



Message from the President: Reflecting on 2024 and Looking Ahead

As 2024 comes to a close, I'm proud to reflect on a season of growth, change, and incredible accomplishments for our organization. This year, we revitalized our clubhouse with a refreshed exterior and a new door entry system, tackled spring cleaning in the attic, and enhanced our space with wireless Wi-Fi, enabling hands-on demonstrations and Zoom activities.

We expanded our presence in the Artist Village and increased community engagement, educating others about who we are and what we do. Our photo walks were a highlight, taking us to stunning locations like Michigan's Frozen Lighthouses, stunning sunset landscapes, Schedel Gardens, and Woodlawn Cemetery and indoor Christmas displays. Members also ventured further afield with trips to Arizona, hosted workshops, and even tested their skills at local art fairs.

Looking ahead to 2025, I'm filled with excitement as we prepare to celebrate our organization's 50th anniversary. Stay tuned for details—we're planning a year to remember! Thank you all for your dedication and creativity this year.

Let's make 2025 even better! 🎄📷



Member's News



🎉 Congratulations to PACT Member Rick Francis! 🎉

Rick Francis received well-deserved recognition in Life-Framer's November 2024 Black and White Photo Competition, judged by renowned fine art photographer Hengki Koentjoro. Life Framer praised Rick's photo, **A Transformation of Birds**, as a testament to being "*in the right place, at the right time, with an eye for whatever comes your way.*" The stunning image, captured in downtown Toledo, reflects the beauty and fleeting miracles of our world. ❤️💖

You can view Rick's award-winning image and the competition results here: [Life-Framer Black & White 2024](#).

Let's celebrate Rick's achievement and keep the inspiration going! ✨
Have a recent win or recognition to share? Let us know so we can celebrate you too! 🎉



GALLERY REFRESH SCHEDULE

It is time to refresh our clubhouse gallery! We're excited to share a schedule of themes and dates for adding or exchanging works in the clubhouse. We would like to encourage you to provide framed and/or matted images since the clubhouse is open to the public every second Saturday April 2025 through November 2025.

Please review the calendar of events on our website for drop-off and pick-up dates for your work. Let's work together to make our gallery vibrant and engaging!

Text Michele if you have any questions. NO EMAILS PLEASE!!!!

Sunday, March 9th Noon- 4 pm

Saturday, April 12th Noon- 4 pm

(This will be the last day to drop off merchandise, framed art, and matted art before the Annual May Sale)

The suggested theme for Gallery Refresh is "Spring" works that are landscapes, flowers, wildlife, city scapes, and architecture that relate to SPRING.



Don't Miss Out on the Monthly Contest!
Calling all members! 🎉

The monthly digital contest is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your talent, gain valuable feedback, and enjoy the inspiring work of your fellow photographers. Whether you're submitting your latest masterpiece or coming to cheer on others, your participation makes these events interactive and fun. 📸 Check out the list below and get involved! Let's celebrate creativity and push the boundaries of what's possible with our photography. See you there! 🎨



- January 2025 Long Exposure
- February 2025 Black & White
- March 2025 Print: Sunrise/Sunset
- April 2025 Reflections
- May 2025 Pets
- June 2025 Print: Architecture
- July 2025 Crystal Ball Photography
- August 2025 Doorway(s)
- September 2025 Macro Photography
- October 2025 Barns
- November 2025 In a garden Flower,
Vegetable, or combo
- December 2025 Urban Decay
- January 2026 Bokeh
- February 2026 Black & White
- March 2026 Print: Rule of Thirds
- April 2026 Food Photography

Questions on how to submit click here:

<https://www.photoartscluboftoledo.com/Competitions/SubmitImageToCompetition.aspx#no-back-button>

Chasing Winter's Magic: Upcoming Cold Weather Photo Trips

As we eagerly anticipate the arrival of colder weather, exciting photo opportunities lie ahead! While it's a waiting game to see how conditions evolve, early indicators suggest that the weekend of January 18th could be ideal for capturing stunning winter scenes. Potential highlights include:

- **Lighthouse Ice Formations:** With the right storm and westerly winds combined with arctic air, Lake Erie's lighthouses could transform into icy masterpieces. Timing this just before the lake freezes will be key, hopefully between January 10-15.
- **Freezing Spray on Lake Erie:** If strong north or northwest winds align, we could witness mesmerizing freezing spray along the shoreline.
- **Frozen Waterfalls in Hocking Hills:** Extended cold could lead to spectacular frozen waterfalls by January 18th, especially with the recent high water levels in streams and rivers.

