

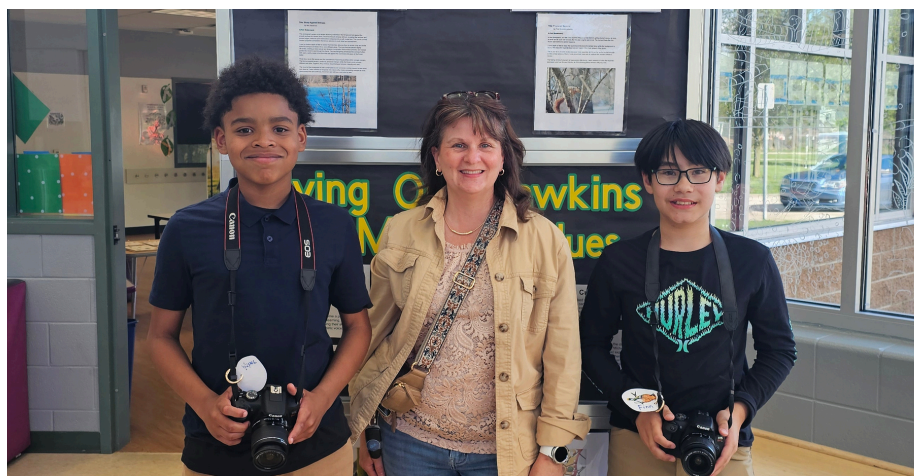
# VIEWPOINT | MAY 2026

The Newsletter of the Photo Arts Club of Toledo

## Inspiring Young Creatives Through Nature and Photography

The Photo Arts Club recently partnered with Hawkins Elementary School to introduce 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to the creative connection between nature and photography. Students had the opportunity to explore the outdoors through a photographer's perspective, while learning how composition, lighting and observation can transform everyday scenes into meaningful images. The experience encouraged creativity, artistic expression, and a greater appreciation for the natural world through the lens of photography.

We are excited to share that selected student work will be on display at the Clubhouse during the Annual May Sale, allowing visitors to support and celebrate these young creatives and their artistic accomplishments.



## Behind The Shot: *Notre Dame Paris* by Bob Wadas

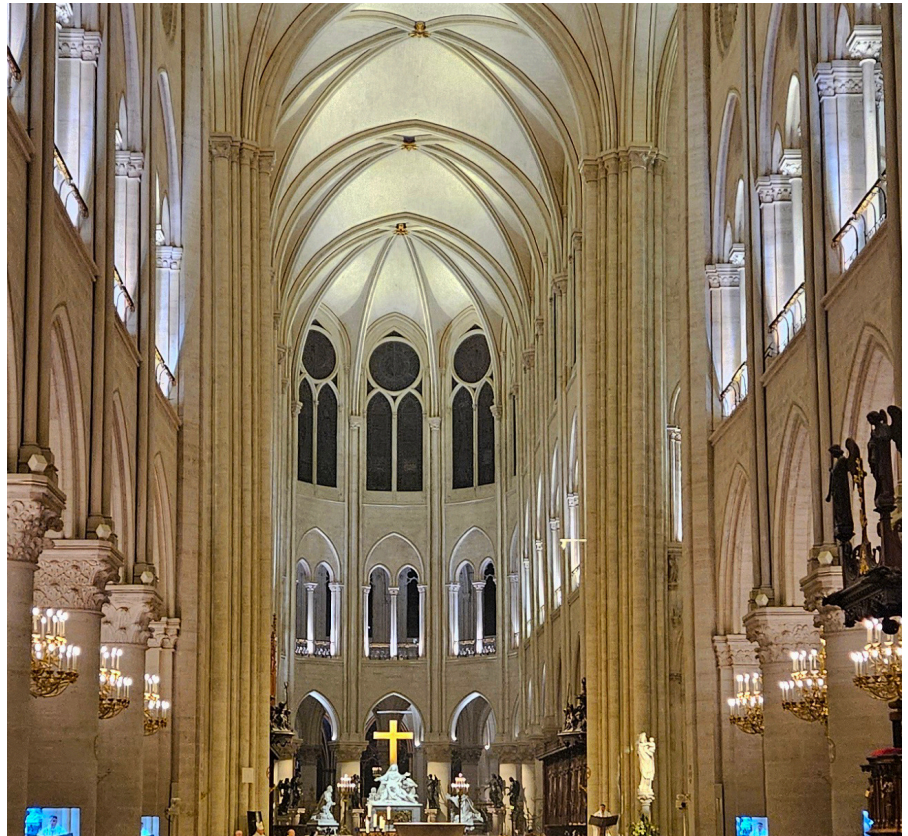
Our first trip to Paris in December of 2024 just happened to coincide with the re-opening of the Notre Dame Cathedral. Most of the roof and the entire interior needed to be rebuilt due to the catastrophic fire in 2019.

