

The SPPC

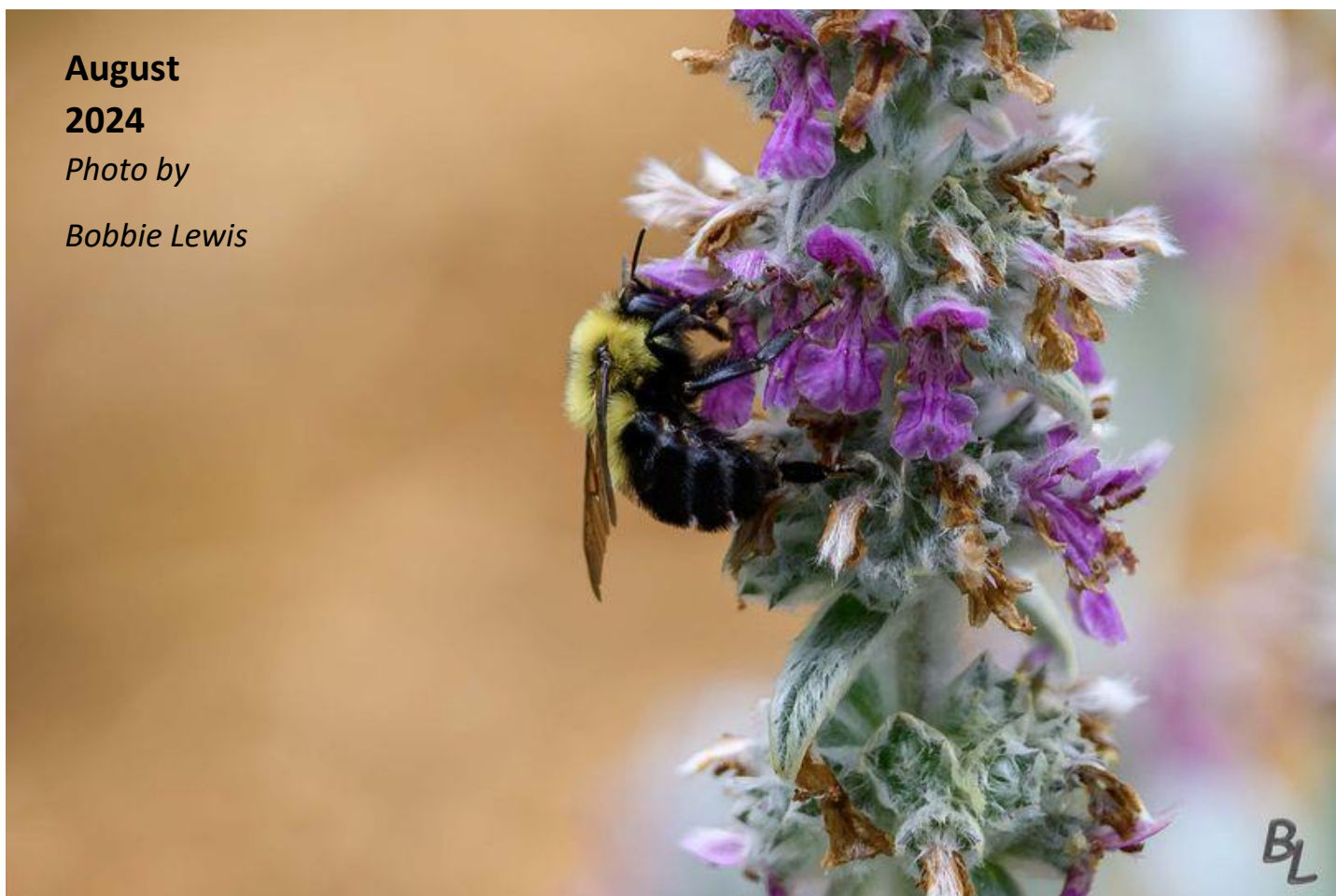
# Perspective

**August**

**2024**

*Photo by*

*Bobbie Lewis*



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## **SPPC Members,**

Currently, we are having meetings in person at Seven Ponds Nature Center on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month.

Keep checking the [7 Ponds Photography Club Website](#) for updates on upcoming meetings.

