

VIEWPOINT | JULY 2026

The Newsletter of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo

From the President

As we move into the heart of summer, I encourage each of you to take advantage of the many photographic opportunities that surround us. Whether you're exploring a new destination, visiting local festivals, photographing nature, or simply documenting everyday moments, remember that great images often come from being present and curious. Our club continues to thrive because of the dedication, creativity, and volunteer spirit of our members.

Thank you for sharing your talents, supporting one another, and helping make the Photo Arts Club a welcoming place for photographers of all skill levels. I look forward to seeing the stories you capture and share in the months ahead.

In Memory of Cindy White

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of our dear friend and club secretary, Cindy White. Cindy was a dedicated and active member of the Photo Arts Club whose contributions touched nearly every aspect of our organization. In addition to serving as Secretary, she led our Second Saturday Open House events, actively assisted with our Introduction to Your Photography (IYP) classes, and was often one of the first friendly faces to welcome new members into the club.

Cindy generously shared her time, enthusiasm, and passion for photography with our members and the community. Her kindness, willingness to help, and commitment to the club will be remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her. She leaves behind a lasting impact on our organization and will be greatly missed.

Our thoughts and condolences are with Cindy's family and friends during this difficult time. An obituary has been attached for those who would like to learn more about her life and legacy.

<https://www.reebfuneralhome.com/obituary/Cynthia-White>



Volunteers Needed for Second Saturdays

We are looking for friendly club members to serve as Greeters during our Second Saturday Open House events. Greeters play an important role in helping visitors feel welcome while sharing information about the Photo Arts Club and our mission within the community. Responsibilities include opening the clubhouse, welcoming guests, answering basic questions, and helping visitors enjoy their experience while exploring our gallery and activities. If you enjoy meeting people and serving as an ambassador for the club, we would love to have your help. Your time and enthusiasm help create a positive first impression and support the success of our public events.

Register Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EADA62EA5FAC25-62939081-greeters>

Lightroom Group Meeting

For the months of July and August, we will be taking a summer hiatus! Enjoy the warm weather and numerous shooting opportunities that summer brings. We will continue our exploration of Lightroom on Tuesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM.

As with all of our meetings, we will together discuss your various editing workflows, and challenges you may be encountering. Our goal is to collectively solve any problems or issues you may be experiencing. In the meantime, if there is any pressing issue that you would like immediate assistance with, please do not hesitate to drop me an email at boeselc@gmail.com.

Ben Ayling and Chris Boesel

The Photo Arts Club welcomes the following new members!

Anna Artemchick
Joshua Walczak

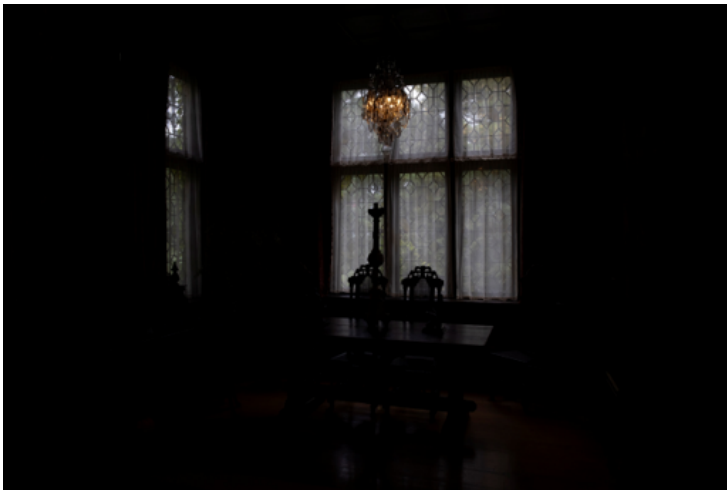
“Taking pictures is like tiptoeing into the kitchen late at night
and stealing Oreo cookies.”