We had tried to get tour tickets through the lottery system but had no luck in securing them. On our second day in Paris we were walking around the perimeter, where there was still extensive scaffolding on the back end of the church where finishing work was still ongoing. As we were walking, our son-in-law noticed a small sign in the lawn which noted that on a first come basis, the church could be toured during the evening mass. We returned that evening thinking the lines would be extremely long. And while they were long, we got in line and moved along at a fairly good pace. Within 45 minutes we had made it into the church.

Photography was allowed, but no flash. As mass was being performed, the walking line was quiet and orderly. We were allowed to circle the perimeter of the entire cathedral, I took a couple of dozen photographs during the walk, with most of them showing limited views, or crowded with tourists (like us). For the photo that I included here, from the back of the church, I cropped out many rows of pews to bring the altar forward. I believe the cropped photo still gives the feeling of the size and beauty of the cathedral.

As often happens on well-planned vacations, a chance observation can lead to an unplanned pleasant surprise. Without our son-in-law noticing the small sign indicating the non-ticketed night tour, we would have missed out on what turned out to be a special vacation memory.

For some history, the cathedral's original construction took place over 182 years, from 1163 to 1345. The construction duration was due to mediaval engineering challenges, political upheaval, and economic limitations. The 2019 to 2024 rebuild cost an astonishing 700 million dollars. The funding for the rebuild was made possible through donations from 340,000 donors across 150 countries.



Do you have a shot with a story to share for a future **Behind the Shot**? **We're looking for your stories!**  
Send your photo and story to [photoartsclubtoledo.news@gmail.com](mailto:photoartsclubtoledo.news@gmail.com).

## The Photo Arts Club welcomes the following new members!

Neeru Biyani

Jon Fish

Owen Hall

Roger Hawkins

Cynthia Kalnow

## Decorating/Setup Committee

The Decorating Committee is responsible for decorating and coordinating setups for the following events:

- Holiday Parties
- Outdoor Selfie Station (bi-monthly)
- Heralding the Holidays
- Christmas lights for the outside of the clubhouse
- Any additional special events as they arise

For more information or to get involved, please contact Kayla Henderson, [kaylahenderson321@gmail.com](mailto:kaylahenderson321@gmail.com)

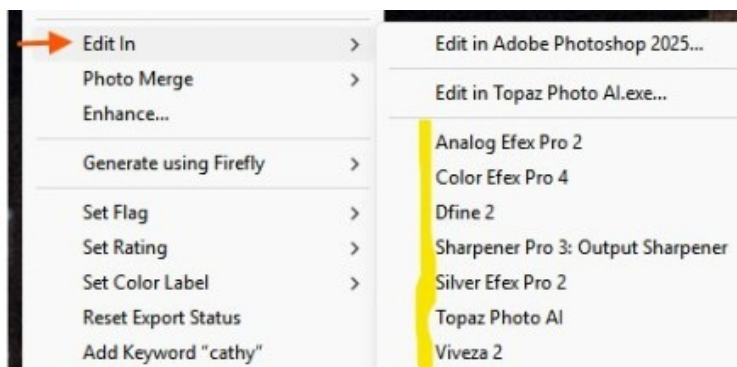
Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EADA62EA5FAC25-62290603-decorating>

## The Free Version of the NIK Collection

Club members may want to install the NIK Collection for use with editing programs like Lightroom. DXO recently bought it and continues to develop a paid version, but the original set is still FREE! The tools differ from most editing software because they are all editable presets, but no cropping, masks, etc. It works for JPEG or RAW. The NIK collection consists of eight specialized pieces: Analog Efex Pro, Color Efex Pro, Silver Efex Pro (for great Black and White results), Viveza, HDR Efex Pro, Sharpener Pro, and Dfine.

