



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.

November 1st – Board Election, Pizza Party and Image Share

Please be sure to make it to the November 1st meeting. In addition to reviewing assignment photos, we will have our bi-annual board member elections. As is the tradition for election night pizza will be provided. So come cast your vote and enjoy some pizza. Members and non-members are welcome but voting, will be limited to members. The following members are running for board positions:

- Bobbie Lewis
- Hank Lewis
- Jim Lewis
- Kristin Grudzien –New
- LeeAnn McLaneGoetz
- Mike Mercier
- Stu Davis
- Tim Toland – New
- Tina Daniels – New

For the assignment review portion off the meeting, Please submit any images any size to Stu Davis at 7pondsphoto@gmail.com by Noon 11-1-2019

“Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.”

- *Ansel Adams*

2020 - 2021 SPPC Board Member Nominations and Election

In accordance with the [SPPC Constitution](#) and [By-laws](#), the SPPC will be holding and 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 due: Friday, October 4, 2019 Noon.

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

Water Droplet Fun Shoot

Contributor – Mark Robinson



On October 4th the SPPC had a fun shoot at its first Friday of the Month Meeting. The subject of the fun shoot was Water Droplet Refraction Photography. Over 35 people showed up for the event. For a small fee each person was provided the essential items to get a basic understanding of how to do water droplet refraction photography.



The kit included; Two mounted alligator clips for holding the subject and the item that would be reflected in the water droplet. A small vial of glyceren, that simulated the “water droplet”. Two small eye droppers for applying the glyceren. And a set of instructions with detailed steps. A limited number of kits will be available for sale at the

November 1st meeting for those that missed this opportunity.

The photography was conducted in our normal meeting room with numerous stations around the perimeter. Each station included pine needles to place the droplets on, various subjects to be reflected and a background image.

To added to the fun, two additional stations were set up to provide even more variety. One being a crystal lensball, set up in the storage room to allow the participants to learn and gain experience with that unique medium. The other a glass pane set up, where water droplets were put on a sheet of glass and an item was placed below it. The photographers then shot down through the glass.

Images from the photographers can be viewed at: <https://jimlewisphoto.smugmug.com/upload/nXnCSW/SPPC/Waterdroprefractiions> (Click on the upper right corner done button to view).



“To me, photography is an art of observation. It’s about finding something interesting in an ordinary place... I’ve found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them.”

- Elliott Erwitt

Greenfield Village Autumn Stroll

Contributor – Kristin Grudzien

On a beautiful and sunny Saturday afternoon, eight club members strolled around the grounds of Greenfield Village. The Village was decorated for the Halloween season and the fall colors were starting to come in so there were many opportunities for images of a wide variety of subjects.

Shortly after entering the village we came upon a tree that was filled with Jack-o-Lanterns. The local birds were checking them out to make nests out of them (they were not real pumpkin). We spent some time watching the birds and taking pictures of them. We visited the glass blowing shop and the tin shop. The glass blowers were making whiskey glasses but the tin shop had a presenter not a tin smith on duty while we were there.

One of the areas of interest in the Village is the Railroad Round House that maintains and repairs the engines that pull the trains through the village.



The trains are moved into and out of the roundhouse via a turn table. The turn table can move a several ton train with one person. After we watched the turntable demonstration, we spent some time photographing the trains, the ash dump, and Swartz

Creek station. Jim showed us how he sets up panoramic images to make computer rendering easier in post-processing. I have the images but I haven't put them together yet.

4th Friday Mentoring Session – November 22nd

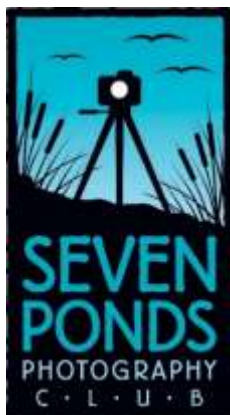
Mentoring sessions are held on the 4th Friday of the Month at 7:00 pm, contact [Dale Vronch](#) to reserve a spot and get details.



We ate lunch at the Eagle Tavern, a historic eatery from the 1850's. The food and the company were great. ☺ After lunch, we walked through the village towards the Burbank flower garden. Stu and Deanna headed home and Jim, LeeAnn and Rich walked with them (we met back up with Jim at the machine shop). Bobbie, Germaine and I headed to the flower garden. The flowers were beautiful and there were bees and a butterfly to keep us company. We stopped by Menlo Park. Bobbie and I went upstairs and although there was a large crowd but we agreed that we could spend a lot of time up there with all of the bottles and neat objects in the laboratory. We caught up with LeeAnn, Rich and Germaine on the way to the machine shop. LeeAnn, Rich and Germaine headed home, and Jim, Bobbie and I went to the machine shop.



After the machine shop we decided to call it a day. There is still much to be seen at the Village so we will have to set up another visit when they open up for the new season next spring!



November/December 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.

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.

There are no assignment Topics for November or December, as there will not be any meetings in December and the first Monday in January will be our annual pot luck dinner.

Club Outings

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

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](#)

Special Events

The GDCCC Annual Banquet will be held January 25th, 2020 from 11am to 3pm. Tickets will be available at the November 1st meeting. The location is:

Club Venetian
29310 John R Rd
Madison Heights, MI

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.

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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](#)