

## PCGC MINUTES – JANUARY 10, 2024

President Susan Milinkovich opened the meeting and welcomed new members and guests

Bob Boyle - Guest

Randy Richard – New Member

Lynn Bueckman – Guest

### Events and Announcements

- **Krohn Conservatory – The Shape of Nature Featuring Oscillation** – January 27 – April 21- featuring Oscillation by [The Urban Conga](#) and their tour producer [Creos](#). Step into a world where wonder and science meet. Discover the patterns that surround us in nature. Interact with the giant crystals of [Oscillation](#) that come alive through movement and spark community activity and social interaction through play. Don't miss this extraordinary fusion of live art and nature at Krohn Conservatory.
- **Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus – Orchids Show** – January 20 – March 10, 2024 – Thousands of stunning orchids displayed in an art nouveau inspired exhibit with asymmetrical shapes, curving lines and mosaic glass-like elements. Open daily 10 am – 5 pm.
- **Cleveland Botanical Gardens – Orchids Forever: Golden Hour** – January 27 – March 17, 2024 – This year's show will highlight the serene feeling of sunrise and sunset with orchids in hues of pink, orange, and yellow – the sky's color palette. The orchids will be displayed throughout the indoor and glasshouses, a dreamscape for flower lovers, and endless photo opportunities for all. Closed Mondays, Tuesday-Friday: 10 am-5 pm, Saturday: 10 am-8:30 pm, Sunday: noon-5 pm.
- **Garfield Park Conservatory – Indianapolis – Spring Bulb Show** – March 1-9, 2024 – See their stunning display of tulips and other spring blooms against the backdrop of their permanent tropical collection. Closed Mondays, Tuesday-Saturday: 10 am-5 pm, Sunday: 1-5 pm.
- **Club Photography Exhibit**
  - St. John's Unitarian Universalist Church in Clifton – Glen asked for volunteers to help with set-up and take-down.
  - Display during March
  - Church receives 20% of sales
  - Committee to handle details
- **Glen – Program Planning**
  - Speakers/Presentations
  - Shared presentations with OVCC
  - Photo walks – Susan asked for interest in these walks and ideas.

### Current and Upcoming Competitions

- **Tonight, Print, digital copy due 12/27. "Open – Color"**. The image can be of any subject. It must be a color image and cannot be black and white or sepia.

- **January 24, Digital, due 1/10. “Lights at Night”.** The image must be of lights at night. Capture stars, fireworks, neon signs, taillights, streetlights, the lights of the city, Christmas lights. The subject of the image should be the lights in their environment or lighting an object such as a Ferris wheel or a Christmas tree.
- **February 14, Print, due 1/24. “Juxtaposition/Point-Counterpoint”.** Juxtaposition photography involves combining two or more elements in the same picture, highlight the interesting contrast between them, to create an eye-catching and thought-provoking image. To create a point of juxtaposition, the picture must contain at least two elements with strong visual weight. Contrasts can be big/small, old/young, light/dark, different textures, color contrast (use the color wheel), etc. Juxtaposition can also involve a subject in a scene that is out of place where you wouldn’t expect to see it.
- **February 28, Digital. “Conveying Emotions”.** It can be a person showing emotions of surprise, fear, happiness, etc. or the overall image can convey a feeling or emotion. A blue tone in a winter scene conveys the feeling of cold. Fog creates a moodiness or mystery to an image. To evoke emotion in photography simply means your photos say something. They tell a story—rather than merely creating a record of a place or moment.
- **Photographer of the Year – Announcement at January 24<sup>th</sup> meeting**
- **Print and Digital Images of the Year** - Top two images from each competition in 2023. Winners announced at March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Need a judge.
- **Creative Image Competition** – Up to two images may be entered “...focusing on creative images and permitting unlimited manipulation and processing techniques.” Members vote.
- **Foto Forum Santa Fe International Competition** – <https://www.callforentry.org> (CaFÉ)

### PSA Interclub Competition

- Next PSA Interclub Competition (Round 2) deadline is February 1, 2024.
- Voting will be open at noon February 1 until noon February 8, 2024.
- Our top six picks in each division will be submitted to PSA by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Round 3 will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Statement on Artificial Intelligence (AI) – Image Creation and Ownership

### New Business

- Club Judging – Need a committee
- Artificial Intelligence (AI)

### Old Business

**Presentation** - Juxtapositions/Point-Counterpoint In Your Photography – Susan Milinkovich

### Print Photo Competition - OPEN – Color Image

- The image can be of any subject.
- The image must be a color image.
- The image cannot be black & white or sepia.

- Many thanks to our judge, Andrea Rahtz!
- Andrea has been taking photos since she was a teen. Her first photo exhibition was at the Hamilton County Fair where she won two blue ribbons and best in show. Since then, her photos have been displayed in various art exhibits, homes, and even as a puzzle! After graduating from Media Communications, she worked as a catalog, portrait, event, and stock photographer for various companies and universities. Andrea has also taught at UC Blue Ash where she helps students understand photography through lecture and critique. She lives in a little house on lots of land with her husband, daughter, son, cat and cat-sized dog and loves taking nature photos out her back window.

### **Print Awards**

1st – Sandy Garrison (Getting Out of the Way)  
2nd – Kelly Brunarski (Reaching for the Branch)  
3rd – Frank Harrison (Tigertail Beach Fisherman)  
4th – Rich Rings (Gold River)  
5th – Patty Bertsch (The Kite Flier)  
6th – Susan Milinkovich (Serenity)  
HM – Scott Kissell (Conkles Hollow Ferns)  
HM – Karen Kindness (Szentendre)  
HM – Alane Shoemaker (Picturesque Porto, Portugal)  
HM – Mike Rank (Bull Elk in Fog)  
HM – Mo Henning (Monument Valley)  
HM – Joel Belsky (Fox Hollow Rodeo)  
PC - Frank Harrison (Tigertail Beach Fisherman)

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Forschner, Secretary