

September 2024

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

Our club year is off to a great start, and the September critiques are in progress. This month, Mark Schmitz will lead a learning session, and Kristy Velesko will be our speaker. Please refer to the newsletter for more information.

We had an excellent August meeting at the former location of Christ Lutheran Church. We have acquired a 4K Epson Projector, a 121" Elite Screen, Speaker Mics, and a sound system. We now have everything we need for an outstanding camera club experience. Additionally, we are aiming to record each speaker's video presentation for our SCC website.

We look forward to seeing everyone on September 30th. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m., and there will be coffee, refreshments, and time to chat.

Looking forward to a great gathering!

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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING: September 16, 9am-11am
SEDONA CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS MEETING: September 30, 2024
At the Christ Lutheran Church
25 Chapel Road, Sedona, Arizona, 6:00-8:00pm

KRISTY VELESKO
September Speaker
AI Techniques



Shipwrecked *by Kristy Velesko*

HOW TO NAVIGATE AND LET AI INCREASE YOUR CAPABILITIES

Owner and operator of Kristy Velesko Photography in Peoria, AZ, Kristy started her business in 2013 and specializes in creative fine art.

Kristy will discuss using AI techniques, her perspective on how tools in Photoshop and beyond have helped her increase her workflow and creativity, all while navigating the challenges and controversies of AI.

She will show how to maximize the tools that technology has brought to her work and her plans for pushing the envelope moving forward. These techniques can be used in all areas of photography including landscape, wedding, family, and personal work. She will touch on programs like Photoshop Lightroom, Midjourney and Chat Gpt.

With the encouragement and support of her family, photography clients, and community Kristy focuses her career on cultivating her style and visual storytelling to create immersive images that transport viewers to somewhere they have not been before. She hopes her art makes viewers feel, dream, and yearn to explore.

Throughout her life Velensko has taken the path less traveled and takes the same approach to her art, always trying to find a new and different way to look at things. Finding inspiration from a song lyric or quote from a book, even a dream the night before, she loves bringing these images to life. Her favorite place to be is at home with a good book and her family or on the road exploring, hiking, and seeing the world. The travel bug bites very often - Kristy loves meeting new people and creating new environments, each backdrop with a new story to tell.

She has photographed over a hundred weddings and many more family/portrait sessions. These valued relationships with her clients have helped her to fund her creative soul and made it possible for her to open her own photography studio, This is where she lets her mind soar and creates many new art pieces along with some unique client sessions.

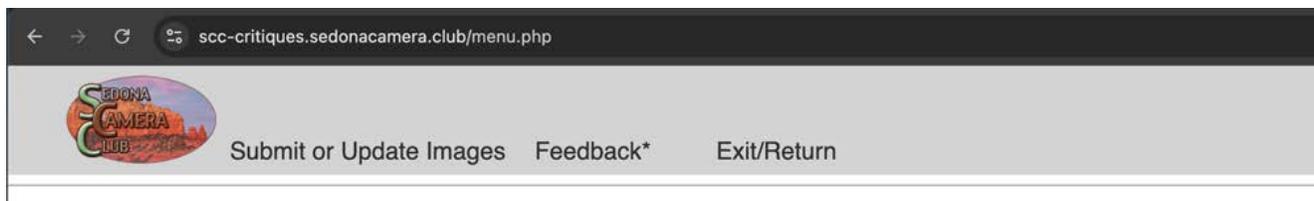
You can see more of her work at www.kristyveleskophotography.com

FROM THE CRITIQUES COMMITTEE

Feedback images for September are now available to view until at least Sept 15, maybe a few days longer than that. All members may both submit images and enter comments on images submitted for brief feedback.

Login to the [Sedona camera club website](#) > Hover over Members > Click on Submitting Images, Providing Feedback and Viewing Results > Click on the blue word link **Feedback** about halfway down the page which will bring you to the page where the top looks like the image below.

Then choose which images you want to view and comment on. Then save the feedback for each image.



[PHOTO SUBMISSION AND CRITIQUE INSTRUCTIONS PDF LINK IS HERE.](#)

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CITY EXHIBIT CELEBRATES A SHARED CREATIVE JOURNEY

Photographs of Elaine and Bill Belvin



West Clark Bench Arch by Elaine Belvin



Echoes of Stone by Bill Belvin

Sedona Camera Club members. Bill and Elaine Belvin will have their photographic work exhibited at the Sedona City Hall from September 16, 2024 through January 9, 2025.

Join Bill and Elaine for an artist reception on Thursday, September 26, 2024 from 4 to 6pm in the Council Chambers and the Vultee Conference Room at City Hall. Special music guest at the reception will be singer/keyboardist, Shaeri Richards, performing an electric blend of jazz, pop and blues.