Within each of these are preset editing combinations, and you can make adjustments if the effect is too strong or weak. Many of us have used them for years, and I think they are really good. Download from [this link](#) and run the install .exe. It will then show up as a series of options in Lightroom under Photo => Edit In, as shown on the right.

Jack Myers



## What's Happening at the Botanical Gardens?

**2nd Saturdays Open House** - June 13; 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>

**May Sale** will be May 8-10, 2026, with a Night Market on Friday, May 8, from 4-8 pm. The sale will continue May 9, 10 am to 5 pm, and May 10, 11 am to 4 pm. To volunteer, please use the sign-up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044EADA62EA5FAC25-63344059-2026>

The monthly **ROC meeting** will be in the Toledo Artists building on May 12 at 6 pm at the Toledo.

**Toledo Festival of the Arts** will be Saturday, June 27, from 11 am to 6 pm, and on Sunday, June 28, from 11 am to 4 pm.

**Jazz in the Garden** returns this year with a shortened schedule. Starting Thursday July 9, 2026, the Gardens will be closed each Thursday at 1 pm through 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.

## Monthly Contest Assignments

May 2026: Architecture

November 2026: **Print** - Hometown Highlights

June 2026: Something in your Home

December 2026: By Candlelight

July 2026: Water

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

August 2026: On the Shore

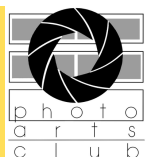
February 2027: Minimalism

September 2026: Trees, Woods or Forest

March 2027: Still Life

October 2026: Looks like a Haunted House

April 2027: Black & White



## Monthly Contest Winners

The April print competition assignment was Food photography. There were 21 photos from 9 photographers. In the monthly Open category, there were 9 photos from 4 photographers.



“Jelly Beans and a Missing Puzzle Piece” by Bob Wadas

Basic - 1<sup>st</sup> place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Chocolate Lava Cupcake” by James Unger

Intermediate - 1st Place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Bowl of Baby Potatoes” by James Unger

Intermediate, 2nd Place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



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“Plated Tower” by Quentin Francis-Emonds

Intermediate, 3rd Place, Assignment: Food



## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Hero Shots-3820 EE” by Michele Kipplen

Advanced, 1st Place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Starling Coffee” by Michele Kipplen

Advanced, 2nd Place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Rice King Eggrolls” by Michele Kipplen

Advanced, 3rd Place, Assignment: Food

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



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Khadka, SK

“Tangled” by Sumit Khadka

Intermediate, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Open Category

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Smooth, Refreshing Beer” by Matt Buchanan

Intermediate, 2nd Place, Open Category

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Smoke Break” by Matt Buchanan

Intermediate, 3rd Place, Open Category

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Mom and Her Pups” by Jim Hagan

Advanced, 1st Place Open, Category

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“A High Wheeler” by Jim Hagan

Advanced, 1st Place, Open Category



## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Fishing” by Jim Hagan

Advanced, 2nd Place, Open Category

## Monthly Contest Winners (con't)



“Lake Erie Sunset” by Ben Anderson

Advanced, 3rd Place, Open Category

## Multiple Items for Sale by One Seller: High-Quality Canon Lenses & Seestar Smart Telescope

Haley McRitchie is thinning out her gear collection. All items are well-maintained and priced to sell. See below for details on each item.

### CANON RF MOUNT (Mirrorless)

#### Canon RF 1.4x Extender – \$550

**Condition:** Gently Used. Optics are clean; a perfect way to add reach to your compatible RF telephoto lenses.



#### Canon RF 24-105mm f/4-7.1 IS STM – \$300

**Condition:** Like New. The ultimate versatile travel lens. Compact, lightweight, and sharp.



#### Canon RF-S 18-45mm f/4.5-6.3 IS STM – \$300

**Condition:** Like New. Perfect compact kit lens for APS-C mirrorless shooters.



### ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY

#### Seestar S30 Smart Telescope – \$475

**Condition:** Still in Box (New/Unused - not pictured) Ready to go for anyone looking to get into smart astrophotography without the wait.

### CANON EF/EF-S MOUNT (DSLR or Adapted)

#### Canon TS-E 90mm f/2.8 Tilt-Shift – \$700

**Condition:** Used. A specialized lens perfect for product photography and portraits where perspective control is key. Mechanics are smooth.



