

SPPC Perspective

The Seven Ponds Photography Club, formed in 2009, was created to promote the advancement of photography as an art. The purpose of the club is to bring together persons of like mind who are dedicated to the advancement of their skills by association with other members, through the study of the work of others and through spirited and friendly competition. The club exists to offer opportunities for all to share knowledge within the club and in the community, through exhibitions and programs that excite interest in the knowledge and practice of all branches of photography.

Sept 6th – Getting it Right in the Camera

On September 6th, SPPC will welcome Bob Rentschler. Bob is the Photography Program Co-ordination Director for Mott Community College and will be presenting on “Getting it Right in the Camera”.



Getting it Right in the Camera

1. What does that mean?
2. Is it a technical consideration?
3. Is it a composition issue?
4. Is it a lack of sharpness, focus?

Join us as we explore these important issues and help you unlock your potential. And in the process, we will "Get it Right in the Camera"!

Karen Ormiston Memories



It is with a sad heart that we share the news of the loss of one of our SPPC members Karen Ormiston.

Karen was an active SPPC member that also served on the SPPC Board 2014-2016 and participated in many events and expos.

She will be greatly missed.

Images Karen left with us can be found on Page 2.

2020 - 2021 SPPC Board Member Nominations and Election

In accordance with the [SPPC Constitution](#) and [By-laws](#), the SPPC will be holding an election for the board members to serve in 2020 and 2021 calendar years.

1. Elections are to be held every two years at the first meeting in November with new officers assuming their duties on January 1, 2020.
2. Next Election and pizza party will be held on : Friday Nov 1, 2019
3. Any member may nominate another member for a Board position including him/her self.
4. A member must accept the nomination to be on the ballot.
5. Nominations for the Ballot are due: **Friday, October 4, 2019 Noon.**
6. If you would like to run for a spot on the board for the 2020-2021 season. Please email your name to: 7pondsphotoexpo@gmail.com

Nominations will be published in the October/November Newsletter, prior to the 11-1-2019 Election Night. To learn more visit the [SPPC website](#) and review the [SPPC Constitution](#) and [By-laws](#).

Current Board Members for 2018 - 2019

Jim Lewis - President /DPD Print Competition

LeeAnn McLane-Goetz- VP1 - Secretary

Bobbie Lewis -VP2

Dave Ulman - Treasurer

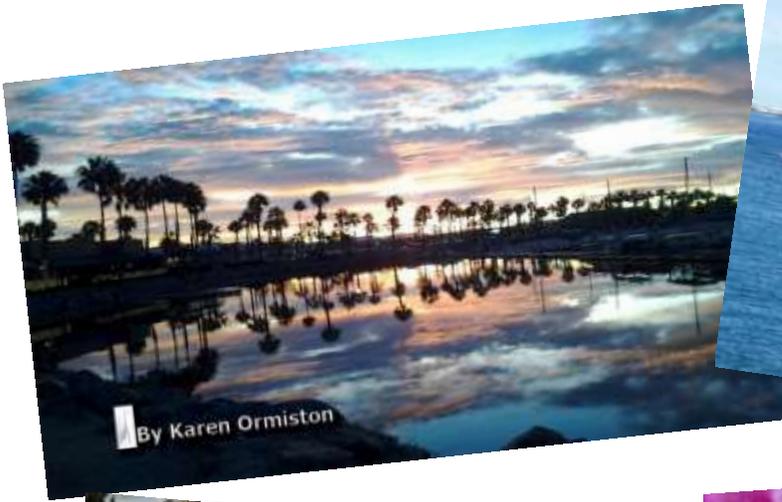
Hank Lewis - DPD Print Competition

Todd Bielby - Board Member

Stu Davis - Board Member - 1st-week image manager

Mike Mercier - Board Member

Karen Ormiston Images



SPPC Scavenger Hunt

A fun time was had by all. Twenty Seven Ponds Photography club members braved the high heat and humidity on July 5, 2019 to capture the items on the scavenger hunt list on the trails at Seven Ponds Nature Center. The images captured were donated to Seven Ponds Nature Center. These images were shown at the Aug 5, 2019 meeting. If you missed the meeting and would like to see the images from the scavenger hunt please visit:

[LINK TO IMAGES https://jimlewisphoto.smugmug.com/7-Ponds/SPPC-Scavenger-Hunt-2019/n-CtDSns/](https://jimlewisphoto.smugmug.com/7-Ponds/SPPC-Scavenger-Hunt-2019/n-CtDSns/)



A special thank you to our SPPC members for sharing their images: Gaylene Barker, Kathy Bolio, William Bolio, Ben Bolio-Drews, Dana Braunings, Tina Daniels, David Daniels, Stu Davis, Karen Edwards, Ginger Fricke, Kristin Grudzien, Darnell Hargrave, Tom Harpootlian, Linda Hoogterp, LeeAnn McLane-Goetz, Mike Mercier, Karen Page, Mary Shier, Tim Toland, Dale Vronch

SPPC Party at the Ponds Back Wall Art Display

Seven Ponds Photo club provided a total of 20 images taken at Seven Ponds from six of our SPPC members. A big thank you to: Bill Bolio, Rodney Campbell, Tina Daniels, Kristin Grudzien, LeeAnn McLane-Goetz and Dale Vronch.



On August 10, 2019 the visitors at Party on the Ponds were asked to pick their 5 favorite images from the 20 posted on the back wall. We had 142 visitors casting their ballots x 5 favorite images for a total of 710 votes. The images are staying on the back wall and will be for sale for the entire month of August. With 20% of all sales going as a donation to Seven Ponds Nature Center. During the event we sold 4 images. (Congratulations on the sales goes to SPPC member Bill Bolio.)

A special thank you to Seven Ponds Nature Center Dianne Rankin for creating a button for our photo club at the front desk so that we can accept charge cards. Dianne has agreed to do the bookkeeping and write a check to the artist minus 20% for Seven Ponds for any sale.

A special thank you to our hosts on 8-10-2019 for guiding our visitors thru the voting process. Thank you Tina Daniels, Kristin Grudzien, and LeeAnn McLane-Goetz.

The top 5 images as voted on by the visitors are:

Title of Art for sale	SPPC Member	Votes	Place
Blue Heron	LeeAnn McLane-Goetz	90	1st
Sunset at SPNC - Canvas	LeeAnn McLane-Goetz	79	2nd
Red Trillium	Kristin Grudzien	61	3rd
Sunrise on a snowy day	Kristin Grudzien	47	4th
The Garden	Rodney Campbell	43	5th

These images will be for sale and show cased behind the front desk.

Dow Gardens Day Trip

Contributor Tina M Daniels

After much consideration and cajoling, I was able to convince David to drive me to the Dow Gardens and Whiting Forest in Midland MI. Unfortunately, we arrived much later than I would have preferred, however it was a good outing. I learned a few things from this trip: arrive early since they open at 9:00 am; bring lots of water and be prepared for multiple weddings and even larger crowds.

As we arrived, we noticed quite a large crowd of people being dropped off by buses and also noticed there were two sets of very large wedding parties being dropped off as well. After we paid the admission of \$10.00/person, we noticed a long line to get into the bathrooms. Apparently, one of the wedding party groups decided to use the public bathrooms to change their clothes and multiple patrons were forced to wait quite a long time to get into the bathrooms.



We decided to go and walk around to another bathroom that was listed on the map of the property. There were many flowers and plants in various stages of blooming and the fragrance from them was heavenly! As you stroll through the grounds, there are multiple benches to rest and view the scenic landscapes! Each bench has dedication markers on them from either individuals or organizations.

Many of the reflection ponds had plant vegetation growing making it difficult to get a good water reflection. Some of the ponds had Water Lilies growing, while others had various plants visible just beneath the surface of the water. Dragonflies and other aquatic insects were performing wonderful aerial acrobats! Each



area we visited had something to offer and provided the photographer wonderfully rich scenery for their visual canvases.

Overall, I think the trip was successful, despite our late arrival and the large crowds! I did notice a lot of the photographers we encountered agreed we would need to be there when the facility first opened, have a game plan on which area you wanted to photograph and be prepared for the crowds! Most stated they only stayed for a couple hours and usually left around 11 am. After 11 am, the sun was too high and the crowds usually doubled or tripled in size.