8-2-2024, 9-6-2024 & 10-4-2024 – 1st Friday Competition & Focus Topic Review Meeting 7-9pm

08-16-2024 [Bird Photography Basics & Beyond](#) by David Stimac

8-17-2024 6pm [SPNC Event Caps and Corks](#)

8-23-2024 [Metamora Balloon Festival Fun Shoot](#)

9-14-2024 Noon – 6pm [SPNC Event - Party at the Ponds](#)

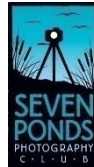
9-20-2024 Speaker Wayne Pope "[How to Shoot, Write & Self-publish Your Legacy Photography Book](#)"

10-18-2024 [SPPC Light Painting Workshop](#) by Germaine Finley and Tina Daniels

# Photographer

noun — fot-gra-fer

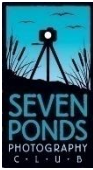
A person who finds joy in lying on the ground, climbing things, and generally contorting themselves into odd positions and frequently utters the phrase "Just one more" and yet never stops at just one.



SPPC is looking for members to help in the following areas:

- ✓ **Judge our monthly GDCCC competitions.**
- ✓ **Newsletter Contributions** – submit articles on trips, techniques or product/gear reviews to [germaine.sppc@yahoo.com](mailto:germaine.sppc@yahoo.com)
- ✓ **Bring individually wrapped snacks.**
- ✓ **Setting up or taking down tables and chairs.**
- ✓ **Lead a photo outing, or fun shoot.**

Email [7pondsphotoexpo@gmail.com](mailto:7pondsphotoexpo@gmail.com) to volunteer



## Focus Topics – 2024

After receiving feedback from the club requesting more frequent Focus Topic reviews, there has been a change.

For 2024 Focus Topics will be reviewed at the 1st Friday Competition Meeting. All focus topic images need to be uploaded to [spnc.photoclubservices.com](http://spnc.photoclubservices.com)

Images should be entered via our website in Focus Topics. Use tab at top of page {competitions} (Submit Image to Competition) {Focus Topic}

Be sure to include the Focus Topic in the image title – ie *Edsel Ford House – Old Buildings*

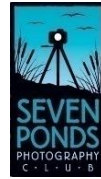
Month	Due	Topic
January	1/3/2024	November 2023 Color Theory and December 2023 Zoom Burst and/or light painting
February	1/31/2024	Abstract
March	2/28/2024	Good for a Giggle
April	4/3/2024	Old Buildings
May	5/1/2024	Sunrise /Sunset
June	6/5/2024	Reflections
July	7/3/2024	Amphibians/Reptiles/Insects
<b>August</b>	<b>7/31/2024</b>	<b>Lake/Water/River</b>
September	9/4/2024	Vehicles
October	10/2/2024	Birds
November	10/30/2024	Dogs/Cats/Horses



## About the cover photo

Congratulations to Bobbie Lewis for taking this image at the July Game Night Fun Shoot at Seven Ponds. Photo details are - ISO 250, F4, exposure 1/125, at 120mm, taken with a Nikon Z8 (OK ... Jim's Nikon Z8 to be specific). Bobbie said she was just looking for something different to photograph and went to the herb garden and noticed the bees. She thought it really wasn't the right lens and didn't even have a tripod but decided to just wing it and hoped for the best. "Sometimes you just have to follow where your imagination

takes you" [Bobbie] and on that night, it was bees. Well, as the saying goes *the best camera is the one you have in your hands* and that goes for the lens too. Congratulations for creating a beautiful image. Proof that the vision is more important than the equipment.



## Pay SPPC Membership Online

We have received a few questions on how to pay online. If you are unsure, checkout the following:

On the Seven Ponds website click on the [Pay Online](#) link. Then you will see the following and click on the button

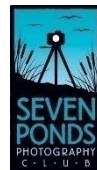
Seven Ponds Photo Club Membership

05/01/2023 12:05 AM - 04/02/2023 11:55 PM ET

[Click here to register online](#)

It will bring you to your existing account with the Seven Ponds Nature Center. If you don't have one, create one or continue as a guest and fill out the required name, address, etc. fields. You will end up with a screen to check your info before pressing the **Complete Registration** button to proceed to the payment screen.

