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Indian River Photo Club October's 2025 Newsletter



Hello Members,

October 23 will be the last club meeting before the Best Picture of the Year Party. I hope you all join us for these last two time we get together for these year. We still have not had anyone stepup to be on the Board of Directors for next year. This does not look good for the club. This is the 11 year for me being as president and I think it time for new board members. Please do your part.

September's meeting we had a presentation on Bubble Macro by our own member Mike Stewart. He did a great job and all enjoyed it. October we will have another member who step up to give a presentatio which will be Christine Wickham. She is another great Photographer. Your are not going to want to miss this one.

The club wants to give thanks to Dick Robertson and Robert for judging September's meeting with Bill Menzies help. Our snack lady Etta brought in the snacks where we had Ice Cream and popcorn with Brownies.

The theme for this month's print and digital photo contest is "Eyes Have It". Digital photos should be sent to Bill Conway at billcnwy@yahoo.com

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

Billy Ocker IRPC, President



Christine Wickham

I was born in New Jersey. Right outside of Philadelphia. For as long as I can remember I always had an interest in photography. When I met my husband Don he was already into photography and being transferred to Florida. At that time, I had a headhunter business in data processing in Haddonfield New Jersey.

Moving to Florida opened a new world to me. I went to work as a decorator. I enjoyed it so much I went back to school and got my license in interior design to open my own design business. I started with residential design and as the years went by, I got into commercial design. All along I was still doing lite photography After Shooting 15 weddings I knew I did not want to do it anymore. Don and I retired the same year, and we both became much more serious about wildlife photography. Grizzly bears and eagles were on top of the list.

Going to Romania seven times, working with orphans and photographing the people there, my interest changed again. Each time I returned to Romania I would bring the printed photos of them back to share with the people. After years visiting many National parks and so much time visiting Europe, we bought a diesel pusher with the thought maybe we would spend one year roaming around America. We were able to unhook the truck and drive down dirt roads where very few people would ever go. Hiking in the mountains and valleys and finding new things was amazing. Then we took another step for a new adventure. We drove up to Alaska and fell in love with the people and wildlife. We learned so much about Bears from friends that made a I Maxx movie about bears. They took us so many places in their float plane to be with the bears. Some of my photos were in galleries, local shops and hotels. I had a full page in Camera Arts magazine. My photos were used in Europe for advertising in magazines. We moved back to Florida and started to sell our work at a farmers' market. We were very surprised that we sold so many each day. Today I am on the computer for hours late at night like I did on my drawing board when I was a designer. I cannot wait to see what I shot that day. We are still hiking steep mountains, although carrying our gear is getting harder to do. But I have to say smart phones may not be good for wildlife, but they sure are great for portraits, still life and landscapes.



Best picture of the year Event
Dec 4th 2025
Vero beach community Center



Intake time for the photos will start at 5:45 pm, please make sure to read the guideline so you will be in compliance.

Potluck Dinner will start at 6:30pm , please bring a small dish of something you enjoy, and would like to share with everyone. Appetizer , side dish or dessert . The Cub will provide the catered main dishes . Please let Etta Ocker emocker@hotmail.com know if you plan on attending and how many guests will be attending if any. It gives us an idea of how many people will attend, and how much food is needed. There will also be a sign -up sheet at the next meeting also. Looking forward to seeing you there !! Chafer dishes are also available if you need to keep your food warm.



you will provide and use the Top aluminum pan 9x13 size if you wish to to use a chafer dish. The club will provide the bottom pan, sternos, frame

they sell them at walmart for \$1.59 or so

You haven't truly earned your photographer badge until you've done these!



CLASSIC



BRIDGE



PLOUGH



PRONE TIGER



CROSS



SQUAT BALANCE



STAR



REVERSE COWGIRL



KNEEL



DECKCHAIR



TRIUMPH ARCH



RECLINING LOTUS



APE



SIDEKICK



SUSPENDED CONGRESS



DOLPHIN



DOGGIE STYLE



BALANCING ACT



ASCENT TO DESIRE



MAGIC MOUNTAIN

September's 202 Winners Theme "Open"

Class Print Color Print

Christine Wickham "Eskimo Queen Fairbanks Alaska" 1st Place

Gary Schwendner "Dewdrop Sunflower" 2nd Place

Billy Ocker "Caged" 3rd Place

Ray McTeague "Mama Look, Another Tasty Photographer, Yum" HM



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Class Print Monochrome Print

Gary Schwendner "Portland Lighthouse" 1st Place

Christine Wickham "Warwick Castle England" 2nd Place

Kathie Phillips "Can You See Me?" 3rd Place

Billy Ocker "Working Man" HM



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Class Print Special Technique Print

Gary Schwendner "Twist and Twirl" 1st Place

Kim Hunt "Bromeliad Kaleidoscope" 2nd Place

Bobbi Whitlam "Poppies' Posey's" 3rd Place



Gary Schwendner
"Twist and Twirl"
1st Place



Kim Hunt
"Bromeliad Kaleidoscope"
2nd Place



Bobbi Whitlam
"Poppies' Posey's"
3rd Place



Class Digital Color

Billy Ocker "Eye to Eye" 1st Place

Kim Hunt "Have Faith" 2nd Place

Don Wickham "Moose Running in the Snow" 3rd Place



Billy Ocker
“Eye to Eye”
1st Place



Kim Hunt
“Have Faith”
2nd Place



Don Wickham
“Moose Running in the
Snow”
3rd Place



Class Digital Monochrome

Kathie Phillips "Peek a Boo" 1st Place

Kim Hunt "Here Kitty Kitty" 2nd Place

Billy Ocker "The Ladies" 3rd Place



Kathie Phillips
"Peek a Boo"
1st Place



Kim Hunt
"Here Kitty Kitty"
2nd Place



Billy Ocker
"The Ladies"
3rd Place



Class Digital Manipulated

Gary Schwendner "Luminous" 1st Place

Kim Hunt "The Heart of a Flamingo" 2nd Place

Chetty Smith "Abstract" 3rd Place



Gary Schwendner
"Luminous"
1st Place



Kim Hunt
"The Heart of a Flamingo"
2nd Place



Chetty Smith
"Abstract"
3rd Place



October's Monthly's Theme is "Eyes Have It"

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Next Meeting October 23 at 630pm

Board of Directors for 2025

Billy Ocker, President

Tom Doyle, Vice President

Kathie Phillips, Treasure

Bobbi Whitlam, Director

Etta Ocker, Secretary