

Urban Wildlife Photo Club

September 2019 Newsletter

Next Meetings: Monday Sept 9th, 2019 Classroom 202 7:00 PM
Denver Museum of Nature and Science

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September Program

Our September speaker will be Trent Hebrlee, long time photographer and diver. He will be presenting a program on underwater macro in the Philippines. Check out more about Trent and his wife on the club website: <http://www.couwpc.com/calendar/2019-09-TrentHebrlee.html> [TrentHebrlee.html](#) [lacro Eye](#)

Newsletter Content

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

Ethics in Nature Photography

In the past month I have had the pleasure of an email conversation with Melissa Groo. She is a member of the International League of Conservation Photographers and a real advocate for ethics in photographing nature and wildlife. She has two great articles on photographing captive animals and feeding wildlife. I highly recommend that you read them. Wild in Captivity, https://www.outdoorphotographer.com/pro-perspectives/melissa-groo/wild-in-captivity/?utm_source=sfmc-newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=wild-in-captivity and Food for Thought, an article she has granted permission for me to add to my business website: <https://www.viewsofnaturephoto.com/ethics-and-wildlife-photography.html>
Thanks to Nancy Stocker for suggesting this topic!



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:

September Theme: Urban Wildlife (with human objects present)

October Theme - Fall Colors

September images due by September 2nd

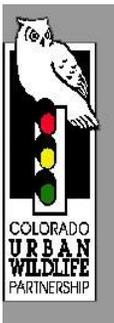
PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS FOR IMAGE LABELING, ESPECIALLY THE USE OF SPECIAL CHARACTERS (NO @) AND NAMING NEEDS.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES

Writer's Wanted

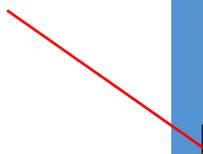
We are ALWAYS looking for material to put in the newsletter. If you want to be "published," feel free to write (and add images if you want) on any subject about which you think the members would like to read. Don't worry about grammar or style, we'll do a bit of editing if you'd like. Send them to uwpc@comcast.net.

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: Sept 9, Oct 14 and Nov 11.

Classroom 202





ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTES Cont'd

Our "Close to Home" Sequel

We still have a lot of work to do but the site is up. <http://oururbanwildlife.org/> is the website URL

We're looking for folks to both contribute and to review submissions, contact me at uwpc@comcast.net to volunteer!

Fall Field Trip

Unfortunately we had to cancel our planned trip to Chaco Canyon. If anyone has any ideas about a trip for next fall, please send it on to uwpc@comcast.net

Classes and Seminars

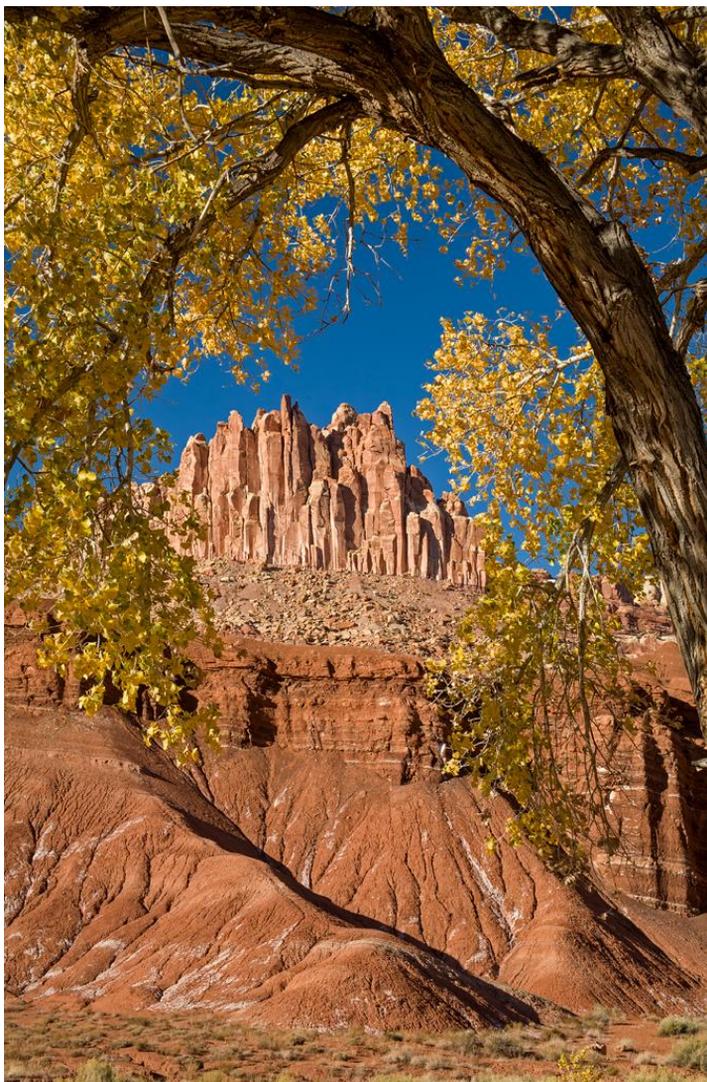
Bob Dean will be teaching a Fall Color Workshop for the Rocky Mountain Conservancy on September 20 and 21. Info at:
<https://rmconservancy.org/events/new-fall-color-photography-harvesting-colorado-gold/>

