



PHOTOGRAM

Monthly Newsletter of the Redlands Camera Club

JULY
2025



La Sagrada Familia
by Julie Lowe



BEHIND THE LENS

Message from the President

Architecture is more than buildings. It's structure, planning, and intention. These qualities resonate deeply with how we approach our photography. Just as architects envision something that doesn't yet exist, we too frame scenes in our minds before ever pressing the shutter.



In photography, there's a foundation: understanding exposure, composition, and light. These are the bricks and beams we build on. Over time, we add personal style, post-processing, and creative risk — the finishing details that make our work unique. Every image we create is the result of choices layered upon each other — a photo with a blueprint behind it, even if only in our heads.

Our challenge this past month was *architecture*, and I encourage you to explore both meanings. Look at the lines, textures, and geometry that you'll see in the newsletter, but also reflect on how your photographic "structure" is coming along. Are you still laying the groundwork? Are you renovating an old approach? Or are you building something bold and new?

We have lots of new members...let's make sure to help them feel welcome and help give them the solid foundation of friendship on which to build!

Learn, Shoot, Edit, Share.
I can't wait to see your photos!!

PS. And speaking of building...I'm looking for a volunteer to help put together our *Photogram Newsletter*. Whether it's gathering content, or putting it in Microsoft Word...every bit helps. *If you're interested, let me know! bruceherwig@gmail.com*



Sky Reflection - Glass building in Omaha, Nebraska



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Cheryl Diermyer - Vice President/Programs



Capturing the Moon

A Guide to Lunar Photography

Monday, July 7 @ 7pm

In-Person and Zoom Meeting

At the beginning of the meeting, we will be announcing the winners from our 2025 Summer Competition.

Photographing the moon can be both a rewarding and surprisingly accessible experience for photographers at any level. In this talk, we'll explore the fundamentals of lunar photography—covering the best phases to shoot, ideal weather conditions, and how to plan your shot using helpful apps and tools. We'll also discuss how focal length and composition can dramatically change the mood and storytelling of your moon images, whether you're capturing it rising over a city skyline or glowing above a mountain range.

We'll dive into camera settings that yield the best results, including tips on exposure, focus, and white balance. You'll learn how to avoid common mistakes like overexposure or blur and discover how to shoot a sharp moon with detail in the craters. Whether you're photographing with a smartphone, DSLR, or mirrorless camera, this talk will help you confidently capture the moon in all its beauty.



Presented by Bruce Herwig





The Fundamentals of Digital Printing

Monday, July 21 @ 7pm

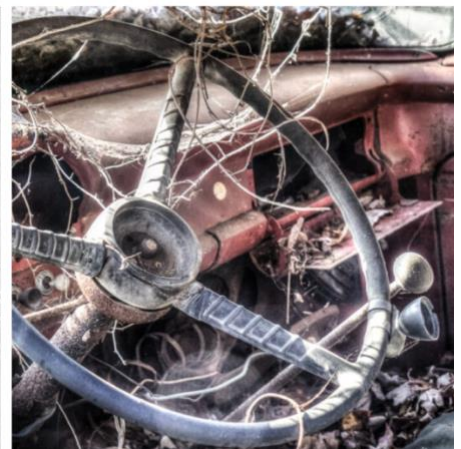
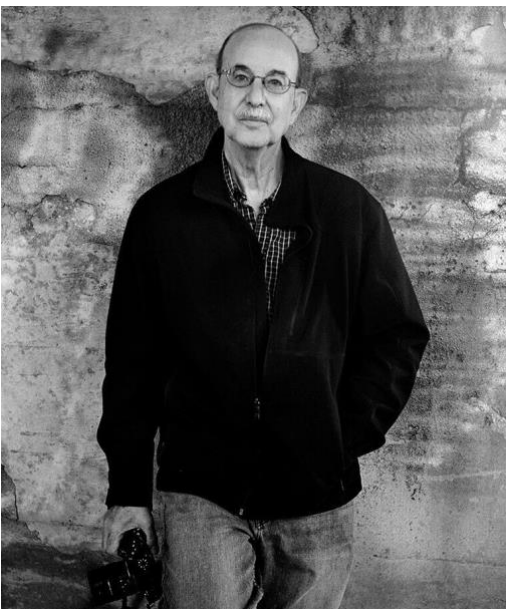
Zoom Meeting