Next time, I think we will focus on the Whiting Forest and the above ground canopy walkway. I am hoping we can get there early enough to catch the dew on the pine needles and get great shots of the upper canopy in the early morning! I think taking the advice of the other photographers and focusing in on one area makes sense. Trying to see everything isn't practical and takes more time from you actually photographing the beautiful scenery.

As for lunch, we did stop at the Turkey Roost in Kawkawlin MI! It was just the next exit up on I-75 North! That truly made the trip worthwhile!!



Greenfield Village Trip

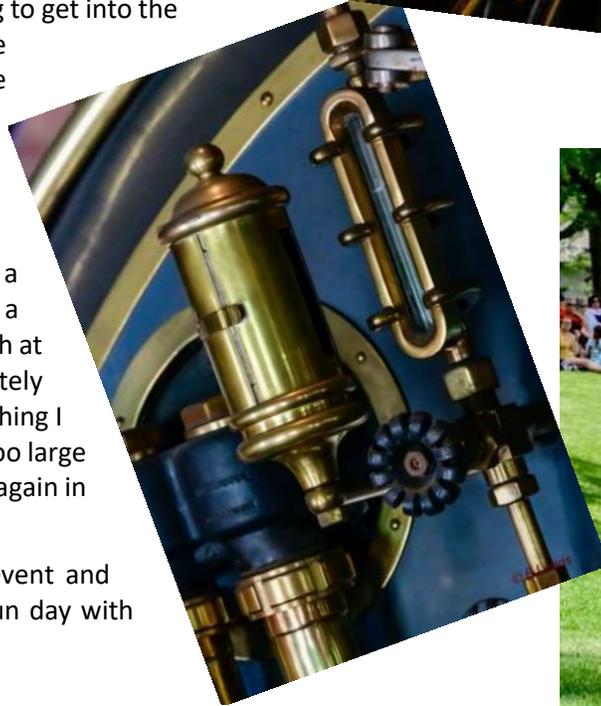
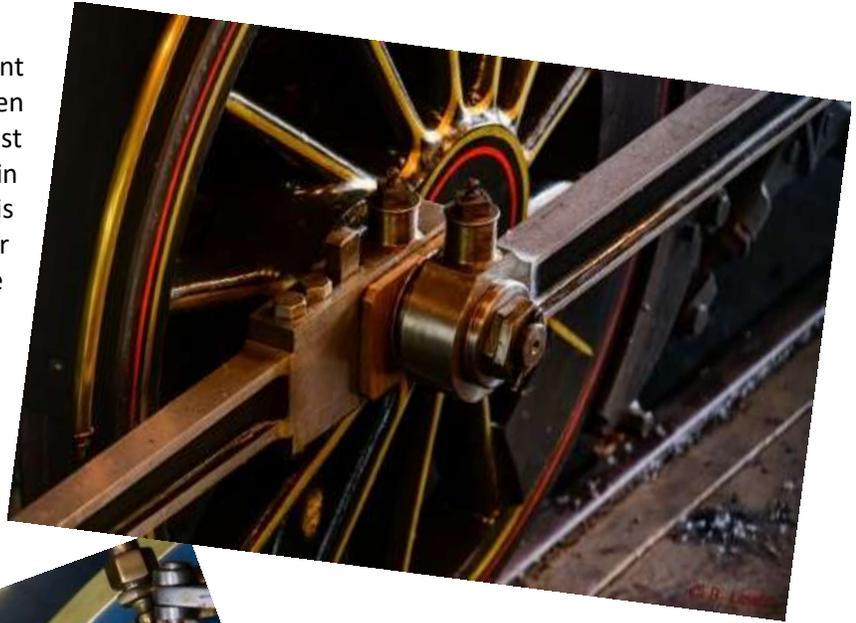
Contributor Bobbie Lewis

June 6th, 2019 the Seven Ponds Photography Club went to Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI. Kristen Grudzien was the lead and a great tour guide. It did take a bit just to get into the village, as Jim pointed out the fountain would be a great thing to practice shooting. He did is usual impromptu teaching lesson regarding shutter speed to either show sharp water droplets or the smooth flow of the water, and the first 30 minutes or so was spent at the fountain.

Once we got into the village, Melody Munro-Wolf and Jim Lewis stopped to take some images of the water wheel. After stopping at the Pottery Shop, Spofford Saw Mill and the Davidson-Garson Gallery of Glass for images we finally actually starting to get into the village. We all had a great time learning about photography and the history of the village.

