

## Happy Anniversary, GCPC

Twenty years ago this month, the first official meeting of the Grand Canyon Photography Club was held at the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center in Wellsboro, PA. Professional and local photographer Curt Weinhold was the club's first speaker and his topic was, appropriately, Winter photography. Since it was the first meeting, there wasn't a critique theme for that meeting, though themes for the rest of the year were established. At that time, actual prints of at least 5 inches by 7 inches were used for the critique, which was done by that month's presenter. A lot has changed over the years.

As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, I hope to share



a bit of the history of GCPC and stories from the membership in the 2021 newsletters. The first "Member Story" appears in this issue and was supplied by Maggie Holmes. I encourage all of you to share your story. Why did you join GCPC? When? What have you learned? Show me your images. Send materials to [mialisa1957@gmail.com](mailto:mialisa1957@gmail.com).

Here's to a safer, saner, and happier 2021!

Mia Lisa Anderson  
Newsletter Editor



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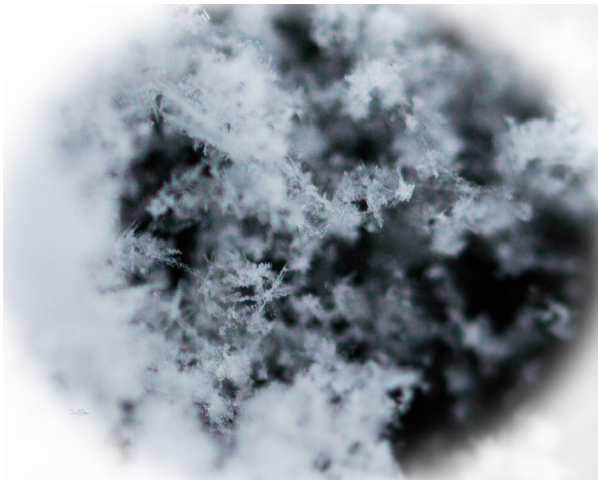
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's January 2021, and we survived 2020. Hopefully, this year will be better for everyone. This truly will be a short and sweet message. Nothing new to tell.

We are working on getting things set up for the new year with everything still up in the air. We hope to have new things out to you shortly. It is a crapshoot at this point.

The January Critique will be *Holiday Fun*. Please use your imagination: Christmas Lights, Decorations, Snowmen, etc.

Mia will be helping me out on many things over the next few months as I deal with my mom's estate. Please help her as much as possible.



Hopefully, we will be able to meet in May. We will try to come up with outings between now and then. If you hear of sled dog races, cross country ski races, etc., please send me an email, and we can set up something for the club to shoot.

Enjoy the winter.

Diane

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## Club Business

### The Grand Canyon Photography Club

#### 2020 Officers:

President: Diane Cobourn

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Gary Thompson

Recording Secretary: Paul Bozzo

Corresponding Secretary:  
Sharon Connolly

#### Directors:

2019-2020:

Mia Anderson, Med Barton

2020-2021:

Nancy Bickham, Linda Stager

#### Committee Chairpersons:

Newsletter: Mia Lisa Anderson

Membership: Gary Thompson

Exhibits: Bruce Dart

Website: Mia Lisa Anderson

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president@gcphotoclub.org

Members should have received a notice of the Board proposal to conduct voting for the 2021 officers and directors via e-mail. With the exception of Medford Barton, all current officers and directors are willing to be nominated again. This leaves one director position and the office of Vice President open. Please respond promptly with any nominations for these positions or any of the other positions to Gary Thompson at [garyt1998harley@gmail.com](mailto:garyt1998harley@gmail.com) within the timeframe given in the message.

Once a complete slate is set, members will again receive an e-mail containing this slate. Please respond promptly to Gary within the stated timeframe with either a yay or nay vote.

Club dues are now being accepted by treasurer Gary Thompson. Please send your check to him at:

285 Owen Hollow Road  
Big Flats, NY 14814

Thank you.

#### Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance	\$1,988.11
Cash IN	
Dues	\$0.00
Cash OUT	
Bank Fee	\$3.00
GCPC web site fees	\$127.35
Ending Balance	\$1,857.76
Respectfully Submitted	
Gary Thompson, Treasurer	

**No Refreshments needed**





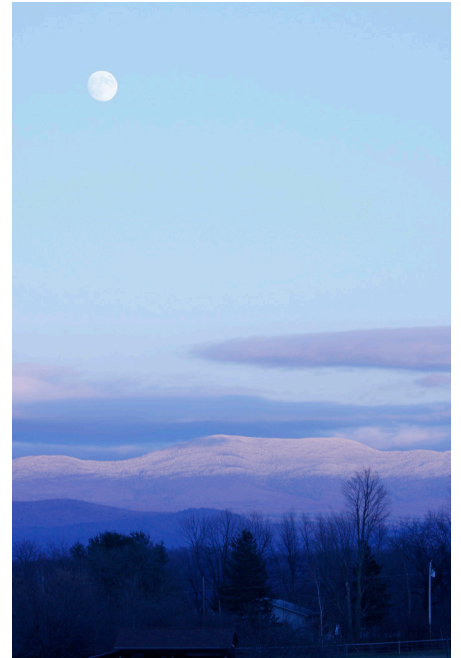
## Member Story-Maggie Holmes

Joined GCPC: 2007

"I joined GCPC because Tom (my husband) did. He read about a program you were having in the Corning newspaper, and we came to a meeting and were hooked. It helped our photography, and we made many, many friends. You are a fantastic group.

And then we moved to Vermont! But I have a life membership, so I still get the newsletter and read every one of them. I love seeing what people are doing and I love seeing pictures of Wellsboro and surrounds. But I really miss seeing all of you and -- OF COURSE -- you have missed the same thing this year.

My photography and my music have both suffered. I am living on 18 acres with 2 horses, and I am just too busy. I love everything in my new lifestyle, but it IS a new lifestyle. Someday I hope to get a neighbor to feed the horses and free me to drive to Wellsboro for a club meeting. I would really love to see all of you again. Keep up all the good work!"



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**Breadloaf Wilderness, Vermont- view from living room window**  
**Grouse - silly bird kept attacking cars. People would call me, but it would have disappeared before I arrived. Finally got shot after many, many tries.**

**Fawn - lucky accident. Taken from horseback with a cell phone.**  
**Orchard Church - many attempts. To get focus, I combined two pix. This was for the church newsletter.**

**Pileated - almost a great shot, but not sharp focus. Disappointed as I spent several weeks trying to get this shot.**



## Thoughts on Holiday Photography

The holidays of 2020 were very different for most of us. I know my family and I opened our gifts to each other over a FaceTime call, and Christmas dinner was a solitary affair. Definitely an atypical holiday.

Despite the lack of company, there were still plenty of holiday images to capture, the most obvious being the Christmas tree itself. While it might be tempting to use flash, go with a tripod, low ISO, and a longer shutter speed to see the lights properly, and, if you use an aperture of around f/16, it creates a nice starburst effect. I created that same effect on my iPod using a starburst filter.



It's not necessary to capture the whole tree, however. Have a favorite ornament or decoration? Showcase it and cherish the memories. My father was a letter carrier for over 30 years so this little mail carrier ornament is special to me.

Don't forget the holiday food and/or beverages. Every year I photograph the snowflake cookies my friend bakes. Each time I try to think of a different setting for them. I usually buy them from her at Dickens, but that didn't happen this year. Fortunately, I had put some in the freezer last Christmas so

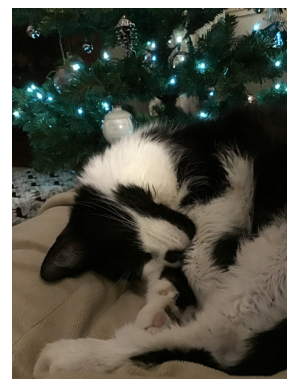


I was still able to make a new image. Creating photographic traditions like this can be fun.