This presentation covers all that you need to know before pressing the Print button. Why do we print our images? We will first discuss the power of the print versus a digital file. We will cover paper types, ICC profiles, color spaces, cropping, and aspect ratios, ensuring that your print matches what your monitor displays.

Presented by Lewis Katz

Photography has been part of me from a young age. The camera and the image became an outlet for suppressed feelings and artistic expression. Many years after college I lived in the rural beauty of southern York County Pennsylvania. Although It was here that I truly discovered landscape photography. Through my career in the travel industry, many other trips followed including visiting most of the major National Parks. Teaching photography is another essential component of my photography life as I love sharing my passion. I currently teach for the Johns Hopkins Odyssey program, the Smithsonian Associates program, and for private students as well. I live for those aha moments that only teaching can provide.

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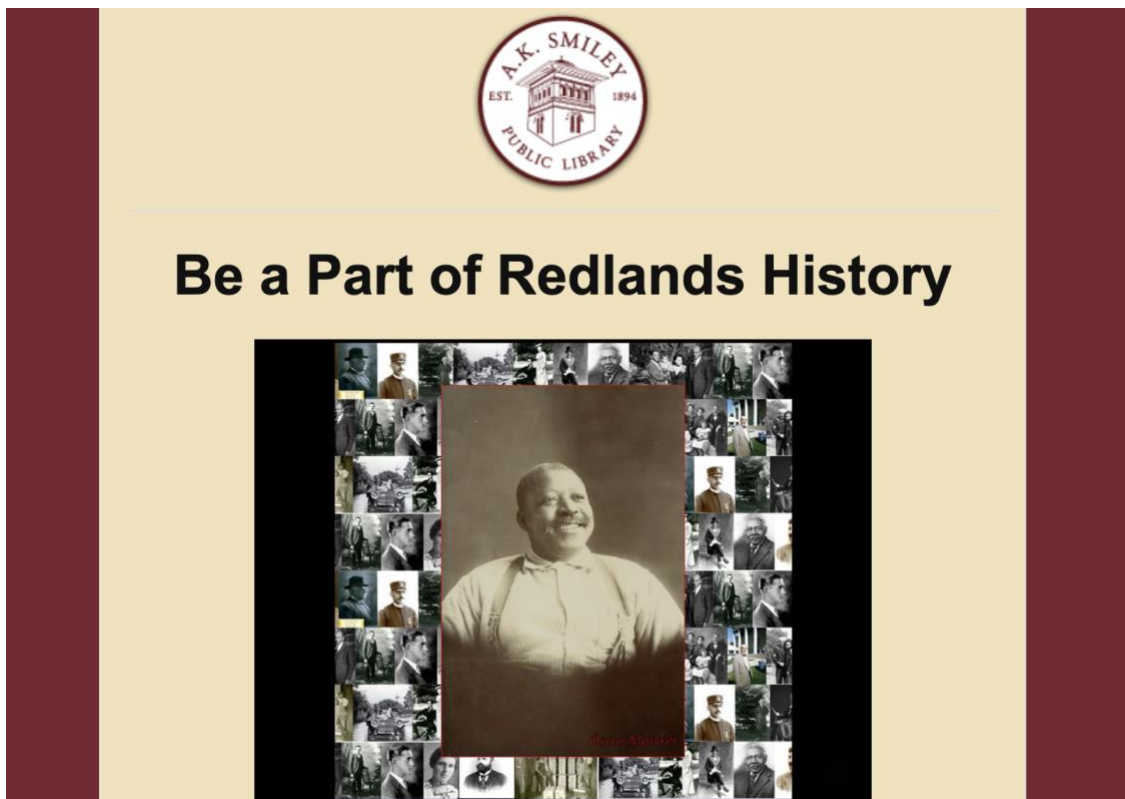
COMPETITION UPDATE

Julie Lowe - Competition Chair



Thank you to all those who participated in our Summer Competition. It was a great turn out! We had 51 submissions in total. We will be passing out the awards to all the winners on Monday, July 7 (in-person meeting). We look forward to see you all then!

