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The Newsletter of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo

From the President

What a wonderful fall season it has been for the Photo Arts Club of Toledo! Our members have been busy getting out with their cameras, learning, sharing their talents, and enjoying time together. From our recent photo walks and fall outings to classes, exhibits, and club activities, it has been great to see so many members participating and supporting one another.

As we move into November and December, things aren't slowing down! Heralding the Holidays is right around the corner on December 4, 5 & 6, and we will need many helping hands to prepare the clubhouse, decorate, welcome visitors, and showcase the wonderful photography created by our members. Please watch your email for opportunities to volunteer and get involved.

As we approach Thanksgiving, I also want to say how grateful I am for everyone who gives their time, knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm to our club. Whether you volunteer at an event, teach a class, organize an outing, welcome a new member, or simply show up and participate—you are an important part of what makes the Photo Arts Club of Toledo special.

Thank you for another great season of photography, friendship, and creativity. I look forward to finishing 2026 strong together!

Michele Kipplen
President, Photo Arts Club of Toledo

2027 Photo Arts Club Annual Contest Planning

The Annual contest committee had their first meeting to review the 2027 contest schedule. Three businesses have agreed to be sponsors this year.

The next meeting will be **November 3, at 7 PM via zoom**. Anyone interested in being a part of the volunteer group needed to make the contest a success is welcome to attend the zoom meeting. Watch the future newsletters and your emails for other updates and information.





Heralding the Holidays

Mark your calendars! Heralding the Holidays will take place December 4, 5 & 6, 2026.
The holiday season will be here before we know it, and we need your help to make Heralding the Holidays a success!

We will be looking for volunteers to help decorate the exterior of the clubhouse, prepare the interior for gallery showings, serve as greeters during the Heralding the Holidays events, and assist with other activities throughout the celebration. There will be several ways to get involved, so whether you can give a little time or a lot, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Heralding Info Session and Planning Meeting
November 8th at 7pm - 8pm
Zoom Only-Link is on the Website Calendar

We will set times for cleaning and decorating, answer questions, review sale procedures,and other activities for the weekend. If someone wants to help and can't come to the meeting, please contact Kayla.

Call for Artwork

We are looking for a refresh of artwork on display and listed for sale in the Clubhouse. Artwork can be framed, matted or loose prints, greeting cards, postcards, and any other objects you have created with your photography. Your art that is already in the clubhouse can be left or you are welcome to take it.

Artwork Requirements

- All objects must include: (1) Artist's name, (2) a sale price, or if not for sale "NFS"
- All objects must be display ready and/or sale ready:
  - Prints with mats, backing, frames, etc. should be securely fastened
  - Matted prints should have velcro stickers on the back for displaying on the fabric walls
  - Framed prints should have hardware for hanging already attached
  - We encourage the use of protective sleeves for prints

If anyone has display shelves/stands/boards that could be borrowed to help organize the art during the sale, please let Kayla know



Heralding the Holidays (continued)

Volunteer link here:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0549AFA92FA7FBCE9-66887508-heralding

Volunteer Information

- Two volunteers (minimum) per shift needed for Friday, Saturday AM, and Sunday.
- Three volunteers (minimum) per shift needed for Saturday afternoon, (two in clubhouse and one at Photos with Santa.

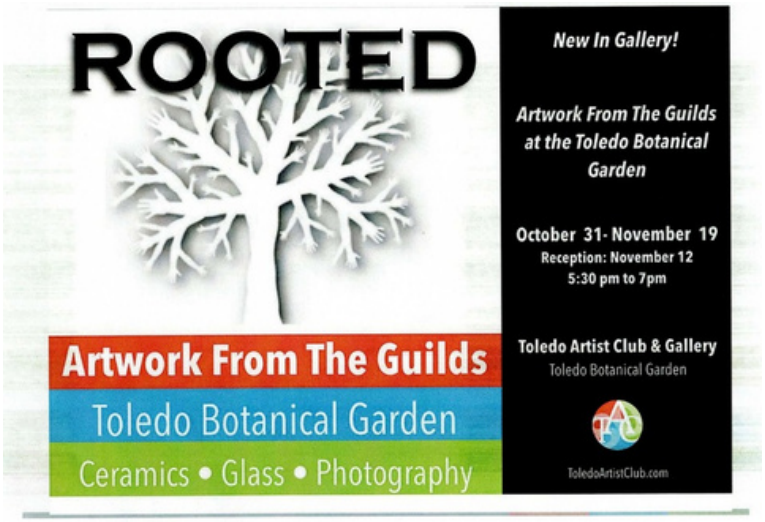
Available Shifts

- Friday, December 4
  - 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
  - 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Saturday, December 5
  - 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
  - 12:00 PM-2:00 PM
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- Sunday, December 6
  - 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
  - 1:00 PM-4:00 PM





