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Photographing Birds in Flight



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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NASHVILLE PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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Peter Cavanagh is a Pacific Northwest wildlife photographer and author who can usually be found pointing his lens towards birds. He has been taking photographs since he was a boy of five growing up in England. He was inspired and instructed by his mother who left school when she was 15 years old to coax portraits from dishes of pungent chemicals in her job as a photographer's darkroom assistant. His own camera collection includes examples from the era of mahogany glass-plate cameras, but these days he feels more at home behind the long lens of a Micro Four Thirds Olympus M1X.

When he moved to Washington state in 2008, Peter was dazzled by the beauty of the Skagit County winters where thousands of geese, ducks, and swans and the attendant raptors can be seen flying against the backdrop of the Cascade Mountains. This setting focused his photographic endeavors on the challenging topic of bird flight. He is also an instrument-rated private pilot and so analysis and photography of flying birds merges his professional interest in biomechanics and his personal avocations of photography and flying.

Peter's images have been included three times in the Audubon Society's *Top 100 Bird Photographs of the Year*. His recently completed book *100 Flying Birds: A Photographer's Notebook* will be published in 2021. Peter is a member of the North American Nature Photographers Association and he guest-curated the exhibit *How Birds Fly* at the Seattle Museum of Flight. Among his recent shows was a 6-month exhibit *Birds of the Pacific Northwest* at the Seattle Aquarium.

In pre-COVID-19 times, Peter traveled widely in search of interesting birds. He lectures on bird flight and bird photography. He lives in the San Juan Islands of Washington state with his wife, artist Ann Vandervelde.



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Calendar of Events

CLUB MEETING – ONLINE ONLY!

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm

Online-only this month. Check your email late in the afternoon on May 19 for a link to a Zoom meeting.

SPEAKER: Peter Cavanagh, *Photographing Birds in Flight*

PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: Seeing Red

DIGITAL FOCUS GROUP

Thursday, May 28, 6:00pm • Goodlettsville Public Library,
 205 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM – CLUB MEETING AND ANNUAL PICNIC

An afternoon and evening to photograph foreign cars and have our meeting as well as the annual Club picnic

Tuesday, June 16, 4–8pm

Lane Motor Museum

702 Murfreesboro Pike, Nashville, Tennessee

Admittance to the Museum is free for NPC members

Registration opens on May 1 through the NPC website

PHOTO OF THE MONTH THEME: Crank

DIGITAL FOCUS GROUP

Thursday, June 25, 6:00pm • Goodlettsville Public Library,
 205 Rivergate Parkway, Goodlettsville, Tennessee

NPC meets at 6:30pm on the third Tuesday of each month January through November. Our home for the last two-plus years, Watkins College of Art, has closed its doors. Club leaders are seeking a suitable venue. The Digital Focus Group meets on the fourth Thursday of each month, March through October, at the Goodlettsville Public Library.

HITTING THE LINKS

NPC T-shirts are available on Amazon

Four designs—each available in five different colors

Sold at cost for \$13.07

The shirts are made to order and will arrive about 7 days after you order.



Click on the bright blue letters to link to the design on Amazon. Or find all four with a search of “Nashville Photography Club t-shirt” on the Amazon site.



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PHOTO OF THE MONTH

RULES

- 1 You must be a member with dues paid up to date.
- 2 Photograph must pertain to the Monthly Theme (May's theme is Seeing Red).
- 3 Image size limits: Minimum 4" x 6" to Maximum 12" (long side).
- 4 Slip ONE photo into the container provided for judging.
- 5 Photograph needs to be taken within the 12 months prior to the contest month.
- 6 You must be present to win.

UPCOMING THEMES

- MAY:** Seeing Red
JUNE: Crank
JULY: See Through
AUGUST: Slow Shutter
SEPTEMBER: Doorways
OCTOBER: Alternate Perspective
NOVEMBER: Decay/Decrepit
JANUARY: Cell Phone Photos
FEBRUARY: Landscape
MARCH: Abstract/Artistic
APRIL: Song Theme

MAY PHOTO OF THE MONTH CONTEST IS NOW OPEN ONLINE

May NPC Photo of the Month Theme: SEEING RED

Submit by May 17. Vote on May 18. Winners announced at the end of the Zoom meeting on May 19.

Thanks to the efforts of Roger Pruitt, the Photo of the Month contest is online as we have online-only meetings. Use this link to enter your photo:

tntps.com/may-npc-photo-of-the-month-contest-theme-seeing-red/

Most of the usual rules apply:

- You may submit ONE photo for each contest
- Be sure it was taken in the 12 months prior to the contest month
- You must be an NPC member with dues paid up to date
- Photos will be resized automatically if they are larger than the maximum size allowed, so don't worry about size
- \$50 cash prize for first place.

“YOU’VE

DUNN IT

AGAIN!”

So wrote Tony Beasley in an email to thank the NPC members who participated in the latest NPC exhibit at Dunn Chiropractic. Tony also thanked Wayne Wilkerson for hanging with him. This is an ongoing effort with three exhibits going up each year. The next hanging will be mid-summer, so while we have time at home think about photos you’d like to show. Email Tony at tonybrnfa@icloud.com about participating in the next round.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Some members submitted images for the winter show at Dunn, which was up from December through March and frankly, I just plain forgot to create a Dunn exhibit article to show those photos. I’ve included them in this issue.

**MEMBERS SHARING
THEIR WORK IN
THIS ISSUE:**

Kenna Dossett

Bob Ellis

Jeanette Ellis

Elizabeth Stead

Tom Vincent

Wayne Wilkerson

Brent Wright

EXHIBIT PHOTOS ON PAGES 8-24









SUNRISE SPRAY | ©TOM VINCENT





GONE FISHING | ©KENNA DOSSETT









HAVE A SEAT | ©KENNA DOSSETT









"THINK PINK" | ©JEANETTE ELLIS