Kristen was a great sport, because none of us knew where to go so she lead us around to some interesting historic sites including a vintage baseball game. Which was a blast to take images of. We had lunch at A Taste of History, and I would definitely recommend it if you go there. One thing I can say, we learned the village was too large to see in one day and plan to return again in the future.

Thanks to Kristen for leading the event and Melody and Jim for a making it a fun day with friends.



Metamora Hot Air Balloon Festival
Contributor LeeAnn McLaneGoetz

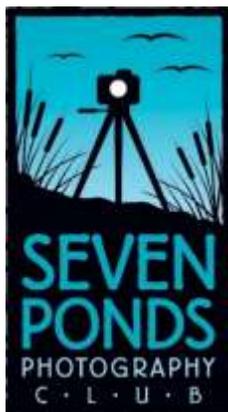
**Photo Credits: LeeAnn McLaneGoetz, Stu Davis
Tina Daniels and Bobbie Lewis.**

The SPPC photo club met on Friday August 23rd at the Metamora Country Days and Hot Air Balloon Festival.

We had beautiful weather and seen 20 balloons launch from the field between 5-8PM.

Special thank you to Stu and Deanna Davis for reserving a location and providing snacks. Attending where SPPC Members: Stu and Deanna Davis, Jim and Bobbie Lewis, Rich and LeeAnn McLaneGoetz, Kristin Grudzien, and Tina Daniels.





September/October 2019

SPPC - Activities and Events

Meeting Location
Seven Ponds Nature Center
3854 Crawford Road Dryden, MI 48428-9776

The Seven Ponds Photography Club holds its meetings on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. All meetings are open to members and nonmembers.

Guest Speakers & Events (1st Monday Meetings)

Sept 6 - Getting it Right in the Camera (Bob Rentschler)

Assignment Topics (Review @ 1st Monday Meetings)

Assignment Reviews are typically reviewed on the first Monday of the month following the assignment month, unless otherwise noted. Please send your images to 7pondsphoto@gmail.com, by noon on the day of the meeting.

- Sept** - Trains and Train Stations
- Oct** - Trees and Bushes

Club Outings

Sept 21st – Model Shoot CANCELLED
The Model Shoot scheduled for Sept 21st is **cancelled**.

Oct 28th – Tillson Street Photo Shoot
The [Tillson Street Photo Shoot](#), provides an opportunity to photograph Halloween Décor. This trip is being led by Stu Davis.

Club outing details change due to various reasons. Please check the [SPPC web sites "Photo Trips Meet Ups" tab](#) for current details.

Self-Guided Trips

- Labor Day Weekend - [Romeo Mi - Peach Festival](#)
- 10/5/2019 - [Marine City Mi -Pumpkinpolooza- Carved Pumpkins](#)
- 10/12 thru 10/13/2019 - [Bellevue Mi - Sandhill Crane & Art Festival](#)
- 11/15/2019 - [St. Clair Mi -Celebration of Lights and Santa's Lighted Parade](#)
- 11/26/2019 - [Marine City Mi -Lighted Santa Parade](#)
- 11/16 thru 12/21/2019 - [North Pole Express' Christmas train in Owosso Michigan](#)

No Meetings in December

As a reminder SPPC will not be having any meetings in the month of December. Have a fun and safe holiday season, and see you at the Pot Luck Dinner on January 3, 2020.

Newsletter Content

We are looking for members to contribute articles related to photography or club activities. Email your articles to Mark Robinson.

Meetings

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***** NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER *****

1st Friday meetings focus on educational presentations and monthly assignment photographs.

3rd Friday meetings are competition night, photographs submitted by members are scored and reviewed. Some photos are then sent to the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council (GDCCC) to compete with other clubs.

***** NO MEETINGS IN DECEMBER *****

Mentoring Sessions

Mentoring sessions are typically held the 4th Friday of each month please contact [Dale Vronch](#) if you plan to attend. Bring your laptop and an image to work on.

Helpful links:

- [SPPC Home Page](#) [SPPC Facebook Page](#)
- [SPPC Member's Shared Images](#) [GDCCC Home Page](#)