

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.

February 7th – Six Rivers Nature Conservatory & Photo Contest



Please join us on February 7th, at the club meeting, when Kristen Myers will review the Six Rivers Nature Conservatory & Photo Contest. Kristen is the Deputy Director for Six Rivers Land Conservancy. Kristen will give a short presentation about Six Rivers, land conservation,

nature preserves and properties under their protection in Dryden and Lapeer County, and their 2020 Nature Near You photo contest We hope you will join us!"

March 6th – Assessing the Scope of a Photographic Process

Mark Byrnes will be presenting on the topic "Assessing the Scope of a Photographic Project". This interesting and informative presentation will be held during our club meeting on March 6th, and we hope you can attend. Mark will cover 4 major topics during his discussion. These topics include: Knowing your objective and having a plan. Choosing and preparing



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Cold Weather and Your Camera

By: Mike Moats Photography

One of my blog friends asked how I protect my camera when using it out in the cold weather and then bringing it inside. When you take your camera from a warm house out into the cold it's not a problem, but re-entering back into the warm house can cause problems.

What I do is bring the camera indoors while in my bag, and let it sit in the bag until the warm air slowly penetrates the case, slowly warming the camera to room temps. If you bring the camera in from the cold and expose it to the warm air outside of the bag, it will form condensation (moisture) on the outside and possibly on the inside of the camera where we don't want moisture to be. By the slow warming method in the bag it doesn't cause the condensation. I let it sit about an hour to an hour and a half and then take it out of the bag. Some photographers may have other methods, but that's how I do it.

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<https://tinyurl.com/y2b4bvm8>

When people ask me what equipment I use – I tell them my eyes. — Anonymous

Walk at Bald Mountain State Park

Contributor – Tina Daniels

David and I decided to take a walk at Bald Mountain State Park located in Lake Orion, MI. We have driven past this park for many years and had never been there! The weather was a balmy 28 degrees with a light cool breeze in the air. As we made our way to the park, we discovered the main entrance on M 24 (Lapeer Rd) was closed. We were able to gain access off Harmon Rd and parked at one of the many well-posted trailheads.

As we made our way up the varying terrain, it became quickly apparent anyone planning on hiking the trail would definitely need hiking boots or muck-muck boots. We encountered muddy, rocky, root covered trails along with steep inclines and descents. Many of the trails were covered with leaves and under those leaves were loose rocks, thick tree roots and unseen dents in the ground. We truly enjoyed the many small lakes located in different sections of the trails. Another bonus was the various small bridges that allowed you to view the small streams and creek beds. There was signage for mountain bikes, hiking and snowshoe trails. There is also signage for the Massausaga Rattlesnake, which is a protected snake species. Be careful where you step while you are on the trail!

Unfortunately, I did not bring extra batteries and the cold weather killed my battery half way through our hike. There are wonderful opportunities for Macro photography along with fascinating landscape shots. As we made our way back to the car, we could truly say we had enjoyed our 2.5 hours hike at Bald Mountain State Park.

Items needed for the hike: hiking boots, muck boots, water, extra batteries for the cold weather, gloves and a thick coat depending on the weather.

Beauty can be seen in all things, seeing and composing the beauty is what separates the snapshot from the photograph. – Matt Hardy



2020 Kickoff and Pot Luck

This year got off to a great start at the annual Kickoff and Potluck meeting, 45 members and guests joined the festivities. Many of the members brought in their photographs and displayed them, around the room for everyone to enjoy and discuss.



The gathering opened with the pledge of allegiance lead by Mike Mercier. Jim Lewis then thanked the many volunteers that made last year a great success and introduced the current board members. A blessing for the food by Reverend Kelly Todd followed and everyone then enjoyed a wonderful pot luck dinner.

After the dinner Hank Lewis presented ribbons earned in the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council (GDCCC) 2019 competitions, the SPPC won a total of 72 Ribbons. 52 of the ribbons were for Digital Projection Division (DPD), and 19 in the Print Division (PD). A total of 174 images had been entered into DPD and 57 into PD.

LeeAnn won the 50/50 drawing, and donated her portion of the winnings back to the club. A multiple prize raffle was also conducted with a variety of prizes.

2020 SPPC Club Dues Will Increase Slightly Starting 3-1-2020

SPPC dues will increase starting March 1st, 2020 to \$15 for one member and \$20 for family or two or more members living at the same address.

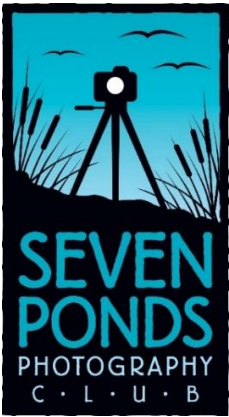
The club will honor the 2019 prices through Feb. 29, 2020.

As of March 1st, 2020 photo club members will have a new option of paying dues by credit card with a link that will be provided when the system goes live.

As always you will still be able to pay dues by cash or check also.

Remember...to avoid the increase, pay your dues before March 1st.





Winter - 2020

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)

Feb 7th - Six Rivers Nature Conservatory & Photo Contest (Kristen Myers)

Mar 6th - Assessing the Scope of a Photographic Project (Mark Byrnes)

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.

- Jan - Winter Wonder Land
- Feb - Love
- Mar - Something Green
- Apr - Water

Self-guided Trips

1/23 thru 1/28/2020

[Frankenmuth MI - Zehnder's Snowfest](#)

1/25/2020

[Frankenmuth MI - Zehnder FIREWORKS DISPLAY](#)

1/30 thru 2/2/2020

[Grand Rapids MI - Michigan International Auto Show](#)

2/1/2020

[Grand Rapids MI - Pro Bull Riding \(PBR\)](#)

3/6 thru 4/19/2020

[Midland MI - Dow Gardens Butterfly House](#)

3/14/2020

[Port Huron MI - St. Patrick's Parade](#)

3/15/2020

[Grand Rapids MI - Frederik Meijer Gardens Butterfly Photography Class](#)

Club Outings

Several outings are being planned for the spring including Dow Gardens (Midland), For-Mar Nature Preserve and Arboretum (Burton) and Greenfield Village (Dearborn). More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Newsletter Content

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

Meetings

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

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.

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.

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