In the meantime, keep on shooting so that you can submit your photos in our next Competition! Image will be accepted October 20 - November 10. Category X will be **"TOYS."** Winter Competition Judging is November 17 with awards, December 1.



A.K. Smiley Public Library wants to hear from you!

Special Collections staff are hard at work to create the inaugural exhibits for the Museum of Redlands, including "I Am Redlands," a digital display featuring photographs of Redlanders throughout time. Looking at the community in both the past and present, the exhibit offers the ideal opportunity to document people who have called Redlands home over the years, including you and your loved ones. Consider sharing your photos for possible inclusion in "I Am Redlands" and to be archived in the Smiley Library's Special Collections.

[Click Here](#) to learn more.



UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Brian Spears - Field Trips

Oak Glen Preserve Field Trip

Insects and Plant Photography, Guided Hike
Saturday, July 12 @ 8:30 - 10:00 AM



Join us for a fun day of discovery and creativity on our Insects and Plant Photography Field Trip! Elba Mora, Outdoor Education Director with the Wildlands Conservancy, will be our field trip guide. The Oak Glen Preserve offers beautiful landscapes teeming with a variety of insects and plants. This field trip will take place at the botanical garden, providing you with numerous opportunities to capture stunning images of butterflies, beetles, and other insects in their natural habitats. Explore the local flora, ranging from delicate wildflowers to majestic towering trees.

The guided hike is less than a mile on fairly even gravel terrain. You can hike longer on your own if you like. Bring your camera! The Monarch butterflies are a flutter!

No Cost.

Meet at the Oak Glen Preserve
Entrance Kiosk
39611 Oak Glen Rd
Oak Glen, CA 92399

Field Trip Leader:

Cheryl Diermyer
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diermyer@gmail.com

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

Have an idea for a field trip, or if you would like to lead one?

We would love to hear from you.

RedlandsCameraClub.org/SuggestionBox





CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Stephanie Billings - Membership Chair

FISCAL YEAR 25-26 RENEWALS ARE DUE

MEMBERS: I want to thank everyone who has paid their membership dues for our new fiscal year, which began on April 1st. If you have not already paid, please take a minute or two go online and fill out the form, hit pay and you're all done. If you would rather pay at the monthly meeting, please bring a completed renewal/new member form and your payment. It's just that easy!



[Click Here to Renew Your Membership](#)

To all RCC members please help us welcome our newest members:

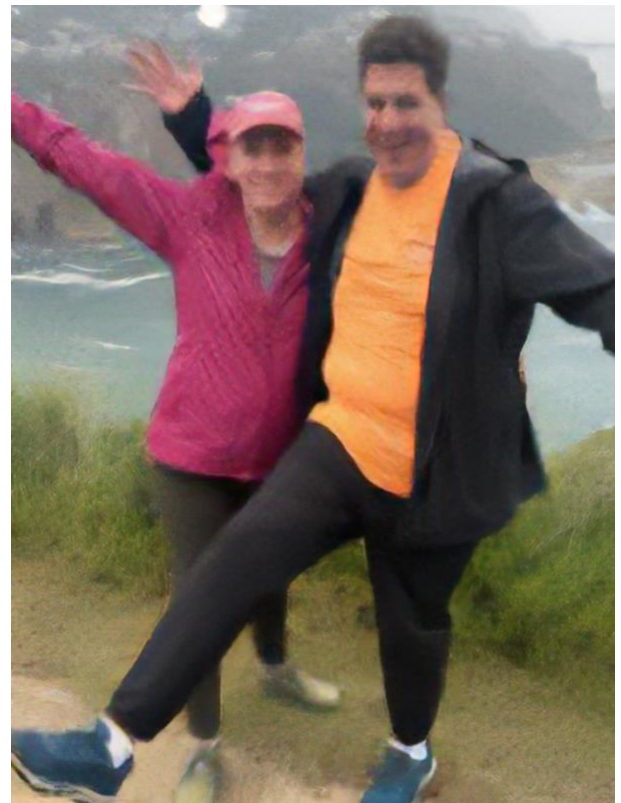
Joyce Rittenhouse, Cathy Decker, and Curt Burgess!

