

CUYAHOGA VALLEY
PHOTO SOCIETY
2021 Calendar of Events

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.

The Photo Society will provide directions for you to receive a Zoom videoconference invitation as we approach the date for each presentation.

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

Simon Baxter

Capturing the Experience and Emotion of Woodlands

Saturday, January 16, 2021 – 4 p.m.

(Live from Scotland via Zoom videoconference)



Discovering the therapeutic benefits of being creative amongst trees has been life changing for Scottish photographer Simon Baxter. In his quest for wellbeing, Simon developed a passion for exploring local woodlands, which evolved into an endeavor to make images that show the very best of these special places and communicate his connection to them. He will share some thoughts and insights into how he sees within these complex worlds and how that vision has changed with time.

Autumn Bland

Portraits of a Pandemic—An Evolving Project

Wednesday, February 17, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)



Ohio photographer Autumn Bland's initial project to take portraits of those affected by the COVID pandemic evolved as the world changed through 2020. The project became more expansive in its representation of the community through views of essential workers who were required to keep the economy operating and those forced away from their normal work. Autumn will discuss the evolution of the project and how follow-up sessions became more important. She also will talk about the logistics of photo sessions during a pandemic and her artistic choices to accomplish her goals.

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Marie Read

Capturing the Spirit of Birds

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)



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.”

Judy Semroc

Hiding in Plain Sight: Amazing Patterns of Camouflage & Mimicry in Nature

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)



Judy’s program will show images and discuss examples of how animals and plants mislead and deceive in order to survive in nature. Photographic images will show both macro-level details and large-scale patterns that help to hide/protect species. Be prepared to test your observation skills!

Betsy Banks

The Magic of Acadia National Park

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)



Join us for a celebration of the beauty of the Maine coast and Acadia National Park. Betsy was one of the coordinators of the 2015 CVPS road trip to Acadia and, in anticipation that CVPS may be able to run another trip this fall, she will share information about the park, locations to shoot, and why Acadia is such a beautiful and inspirational destination for photographers.

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Eileen Rafferty

Exploring Abstract Photograph

Wednesday, June 16, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)



In this presentation Eileen Rafferty will examine the world of abstract photography. What is it? Why is it interesting? Abstract image making can be a way to push oneself creatively, break out of our routine seeing, use an image as metaphor and create dynamic, interesting photographs. For inspiration Eileen will look at abstract images from photographic history and explore ways to make our own intriguing abstract images.

Members' Show

Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images

Wednesday, July 21, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three recent images to the July meeting to share. A critique of the images will be offered by experienced 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.

PechaKucha Night Returns!

Wednesday, August 18, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)

We had so much fun with our PechaKucha presentations in 2019 that we are bringing them back again in 2021. Join us as CVPS members use a 20-by-20 format (20 slides, 20 seconds per slide) to share multiple, fast-paced, themed portfolios.

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Dave Longfellow

Getting the Most From Your Focus-Stacked Images

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)

Join Dave for a short tutorial to learn techniques to improve your focus-stacked images. Learn what to do in the field to make the stacks easier to process, how to optimize your work within the stacking software, and additional ways to improve your images after the stacking software has done its work.

Members' Show

Viewing and Critique of Members' Recent Images

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 – 7 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Photo Society are invited to bring up to three recent images to the October meeting to share. A critique of the images will be offered by experienced 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

2021 CVPS Annual Photo Contest Awards

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

(Live via Zoom videoconference)

Join other CVPS members for an enjoyable evening reviewing all the entries for the 2021 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 8, 2021 – 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 a year of great photo experiences. Hopefully, we will be able to celebrate being back together in one physical location!

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Tours and Workshops

The current health crisis has made it impossible to conduct in-person workshops and tours. The uncertainties involved have made it very difficult to even plan future workshops. We are hopeful that our community health situation will allow us to return to hosting these events in the near future.

With that in mind, the CVPS Steering Committee has begun discussions about running a photographic roadtrip to Acadia National Park in Maine. The last time we ran this tour, in October 2015, the combination of fall color and the dramatic, rocky coastline scenery made for a great trip.

We will continue to evaluate whether this trip could be held safely in the fall of 2021. If we decide to go forward this fall, we will let everyone know the details. Until then, please stay safe and healthy!



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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 an opportunity to explore a location, compare your photographic work with others who are working in the same spot and participate in an online photo critique. Photo Walks are a great way to hone your photographic skills.

The Photo Walks for 2021 will be planned by CVPS member Jerry Jelinek. Following our pandemic guidelines that limit gathering as a group, Photo Walks are generally announced two weeks prior to the online critique to allow you to visit the location on your own schedule (perhaps more than once). Locations and starting dates will be emailed to all CVPS members beforehand. Critique sessions will be held at the conclusion of the shooting dates. Photographers are encouraged to submit their three favorite images for an online critique by Jerry.

Here is the full Photo Walk schedule for 2021:

Photo walk (All locations TBD)

January 16 thru February 1

April 17 thru May 3

May 22 thru June 7

August 8 thru August 23

October 9 thru October 25

December 4 thru December 20

Critique (Tentative dates)

Wednesday evening, February 3

Wednesday evening, May 5

Wednesday evening, June 9

Wednesday evening, August 25

Wednesday evening, October 27

Wednesday evening, December 22

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

CVPS 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 Instragram, we encourage using the tag [#cuyahogavalleyphotosociety](https://www.instagram.com/cuyahogavalleyphotosociety).