Press **Submit** and you will get a confirmation email



## New Members

Please welcome new member:

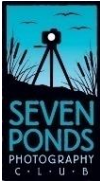
Susan Gardner

And Returning Members:

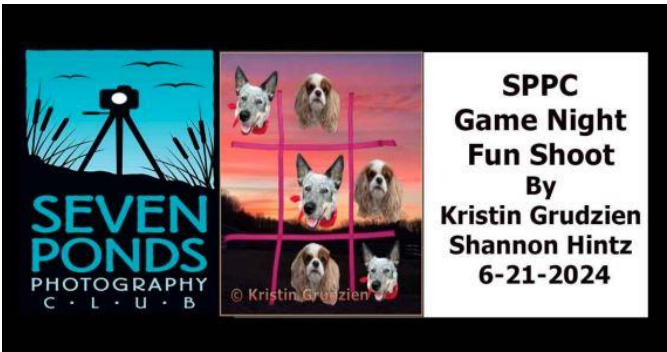
Dave Ulman, Heather Hoey and Gaylene Barker

**Welcome to the club!**





**6-21-2024 SPPC Game Night  
Fun Shoot by Kristin Grudzien /  
Shannon Hintz**



*Bobbie and Dale being creative*

In the **Frame It** challenge, we had to use our choice of a picture frame and frame something or someone.



*Team 1 – Tom Harpootlian, Paul Wakabayashi and Gaylene Barker*

We had the second annual Game Night and Fun Shoot created and run by Kristin Grudzien and Shannon Hintz on Friday June 21<sup>st</sup>. It was a fun night working in teams to create picture solutions to several challenges. We had a severe thunderstorm to start the evening and that may have kept a few people away, but we were safe inside and when it was all clear we had a great evening outside.

We had 3 challenges and 2 teams of 3 plus Jim, Kristin and Shannon (the admin team):

- #1 ? Box
- #2 Frame It
- #3 Take 3

The Challenges were fun and made us think outside the box ... or rather in one sometimes.

**? Box** was a mystery box filled with stuff that we could make an image from that represented what was being expressed in a song we listened to. The song was [Meet in the Middle by Diamond Ro.](#)



*Meet in the Middle interpretation by Team # 2*



*Team 2 – Dale Vronch, Germaine Finley and Bobbie Lewis (Kristin reaching out to us)*





Kristin giving **Frame It** instruction

**Take 3** was a challenge where we took 3 pictures of the same topic from different angles, depth of field or using a different lens .... Just 3 different views of the same topic.



**Take 3 - View #1**



**Take 3 - View #2**



**Take 3 - View #3** Photos by Tom Harpootlian

Lastly, we walked down to the water and saw a beautiful sunset after the rain. All in all, it was a very nice evening.



*A different view - photo by Shannon Hintz*

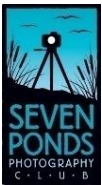




Sunset at 7 Ponds by Photo by Germaine Finley



Photo by Tom Harpootlian



**7-13-2024 – SPPC the Barns in Armada Fun Shoot – by Kathy Bolio**

It was a super-hot day for the group shoot but we had a great turnout with 11 members plus guests showing up. Kathy got approval from the farm owner for us to photograph all over the grounds and even chauffeured us from the church parking lot to the barn and back (if we wanted a ride) in a nice, air-conditioned SUV (thank-you!). There was so much to photograph there, and I hope to see a few images in our upcoming competitions and on our SPPC Shared images page 😊



Photo by Tina Daniels

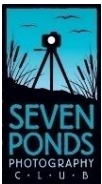


Photo by Kathy Bolio





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## 7-16-2024 Stahls and Selfridge Air Museum Tour –by Romeo Parks & Rec

We had 3 members – LeeAnn McLaneGoetz, Kathy Bolio and Bill Bolio that took advantage of the Washington Parks and Rec Trip to Stahls and Selfridge Air Museum. Below is a writeup of their visit that was posted on the



Selfridge Museum Facebook Page:

*A senior group from Romeo visited the Museum this morning. We sure had fun showing them the many displays and aircraft that tell the story of Selfridge Air National Guard Base. By their smiles and many interesting questions, we think that they had fun too.*

*The Selfridge Military Air Museum is open on weekends from 11am-5pm from April through October. And is also available for private group tours on weekdays with reservations made at least a week in advance. Our thanks to the seniors who came out today! We hope that you will consider recommending the Selfridge Military Air Museum to friends, family, and other Senior Centers.*

*Located on Selfridge ANG Base in Macomb County, the Museum has interactive learning demonstrations, exhibits, and an amazing collection of aircraft and historical displays. Our outdoor Air Park is easily accessible and features over 30 aircraft. Groups are guided by volunteer docents who have extensive knowledge of the displays, artifacts, and aircraft.*



Photo by LeeAnn McLaneGoetz

*Base access and Museum admission are required. We advise visitors to visit our website for additional information, including reservations and our help in gaining Base access.*

[www.selfridgeairmuseum.org](http://www.selfridgeairmuseum.org)

*A visit to the Stahls Automotive Foundation will take you back to a time in history when cars were more than just a way to take us from point A to point B. Gain a better understanding of how the automobile developed from a novelty to a main form of transportation. In addition to the beautiful cars, enjoy the [collection of gas pumps, road signs, oil cans](#) and other car-related accessories from the Depression era. Check out the [Events](#) tab for large groups and corporate event rental*

*Every one of our vintage cars and vehicles demonstrates special creativity and imagination in its engineering and design. Each car was chosen based on the engineering achievements that made*



it an important part of the evolution of the automobile. [Stahls' Automotive museum](#) features continually changing exhibitions or historically significant cars from the Depression and Art Deco eras, along with automobile memorabilia.