– Diane Arbus

Behind The Shot: Inside A 1915 Mansion

I had the opportunity to photograph inside the mansion named Stan Hywet, built by the founder of the Goodyear Tire Company. It was built in 1915 and was their home until 1955. After the death of the founder F. A. Seiberling, it was gifted to the Akron community. It became a non-profit historic house museum. It is open for 90 minute tours April-December. The 70 acre estate includes 10 fully restored historic gardens.

Tripods are not allowed so I had to work on camera settings to get a fast enough shutter speed for hand-held shots. Using the highlight alerts on my camera, I kept adjusting the exposure until the windows were not over-exposed. My Canon R5 camera settings, shooting in aperture priority, were ISO 640, f/10, 1/100 sec, -2.33 underexposed. The resulting RAW photo was nearly all shadow. Using Lightroom, I was able to increase the exposure +4.3 stops, I lowered the highlights to -68, and I raised the shadows +66. I did some other tweaks too.



To cap off the day, the Goodyear blimp flew over as I left the mansion. --Jack Myers



Twilight Photo Session: Friday, July 24, 8:00pm Rain Date: Saturday, July 25

Join us for an evening of photography as we capture the beautiful transition from day to night. We'll meet on the International Park side of the Maumee River, where we'll photograph the Toledo skyline as the city lights begin to glow against the evening sky.

As a bonus, we may have the opportunity to capture the Toledo Mud Hens fireworks display after the game, with colorful bursts sparkling above the city skyline.

Please RSVP through the Events link so we can account for everyone and ensure no one gets left behind. Bring your camera, tripod, and creativity—we look forward to seeing you there!



A Couple of Other Photo Opportunities

The world's largest steam locomotive, "Big Boy" is on an eastern tour. It will be stopping in Fostoria, Ohio on Tuesday, July 14 for public viewing. For more information, open this link:

<https://www.up.com/about-us/history/steam/schedule>

Conneaut Ohio annually hosts the country's largest Normandy D-Day landing re-enactment. This three day event takes place this year on August 13, 14 and 15. Each of the three days the beach landing is re-enacted. Each day has other WW2 related events. Entry is free, but tickets must be downloaded from their website, as crowd size is limited. The website (<https://www.ddayohio.us/>) has many photos and includes a photo portal where visitors can upload their favorites.

What's Happening at the Botanical Gardens?

2nd Saturdays Open House - July 11; Sept 12; Oct 10; & Nov 14.

To volunteer as a greeter, please use the sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EADA62EA5FAC25-62939081-greeters>

July 14 - ROC meeting at 6 pm at the Toledo Artists Club.

Jazz in the Garden returns this year with a shortened schedule. Starting Thursday July 9, 2026 the Gardens will be closed each Thursday at 1pm thru Aug 27, 2026. We will not be able to hold anything at the Clubhouse on Thursdays during this time.

Heralding the Holidays will be Dec 4-6, 2026. Watch for more information.

Garden Closure Reminder

Please note that the Garden will be closed to regular use on Thursday evenings during the 2026 Jazz in the Garden concert series. The closure dates are Thursdays, July 9 through August 27. To accommodate event setup, the Garden will close beginning at 1:00 p.m., with concert gates opening at 5:30 p.m. Members planning photography outings, meetings, or visits to the Garden should keep these dates in mind and make alternate arrangements if needed. We encourage everyone to enjoy the concert series and thank you for your cooperation during this popular community event.

Monthly Contest Assignments

July 2026: Water

January 2027: Print - A Pop of Red

August 2026: On the Shore

February 2027: Minimalism

September 2026: Trees, Woods or Forest

March 2027: Still Life

October 2026: Looks like a Haunted House

April 2027: Black & White

November 2026: Print - Hometown Highlights

May 2027: The Moon, full moon April 20th

December 2026: By Candlelight

June 2027: Night Shot



Monthly Contest Winners

The June print competition assignment was “Something in Your Home.” Twelve photographers submitted a total of thirty-three photos. There were nineteen Home photos, and fourteen Open category photos submitted. Twelve members participated in judging.