Questions?? Please contact Kayla at:
kaylahenderson321@gmail.com
419-297-6267



ROOTED: Four Guilds, a special exhibition bringing together artists from the Photo Arts Club of Toledo, Toledo Stained Glass Guild, Toledo Area Glass Guild, and Toledo Potters Guild. The exhibition runs through November 19, 2026 at the Toledo Artists' Club & Gallery. Stop in and check out works by local artists, including our members' photography.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Closed Sunday and Monday.

Facebook Opportunity

There is a Facebook group, **TBG Resident Organization Collaboration**, that is a place where members of the artists community can post information. As their introduction states, the site is "an unofficial, grassroots resource for TBG resident orgs and affiliates to help coordinate, promote and publicize our open house days, sales and events."

The site is private. Joining only requires answering a question regarding which member organization you are affiliated with, for us that being PACT.

Facebook link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1094549023985825

Important: Winter Wednesday Closure

Please mark your calendars! **During January and February, the Toledo Botanical Garden will be closed on Wednesday evenings for nighttime maintenance**. Club members should plan accordingly and not schedule meetings, classes, studio sessions, or other clubhouse activities after 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays during these two months. Please keep this closure in mind as you begin planning winter club activities. Thank you for your cooperation!

November 1st Photo Adventure

Sunday, November 1 – Historic Woodlawn Cemetery Fall Photo Walk | 2:00 p.m.
Join us for a fall afternoon exploring and photographing **Historic Woodlawn Cemetery**. With its beautiful architecture, monuments, mature trees, and fall foliage, there will be plenty of opportunities to work on composition, details, landscapes, and visual storytelling.
Photo walks are a great way to get out with your camera, practice your skills, exchange ideas with fellow photographers, and discover new places to photograph. All club members are encouraged to join us!



Future Photo Walk Adventures?

Have an idea for a future photo walk? Indoor or outdoor, we would love to hear it! If you know of an interesting location or have an idea for a photography experience that fellow members might enjoy, please share it with us. Some of our best club adventures begin with ideas from our members!

Lightroom Group Meeting

Our exploration of Lightroom continues on **Tuesday, November 24, at 7:00 PM.** As with all of our meetings, our goal is to collectively solve any problems or issues you may be experiencing.

If you need assistance with a particular challenge, please do not hesitate to reach out anytime.

Chris Boesel, boeselc@gmail.com

Basic Studio Work Classes Continue in November

The November classes, in the Clubhouse, are 7 -9 PM on Wednesday, November 4, Wednesday, November 11, and **Tuesday**, November 17. The original last day of class was moved from Wednesday to Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict.

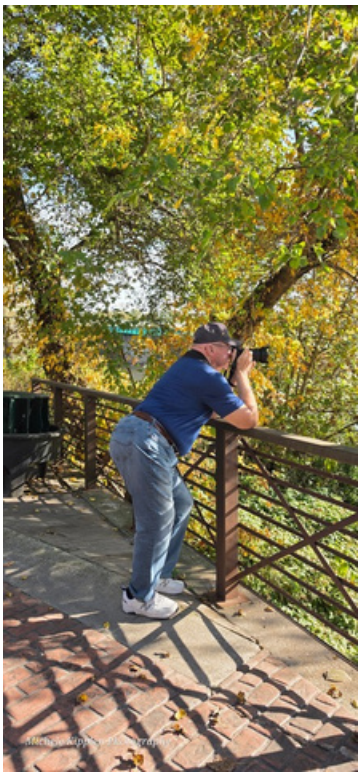
Contact John Dillon at jdillon356@aol.com if you have questions.

Photo Walk at the Ludwig Mill

Sunday, October 25 continued a beautiful stretch of Fall weather and thirteen photographers took advantage for an afternoon photo shoot at the historic Ludwig Mill. Inside the multi-story mill building there was an opportunity for some challenging dark interior photography. Outside, along the Maumee River, we enjoyed clear skies, bright sunshine and warm temperatures.











Behind The Shot: How I Created "Morning Brew" by Jim Hagan

Before I begin with my explanation of how I created "Morning Brew" I would like to first mention the PSA, Photographic Society of America. The PSA is a worldwide association of photographers that provides much to their members including travel advice, a monthly magazine, worldwide exhibitions (contests) and numerous study groups. The study groups are in various areas of interest including nature, travel, mono, journalism, color and creative.