Photo of LeeAnn by Kathy Bolio

The Stahls Automotive Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that exists in order to preserve, restore and exhibit specific vintage vehicles of the 20th century for educational purposes.

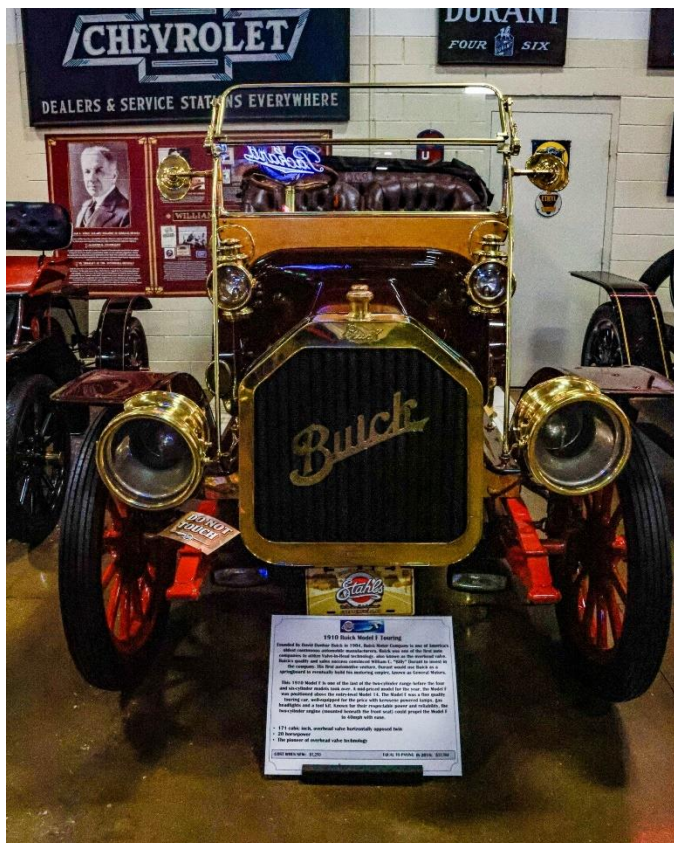


Photo by Bill Bolio



Photo by Bill Bolio



## 7-19-2024 – Nature Walk Fun Shoot by Dale Vronch

We started the evening with a short discussion on composition and technique by Dale. He had several of his photographs there for us to examine. Dale has a beautiful impressionist style. He showed us how to achieve a dreamy look by shooting through grasses and to focus on different depths in a meadow to find the best composition. After our discussion, we went outside to practice and go for a nice hike on the 7 Ponds trails.



Some of the group practicing in the Meadow





Photo by Tina Daniels



Photo by Germaine Finley



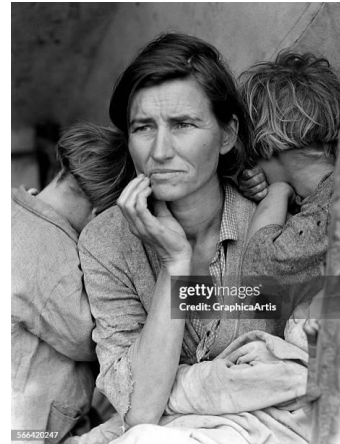
**Photo Tips**

## Street Photography

So what is Street Photography? According to the [The Ultimate Guide to Street Photography](#) street photography is about candidly photographing life and human nature. Most people think street photography must have people in it but that is not true. It can be taken in a city, in a park, festival... really any public place and it is usually a candid (non posed) photograph. Sometimes the person is asked

permission before being photographed, sometimes after the photographer is noticed, sometimes not at all as it is allowed in public spaces. That opens so many opportunities for this genre. I will repeat - it can be taken anywhere, anytime.

