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PHOTO SOCIETY

2017 Calendar of Events

Tours/Workshops

Great Smoky Mountains Photo Tour
Tuesday evening, April 18 – Saturday, April 22, 2017
Fee: \$395 CVPS member/\$455 non-member

Join fellow photographers for a photo tour to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Led by CVPS Steering Committee photographers Bill Dickinson, Mary Ann Kucera and Dave Longfellow, this tour provides an exciting opportunity to experience one the country's premier national parks in the spring. The Smoky Mountains are the most biologically diverse area in the National Park System. Ancient mountains, forested landscapes, waterfalls, wildlife and a magnificent array of spring wildflowers await you.

This tour will focus on the amazing photographic opportunities in the Great Smoky Mountains. To maximize our time in the field, there will be no lectures or critiques during this trip. CVPS leaders will guide you to locations such as Clingmans Dome, Cades Cove, Roaring Fork, Hardwood Cove, Laurel Falls, Porter Creek and Schoolhouse Gap. With more than 1,500 varieties of blooming plants in the park, the tour will provide many opportunities to observe and photograph spring wildflowers.

The Smokies are a mountainous park. Many of the shooting locations are accessed via a moderate hike. Some optional locations may require a more rigorous hike.



Details and registration

Our tour will begin Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. and conclude Saturday, April 22 at 10 a.m. The Mountain House Inn in Gatlinburg (800-462-7298; mountainhousemotorinn.com) is the home base; a block of rooms has been reserved at a favorable price (\$72+tax/night) until April 1. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, food and transportation costs (we encourage car pooling). To enjoy the group camaraderie, we plan to share meals at local restaurants. We're be happy to answer any questions you may have or provide additional information; please email us at: workshops@cvps.org.

This photo tour is limited to 12 participants. The fee is \$395 for CVPS members and \$455 for non-members. A deposit of

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\$195 is required at registration, with the balance due March 15. Participants should not make non-cancellable reservations (including airline tickets) until the trip is confirmed by the CVPS. Confirmation will be made by March 1, 2017. PLEASE NOTE: Trip leaders will be monitoring the situation with the recent wildfires in and around the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. We will determine whether to proceed with the tour by March 1.

Register ONLINE or call the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at (330) 652-2909 ext. 100.

Note: Photo tour fee does not include lodging, meals, or transportation.

Check the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society website or facebook page for updates on a second workshop or photo tour in 2017.

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Monthly presentations

Monthly presentations are designed for people interested in photography and those who want to improve their photography skills. They are free and open to the public. Check www.cvps.org or the CVPS facebook page for updates to this calendar of events.

Ian Adams

Landscape and Nature Photography With Your iPhone
Wednesday, January 18, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



The best camera is the one you have with you. An estimated 1 trillion photos were taken in 2015 and 75% of them were made using smartphone cameras. Ian Adams has taught more than a dozen smartphone photography workshops since 2013, including a 14-week program at OSU's Agricultural Technical Institute. In that program, most students complete the entire course, including a self-published book, using only images from their smartphones. Ian will share tips on capturing, editing and sharing your best smartphone photographs.

Members' Show

Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three images of recent work to the February meeting to share. An optional critique of the images will be offered by professional photographers. Please visit the Photo Society gallery web page at www.cvps.org to view the requirements for the images submitted for review and critique.

Jim McCormac

A Romp through Ohio's Flora and Fauna
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Join us for an Ohio pictorial adventure with naturalist Jim McCormac. Jim will help us wander through Ohio's varied habitats with visits to flora and fauna great and small. We will look at well-known plants and animals, and obscure species that few have heard of or encountered. Jim works for the Ohio Division of Wildlife, specializing in wildlife diversity issues and he will discuss the importance of protecting all the cogs of the ecological wheel, and Ohio's efforts to preserve many unique natural environments.



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Alan Doe

Portraits in Nature

Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

As a photographer, sooner or later you will be expected to take portraits. Fortunately, a nature photographer's sensitivity to light and environment easily can be adapted to outdoor portraiture. Alan Doe, a studio and location photographer, will present illustrations of a variety of practical and creative portrait scenarios. From head shots and groups to fashion and fine art, he will share the techniques used to create portraits in a natural setting. Posing, lens choice, camera setting, light modifiers and post-processing will be discussed.



