



## Camera Club of Oak Ridge Newsletter for February 2021

Picture by Don Spong

Our next Zoom Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 9th, 2021**. 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. 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. Membership is free for Full Time Students. You can renew your membership online at:

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

## Meetings

- **February 2021 meeting:** The February meeting on **Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** will be a contest 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. We will have a guest judge discussing your photos.

We have set up a SmugMug site for this competition. **Contest is only open to members who have paid their 2021 membership dues.** You may upload up to 2 images to the SmugMug gallery shown below. **You must have your images submitted by 12:00 noon on Sunday 2/7/2021!**

<https://www.smugmug.com/upload/jxf4bD/Nature>

Use the following filename convention in each competition:

FirstName\_LastName\_1.jpg

FirstName\_LastName\_2.jpg

Example: the filename for the first entry by Jen Booker is 'Jen\_Booker\_1.jpg'.

- **January 2021 meeting:** In case you missed our last meeting, the January meeting was a program meeting. **Kristina Plaas** presented on **Interpretive Photography in America's National Parks**. Kristina is a Volunteer-in-Park at the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the Blue Ridge Parkway. As an interpretive photographer, she approaches the visual landscape with the visitor in mind – what story do you want to convey, what emotion do you wish to share, what connection are you trying to make between the park and the people that visit? 45 participants watched this exciting way of communicating through the lens.
- **April 2021 meeting:** The April 2021 meeting will be a club contest 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 club contest 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

The topic of the December Facebook competition was "Sparksjoy" and Don Spong was the winner with his "out of this world" image of Andromeda galaxy taken through his telescope. Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who participated! The winning picture can be seen in the header of the newsletter. Don chose #winter for our January Facebook competition and Yvonne Dalschen won the competition. Congratulations!

Yvonne has chosen [#red](#) for our February competition. This month anything goes, abstract, nature, people as long as there is something red or crimson, scarlet, ruby, cherry, claret - you get the idea. Post your entries (one per photographer) by February 28, and be sure to include [#red](#). We limit each winner to only winning one monthly competition per calendar 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

The Baker Exhibit Center Gallery at the North Carolina Arboretum in Asheville is showing a landscape exhibition called "The Enveloping Landscape: A Contemplative Photographic Journey." The exhibition includes work by Yvonne Dalschen and can be seen Jan.16 – May 2, 2021.

Congratulations to Carolyn Slay for her Best of Show/1st Place award in the 2021 Wilderness Wildlife competition! Beautiful work, as always. CCOR had many photographer members' work recognized in this contest including Dorothy Baxter, David Hardin, Chris Rohwer, and Carolyn Slay.

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

## Last but not least

- I know that some of you care about their privacy on the internet, so do I. The latest version of Facebook has some features that I do not like, and I turned them off. Here is some information on how to do it.



Since Facebook last updated, they now have a feature where they can track all "Off Facebook Activity". Bank accounts, email, apps, etc.

To turn it off go to your Facebook Settings > Scroll down to "Off Facebook Activity" > then click "Clear History" (you will see everything they were tracking). Next click "Manage Your Off Facebook Activity" and turn off future activity."

Looking forward to virtually meeting you,

Secretary-Treasurer  
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