

Indian River Photo Club April's 2026 Newsletter



Hello Members,

The Indian River Photo Club's had its annual Museum Photo Contest and a great number of photos were entered. The club wants to thank the judges, John Buck, Kim Hunt and Richard Thompson for taking on the hard task of picking the winners. Also, many members came to the reception on April 10. I want to thank everyone who came to show their support.

March's meeting, we had Kim Hunt as our speaker and Dick Robertson as our judge for the print contest. They did a great job. Snacks were provided by Etta and I which we had "Pizza" and other snacks. Many members helped with the setup and taken down of the equipment for the meeting. I want to thank everyone.

The next club outing will be McKee Gardens in which I will give a date when I get it.

The theme for this month's print and digital photo contest is "Food" which should be interesting. Digital photos should be sent to irpcmemo@gmail.com

April's meeting is on April 23, at 6:30pm. I hope to see you all there.

Billy Ocker IRPC, President

April's Meeting "Portfolio"



By John Buck

Have you ever taken a portrait of a complete stranger? I'm not talking about street photography or crowds; I'm talking about a portrait that truly captures the essence of your subject. It's intimidating if you are even slightly shy. I'm not! For 10 years, I traveled all over capturing lifestyle images for Kodak, using an array of cameras from film to 4mp digital consumer cameras to 24mp DSLRs. Kodak wasn't interested in architecture and landscapes unless a person or persons was an integral part of the image. In addition, a full-page release form with contact information was required. Imagine trying to get that in rural Thailand. In my program on January 26, I will show you 50 tips I learned along the way which should allow you to capture the very soul of a friend or stranger. It's easier than you think!

Presently, I am busy repurposing select images from my travels into digital graphic designs. I am still active in the Camera Club of Brevard and teach private classes in digital photography. If you're curious, check out my website at www.johncbuck.art.



Indian River Photo Club 2026 Photographic Print Exhibit Results

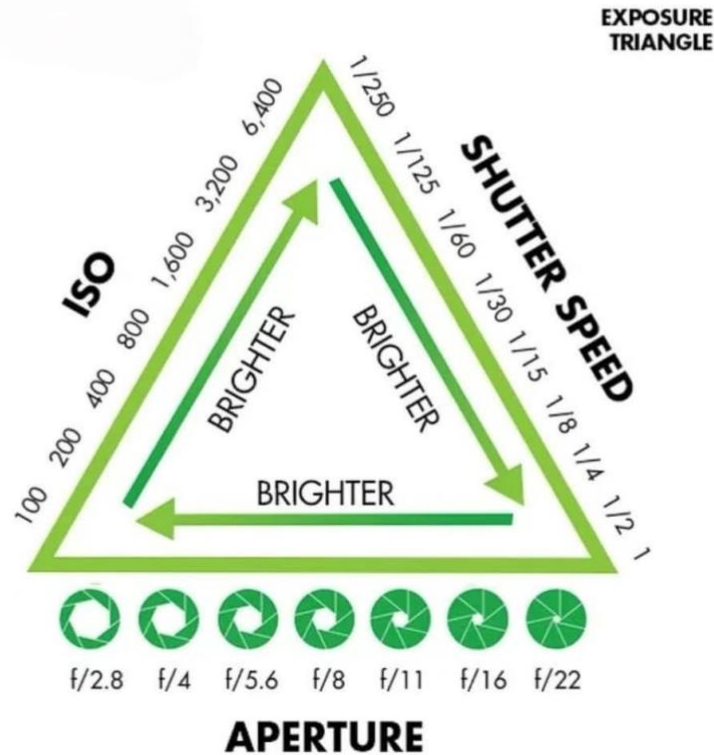
IRPC 2026 Annual Print Exhibit Intake

	Artist	Title
PEOPLE		
1st	Ray McTeague	Crossing paths
2nd	Dennis Akman	A Taste of Honey
3rd	Billy Ocker	Confederate Soldier
HM	Arlene Willnow	Remembering Mom
OPEN		
1st	Ray McTeague	Journey at Day's End
2nd	Mike Stewart	Carousel
3rd	Mike Stewart	Love Locks
HM	Billy Ocker	Now What
SCAPES		
1ST	Gary Schwendner	The Sentinal's Watch
2nd	Lou Lower	Sentinel of Dead House Point
3rd	Buddy Lauer	Morning at Vero Pier
HM	Dennis Akman	Parade of Skiffs
SPECIAL TECHNIQUES		
1st& Best	Tina Baxter Conway	Winter at Yaddo
2nd	Barbara Whitlam	Buffalo
3rd	Barbara Whitlam	Bending Towards Light
HM	Mike Stewart	Hot Rock
NATURE FAUNA		
1st	Mike Ricciardi	Mr. Hermit Crab
2nd	Buddy Lauer	Spoonbills of Our Lagoon
3rd	Ray McTeague	Gear Down, Flaps Full, Cleared to Land
HM	Billy Ocker	Eye to Eye

