

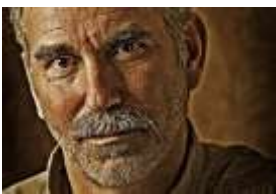


SPPC Perspective

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.

April 27th - Mike Moats Workshop and Midwest Sensor Cleaning Events

Mike Moats will be conducting a workshop at the Seven Ponds Nature Center on April 27. Mike is an



award winning professional macro photographer and has been published in various magazines for his work. This workshop is designed for beginner and advanced photographers. During the workshop Mike will present on a number of topics. Mike will discuss the equipment used in macro photography including various forms of lighting. Controlling depth of field and photo stacking techniques will be reviewed. Mike will also discuss finding good subject matter throughout the four seasons. Post processing techniques using popular post processing product will be included as well.

Students should bring writing material to the workshop, but no camera is required. A pizza lunch is included and macro related products will be available after the class for purchase.

The cost of this workshop is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. The fee is nonrefundable. Tickets will be available during club meetings or by e-mailing 7pondsphotoexpo@gmail.com.

[Midwest Camera](#) will be at the Seven Ponds Nature Center performing DSLR sensor cleanings for \$30, during the workshop.

For additional information on this workshop and sensor cleaning event please see the flyer, that is

available now, on the SPPC website under the Meetings tab and selecting [Workshop 4-27-2019](#).

Additional information on Mike you can be found at his web site, <http://www.tinylandscapes.com>.

April 5th – Robert Weir Will Be Presenting Photographing Wild Ducks

Robert Weir will be presenting at the SPPC April 5th meeting. Robert is an avid wildlife photographer from Washington, Michigan. Robert has spent two



full seasons observing and photographing the wildlife on a small pond within walking distance of his home. It has been a

labor of love for him, and he has enriched his life tremendously. Using a camouflage blind on the pond's edge has allowed him to capture intimate photos of many of the wildlife residents, including very shy birds, such as Kingfishers and Wood Ducks.

March 1st – Preparing for Competitions

Several SPPC Board members will be presenting a “how to” on preparing images for the SPPC, and the subsequent GDCCC, competitions at the March 1st meeting. This “how to” will discuss what members need to know to submit their images into the competitions. This presentation will include Information for the Print Division and the Digital Projection Division (DPD).

GDCCC 2018 EOY Awards Banquet

Contributor Mark Robinson

The Greater Detroit Camera Club Council (GDCCC) held its annual End of Year (EOY) Banquet on January 26th. The Banquet was held at the Venetian Club in Madison Heights Michigan and was hosted by the Motor City Camera Club. Thirteen members of the SPPC attended the event.

The event began with a social hour. During which guests could view the images that were submitted into the Digital Print competition.

Karen Banish, president of the Motor City Camera Club, welcomed the guest to the event following the social hour. Bob Olinski, VP of the GDCCC, delivered the Presidents Message. A buffet luncheon immediately followed, featuring roast beef and chicken.

As the luncheon concluded, an award ceremony

began. Sharon Cummings from Toledo Camera Club won Best in Show and Best in Competition, as well as numerous other awards. Three members of the SPPC received medal for their DPD images.



Bobbie Lewis received a 1st Place Medal for her image "Bam!" in the Nature Beginner category. Dave Stimac placed 2nd in the same category with his image "Booted Racket-tails 1". In the Color General Beginner category Roman Tornopilsky received a 2nd Place Medal with his image "Climber On The Ice, Ebon Cave". Congratulations to all three medal recipients. Several other club members received honorable mentions. You can view all the placing images and the honorable mentions on the [GDCCC website](#), be sure to include the month of November 2018 in your selection criteria.

Bill Buchanan then presented the Digital Projection Division (DPD) images that placed or received an honorable mention in the EOY DPD competition.

Bobbie Lewis - "Bam!"



Dave Stimac - "Booted Racket-tails 1"

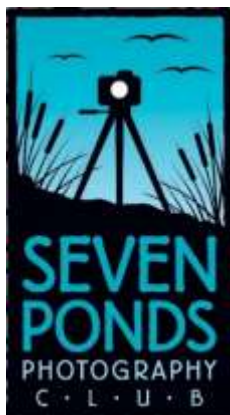


Roman Tornopilsky - "Climber On The Ice, Ebon Cave"



"Photography is the story I fail to put into words..."

- [Destin Sparks](#)



March/April 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)

- March 1 – Board Members, How to for Image Competitions
- April 5 – Robert Weir Will Be Presenting Photographing Wild Ducks

The Salon video, original scheduled for our February 1st meeting, will be shown in parts in future 1st Friday meetings as time permits.

Special Events

- April 27 - Mike Moats Workshop and Midwest And Sensor Cleaning Events

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.

- March - Americana
- April - Birds

Due to the cancellation of the February 1st meeting, we will be reviewing the November 2018 (Animals) and February (Something Cold) assignment at the March 1st meeting.

“Nothing happens when you sit at home. I always make it a point to carry a camera with me at all times...I just shoot at what interests me at that moment.” – [Elliott Erwitt](#)

Club Outings

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

We are still looking for volunteers to plan our outings for 2019. Please contact [LeeAnn McLaneGoetz](#) if you are interested in planning an event.

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
Helpful links:
[SPPC Home Page](#) [SPPC Facebook Page](#)
[SPPC User Group Facebook Page](#) [GDCCC Home Page](#)