

Photography Club of Greater Cincinnati
Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2025

Welcome

- Guests
- New Members – Kerri Schofield

Events and Announcements

- **Franklin Park Conservatory** – Columbus –
 - **Blooms & Butterflies** – Feb 22 – July 6
 - **Columbus Blooms** – Mar 15 – May 5
- **Krohn Conservatory – Emerge Floral Show** – Jan 18 – April 20, Monday - Sunday 10 am – 8 pm (check website for occasional closings)
 - Butterfly Show – opens May 8th – no ticket sales at door
- **Zoo Blooms – Cincinnati Zoo** – April 1-30
- **Cincinnati Art Museum – Art in Bloom** – April 24-27
- **Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club – Flying Circus** – June 14-15 – 12:00 – 3:30 p.m. – Butler County Regional Airport
- **Dayton Air Show** – June 21-22 – <https://daytonairshow.com>
- **American Waco Fly-In** – Waco Airplane Museum, Troy – Sept 20 – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Program Announcements

Upcoming Presentations:

- **April 24** – Photographing Birds – Kelly Brunarski
- **May 14** – Architectural Photography – Susan Milinkovich
- **June 11** – Macro, Lenses, and Filters – Jen Haralamos
- **June 14** – Photo Processing Workshop – Fernald Preserve, 9-2:00
- **July 9** - Long Exposure – Craig Margolis
- **July 23** – Landscapes – Rich Rings
- **Sept 10** – Preparing An Image For Competition – Andy Yee

Upcoming Photo Walks:

- **Rocky Fork Gorge, Arc of Appalachia** – Thurs, April 10 (Craig) – Cancelled due to wet conditions
- **Mt. Adams** – Mon, April 21 – 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. (Glen)
- **Mariemont Village** – Sat, May 17, 8:30 a.m. (Glen)
- **Gorman Heritage Farm**, Evendale – Mon, June 2nd, 9:00 a.m. - \$8 adults, \$5 seniors – lunch at Firehouse Grill & Brewery (Glen)
- **Railway Museum of Greater Cincinnati** – Covington, Sat, June 7, 10:00 a.m. - \$7 cash (Susan)

Possible Photo Walks:

- **Wright Patterson Air Force Museum** – Daily 9 am - 5 pm, free
- **Mansfield Reformatory**
- **Rhinegeist Brewery** – Tuesday or Thursday at 5:00, May or June - \$10 which includes a pint of your favorite beverage (Craig Margolis)
- **Aurora, IN**
- **Over the Rhine**

Photo Walks:

- **Photo Walk Galleries** - click on My Account > My Galleries and scroll down to the specific gallery you want to view
- **Photo walk information form**

Current and Upcoming Club Competitions

- **Tonight – Print – Vintage, Antiques, & Collectibles**
- **April 23 – Digital – due 4/9 - Pick a Topic – Front Porches**
 - A covered or open area at the front of a house that's attached to the exterior and usually has a separate roof.
 - It is often used for relaxing, greeting guests, or enjoying the view.
 - Image must be taken between Feb 26th and April 9th.
- **May 14 – Print – due 4/23 – Open – Square Dimension**
 - Image can be color, B&W, or monotone
 - The image must have been taken within the last 24 months (May 2023 – May 2025)
 - The image must be sized in a square (L=W) dimension
 - All elements and layers of the image must meet the date criteria
- **May 28 – Digital – due 5/14 – Rule of Odds**
 - The composition should have an odd number of items (e.g., 1, 3, 5, or 7)
 - The *Rule of Odds* capitalizes on the brain's propensity for order. The brain wants to pair items, but odd numbers can't be paired. As such, the viewer's brain works harder, and the viewer looks at the image longer.
 - Works better with seven or fewer objects.
- **June 11 – Print – due 5/28 – Toys, Games or Sports**
 - Image features a toy, game, puzzle, sporting activity or the equipment (parts) used in any of these.
 - The image may or may not include people.
 - If the image includes spectators, participants or cheerleaders, the type or game or sporting event should be clear from the image.
- **Creative Competition – Images due May 14; Awards May 28**
 - Images must be taken between March 26 and May 14, 2025
 - Unlimited creative or artistic manipulation can be added to the image either in camera or during image processing
 - Each member may submit up to two images
 - Club members will vote for their favorite images between May 15 and May 28 at noon
 - Awards will be given for 1st-6th place (there will be no People's Choice since members are already doing the voting for the awards)
- **Ad Hoc Competitions/Projects** – can present anytime between now and the end of June:
 - Member Showcase
 - Photography Projects
 - Seeing in Sixes
 - Nine Elements
 - Steps
 - Project 30 Days, Once a Week, etc.
 - Grateful photography
 - "Paint" a picture of yourself
 - Your own project

- **Old Business:**
- **New Business:**

Presentation: Metering Modes - Glen Kindness

Print Photo Competition: "Vintage, Antiques & Collectibles "

- The subject of this image is a vintage item (or items), antiques, or collectibles.
- Items can include those you own or those found at an antique store or marketplace.
- Consider the story conveyed by the object and the story you want to tell through your image.
- Choose objects of a consistent age, or alternatively, objects that illustrate chronological development.

Tonight's Judge: Rob Coomer

Robert Coomer is a professional fine art photographer and brain injury survivor. Art has always been a big part of his life, earning him a Bachelor of Science in Graphic Design from the University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Art, Architecture and Planning. Whether chasing landscapes, wildlife, or aircraft, or the abandoned, Robert strives to capture a sense of place, to tell a story about his subject. His images are environmental portraits that lead the viewer to wonder about the subject's location, its history, and even its future. An overall theme of fading Americana comes through in his images, especially his urban exploration (urbex) and rural exploration (rurex) work. His steel series "Art in Decay", pushes his work into the mixed media category by combining his photography with hand-distressed and rusted steel to create "believable artifacts;"

A traumatic brain injury forced him to rethink and relearn much of what he thought he knew about his life and work. New beginnings and new struggles have made life tough, but they've also given him fresh insights. He's still figuring out what's next, but he's excited about the journey as he chases light and life.

1st – Kelly Brunarksi (The Romance Novelist)
 2nd – Susan Milinkovich (Vintage Oil Cans)
 3rd – Jennifer Haralamos (My First Set of Wheels)
 4th – Mark Buelsing (Echoes of Elegance)
 5th – Patty Bertsch (Warbird Uniforms)
 6th – Michelle Parsons (Vintage Art Deco Door Hinge)
 HM – Joel Belsky (Packard)
 HM – Frank Harrison (Way Past Time...For a Haircut)
 HM – Lisa Meili (Charming Chintz)
 HM – Joe O'Gorman (Type Setter's Logos)
 People's Choice – Tom Parson's (The Boss' Phone)