STILL LIFE		
1st	Arlene Willnow	Still Life in Purple
2nd	Curtis Jensen	Double Spiral
3rd	Mike Stewart	Dicso Bulb
Hm	Dennis Akman	A Restfull Place
NATURE FLORA		
1st	Barbara Whitlam	Billy Weed
2nd	Lou Lower	Reflections in Bloom
3rd	Tina Baxter Conway	Floral Impression
HM	Arlene Willnow	Bird of Paradise

Cheat Sheet

You Must Know Before Starting Photography 📷



March's 2026 Winners Theme "Open"

Color Print

Ray McTeague "Sunset Sugar Express" 1st Place

Dennis Ekman "Beach Day" 2nd Place

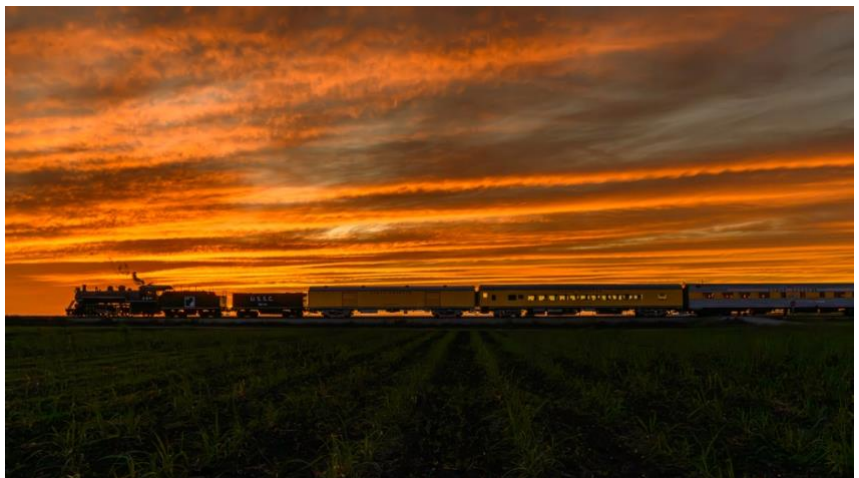
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Liz Chasse Crouse "I'm Hungry Mom" HM

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Monochrome Print

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Gary Schwendner "Sanctuary" 2nd Place
Ray McTeague "Grab the Bull by the Horn" 3rd Place
Shelley Stang "Forest Hills Cemetery, Boston" HM



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Special Technique Print

Mike Stewart "Hot Rock" 1st Place

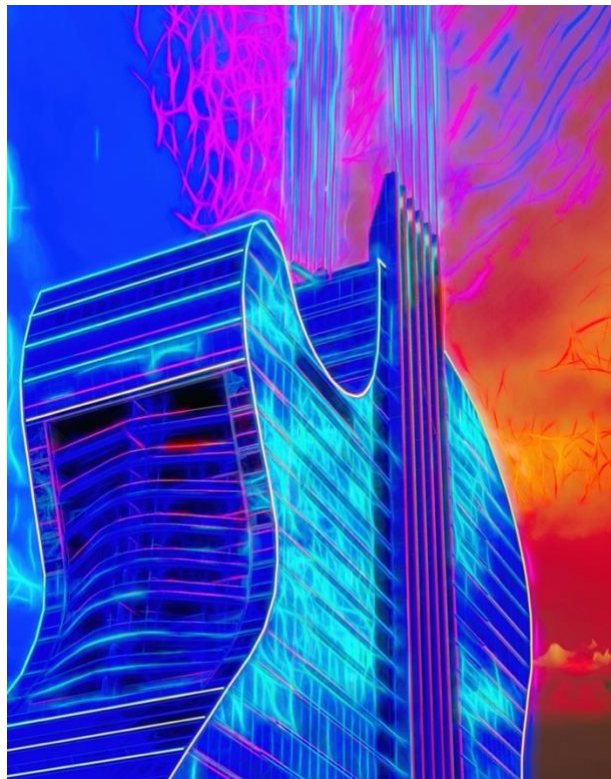
Kenneth Audette "Flock of Pelies" 2nd Place

