

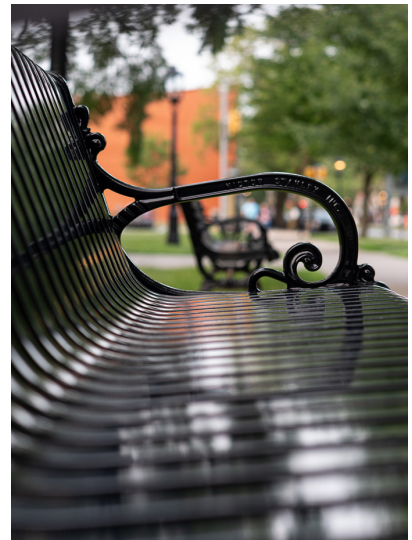
A Hunting We Will Go!

For the June 8th meeting, the Grand Canyon Photography Club will bring back one of its popular outdoor activities: the Photography Scavenger Hunt. Members should meet outside the Gmeiner Art and Cultural Center in Wellsboro, PA. at 7 p.m. A list of items to be found and photographed will be provided. Members may wander Wellsboro on their own or pair up with other individuals. As per new COVID guidelines if you are fully vaccinated, masks are not required. Please feel free to wear one, however, if you are more comfortable doing so. Rain date will be Wednesday, June 9th.

Through the years, June has traditionally been a club outing month. The first few years, members gathered at Ives Run for a picnic. Creative photo gatherings at Ann's house began in 2006. Because the club did not typically hold meetings at the Gmeiner in June, there were usually no critiques.

The next "Member Story" was supplied by Mia Anderson. Who else wants to share their GCPC story? All it takes is a couple of paragraphs. Why did you join? When? What have you learned? Show me your images. Send materials to mialisa1957@gmail.com.

Mia Lisa Anderson
Newsletter Editor



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy June. We're finally getting some warm weather and more chances to be outside. I am hoping this gets everyone out and those shutters clicking.

Our first meeting was a success. I think we filled all 25 seats and didn't have to turn anyone away. It was awesome getting things back on track. We had a lot of discussion on a variety of topics. Please read the minutes section of the newsletter.

We will be having a picnic in July at the Sweely's camp. The date will be determined soon and an invite sent out.



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The other big topic that Mia brought up was having a committee to review the bylaws. This committee will review the bylaws, bring back recommended changes to the club and the club will vote on it. We are setting up the committee now. Please go to the club website and read the current bylaws: <http://gcphotoclub.org/> If you have suggested changes please forward them to Mia or myself. This was recommended since during the virus restrictions we had to make a decision to vote by email, which was not written in the bylaws. We are sure there are other things that need to be amended.

June will be our scavenger hunt in Wellsboro. There will be no critique. Mia will lead this and a list of items for you to photograph will be provided. July's program will be a hike lead by Paul. He will send us details about that, and we will get them to you. So, no critique for July either.

I hope by August everyone will be back and we can have a successful fall-maybe even with a guest speaker! Restrictions should be lifted on numbers by August, but we will have to abide by Gmeiner rules if they don't lift all restrictions.

Please have a great summer and stay safe. We look forward to a fun rest of the year. We have some great topics for our meetings. Please come back and join us.

Diane



Club Reminders

Club dues are now being accepted by treasurer Gary Thompson. Dues are currently \$20 year for an individual membership and \$35 for a family. Please send your check to him at:

285 Owen Hollow Road
Big Flats, NY 14814

Critique Submissions

Please resume sending critique submissions to Mia at

mialisa1957@gmail.com. Follow the guidelines we have always used, i.e. 1024 or 2048 pixels on the long side and one submission per critique. Remember to put your name in the file name, e.g. anderson_tulips.

Since there will be no critiques for the next 2 months, please feel free to submit other images for inclusion in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support of GCPC.