Stay tuned for updates as conditions develop! Meanwhile, start prepping your gear and your winter adventure plans. Winter's magic is just around the corner! ❄️📸



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Michele Kipplen- President
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Mary Mather
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John Dillon
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Committee Chairs see website

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

The clubhouse will be closed in the evening on Wednesdays thru February for Night Maintenance in the Park. All vehicles and people will need to leave the park by 4pm.

February

- Saturday, Feb. 8th - **Annual Contest Drop Off**- Club House
- Thursday, Feb. 13th at 7pm- **What's in your bag**- Bring your camera bag and share what you can't live without.

Also this is a perfect time to bring a few items you would like to sell.

The 2025 Annual Contest is in the last planning phase. Get your prints ready! The rules and categories are the same as last year.



- A. People (people are the main subject)
- B. Plants (plants are the main subject-individual plants, close-ups or groupings, not scenic landscapes)
- C. Animals (animals are the main subjects, including birds, insects, reptiles, etc.)
- D. Places (landscapes, vistas and locations are the main subject)
- E. Open (photographs that cannot be categorized in any other category, e.g. still life, abstracts, food, products, etc.)
- F. Monochrome: (black & white, grayscale, monotone or sepia.) No selective color added.
- G. The Christine Holliday Youth Division (17 and under, as of February 5, 2024) – photos from any of the above categories.

Entries will be accepted beginning January 27th.

PICTURESQUE ADVENTURES



Photo Arts Club of Toledo member Ross Ellet, a Meteorologist and owner of Picturesque Adventures, LTD, invites you to an unforgettable photography experience! The 2025 Monsoon Chase Photography Workshop will take place in Tucson, Arizona, from July 27th to August 3rd.

If you've ever dreamed of capturing stunning lightning displays, vibrant desert sunsets, and vivid rainbows, this is your chance! Scheduled during the peak of the monsoon season, the workshop offers incredible opportunities for storm photography. By day, participants will explore national and state parks, capture breathtaking landscapes, and hone editing skills. Evenings will feature delicious home-cooked meals, and nighttime brings the chance to photograph the starry skies framed by iconic saguaro cacti. For more information, including the full itinerary and sign-up details, visit [Monsoon Chase Workshop](#). Don't miss out on this incredible adventure! ⚡📷

Picturesque Adventures
July 27-August 3, 2025

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Presents:

- Monsoon Chasing
- Photography Tours

What's included:

- Meals
- Arizona Ground Transportation
- Lodging
- National Park Fees
- Southern Arizona Sight Seeing
- Monsoon Chasing
- Photography Tutorials
- Photography Editing Tutorials

Photography and Lightroom Plan Updates.

Note that the Photography 20GB plan will not be available to new subscribers after January 15, 2025.

Check the chart below to see how these changes may affect you.

·If you are on the 20GB photography plan or the 1TB Lightroom plan, it is probably wise to pay the yearly amount upfront when renewing to avoid an increase in cost.

·If you are on the 1TB Photography plan, there is no change.

·If you are not already on the 20GB Photography plan, you need to subscribe by January 15th. It will no longer be available to new subscribers after that date.

Everything you have been looking for is here in the

Plan	Photography (20GB)		Photography (1TB)		Lightroom (1TB)	
	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly	Yearly	Monthly
Existing Subscription Rate	\$119.88	\$9.99	\$239.88	\$19.99	\$119.88	\$9.99
Renewal Subscription Rate	NO CHANGE	\$14.99	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	NO CHANGE	\$11.99
Lock in Lowest Price	No action – already on the lowest rate for your plan, with an effective monthly rate of \$9.99/month	Switch to annual prepaid plan to lock in the lowest rate for your plan	No action – already on the lowest rate for your plan	No action – already on the lowest rate for your plan	No action – already on the lowest rate for your plan, with an effective monthly rate of \$9.99/month	Switch to annual prepaid plan to lock in the lowest rate for your plan

For more details:

<https://blog.adobe.com/en/publish/2024/12/15/all-new-photography-innovations-pricing-updates#photography-and-lightroom-plan-updates>



Canon PowerShot SX60 HS 16.1 MP camera, Optical zoom: 65x. Includes case, battery, battery charger and Sandisk 32 GB memory card. \$175. Contact Jack Myers



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