



Camera Club of Oak Ridge Newsletter for August 2020

Picture by Carolyn Slay

Our next Zoom Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 11th, 2020**. We will meet at 7:30 PM, just like always, but members and guests are most welcome to join the zoom meeting at 7:00 PM for informal fellowship. These extra 30 minutes will allow for some additional time to join the meeting and chat a little bit. I will pass along the zoom meeting link in a few days by email.

- Since the CCOR fiscal year runs January 1- December 31, membership dues are due on January 1 for current members; new members may pay upon joining at any time of year. If you aren't sure if yours was renewed, please check with me. Individual Membership is \$20 and Family Membership is \$30. If you are a new member who has never joined CCOR before, and it is later than June 30, we'll reduce your membership dues by half for that year. In this case, make sure you choose either the "New Member (after June) \$10.00" or "New Family (after June) \$15.00" option. Only New members should use this option. Membership is free for Full Time Students. You can renew your membership online at:

<https://oakridgecameraclub.org/join-us/join-us.shtml>

Meetings

- **August 2020 meeting:** Each year we have a “Meet-n-Greet” (MnG) meeting in August. This year we will introduce everyone present via zoom and will ask what you would like CCOR to do for the next year. If you also uploaded photos to our MnG Gallery, we will ask you to comment on those photos. We'd like you to upload a portrait of yourself (a selfie will do) so we can tie your name to your portrait. Then, please upload two of your photographs to share with everyone. The deadline to upload your photos to the SmugMug gallery shown below is **Sunday, August 9 at noon!**

- <https://ccor.smugmug.com/upload/5TrF55/meet>

Use the following filename convention in each competition:

FirstName_LastName_1.jpg

FirstName_LastName_2.jpg

FirstName_LastName_3.jpg

Example: the filename for the first entry by Jen Booker is ‘Jen_Booker_1.jpg’.

- **July 2020 meeting:** At the July club meeting we did something different in order to learn what our members prefer in a photo. We asked people to submit two of their favorite photos. They weren't judged, they were just displayed, and attendees had an opportunity to comment on ones they especially liked.
- **October 2020 meeting:** The October 2020 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of “**Fall Colors**”. Fall colors (or abstract Fall Colors if you choose) are pure demonstrations of a photographer's original vision, not just a formulaic representation. Think less descriptive and more aesthetic and you'll be on the right track.
- **December 2020 meeting:** The December 2020 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of “**Along the Riverbank**”. There is life all along a riverbank, both rural and urban. Rivers can be meandering and slow or wild and fast, but there is often a lot to see. Please enter your photos showing a riverbank. There are no limits to the subject, so your images could include things such as trees, paths, animals, boats and buildings on a riverbank, but it must be obvious that your image was taken on a riverbank.
- **February 2021 meeting:** The February 2021 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of “**Power of Nature (in color)**”. In this contest, your color photos should emphasize the power of nature. The subject can be anything you choose but nature's power must be clearly visible. The photos must be in color but please do not enter composite images.

- **April 2021 meeting:** The April 2021 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of “**Flowers**”. Flowers are colorful, bright and readily available, so it's no wonder they are a popular subject for photographers; especially in spring, which offers huge potential for those looking to shoot gorgeous plant and flower portraits. Whether in your garden, by the side of the road or in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park among the spring wildflowers, this is an excellent subject for your nature lovers.
- **June 2021 meeting:** The June 2021 meeting will be a photo competition dedicated to the topic of “**Nature Retakes Control**”. Nature is the most powerful force on the planet, despite millennia of humans trying to tame it. If we all disappeared tomorrow, it would take no time at all before our cities, roadways and intricate infrastructures were crawling with plants and animals. You can see this on a small scale in abandoned lots and derelict buildings. Give us your own example of ‘Nature Retakes Control’ for this contest.

CCOR Facebook Competition

We have a Facebook monthly challenge between club meetings. The topic of the last Facebook competition was [#abstract](#) and Carolyn Slay was the winner. Congratulations! The winning picture can be seen in the header of the newsletter.

The topic for this month's Facebook competition is [#quirky](#). Carolyn asks "*What have you done that was interesting/odd?*" Be sure to include [#quirky](#) in your post so people can search for them when they vote. You can upload ONE image per topic and we limit each winner to only winning one monthly competition per year, so everyone has a chance. We also have a gallery on Smugmug to see the monthly winners at:

<https://ccor.smugmug.com/2020/Facebook-Photos/>

Current CCOR member exhibits

If you would like to have your exhibit listed in the next newsletter, please send me an email at sec-treas@oakridgecameraclub.org

Looking forward to virtually meeting you,

Secretary-Treasurer

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