I belonged to the "Creative Study Group" for several years and each month I had to think hard to come up with a creative image. I had been working on photographing glassware and thought perhaps one of my glassware images could be used for my monthly image. I had been photographing various glassware in my basement using floodlights and a black background.

The first image I considered was of a half-filled water goblet with additional water being poured in to it (photographed with a zoom lens at 300 mm, 1 second exposure at f/9). Please note that since the goblet was stationary it is in sharp focus while the water stream is blurred. The image is okay but not particularly interesting or creative.





The second image was shot at the same time with the same lens but this time I set the focal length of the lens to 112 mm, exposure at 8.0 seconds at f/10. I think I used some sort of a filter on the floodlights to warm the image and give it a golden tone. You will note that with the long exposure the water stream is blurred and also the bubbles created at the top of the glass. (con't next page)

Behind The Shot (con't)



My third image (left) was created by including the pitcher in the image using the same camera settings. Now this image is starting to be more interesting but the motion blurring in the pitcher is disturbing.

My final image (right) was created by starting with my third image. I then used a Photoshop cloud filter make it appear that steam was rising from the goblet. My final step was to use a filter to create neon like colors throughout the image. I had to delete numerous neon colored areas so that effect was just as a neon outline. Unfortunately, I no longer have that filter on my computer and don't remember its name. I probably had it removed when the company required a monthly fee for its use.



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Don't Forget to Order Your Club T-Shirt!

If you haven't ordered your Photo Arts Club of Toledo t-shirt yet, there's still time! The ordering link will expire October 31, so be sure to place your order before the deadline. A portion of every purchase comes back to the club, so you'll be showing your club pride while also supporting our programs and activities.

Important: When ordering, please do not select shipping to your home address unless you live outside the area. Local orders will be distributed through the club. Order your club shirt here:

https://photoartscluboftoledo.deco-apparel.com/

Get your order in before October 31 and wear your Photo Arts Club shirt proudly at our upcoming events, photo walks, open houses, and community activities!

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2027 Annual Photo Contest Planning

On September 28th we had our first meeting for the Annual contest. While the contest doesn't open until January, the preparation beforehand needs to start early. There will be more meetings in the coming months. We hope you can attend and find out how you can help with the contest. **There will be at least one meeting each month for the remainder of 2026. Please watch your emails for zoom meeting notifications. Participation in these meetings helps the committee chairs explain the process required for another successful event!**

Toledo Area Print Option: The UToledo Art Print Center

Looking for options to print your favorite shots? Consider the **University of Toledo's Art Print Center**. They have high quality printers and a variety of paper types to choose from. The facility is open to all, but those affiliated with the university are eligible for a discounted price.

Start on this page for more information. For a print project, complete the online form, then wait for an email with a link to upload your files. If you have questions or concerns after submitting your project request form, phone and email contact info is on the web page.

What's Happening at the Botanical Gardens?

2nd Saturdays Open House - Nov 14.

To volunteer as a greeter, please use the sign-up link:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EADA62EA5FAC25-62939081-greeters

November 11 - ROC meeting at 6 pm at the Toledo Artists Club.

Heralding the Holidays will be Dec 4-6, 2026. Watch for more information. Are you interested in helping? Contact Kayla Henderson at kaylahenderson321@gmail.com.

Board Position Open: Secretary

The Club has an open position for Secretary. If interested in volunteering, please contact Michele at michelekipplen@gmail.com.

Monthly Contest Assignments

November 2026: Looks Like a Haunted House

December 2026: By Candlelight

January 2027: **Print** - A Pop of Red

February 2027: Minimalism

March 2027: Still Life

April 2027: Black & White

May 2027: The Moon (full moon April 20th)

June 2027: Night Shot

July 2027: All Natural, Nothing Man Made

August 2027: **Print**: Focus on Framing, where framing the subject is creatively used in composition

