

## CLUB HISTORY

THE SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB was founded in 1939, as an affiliate of the Buffalo Museum of Science, with a focus on nature photography. Since then, members have photographed a variety of subjects: nature, wildlife, landscapes, still life, people, places, and events.

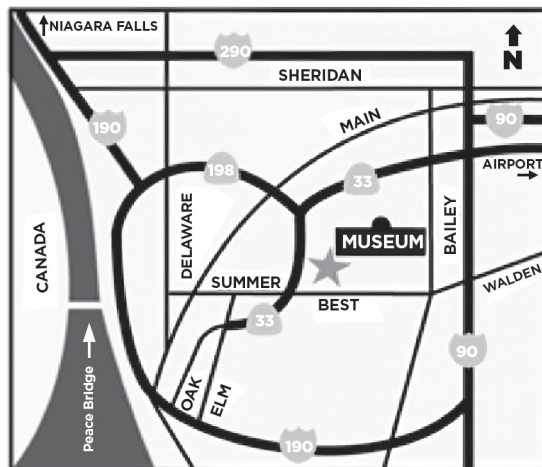
Some SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB members have gone on to become professional photographers, present programs at national conventions, display their photographs in local, national and international exhibitions, publications and competitions. Members also present programs and serve as judges for other camera clubs. Experienced members mentor those new to photography.

## CLUB AFFILIATIONS

SMCC has a Club membership in Photographic Society of America. PSA is a global community of photographers, people with photographic interests, photo clubs, and organizations. Individual memberships have access to learning opportunities, mentoring, national and international competitions, monthly magazine, and networking with other members around the world. Membership offers benefits for both individuals, camera club and photographic organizations.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Many of our members have volunteered to photograph the Ride For Roswell since 2009, Kevin Guest House and special events at the Museum of Science.



### DIRECTIONS TO THE BUFFALO SCIENCE MUSEUM

From Rt. 33, take the Best Street exit.  
Turn East (left) on Best Street and  
left into Museum. Secured parking is  
provided in the Museum parking lot.



QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLUB:  
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Photographic Society of America



## SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE  
1020 HUMBOLDT PARKWAY  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14211

The Club meets regularly from  
September through May.

### MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

Projected Image & Print Competitions,  
Critiques, Workshops,  
Field Trips, Educational Programs  
Membership is open to the public.  
Guests are FREE and welcome  
to attend any meeting.

For more information  
scan the QR Code.



# SMCC 2025-2026 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Doors open at 6:30 PM. Meetings begin at 7 PM and close by 9 PM. Visitors are welcome to attend at no cost.

- 9/3/25 **Welcome Back & Camera Body Comparisons** A comparison of the camera bodies and thoughts on Mirrorless vs DSLR. We'll review competition submission guidelines and Dave Braitsch will introduce our new online Photoshop course.
- 9/17/25 **Critique Night #1 Cell Phone Pictures Only** For this critique we will only discuss cell phone shots both edited or unedited with cell phone editing apps. Members submit 1-3 digital image. Deadline for image upload is Saturday, September 13 at 11:59 pm.
- 10/1/25 **Still Life Photography by Charlie Bartolotta** A demonstration of how still life images can be created with simple setups and lighting.
- 10/15/25 **Still Life Photo Opportunity** Bring your camera - Table top options will be prepared or you can create your own with available supplies.
- 11/5/25 **Competition #1 - Regular** Normal competition rules apply. Deadline for image upload is Saturday November 1 at 11:59 pm.
- 11/19/25 **The Power of Imagery to Push Creative Boundaries by Gerri Jones** How we choose to create stories with our imagery. Ways to overcome a creative rut with helpful strategies.
- 12/3/25 **Critique Night #2** Members submit 1-3 digital images, either color or monochrome. Deadline for image upload is Saturday November 29 at 11:59 pm.
- 12/17/25 **Holiday Party & Zoom Presentation with Hazel Meredith: Get Creative with the Nik Collection** Join us at 6:30 pm for our holiday pot-luck in Cummings Room
- 1/7/26 **Competition #2 - Assigned Subject** SUBJECT: Statue, TECHNIQUE: In-Camera Motion. Deadline for image upload is Saturday January 3 at 11:59 pm.
- 1/21/26 **Bending Reality in Photograph by Cheryl Belczak** Add just a touch of curiosity or fully detach from reality with simple ideas, tools and techniques.
- 2/4/26 **Critique Night #3** Members can submit 1-3 images, either color or monochrome. Deadline for image upload is Saturday, January 31 at 11:59 pm.
- 2/18/26 **Creative Camera Challenge** As a follow-up to Cheryl's presentation, bring your camera. We'll have back drops and props in the Cummings Room.
- 3/4/26 **Competition #3 - Regular** Normal competition rules apply. Deadline for image upload is Saturday, February 28 at 11:59 pm.
- 3/18/26 **E. Thomas Smith Nature Competition** Members compete in nature competition using PSA Nature Rules. Deadline for image upload is Saturday, March 14 at 11:59 pm.
- 4/1/26 **Competition #4 - Regular** Normal competition rules apply. Deadline for image upload is Saturday, March 28 at 11:59 pm.
- 4/15/26 **What was I Thinking & Seeing? by Janet Craft** Learning to Think and See Creatively in Photography.
- 4/15/26 **Dorothy Ralph Photo Essay Competition - Submissions Due** Photo essays are 12 to 20 images put into a video not exceeding 2.5 minutes.
- 5/6/26 **End of Year Competition** Deadline for image upload is Saturday, May 2 at 11:59 pm.
- 5/20/26 **SMCC Awards Banquet** 6:30 pm at Chefs' at 291 Seneca Street.

## Zoom Photoshop Course - Sept. to May

FOR MEMBERS ONLY.

Co-hosts: David Braitsch, Charlie Bartolotta, Jeff Hayward, & Billy Callaghan.

## Kevin's Zoom Image Sharing Meetings

Zoom meetings start at 7:00 pm.

**ANYTHING GOES IMAGE SHARING ZOOMS:**

Second Thursday of each month.

**PRE-COMPETITION IMAGE SHARING ZOOMS:** Friday before the following Wednesday club competition.

## SCIENCE MUSEUM CAMERA CLUB Membership Form

Membership Fee:

**Adult \$40 Family \$50 Student w. ID: Free**

Check One:

☐ Renewal OR ☐ New Member

☐ My membership info remains the same (if renewal).

DATE

NAME

EMAIL

ADDRESS

CELL PHONE

HOME PHONE

**I belong to another camera club**

CLUB NAME

COMPETITION LEVEL

☐ I understand that by entering images into any Science Museum Camera Club (SMCC) competition, you grant the SMCC the right to display the images online and to submit images to regional competitions. You the maker, will still maintain the copyright and ownership of the images.

SIGNATURE

**Name & email address for your family member:**



## Checks payable to SMCC.

Mail check to: Frank Gaskill, 5135 Old Goodrich Rd, Clarence NY 14031. Or bring to any meeting.

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