photo appears courtesy of yours truly. If you'd like to submit an image for possible use in the banner, here are the requirements: **sharp, simple subject, uncluttered background, croppable to a narrow horizontal.**

This is not a contest. Simply seeking designs that will work with the banner layout. Size your image **650 pixels on the long side, 72ppi** (and at least 250 high), and send to drdonna1@hargray.com.



The Camera Club of Hilton Head Island is a member of the Photographic Society of America. [Click here](#) to visit the PSA website!

Are you new to CCHHI?

Learn everything you need to know about the Camera Club on our website, starting with your [Newcomer's Guide](#). Need anything else? Just ask any of us!

CCHHI wishes Happy Holidays to All!

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