The Grand Canyon Photography Club

2021 Officers:

President: Diane Cobourn

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Gary Thompson

Recording Secretary: Paul Bozzo

Corresponding Secretary:
Sharon Connolly

Directors:

2021-2022:

Mia Anderson, Med Barton
2020-2021:

Nancy Bickham, Linda Stager:

Committee Chairpersons:

Newsletter: Mia Lisa Anderson

Membership: Gary Thompson

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Minutes from the GCPC May 11, 2021 Meeting

President Diane Cobourn called the meeting to order at approximately 7 p.m. She welcomed members back after fourteen months of no in-person meetings. She also welcomed new members. Diane updated members on upcoming events. The June meeting will feature a scavenger hunt around Wellsboro. In July, member Paul Bozzo will lead us on an outdoor hike, location to be determined. For August, member Ann Kamzelski will present a program on photographing insects. Member Mia Lisa Anderson will present the September program on Still Life photography. October will feature a presentation on photographing air shows by member Gary Thompson. Finishing out the year will be a program on using layers by member Paul Bozzo in November and the annual holiday party in December.

Diane once again stressed the need for a Vice President. Her term will be up in December 2021. She also reminded the members that according to the bylaws, Co-Presidents are allowed. She informed members of an offer by Curt and Mary Sweely to use their camp for a club picnic this summer. A date is yet to be determined.

Diane let members know that our bi-ennial Gmeiner exhibit has been postponed until 2022. She will try to get it scheduled for June that year so more people would be in town to visit the show. Titan Graphics will once again have our patches made for prizes as they still have our artwork.

Bruce Dart talked about potential speakers. He informed members that a group he belongs to had partnered with other photographic groups to bring in speakers, thus reducing the cost to each organization. He will reach out to his contacts and get back to us.

Treasurer Gary Thompson let members know that

several individuals had donated extra funds to the club when paying their dues.

Now that regular meetings have resumed, there will be no more Facebook critiques. Members are still invited to post on the club's Facebook page, however, Diane will not be monitoring it closely.

Over the winter, the issue of potential club liability during outings was brought up. Member (and attorney) David Ralph gave his input, and some initial language for a waiver was drawn up, but he is not a lawyer in Pennsylvania. The lack of club insurance was also discussed. Bruce will ask an attorney he knows to look over the waiver draft.

Mia brought up the need for a bylaws amendment regarding alternative voting methods. Diane said she will set up a committee to review the current bylaws. Bruce volunteered to be on the committee.

Diane presented a video on photographing waterfalls which was followed by the critique theme on flowers led by Gary Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mia Lisa Anderson,
filling in for Secretary Paul Bozzo*

Treasurer's Report	
Beginning Balance	\$2,295.76
Cash IN	
Dues	\$115.00
Donation	\$5.00
Cash OUT	
Bank Fee	\$3.00
Ending Balance	\$2,412.76
Respectfully Submitted	
Gary Thompson, Treasurer	



Member Story-Mia Lisa Anderson

Joined GCPC: 2001

"Christine and Art Heiny asked me if I would be interested in being part of a new photography club they hoped to form so in December 2000 I met with them and a number of like-minded individuals. We decided there was enough interest to form such a group, and the first official meeting of The Grand Canyon Photography Club took place at the Gmeiner in January of 2001.

Like many new members, I was intimidated by people who I thought knew more than I did about photography or who I believed were "better" photographers than I was. It was nice, though, to be in the company of others who enjoyed photography as much as I did, and eventually I became more comfortable and even began submitting my 5 x 7 inch photo for critique!



I became involved in the business end of things, serving as a Director, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster, Vice President, and President. I think it was important for me (and any member, really) to get involved and serve. It really helped to give me an understanding of what is needed to keep the organization going.

As my photography improved and my confidence grew, I also began giving presentations at club meetings. Speaking in public (not that I'm an expert now) is a useful skill to develop, and I'm not sure I would have if not for GCPC.

I've made many new friends and learned a ton about photography that I didn't know before. Thanks to all the past, present, and future club members for making it all possible. Happy Anniversary, GCPC, and I hope the you're around for another 20 years!"

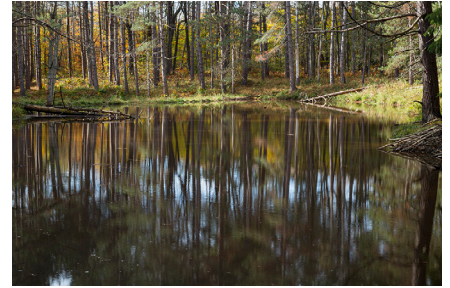
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Thoughts on Simon Baxter

Simon who? Let me explain. For over eight years my friends and I have had weekly photo adventures throughout Tioga County. Those adventures came to an end in March 2020 thanks to COVID. Unable to get together in our beloved forests, we searched for something to do related to photography and discovered a photographer from North Yorkshire on YouTube-Simon Baxter. With the aid of modern technology, my friends and I were able to watch his adventures together from the safety of our own homes.



