

CUYAHOGA VALLEY  
**PHOTO SOCIETY**

2018 Calendar of Events

## Tours and Workshops

***Central Florida Birding Photo Tour***  
**Sunday, February 25 – Friday, March 2, 2018**  
**Fee: \$495 for CVPS members**

Join Cuyahoga Valley Photographic Society (CVPS) Steering Committee members Jim Roetzel and Steve Ash for a photo tour to some of Florida's best bird photography locations. The tour will capture the rich diversity of Florida, including numerous avian subjects (waders, raptors, ducks, songbirds and shorebirds). While scouting the tour in 2017, Jim and Steve photographed more than 50 species!



During the tour, you also will photograph alligators and take close-ups, habitats and scenics. Taking advantage of the best light the tour will start by exploring a variety of locations near the city of Titusville. From there, you will visit Merritt Island, Vierra and Orlando Wetlands, and two small parks. You will leave Titusville and travel to Lakeland, where Circle B Bar Reserve will be the main focus. Circle B provides a great variety of birds and habitats, so you will spend two full days there before departing for Orlando and the last two locations: Lake Apopka and Gatorland.

### **Instructional Sessions**

The tour will have two pre-trip sessions. The first will be for participants to meet each other, cover trip logistics, and share tips on traveling with photo gear. The second -trip session will build your bird photography skills, so you can arrive in Florida ready to make the most of your time. After the tour, the group will reconvene to share favorite images.

### **Details and registration**

The tour will begin Sunday, February 25 at 6 p.m. at a motel near Titusville and conclude after dinner on Friday, March 2. You will be staying at three motels during the tour. A block of rooms has been reserved at a discounted price. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, food and transportation costs (car-sharing encouraged). To enjoy group camaraderie, plan to share meals together at local restaurants. For any questions or additional information, please e-mail [workshops@cvps.org](mailto:workshops@cvps.org), or contact Jim Roetzel at [jimroetzel@gmail.com](mailto:jimroetzel@gmail.com) or Steve Ash at [ash@uakron.edu](mailto:ash@uakron.edu).



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Participants should be experienced photographers who are comfortable with their gear and managing their images. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop to download and process photos. Maximum participants: 8.

Visit [www.jimroetzel.com](http://www.jimroetzel.com) and click on “Florida Tour 2018” to see more images from the area and updates.

**Register through the CVPS website ([cvps.org](http://cvps.org)) or call the Conservancy for the Cuyahoga Valley National Park at (330) 657-2909 ext. 100.**

Note: Photo tour fees do not include lodging, meals, or transportation.

**CVPS Fall Photo Workshop**  
*Nature Photography with Willard Clay*  
**Thursday, October 25 – Sunday, October 28, 2018**  
**Fee: \$395 for CVPS members**

Join one of the masters of landscape photography, Willard Clay, to strengthen your photographic skills and vision. Willard will share his years of experience to help participants gain a deeper understanding of what makes great nature photography and how to incorporate those elements in their own work. He will place special attention on teaching strong composition, as well as understanding and creatively using light. Field sessions will provide the opportunity to apply these ideas and techniques, assisted by Willard. In addition to classroom lectures and field shooting, Willard will provide constructive critique sessions to help participants refine their work and take it to the next level.

**Workshop Details and Registration**

Participants must be comfortable using their camera equipment and a tripod, understand the basics of photography and be able to download their images for critique. The workshop will meet from Thursday, October 25 at 6:30 p.m. through Sunday, October 28 at 4:00 p.m. Registration will be available beginning in early 2018.

**Instructor**

A former professor of botany, Willard Clay has been a full-time photographer since 1982. Specializing in large-format photography, Willard has been the primary photographer for nine books and has been published in a myriad of calendars, magazines, books and by advertising agencies. View more of his work at [www.willardclay.photoshelter.com](http://www.willardclay.photoshelter.com).

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## Monthly presentations

Monthly presentations are designed for people interested in photography and those who want to improve their photographic skills. They are free and open to the public. Check [www.cvps.org](http://www.cvps.org) or the CVPS Facebook page for updates to this calendar of events.

