

CUYAHOGA VALLEY
PHOTO SOCIETY

2020 Calendar of Events

Tours and Workshops

Creative Expression through Abstract Photography
Thursday evening, April 16 – Sunday afternoon, April 19, 2020
Fee: \$395 for CVPS members

Join the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society and expand your photographic skills and vision through a creative workshop with photographer and artist Eileen Rafferty.

In this workshop, we will examine the world of Abstract Photography. What is it? How do we approach it—as creator or viewer? Abstract image making encourages moving beyond routine seeing to produce dynamic, interesting photographs. It can also be a way to push you creatively.

During the workshop, Eileen will examine important historical and contemporary photographers for inspiration while exploring a myriad of methods for making abstract photographs, including focus, perspective and framing.

The workshop will include shooting assignments, lectures and constructive critiques to practice and hone your abstract seeing in camera and through post-processing. Eileen will guide and encourage you in discovering the exciting world of abstract photography.



\$395 CVPS member/ \$460 non-member
(non-member fee includes annual membership dues)
Workshop is limited to 18 participants

Participants must be comfortable using their camera equipment and tripod, and downloading their images for critique. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring their own laptop with Lightroom or comparable software installed.

The workshop will meet for a brief orientation the evening of April 16 before Eileen gives a public presentation at Happy Days Lodge, then all day April 17, 18, and concludes by 5 p.m. on April 19. Additional details will be sent to participants.

Register through the CVPS website (cvps.org) or call the Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park at (330) 657-2909 extension 100.

Note: Lodging, meals and transportation are not included in the workshop registration fee.

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Coming this fall – CVPS Fall Photo Workshop or road trip
To Be Determined

Watch for an announcement early during 2020 about a CVPS fall workshop or road trip. Once the event has been scheduled, information will be sent to members and posted on the Photo Society's website (www.cvps.org) and Facebook page.

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Monthly presentations

Monthly presentations are designed for people interested in photography and those who want to improve their photographic skills. The presentations cover a broad range of topics from instructional sessions to programs that help us learn about what we photograph. They are free and open to the public.

Check www.cvps.org or the CVPS Facebook page for updates to this calendar of events.

Joe Blanda

My Big Year: Birding for a Cause

~~Wednesday, January 15, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge~~

Rescheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2020



After the loss of his son to brain cancer, CVPS member Joe Blanda set out to raise money for cancer research. He brought along his 100-400 lens as he started looking for birds. In this presentation, Joe will share a sampling of his photographs, along with some of the lessons he learned from his journey.

Jim Roetzel

Shooting Deliberately: Improving Your Photography through Planning and Preparation

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



There are essentially four types of nature photography: close-up or macro, landscape or scenic, animal portraiture and animal action. While recognizing that there are some environmental conditions that photographers cannot control, this presentation by Jim Roetzel is designed to help you improve your time in the field for each of the four types of nature photography. Join us for a lively presentation designed for all levels of photographers – topics include everything from the basics of camera settings to phone apps that will improve your time in the field.

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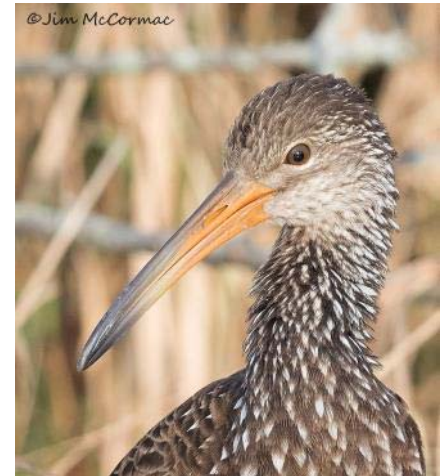
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Jim McCormac

Bird Photography

Wednesday, March 18, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Bird photography is one of the most alluring forms of nature photography—it is also one of the most difficult. Birds often don't want to be seen, or at least have us in close proximity, and frequently utterly fail to "cooperate." Because of the difficulty, capturing a great avian image is satisfying indeed. Shooting birds typically requires specialized equipment and tactics. A deep understanding of the subject helps immensely. This will be a pictorially rich presentation of bird-shooting techniques, tips, equipment and other factors that can help with bringing home feathered photographic trophies.