Simon has been posting videos on YouTube since 2016. He explores his local woodlands with his dog Meg, talking about nature, photography, and life. Besides the wonderful scenery and music, I think his passion and respect for his subject matter is what kept me watching week after week. Simon has an extensive knowledge of the trees and other flora of the areas he frequents and is always careful to “do no harm” to the landscape. He knows his photography, too, and explains his approach in a clear and concise manner. He knows it isn’t about the gear but the knowledge of his equipment and subject that allows him to capture beautiful images. Simon gets as much pleasure from simply walking in the woods as he does from pressing the shutter. At a time when I was unable to get out, his videos helped fill a photographic void in my life.

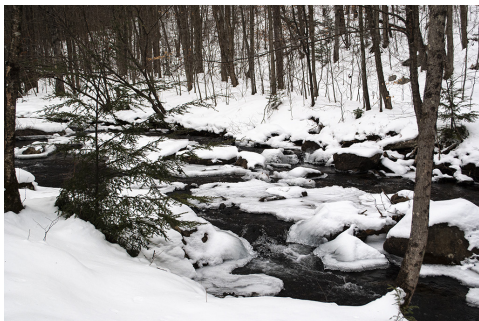
After fourteen months, my friends and I have viewed almost all of Simon’s YouTube content. Fortunately, he is still posting new videos every couple of weeks. Now, fully vaccinated, I anticipate our weekly photo adventures to resume. I also anticipate we’ll continue to join Simon on his. If you enjoy outdoor photography or just a walk in the woods, I hope you’ll check out his videos and web site.

<https://baxter.photos/>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcGPU4A6xJ1OYOkvfMoo25w>

For the love of forests, everywhere.

Mia





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:

June: Travis Snyder

July: Linda Stager

The Warehouse Theatre: Various Members

Please contact Bruce Dart at 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:

June 2021: Scavenger Hunt. No Critique

July 2021: Hike led by Paul Bozzo. No Critique

August 2021: Photographing Insects presented by Ann Kamzelski.
Critique Theme: Outings or Outdoor Photography

September 2021: Still Life Photography presented by Mia Lisa
Anderson. Critique Theme: Insects

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

Mystery Macro

How observant are you?

What is this? Send your
guess to:
mialisa1957@gmail.com

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Jan Keck

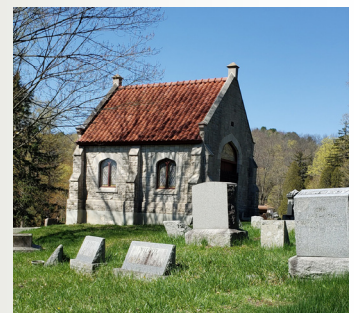


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Guesses:

Roof

Maggie Holmes

David Ralph



“Flower” Images



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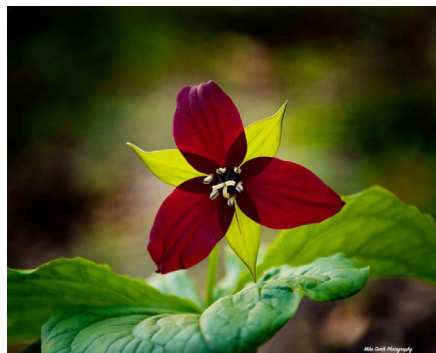
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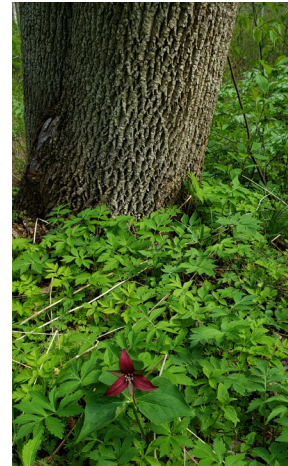


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