TRIP AND LEARNING SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRD BAT AND REPTILE Photography

September 18, 19, 20

Join Dano Grayson at Elephant Head
Pond Ranch in Green Valley, Arizona for



wildlife photography. The trip will include opportunities to photograph birds, (including owls), from a sunken hide. Additional sessions will enable participants to photograph bats, reptiles and more. Participation will be limited to 8 members. The cost is \$100 plus lodging (Best Western Green Valley). More information about the trip and registration can be found [HERE](#).

**FOREST LAKES - OSPREY, EAGLES
MOGOLLON RINGTAIL**

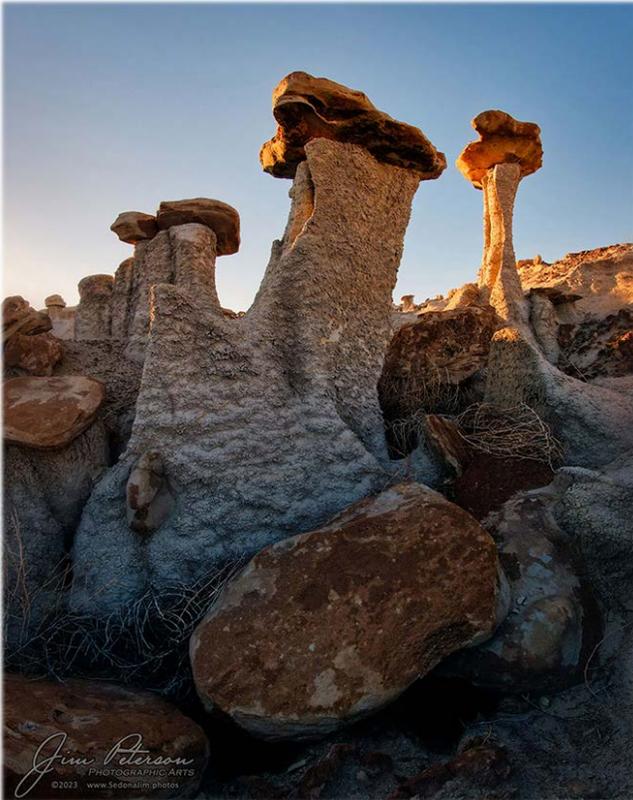
Available Dates: September 25, 26, 27

Join Dano Grayson at the Willow Springs Lake (forest lakes, Arizona) for a day of photographing Osprey, Eagles and Mogollon Ringtail. Some of the day will involve photographing from a small boat. Participation is limited to 3 members each day. Members may sign up for multiple days. The cost is \$150 per day plus lodging (Forest lakes Lodge or Elk Haven Lodge) and meals. More information about the trip and registration can be found [HERE](#).



NEW MEXICO FALL PHOTO TRIP

September 27- October 6



Join Jim Peterson for a multi-day photography trip through New Mexico. The trip will include opportunities to photograph canyons, ruins, hoodoos, mountains, fall foliage, rivers, waterfalls, creeks, volcanos, lava flows, classic adobe and mission-style New Mexico architecture, and more. Hiking may be up to 4-5 miles per day. Each participant is responsible for lodging (including make reservations). Car pooling will be coordinated. The itinerary can be found [HERE](#). If you would like to go email Jim at jdp3az@yahoo.com.



INTENTIONAL CAMERA MOVEMENT And Other Abstractions

September 21, 2-4pm

Join Mark Schmitz in this learning session. He will briefly cover the basics of Intentional Camera Movement, including equipment, camera settings and different ways of moving the camera. Participants will also be able extend camera movement by combining them into multiple exposures.



ARIZONA CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL Call For Roundup Entries Digital Image Competition - is Open!

Register: Click [HERE](#) to create an account for the image competition. Note: If you entered in the spring, you should be able to log on with the same credentials. You must create a new account if you did not enter in the spring.

Log in to an existing account: Log in [HERE](#).

Deadline: Image closing date will be Friday, October 18th, 11:59 pm MST.

Cost: \$3 / category. You may enter two images per category.

Rules: Please review [the updated ACCC Competition Rules](#) before submitting images. (The latest update was 11/2023).

Image size requirements: 1920 x 1080 pixels with a file size of up to 3MB.

Theme: The rotating theme is "Sports."



SCC MEMBER RECOGNITION

As our members are aware the Sedona Camera Club is graced with some of the best photographers in Arizona if not the entire country. The Board of the club would like to celebrate their accomplishments and give them the recognition they deserve. We are asking members to notify the SCC Communications Director of any recognition that your photography has received in the way of awards, prizes, as well as inclusion in any exhibitions, competitions, or publications so our members can be inspired and celebrate with you by publishing it in our monthly newsletter. Please send your information to Betsy Wallace:

Communications@SedonaCamera.club.

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Log into the [SCC website](#) and if you haven't done so already, pay your annual dues by clicking on Members> My Membership> Renew Membership (\$35 Individual, \$60 Family). Check your name, phone number and email for accuracy and whether or not to make that information available to other members.

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