#### Canon EF-S 18-55mm f/3.5-5.6 IS STM – \$75

**Condition:** Like New. The reliable "workhorse" kit lens with silent STM focusing for video or stills.



#### Canon EF 28-90mm f/4-5.6 – \$75

**Condition:** Used. A lightweight, affordable full-frame zoom lens.



**Location:** Toledo, OH

**Payment:** Cash, Venmo or PayPal preferred.

**Shipping:** Local pickup preferred

**Interested?** Send an email or text to Haley McRitchie with the specific item you're looking for!

**macritchie.haley@gmail.com or 419-351-9214**

## Mac Mini For Sale

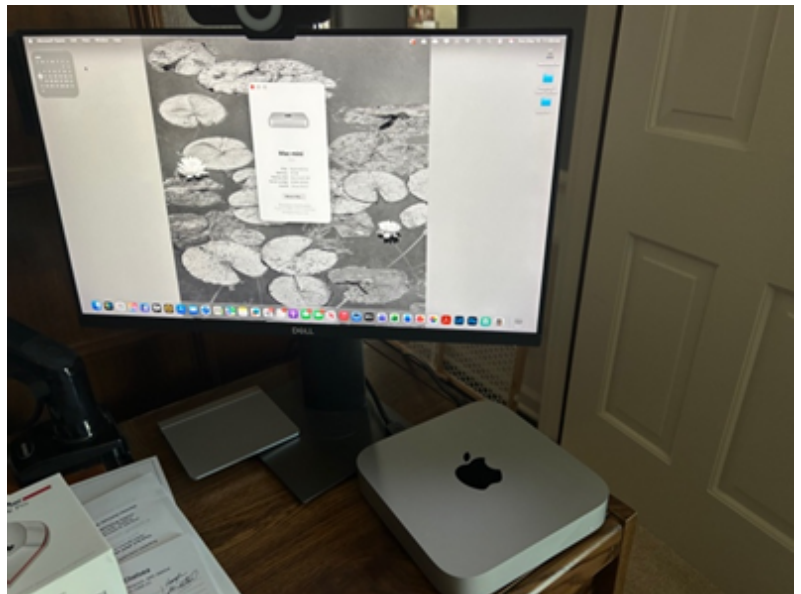
Due to a recent laptop upgrade, I'm offering my 2023 Mac mini for sale.

I purchased it new in late 2022. Equipped with the Apple Silicon M2 chip, 512gb of SSD storage and 16gb of ram (Increased from the standard 8gb), this machine has plenty of power. Over the past couple of years, it has worked great with all the photo editing software that I use.

This complete system comes with Apple's wireless keyboard, mouse, and a Dell P2219H 21.5" 16:9 Ultrathin Bezel IPS Monitor.

Asking \$625 for the complete package.

Thanks!  
Chris Boesel  
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## Upcoming Events and Meetings

**May 15, 11:30 PM:** Closing for monthly contest submissions (Open and Assignment: Architecture)

**May 16, 10:00 AM-12 Noon:** Photo Walk Downtown: Color Hunting. Sign up on PACT Events calendar.

**May 19, 7:00 PM:** Voting for the monthly contest closes.

**May 20, 7:00 PM to 9 PM:** Monthly contest meeting

**May 21:** Monthly contest submissions are open for June Assignment: Something in your house, and Open

**June 4, 7:00 PM:** Monthly Board Meeting

**June 12, 11:30 PM:** June monthly contest closes

**June 13, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Open House

**June 18:** July monthly contest opens, Assignment: Water

***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 Meeting

The Studio Group will meet on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM to 9 PM. We have a good sized batch of used but new to us stuff. Donations from a member. Let's see what we have and play around with it. Please sign in on the web site, and I'll see you there.

John Dillon, [esclc@gmail.com](mailto:esclc@gmail.com)

## May Lightroom Group Meeting

We will continue our exploration of Lightroom on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM. This month we will begin to discuss various editing workflows. As with every meeting, our goal is to collectively solve any problems or issues you may be experiencing. We look forward to another great discussion.

Ben Ayling and Chris Boesel

"Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still."  
Dorothea Lange

Dorothea Lange was a 1930's Depression era photographer, hired by the government to photograph the rural poor in California where she lived. Her photographs brought attention to the plight of farmers during the Depression, helping to focus government aid.

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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](#).