### **Jim Roetzel**

#### ***A Year on the Wing***

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**



Using the Cuyahoga Valley National Park as a home base, Jim Roetzel will take you through a year of bird photography. Jim will discuss photographing birds at home and where to go should you have opportunities to travel. Jim will share location tips, travel trips, a little bit about gear and image handling, and, of course, tips to improve your bird photography. Some tips are site specific, but most can be used regardless of your shooting location.

### **Members' Show**

#### ***Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images***

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – 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](http://www.cvps.org) to view the requirements for the images submitted for review and critique.

### **Judy Semroc**

#### ***Flying Jewels: Dragonflies and Damselflies of Ohio***

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**

Join us for a photographic foray into the natural history, biology and the importance of dragons and damsels. Information will be provided as to how to approach this insect group for obtaining better photographs. In addition, tips will be given as to make your yards and gardens more attractive to these amazing aerial insectivores.



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**Matt Valencic and Kelly Kozlowski**

*Warbler Warm-Up*

**Wednesday, April 18, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**

Many people travel to Ohio in the spring to take advantage of the excellent birding opportunities as warblers travel through our state. Matt and Kelly will get you ready for all things warbler, whether you want to photograph our avian visitors or just add to your birding life list. They will give you tips for better bird identification and locations where you are most likely to see warblers. You will even leave the meeting with written notes you can refer to throughout the spring.



**Brian Berchtold**

*Presque Isle Through My Eyes*

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**



Join photographer Brian Berchtold for a visual tour of Pennsylvania's Presque Isle State Park. You will travel throughout the park, from the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and to beaches along Lake Erie to the signature island lighthouse. This 12-mile journey will include birds, wildlife, landscapes and different photographic sites of interest. Get ready for your own excursion to this nearby oasis this summer.

**Members' Spotlight**

*Josh Clark and Walt Keith*

**Wednesday, June 20, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**

CVPS members Josh Clark and Walt Keith 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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**Leah Klafczynski**

*Photojournalism in the Digital Age*

**Wednesday, July 18, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**



Leah Klafczynski is a photojournalist who is captivated by and has a great love of people. She enjoys making quirky feature photographs and has a passion for sports culture. Leah will talk about her journey from journalism school to freelance photographer to staff member at the Akron Beacon Journal/Ohio.com. She will talk about her experiences in contemporary journalism, her passion for photography and how she tells stories in print, online and through social media.

**Members' Show**

**Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018 – 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](http://www.cvps.org) to view the requirements for the images submitted for review and critique.

**Brent Durken**

*Photographing Sports*

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 – 7 p.m.**

**Happy Days Lodge**



Join Brent Durken as he discusses various aspects of photographing sports at all levels, from Little League Baseball to the highest levels of professional sports. Brent is a professional freelance photographer based in Cleveland. During the presentation, Brent will cover camera equipment and suggested settings for sports photography. Additional topics include how to prepare for sporting events, what to bring with you, what you should expect on game day and what is expected of you during and after the events.

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**Jerry Jelinek**

***Expand Your Vision with Video***

**Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**



Most digital still cameras also can capture high-definition video. Jerry Jelinek will help you get started telling stories using video images so you expand your photographic vision—using the capabilities your camera already provides. Jerry will show examples and describe basic video techniques to help you get started. Perhaps even more important, he will talk about how your mindset needs to

change in order to approach a subject via video rather than through traditional still images.

**2018 CVPS Annual Photo Contest Awards**

**Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – 6:30 p.m., Happy Days Lodge**

Join other CVPS members for an enjoyable evening reviewing all the entries for the 2018 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 gallery page.

**Holiday Party**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – 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 great photo experiences.

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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 2018 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 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 2018:

### **Photo walk (All locations TBD)**

Saturday, February 10  
Saturday, April 21  
Saturday, May 19  
Saturday, July 14  
Saturday, September 15  
Saturday, October 20

### **Critique**

Tuesday, February 13  
Tuesday, April 24  
Tuesday, May 22  
Tuesday, July 17  
Tuesday, September 18  
Tuesday, October 23

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

## **Online**

Visit [www.cvps.org](http://www.cvps.org) for programing information and Photo Society updates. Like us on Facebook and join our online conversation about photography.