You can be inspired by photographers like [Dorothea Lange](#)



[Lange](#) (1895-1965), who photographed in America during the Great Depression. She photographed poor rural farmers and unemployed working classes. Her goal was to shine a light on instances of social injustice.

Photo by Dorothea Lange

Or take inspiration from a more modern street photographer

[Allan Schaller](#) who specializes in black and white photography. He lives in London and his images are characterised by geometry, contrast, shadows, lights, a bit of surrealism, and humans.



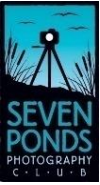
Photo by Allen Schaller

For some nice tips on street photography, watch some of the following videos:

[10 Street Photography Tips](#)

[Olga Karlovac's style of Street Photography](#)

[7 Street Photography Tips - Minimalistic Approach](#)



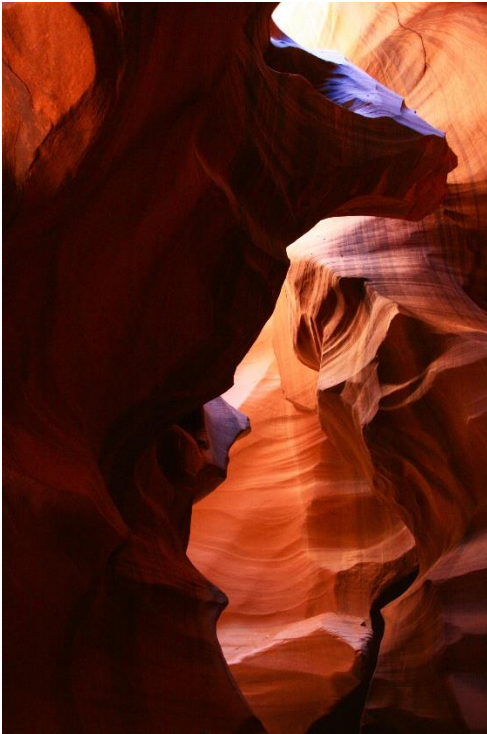
## Southwest Trip by Tom Harpootlian



In May 2024 my wife and I traveled to the area right along the Utah-Arizona border. We visited many National Parks, Monuments, Recreation Areas as well as two Navajo Nation parks. Here are a few photos of the parks - Tom Harpootlian



*Horseshoe Bend by Tom Harpootlian*



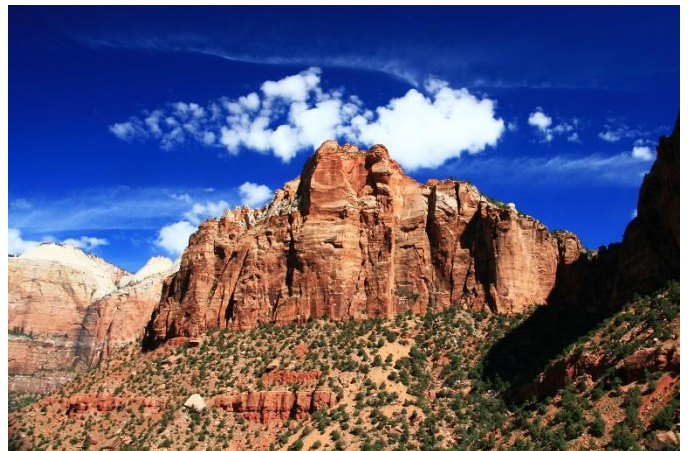
*Antelope Canyon by Tom Harpootlian*



*Monument Valley by Tom Harpootlian*



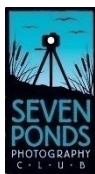
*Grand Canyon by Tom Harpootlian*



*Zion by Tom Harpootlian*

Thanks for sharing an amazing trip. Makes me want to head out there. So many beautiful parks are in the Southwest.





## GDCCC Update

Every club in the GDCCC that participates in competitions takes their turn judging both digital images and prints. The club that hosts the judging volunteers 3 judges that remotely judge the digital images and will judge in-person for prints. Seven Ponds will judge the March Digital competition and May Print competition. This means that we will sit out and judge and not put images in for the month of March or prints for May.

Print judging is open to club members to come to any GDCCC competition night. It is a nice way for our club members to meet other clubs in addition to seeing the prints in person. This is the only time that some of these prints will be seen as only the winners get displayed on the web.