Glenn Petranek

Urban Exploring: Photographing the Abandoned

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



Join Glenn Petranek as he talks about his experiences exploring and photographing abandoned places in Cleveland and beyond. Glenn will showcase images from past explorations and discuss guidelines and precautions for exploring safely. He also will discuss the photographic techniques he uses to make images, including HDR processes and light painting in completely dark conditions.

Members' Spotlight

Sue Ramdin and Mary Ann Kucera

Wednesday, June 21, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

CVPS members Sue Ramdin and Mary Ann Kucera will present selections from their respective portfolios. Join us for an entertaining evening of inspiration from your friends and fellow CVPS members.

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Jim Roetzel

Flash for Nature Photography: Leverage Another Light Source
Wednesday, July 19, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Join us for an evening with Jim Roetzel as he shares some recent projects and an in-depth discussion on the use of flash in nature photography.

Many images can benefit from a touch of flash, but often nature photographers shy away from its use. Fill flash is a valuable tool for improving the quality of your images and can save time in post-production. Jim will discuss a variety of subjects to strengthen your confidence using flash, including: fill-flash basics, TTL basics, manual flash, off-camera flash and modifying your flash. He will also demonstrate a variety of fill-flash techniques for nature photographers to use in the field, particularly for bird and close-up work.



Members' Show

Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images
Wednesday, August 16, 2016 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three recent images to the August meeting to share. An optional critique of the images will be offered by professional photographers. Please visit the Photo Society gallery web page at www.cvps.org to view the requirements for the images submitted for review and critique.



Debbie DiCarlo

Autumn: Photographing Nature's Colorful Grand Finale
Wednesday, September 20, 2017 – 7 p.m.
Happy Days Lodge

When we say goodbye to the “greens” of summer, we say welcome to the most colorful season of the year – autumn. As the days grow shorter and the weather cooler, our senses and sensors are rewarded with brilliant colors and intimate nature scenes that offer us multitudes of photographic opportunities. With the Cuyahoga Valley National Park as her playground, award-winning photographer Debbie DiCarlo has captured many of autumn's colorful grand finales and will share her photos and stories about this wonderful season.

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Chris Coffey

Long-Term Photography Projects

Wednesday, October 18, 2017 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



As photographers we live our lives capturing fractions of seconds with the hope that light, subject matter and our vision come together in the “supreme instant” to create a wonderful image that shows what we wanted to express. With hard work and some luck you could even end up with enough “instants” to make a portfolio or book.

But what if you changed your approach to a subject and committed to it as a project versus a single image? Join photographic

artist Chris Coffey as he shares images and stories of his photographic projects - two of which he’s pursued over the last 15 years. Chris will discuss how working on long-term projects often results in iconic single images. He will also discuss his workflow for research and image making when working in projects and how the editing process affects the “voice” of the project.

2017 CVPS Annual Photo Contest Awards

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 – 6:30 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Join other CVPS members for an enjoyable evening reviewing all the entries for the 2017 annual photo contest. Results of the judging will be announced, including the Tim Thomas “Best of Show” award for the top-rated entry. All contest entries will be exhibited on the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society website.

Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 – 7 p.m., Hines Hill Conference Center

Enjoy a fun evening of food and “camera talk” with fellow CVPS members as we celebrate the holiday season and another year of fantastic photos.

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Photo Walks

The Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society invites all members to attend our very popular series of Photo Walks. The Photo Walk is a field session that provides more than three hours of informal instruction, shooting tips, demos and knowledge sharing among your fellow photo enthusiasts—all free of charge!

The Photo Walks for 2017 will be led by CVPS member Jerry Jelinek. Photo Walks generally are held on Saturday mornings. Locations and starting times will be emailed to all CVPS members beforehand. Critique sessions usually will be held on the following Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Hines Hill Conference Center.

Here is the full Photo Walk schedule for 2017:

Photo walk (All Locations TBD)

Saturday, January 28

Saturday, May 6

Saturday, June 24

Saturday, August 12

Saturday, October 14

Saturday, December 2

Critique

Tuesday, January 31

Tuesday, May 9

Tuesday, June 27

Tuesday, August 15

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, December 5

Be sure to check your email and the CVPS facebook page for any updates to this schedule.

Online

Visit www.cvps.org for programming information and Photo Society updates. Like us on Facebook and join our online conversation and photography.