

Urban Wildlife Photo Club

May 2019 Newsletter

Next Meetings: Monday May 13, 2019 Classroom 202 7:00 PM
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

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May Program

Our program in May will take us out of this world. Our speaker will be Sorin, aka the Soggy Astronomer. He will be speaking on astrophotography. Sorin has a website and blog <http://soggyastronomer.com/> and an online telescope and accessory store. He is also associated with Mile High Astronomy <https://milehighastro.com/>, which looks like a complete astronomy supply store. It's been quite a while since we've had a program on astrophotography so it will be very interesting to see state of the art stuff.

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.

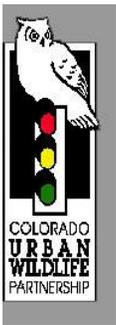
We have both open and theme image categories:

May theme: Spring Flowers

June theme: Sunrises or Sunsets

May images due by May 6th

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



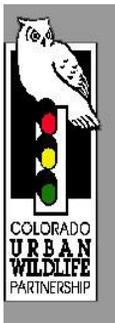
MEMBER IMAGE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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."

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 |
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| Critique 1 | | | | | | | |
| Critique 2 | | | | | | | |
| Critique 3 | | | | | | | |



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.

Newsletter Content

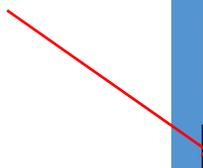
Do you have anything you'd like put into the next newsletter? If so, please send it to uwpc@comcast.net by April 15th.

2019 Meeting Dates:

Our meeting schedule is finalized. 2019 represents a significant construction period for the Museum, during which a lot of the sections in the western part will be closed for a considerable time. This of course means that lots of things will be moving around in the other parts. Some meetings will be moved or canceled. Our group, because we have been so flexible in both dates and locations (thanks to all) will be able to meet on the second Monday as we do now. We have moved upstairs to Classroom 202.

Schedule: May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug 12, Sept 9, Oct 14 and Nov 11.

Classroom 202





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DUES: As a reminder, annual dues are \$15.00 for an individual, couple or family. They are due in March as we use March to March as our "fiscal" year. Most folks have submitted dues but a few still need to pay or PLEASE let me know if you are not planning to continue. Please bring dues to the May meeting or mail them to the PO box (see page 1). If I don't receive dues by the May meeting I'll assume you don't want to continue on and I'll drop you from the member list.

Classes and Seminars

Bob Dean will be teaching a beginning bird photography class at the Museum in May of 2019. The planned dates are: evening classes on May 9, 16 and 23 with a half day (or longer) field trip on May 18. Details on the Museum website:

<https://secure1.dmns.org/photography-for-the-amateur-birder>

Anyone know of other classes or seminars? We'd be happy to put them in the newsletter.



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Our "Close to Home" Sequel

You may remember that a few months back we started a project to do a follow up to the *Close to Home, Colorado's Urban Wildlife* book that got our club going in 1988. Well we have made progress. The group of volunteers met and we have kicked off a website that will be the home of our latest venture. We still have a lot of work to do but the site is up. <http://oururbanwildlife.org/> is the website URL.

More to follow as we increase the content and capability of the website and invite contributions from members and eventually other folks.



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!)

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there!

Always looking for things for this page



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. 😊