- Be aware that until there is a ruling on allowed nudity, there may be some entries not appropriate for underage persons to view as some locations do allow that genre

2024 GDCCC DPD Competition Schedule	
2/19-23/24 (images due 2/16)	Toledo
3/11-15/24 (image due 3/8)	Seven Ponds
4/22-26/24 (image due 4/19)	Windsor
<b>9/9-13/24 (image due 9/6)</b>	<b>West Oakland</b>
10/7-11/24 (image due 10/4)	Livonia
10/28-11/1/24(image due 10/25)	Oakland
EOY Competition	Oakland

2024 GDCCC Print Competition Schedule	
3/28/24 (images due 3/24)	West Oakland
4/16/24 (images due 4/12)	Windsor
<b>5/23/24 – Thursday</b>	<b>Seven Ponds</b>
<b>8/29/24 (images due 8/25)</b>	<b>Motor City</b>
10/4/24 (images due 10/8)	Grosse Pointe
11/12/24 (images due 11/8)	Oakland
EOY Competition	Oakland

News from GDCCC -

We have exciting news to share with all of you about our annual PSA Exhibition. We have joined forces with the Chicago Area Camera Club Association, CACCA, in creating a multiple competition exhibition know as a circuit.

You will be able to enter up to four images in each of the five sections and they will receive two judging's. The entry deadline is October 21, 2024.

Please visit our slick website and consider entering to support the GDCCC.

[Great Lakes Circuit 2024](https://greatlakescircuit.com) <https://greatlakescircuit.com>

Regards,

**Bill Buchanan, HonPSA, PPSA**  
**Great Lakes Circuit Chairman**



# SPPC Activities and Events

## Upcoming Events

8-2-2024, 9-6-2024 & 10-4-2024 – 1st Friday Competition & Focus Topic Review Meeting 7-9pm

08-16-2024 [Bird Photography Basics & Beyond](#) by *David Stimac*

8-23-2024 [Metamora Balloon Festival Fun Shoot](#)

9-5-2024 8 am - 7 pm Romeo Parks and Rec [Meijers Gardens](#) Course #9642 Register by 9/2/2024 \$70 (R) \$74 (NR)

9-20-2024 Speaker *Wayne Pope* ["How to Shoot, Write & Self-publish Your Legacy Photography Book"](#)

10-2-2024 RWB Parks and Rec Sponsors a Day at [Toledo Zoo. Day Trip](#) Course # 9656 Register by 9/01/2024

10-18-2024 [SPPC Light Painting Workshop](#) by *Germaine Finley and Tina Daniels*

## Upcoming Virtual Workshops

[B&H Event Space \(Free Webinars\)](#)

[Hunts On-Line Classes](#)

## Free Training

[f64 Free Photoshop Tutorials](#)

[Photoshop Training Channel Tutorials](#)

## Self-guided Trips

June 15 – Aug 15 [Harbor Beach Lighthouse Tours](#)  
\*Saturdays

Aug - Sept [Dahlia Hill](#)

Aug 2-4 [Fort Gratiot Lighthouse Festival](#)

Aug 9 – 11 & 16-18 [Blake's Sunflower Festival](#)

Aug 12-14th [Armada Fair](#)

Aug 17th [Woodward Dream Cruise](#)

Aug 17 – Sept 29 [Renaissance Festival](#)

Aug 23 - 25 [Dragon on the Lake – Lake Orion](#)

Aug 23-24 [Metamora Balloon Festival](#)

Aug 30 – Sept 2 [Detroit Jazz Festival](#)

Aug 31 – Sept 4 [Romeo Mi - Peach Festival](#)

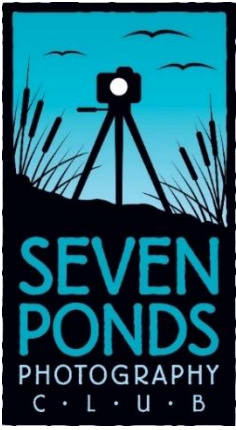
Sept 13 - 28 [Art Prize](#)

Sept 19 - 22 [Oktoberfest in Frankenmuth](#)

Oct 2 [Senior Toledo Zoo Trip w/ Washington Parks & Rec](#)

Oct 3 - 6 [2024 American Speed Festival in Pontiac](#)





# About SPPC

The Seven Ponds Photography Club, formed in 2009, the club was created to promote the advancement of photography as an art. The purpose of the club is to bring together like-minded people 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.

We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 7:00 PM at Seven Ponds Nature Center

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

President	Jim Lewis
Vice President 1	LeeAnn McLaneGoetz
Vice President 2	Bobbie Lewis
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Trip Manager(s)	LeeAnn McLaneGoetz
Face book Manager	Kristin Grudzien
Fund Raiser Manager	Shannon Hintz
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