The July contest assignment is “Water.” And note that the August assignment is “On the Shore.” Think about your selections over the next two months where July will focus on water as the subject, and August where water would be secondary to the shoreline, the beach, etc.



“Outside Looking In” by Neeru Biyani

Basic - 1st place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Party Ready” by Neeru Biyani

Basic - 2nd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© Neeru Biyani

“Am I level Yet” by Neeru Biyani

Basic - 3rd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Let’s Pump Out Some Tunes” by Isaiah Miller

Intermediate - 1st Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Groot and the Fun Guy” by Sumit Khadka

Advanced - 2nd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© **Sumit Khadka, SK**

“A Glimmer of Hope” by Sumit Khadka

Intermediate - 3rd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Seeing Double” by Jack Myers

Advanced - 1st Place
Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© Rick Francis

“Winter Candles” by Rick Francis

Advanced - 2nd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Burning Wick Closeup” by Rick Francis

Advanced - 2nd Place

Assignment: Something in Your Home

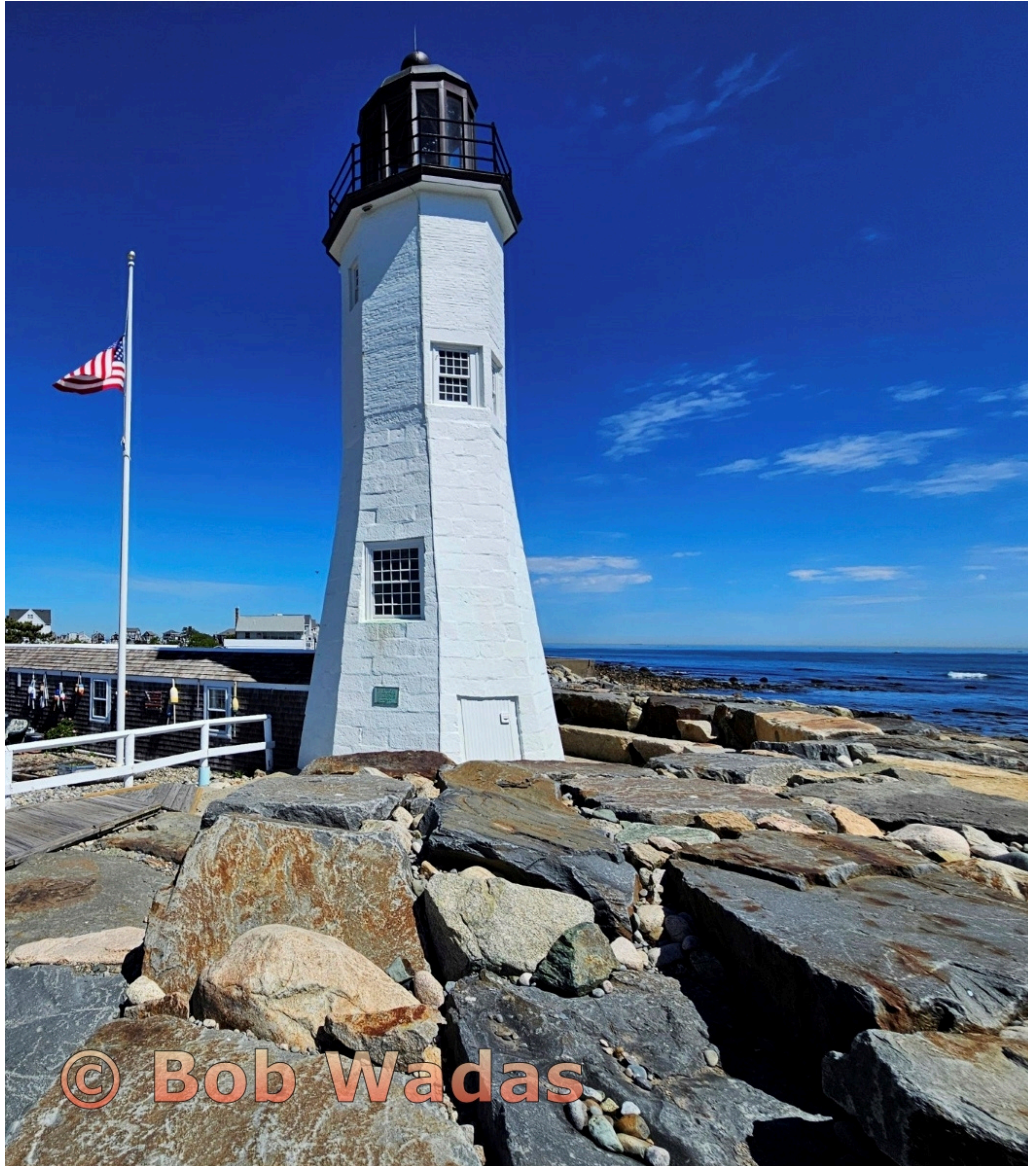
Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Spinning Fun” by Jack Myers