If you have any questions about your membership, contact Stephanie Billings at:
HeartandSoul4@yahoo.com

MEET NEW MEMBER

ZACH & LAURA FEINGOLD

Zach & Laura live up in Angelus Oaks and decided to get more into photography after a safari trip in Africa earlier this year. After seeing some amazing photos people were able to take, we both decided we wanted to pursue photography together as a hobby!





REDLANDS ART ASSOCIATION ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Display Your Photos by Mike Livingston, Publicity Chair

Hasn't RCC provided some really great programs and field trips so far this year? I mean, all you have to do is look at the competitions. WOW! Many of you have been capturing and polishing images that the public would love to see. Later this month, local photographers are invited to show their work at **Redlands Art Association**. This is an inexpensive way to exhibit, and sell, your work.

For many years I took photos, edited them, and stored them on a hard drive that I'd peruse every so often. Then, while at an RCC program, I heard the presenter encourage members to put an image up on a wall at home. I found an image in my library, had it printed on canvas, and hung it in my Livingroom. And ... I liked it. A few years later, Redlands Art Association invited the public to submit photos for an exhibition, so I entered two of my images. The exhibition opened and a couple of days later I received a call: one of my images had sold. *"My photo?"* I thought? *I was surprised, but so pleased!*

I plan to enter the RAA exhibition again this year, and you should seriously consider doing so likewise. It costs a few dollars to enter, but you gain gallery exposure. And who knows; maybe you'll create an area in your home where you begin to display your work and appreciate, even if only for yourself, that your photography is pretty pleasing to look at.

The 16th Annual RAA Photography Show runs July 21 to August 2, with take-in of entries on Saturday, July 19 from 1–4 pm and a public reception on Saturday, July 26, 1–4 pm.



[Click Here](#) to Learn More
and download the RAA Entry Form

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS OF THE MONTH

Photoshop 2025: All 10 New Features Explained



[Click Here](#) To Watch (17 min)

Get your ISO 12,800 photos looking like new!



[Click Here](#) To Watch (18 min)

Have a Lightroom or Photoshop video you would recommend?
Let us know! Email bruceherwig@gmail.com

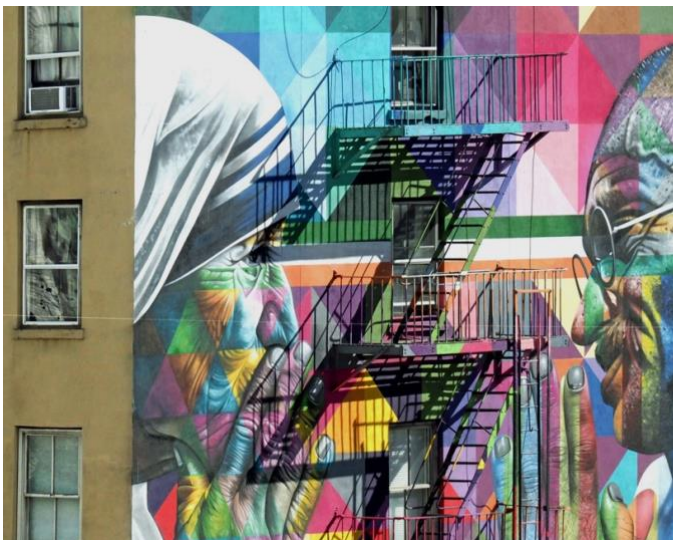
PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE FOR JUNE WAS “ARCHITECTURE”