Eileen Rafferty

The Photographic Series and Alfred Stieglitz

Thursday, April 16, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



If one photograph is worth a thousand words, then what might a collection of images communicate? This presentation will explore the power of the photographic series. Working in a series or project involves owning the work on another level. It takes commitment, time and perseverance and urges patience and problem-solving. For inspiration we'll study examples from photographic history, including Alfred Stieglitz' photographs of clouds, titled *Equivalents*. We'll discuss ways to approach using multiple images for storytelling and creative self-expression.

Members' Show

Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three recent images to the May 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.

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Marie Read

Capturing the Spirit of Birds

Wednesday, June 17, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge



Professional photographer and author Marie Read will share a fun and informative mix of avian natural history as it pertains to bird photography, plus field craft, strategies and technical information to help you improve your bird photography. In addition, there will be lots of great photos, including many from her new book, “Mastering Bird Photography: the Art, Craft and Technique of Photographing Birds and Their Behavior.”

PechaKucha Night Returns!

Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

We had so much fun with our PechaKucha presentations in 2019 that we are bringing them back again in 2020. Join us as CVPS members use a 20-by-20 format (20 slides, 20 seconds per slide) to share multiple, fast-paced, themed portfolios.

August Vacation

The CVPS monthly presentations will take a short vacation in August. Be sure to get out and take some images of your own to share during the Members’ Show in September!

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Viewing and Critique of Members’ Recent Images

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three recent images to the September 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.

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Danae Wolfe

Up Close: Macro Photography Tools and Techniques
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 – 7 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Join macro photographer and conservation storyteller, Danae Wolfe, for an introduction to macro photography tools and techniques. We'll explore traditional methods of macro photography along with a few non-traditional methods for maximum magnification on a minimal budget.



2020 CVPS Annual Photo Contest Awards

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 – 6:30 p.m., Happy Days Lodge

Join other CVPS members for an enjoyable evening reviewing all the entries for the 2020 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 9, 2020 – 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! Photo Walks are a great way to hone your photographic skills.

The Photo Walks for 2020 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, unless otherwise communicated at the time of the Photo Walk.

Here is the full Photo Walk schedule for 2020:

Photo walk (All locations TBD)

Saturday, February 8
Saturday, May 2
Saturday, June 6
Saturday, July 25
Saturday, August 29
Saturday, October 24

Critique

Tuesday, February 11
Tuesday, May 5
Tuesday, June 9
Tuesday, July 28
Tuesday, September 1
Tuesday, October 27

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

NEW FOR 2020 **CVPS Field Sessions**

During 2020, the Photo Society will be starting a new series of six “field sessions” to provide members additional opportunities to get out in the field in the company of other photographers. These sessions will be announced to all CVPS members shortly before each event, and are designed to take advantage of good shooting conditions and interesting locations in our region (both inside and outside of Cuyahoga Valley National Park). The field sessions will be scheduled and led by professional photographer and CVPS member Jim Roetzel.

Field sessions are intended to encourage photographers to get out and shoot more often, and to provide some new inspiration for shooting locations. Different from Photo Walks, they will not necessarily be scheduled on Saturday mornings, nor will they be scheduled far in advance. In this way we can take advantage of shooting opportunities as they arise. Participants will be encouraged to share their field session images on the CVPS Facebook page (critique sessions are not planned in conjunction with these outings).

Watch for e-mails and for postings on the CVPS Facebook page for our field sessions during 2020.

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Online

Visit the CVPS website at www.cvps.org for programing information and Photo Society updates. The website also includes the information on programs, galleries of images from past contests, photo walks and photo tours, as well as information on upcoming workshops.

Like us on Facebook and join our online conversation about photography. We encourage all members to post images and information on the CVPS Facebook page where we showcase work by our members and exchange thoughts on topics related to photography. If you are on Instagram, we encourage using the tag [#cuyahogavalleyphotosociety](https://www.instagram.com/cuyahogavalleyphotosociety).