Advanced - 3rd Place
Assignment: Something in Your Home

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Scituate Massachusetts Lighthouse”

by Bob Wadas

Basic - 1st Place

Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© Sarah Werder,
sarahwerder12@gmail.com

“I’m Watching You!” by Sarah Werder

Basic - 2nd Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Checking In” by Sarah Werder

Basic - 3rd Place

Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© Isaiah Miller

“Eastern Fox Snake” by Isaiah Miller

Intermediate - 1st Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



© Kathy Fisher

“Boardwalk View” by Kathy Fisher

Intermediate - 2nd Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Golden Hour Spring Blossom” by Carrie Heller

Intermediate - 3rd Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Alpine Valley” by Jim Hagan

Advanced - 1st Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Enjoying Music” by Jim Hagan

Advanced - 2nd Place
Open Category

Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“The Kerr House” by Jack Myers

Advanced - 3rd Place
Open Category

Upcoming Events and Meetings

July 2, 7:00 PM: Monthly Board meeting

July 8, 7:00 PM: Studio Group (Water drops)

July 10, 11:30 PM: July monthly contest closes (“Water”)

July 11, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM: 2nd Saturday Open House

July 14, 7:00 PM: Monthly contest voting closes

July 15, 7:00 PM: Monthly contest meeting

July 16: August monthly contest submissions open with assignment “On the Shore”

July 24: Downtown Toledo Twilight Photo Shoot. 8 PM at International Park. Rain Date July 25.

August 6, 7:00 PM: Monthly Board Meeting

August 14, 11:30 PM: Monthly contest closes (“On the Shore”)

August 18, 7:00 PM: Monthly contest voting closes

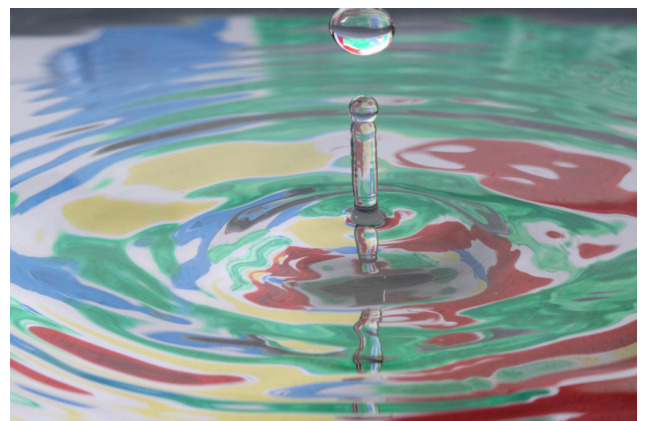
August 19, 7:00 PM: Monthly contest meeting

August 20, 12:00 AM: September contest opens with assignment “Tree, Trees, Woods, Forest”

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

Studio Group

The Studio Group will meet July 8th at 7:00 PM to practice photographing water drops. A macro lens works best, but if you have a close focusing lens that will work too. Steve Stalker will lead this program. Jack and John have mirrorless macro lenses that people can use.



It can be a trap of the photographer to think that the best pictures were the ones that were hardest to get.

- Timothy Allen

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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](#).