



Urban Wildlife Photo Club

December 2019 Newsletter

Next Meeting: Jan 13, 2020 at Montview Presbyterian Church
6:45 PM

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We will not meet in December, as usual.

We hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and we wish you all a great Holiday Season. Whatever holiday you celebrate, have a great one!

We'll get the January newsletter out in late December with all the good stuff about our speaker, the new location and so forth.

I received this from Jim Durkee, Nicks' long-time friend. Please consider sending a card to Nick.

Nick Ferris, who has given the club presentations from time to time over the years, has a condition that is not fixable, old age. This has caused his moving to a senior center. His spirits are down, so I would like to ask you to send Christmas cards to him at this facility. The address is; Clinton "Nick" Ferris, Legend at Broomfield, 12600 Lowell Blvd, Broomfield CO 80020.



MEMBER MONTHLY IMAGE SUBMISSION

Members and first-time guests are encouraged to submit images for a gentle critique. We are not a competitive club, but we do strive to help our members learn and improve their photographic skills. Guidelines are below.

We have both open and theme image categories:

January 2020 images due by January 6th.

Send to: uwpcimages@comcast.net

January Theme: Weather! We've had a lot of interesting weather and we hope you got some fun shots.

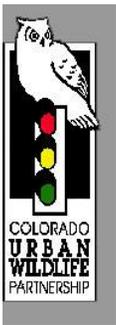
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMAGE LABELING, ESPECIALLY THE USE OF SPECIAL CHARACTERS (NO @) AND NAMING NEEDS.

PLEASE TRY TO ADHERE TO THE DATE & SIZE REQUESTED -1MB or less

Two categories at each meeting - THEMED AND OPEN

- Maximum of 4 images total and no more than one themed image
- Email files one week before the scheduled meeting to uwpcimages@comcast.net
Please use this one!
- Send themed category images in an email titled 'themed images'
- Send open category images in an email titled 'critique images'
- If your image is selected to appear on the club website, the website caption will be derived from the file name. Be sure that your name and the image title as you would like them to appear on the website are included in the file name. Use only letters (a-z and A-Z), numerals (0-9), dashes (-), underscores (_), and the single dot before ".jpg" in file names. Avoid using blanks. Use dashes (-) underscores (_) and capitalization to indicate word boundaries (e.g. Bob_Dean-Trees_In_Snow.jpg or BobDean-TreesInSnow.jpg). It is acceptable to include other information that identifies the image in file names, but you risk the possibility that this information will be misinterpreted by the webmaster. Although it's unlikely, the image BobDean_TreesInSnow_27583.jpg might end up on the website with the title "Trees in Snow 27853."

MEMBER IMAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



OPTIONAL Descriptive information for each *critique image* should be as follows: Exposure data should, for example, include f/stop, shutter speed, ISO, any exposure compensation, and any filter information. Post processing enhancements should include only those things beyond simply cropping, sharpening, noise reduction, etc. such as HDR, panorama work, color enhancements, exposure changes, etc. If you can put the image data (if you choose to include it) **as text** in the body of the email as opposed to an attached word or excel file, it would be appreciated! Makes life easier if everyone does the same thing.

IMAGE	IMAGE TITLE	SPECIES	LOCATION	CAMERA	LENS	EXPOSURE DATA	POST PROCESSING ENHANCEMENTS
Critique 1							
Critique 2							
Critique 3							

Please don't use an @ in the exposure information as when I copy it into the slide presentation, the computer sees it as an email address, and I need to retype rather than copy.



Club Meeting Place for 2020

Starting in January we will be meeting at the Montview Presbyterian Church on the southeast corner of Montview and Dahlia, in the McCollom Room on the first floor. To get to the room, enter through the main doors on Dahlia, to the left of the Sanctuary entrance (glass doors). Once inside just go to the left and weave your way to the McCollom Room. There should be someone at the reception desk if you get lost. 😊

Some changes we will need to make in our meeting times and annual dues are as follows:

- We must be finished and out by 9:00 PM, so I propose we move our meeting start time to 6:45.
- We will be meeting on the second Monday of each month: Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, Aug 10. Sept 14, Oct 12, Nov 9.
- The cost is higher than the Museum used to be before they stopped charging so we will need to bump up dues. I think we can get through 2020 at \$20 per person/couple but \$25 may be necessary as there are some issues with insurance – stay tuned.
- We have sufficient funds right now if we do bump up dues, and I'll look at 2021 as the year moves on.
- DUES WILL BE DO IN MARCH!



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES

Writer's Wanted

We are ALWAYS looking for material to put in the newsletter. If you want to be "published," feel free to write (and add images if you want) on any subject about which you think the members would like to read. Don't worry about grammar or style, we'll do a bit of editing if you'd like. Send them to uwpc@comcast.net.

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS

I was notified that the folks at CU and Audubon are sponsoring a wilderness first aid class in early February 2020 at the Anschutz campus. The course has had some great reviews, but the cost is a bit high at \$345.

It is an intensive two-day course, 16 hours, with certificates, and roll-playing exercises and so forth. The grab line is, "you are out birding, you have your binoculars and lunch, and you have an accident, what do you do?" As one of our club members put it, this could be just a matter of being 2-hours up Waterton Canyon, what do you do?

The people at Mile High are looking at alternatives. If this is something that you think you like to do, please let Tom Loucks (thomasloucks@comcast.net) or me know.

Kudos



If anyone has an image published, places in a contest or gets any kind of recognition for their work, please let us know and we'll get it into the newsletter. Please use **email** to uwpc@comcast.net to alert us. (If you tell me verbally at the meeting or on the phone, I can almost assure you that I'll forget!)



PHOTO CONTESTS

Some thoughts on Photo Contests:

Whenever you think about entering a photo contest you should very carefully read the Ts and Cs. I know that the legalese can be daunting but there are a lot of contests out there that are a “rights grab.” Make sure that the ones you enter specifically lay out the image ownership agreement. Whenever you send in images to a contest you are entering into a contract. You really should consider only those contests that have very limited usage of your photos and state in their rules that YOU retain full ownership of the image. When you read the fine print on image usage, watch out for those contests that demand the right to use all your entries for their own purposes, not just the winners.

Upcoming Contests:

BBC Wildlife Magazine Monthly Photo Contest

Information at:

<http://www.discoverwildlife.com/your-photos/photo-contest>

Contest Information Website;

If you'd like a resource that has just about all of the contests out there, take a look at Photo Contest Insider at <https://www.photocontestinsider.com/contest/all-themes/>

When considering a contest, heed the warnings in the “Some thoughts..” box above. ☺