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Gary Schwendner "Glance" HM



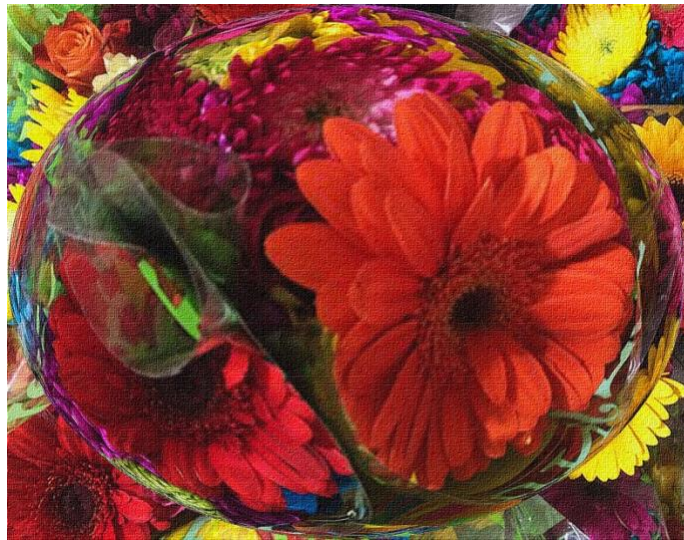
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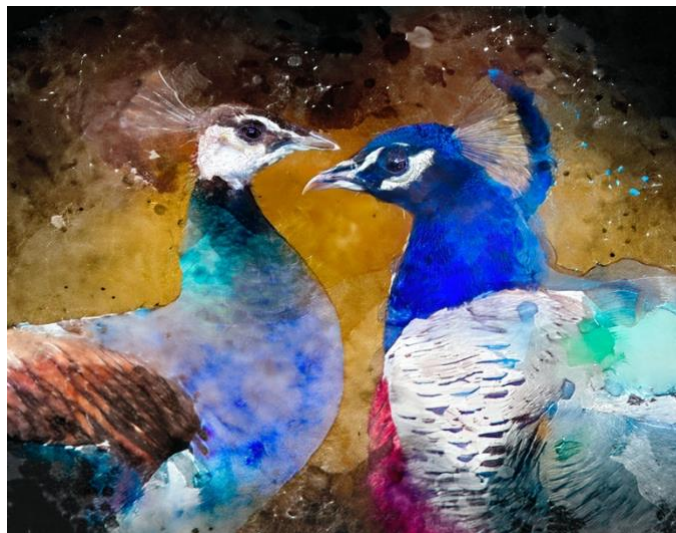
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Digital Color

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Gary Schwendner "Pink Resonance" 2nd Place

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Digital Monochrome

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Christine Wickham "I Can See You" 2nd Place

Ray McTeague "A Step Back in Time" 3rd Place



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Digital Manipulated

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Gary Schwendner

"Radiant Flight"

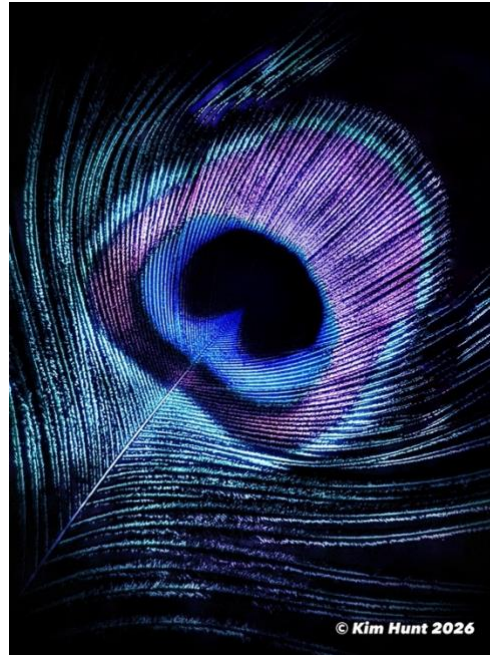
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[See you on April 23 at 6:30 pm](#)