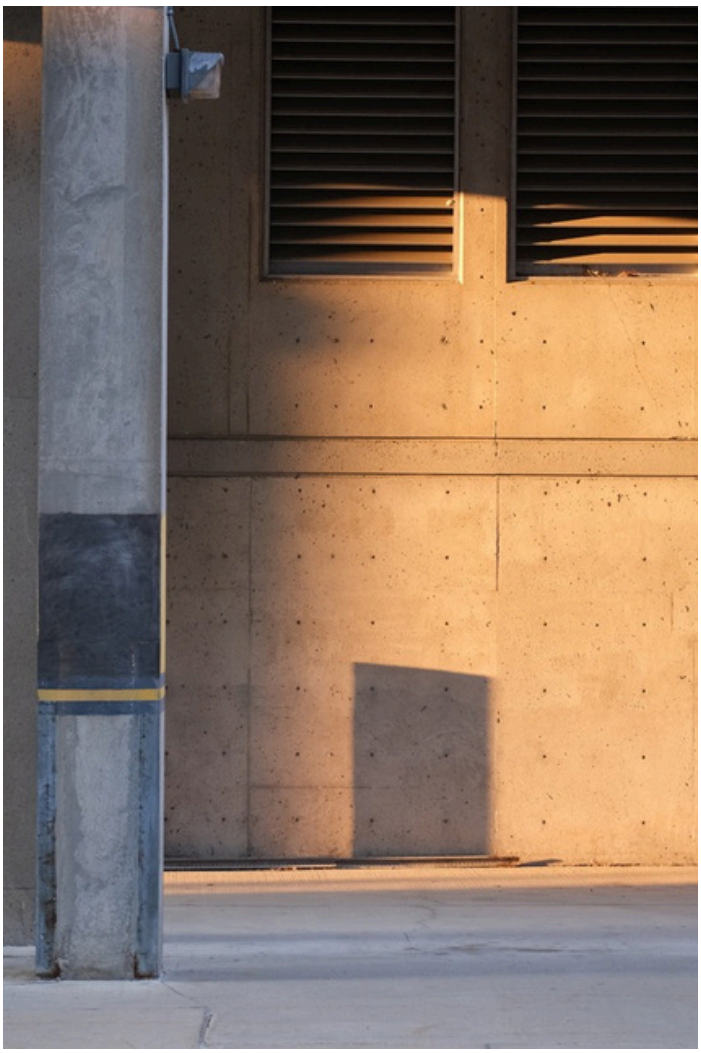
September 2027: Patterns and Repetition

October 2027: Broken

Monthly Contest Winners

The October competition PRINT assignment was “Hometown Highlights.” Six photographers submitted a total of thirteen photos. Three members participated in judging. A good critique discussion was held at the clubhouse on contest night.

The November assignment is “Looks Like a Haunted House.” There is the Open category too. We hope to see a lot of spooky photos!



“Huntington Center Highlight” by Kayla Henderson

Basic - 1st place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Hometown Bridge" by Kayla Henderson

Basic - 2nd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Cotton Candy Night" by Joey Saucedo

Intermediate - 1st Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Cruisin' Nights" by Brynn Saucedo

Intermediate - 2nd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Buffalo City Hall" by Carrie Heller

Intermediate - 2nd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Favorite Pizza Place" by Bob Wadas

Intermediate - 2nd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Last Days for Jefferson Jr High" by Bob Wadas

Intermediate - 3rd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"New Toledo" by Jack Myers

Advanced - 1st Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Harvard Graduate" byJack Myers

Advanced - 2nd Place
Assignment: Hometown Highlights

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"The Ghost Was Here" by Kayla Henderson

Basic - 1st Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Crown Jewel of Queen City" by Carrie Heller