And don't forget the pets. Capture that cute cat or dog, kitten or puppy, playing with their new Christmas toy or relaxing in front of the trees.

Happy holidays.

Mia



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## GCPC 2021 Calendar of Events

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of every month  
at the Gmeiner Art & Cultural Center unless otherwise noted

### Mini-Solo Shows at the Native Bagel, Central Avenue, Wellsboro:

January 2021: Bruce Dart

February: Hilary Osborne

March: Sharon Connolly

**The Warehouse Theatre: Various Members**

Please contact Bruce Dart at [bdphoto@ptd.net](mailto:bdphoto@ptd.net)  
if you are interested in displaying your photos at  
the Native Bagel or if you have images suitable  
for display at the Warehouse Gallery.

### Programs and Themes:

January 2021: Send 2-3 of your favorite 2020 images to Mia, and she will try to create a slideshow to share. Critique Theme: Holiday Fun

February 2021: Video TBD. Critique Theme: Winter Wonderland

March 2021: TBD. Critique Theme: I'm Bored, Where's Spring?

April 2021: TBD. Critique Theme: Spring is Here

May 2021: Scavenger Hunt Around Wellsboro. No Critique

June 2021: Photographing Insects. Critique Theme: Flowers

July 2021: Hike led by Paul Bozzo No Critique

August 2021: Guest Speaker TBD. Critique Theme: Insects

September 2021: Still Life Photography presented by Mia Lisa Anderson. Critique Theme: Outings or Outdoor Photography

October 2021: Photographing Air Shows presented by Gary Thompson. Critique Theme: Still Life

November 2021: Using Layers in Photography presented by Paul Bozzo. Critique Theme: Things in the Sky

December 2021: Holiday Party. Slideshow of Member Favorite Images

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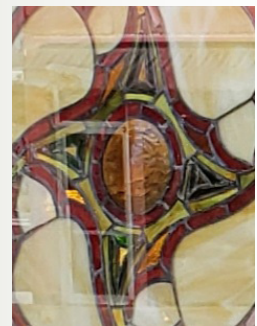
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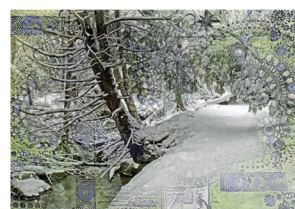
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Maggie Holmes  
Stained Glass



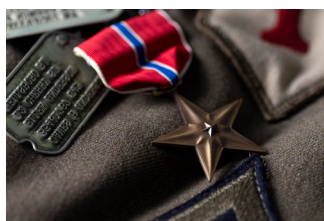


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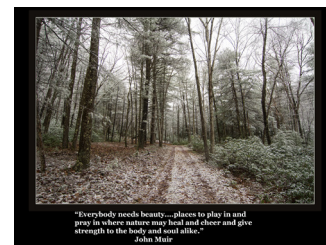
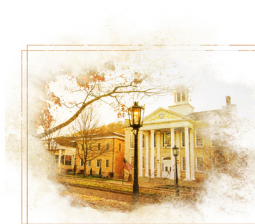
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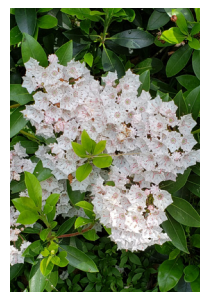
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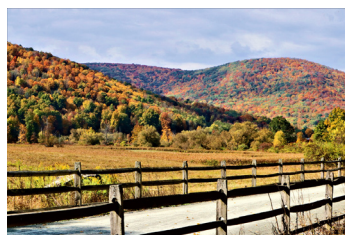




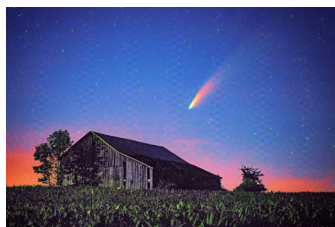
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