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!)

Fred Stearns has been notified by Utah Life Magazine that this photograph was selected for their September/October 2019 cover.



Kudos



Richard Lionberger has a flower photo on the cover of The Docket this month. That's the general interest magazine published by the Denver Bar Association. He also had his photo "Fog Lifting Over Sprague Lake" win the 2019 Docket Art Literature Contest in the photography category. It's a juried competition for Colorado lawyers.





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>

Rooney Valley Photo Contest

Help celebrate the beauty, the geological, paleontological and historical landmarks and the outstanding recreational playground all situated in our own backyard – in Rooney Valley, Lakewood Colorado*. The contest is open to all ages, however separate youth competition and prizes are available for photographers of age 12 and under.

PRIZES (12 available):

1) Landscape, 2) Wildlife/Flora, 3) Paleontology/Geology, and 4) Recreation

***Enter Your Photos:** <http://rooneyvalleynews.com/photocontest/>

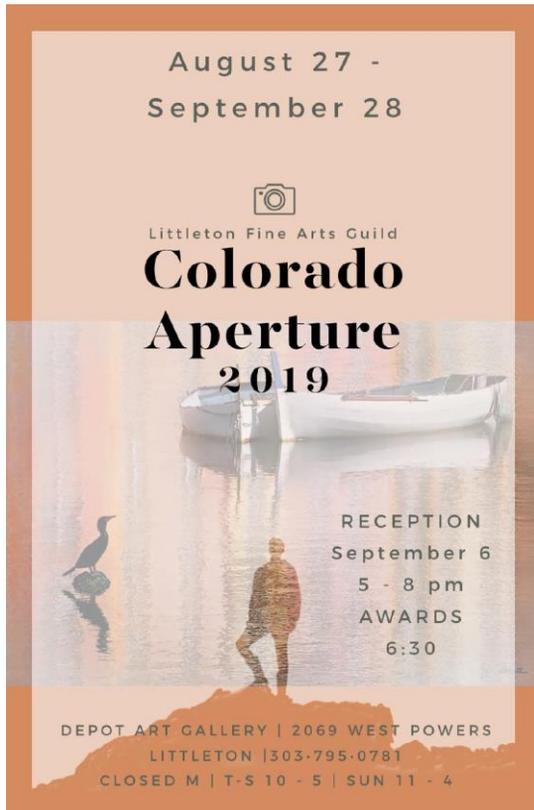
Photos must be received by Midnight, September 17, 2019

CONTACT: For information and questions, email RooneyPhotoContest.j@gmail.com

***(For location reference, Dinosaur Ridge is located in the Rooney Valley.)**



9th Annual Refuge Amateur Photo Contest Submit your favorite Refuge photo for our 9th annual amateur photo contest. Entries are due by September 29 or postmarked by September 21 and will be on display for visitor voting from October 4 through November 30. The top three winners will have their photo made into a postcard and sold at Nature's Nest Books and Gifts. For contest details, visit our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/rocky_mountain_arsenal/.



The Louisville Art Association invites
you to the

**34th National Fine Art &
Photography Show & Sale**

August 30-September 8, 2019

Opening Reception: August 31 from
6pm–9pm

Awards Ceremony 7pm

Louisville Center For The Arts
801 Grant Avenue, Louisville, Colorado

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. ☺