Intermediate - 1st Place
Open Category

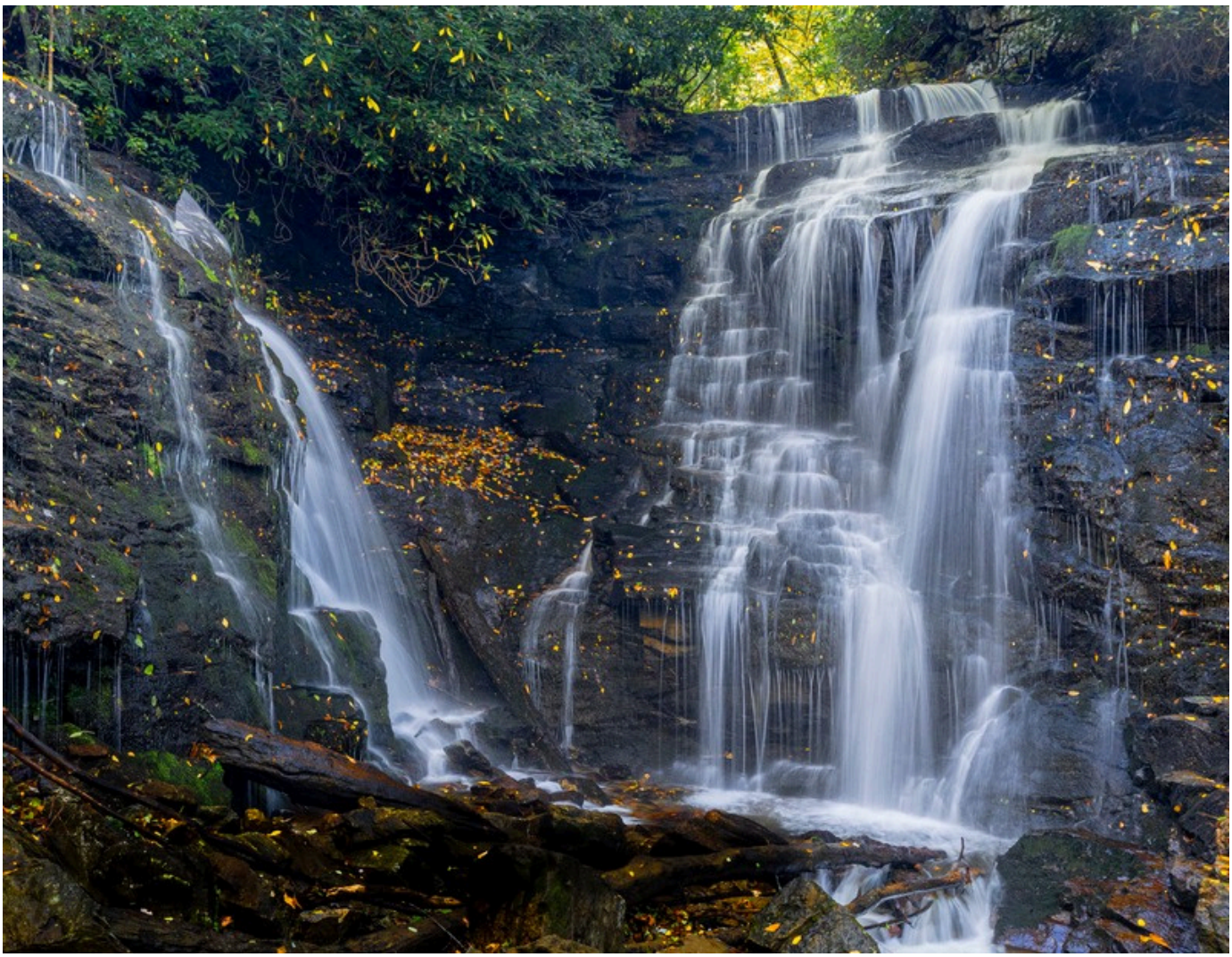
Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Downtown Lady" by Bob Wadas

Intermediate - 2nd Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



"Soco Falls" by Jack Myers

Advanced- 1st Place
Open Category

Upcoming Events and Meetings

November 1, Sunday, 2:00 PM: Fall photo walk at the Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

November 3, Tuesday, 7:00 PM: 2027 Annual Conest Meeting (Zoom)

November 4, Wednesday, 7:00 PM: Basic Studio Work (Clubhouse)

November 5, Thursday, 7:00 PM: Monthly Board Meeting

November 8, Sunday, 7:00 PM: Heralding the Holidays Planning Meeting (Zoom)

November 11, Wednesday, 7:00 PM: Basic Studio Work (Clubhouse)

November 13, Friday, 11:30 PM: Monthly Contest Closes

November 14, Saturday, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM: 2nd Saturday Open House

November 17, Tuesday, 7:00 PM: Basic Studio Work

November 17, Tuesday, 7:00 PM: Monthly Contest Voting Closes

November 18, Wednesday, 7:00 PM: Monthly Contest Meeting

November 22, Sunday, 12:00 PM: Heralding the Holidays Art Drop

November 24, Tuesday, 7:00 PM: Lightroom Session (Zoom)

December 4, Friday, 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Heralding the Holidays

December 5, Saturday, 10:00 AM - 5 PM: Heralding the Holidays

December 6, Sunday, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Heralding the Holidays

December 10, Thursday, 7:00 PM: December Board Meeting (Zoom)

December 11, Friday, 11:30 PM: Monthly contest “By Candlelight” closes

December 16, Wednesday, 7:00 PM: Monthly contest meeting (Zoom)

Please refer to the website Events Calendar for Zoom links and more information. Note that some events will ONLY be visible when logged in!

"I photograph to find out what something would look like photographed"

– Gary Winigrand

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Reminder to members: we have returned to scheduling our
Monthly Board Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
The link to join the Zoom meeting is on the Events calendar.

Board meetings are open to all members