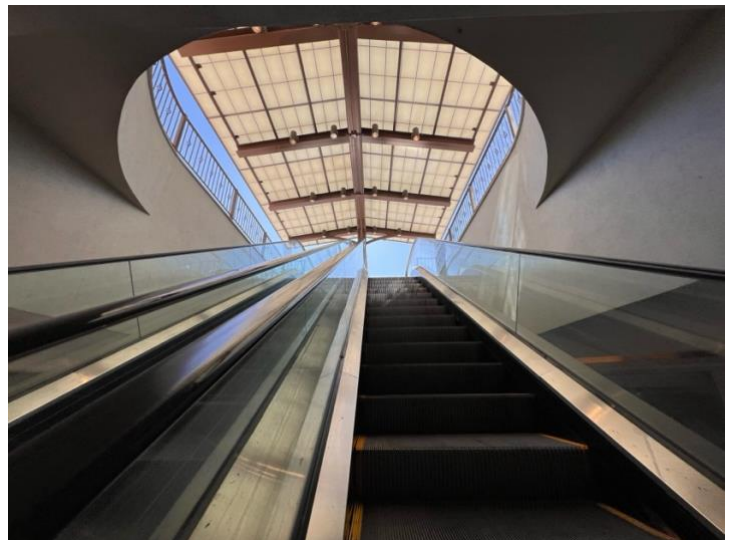
Building in Little Tokyo Los Angeles
Linda DeBaun



LA - ancient and modern towers
Heidi Wilson



Fire Escape, NYC - Jim Hendon



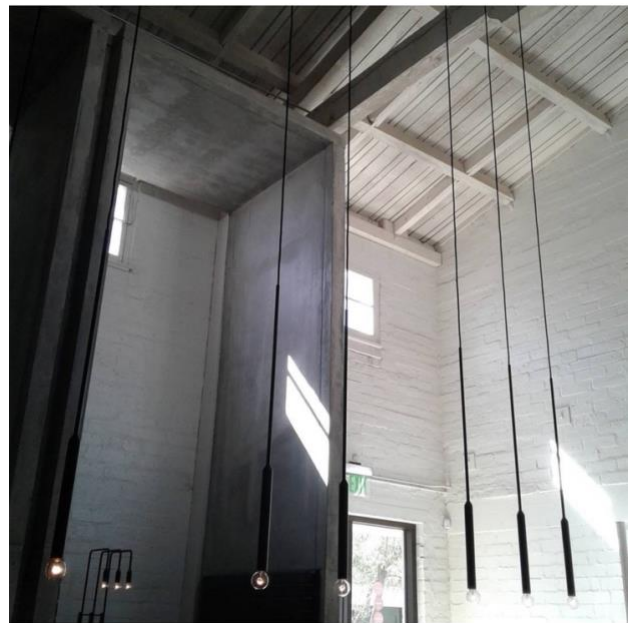
Going Up - Cheryl Diermyer



Bell Carving
Cheryl Callanan



Library Abstract
Deborah Seibly



Concrete Decision - Terri McMichael



City Architecture at Night with Traffic
Thomas Powers



Cafe Fanelli, Manhattan - Jim Hendon



Taliesin West Architecture School - Heidi Wilson



San Xavier de Bac Mission - Linda deBaun

PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE FOR JULY IS "MACRO"

Please post your images on the [RCC Photo Blog](http://RedlandsCameraClub.org/PhotoBlog) or email Bruce Herwig at bruceherwig@gmail.com with your photos! **Deadline July 25.**

BEST OF THE BLOG – President's Choice



Chalk Art at the Mission by Carol Farrar

Madonnari Street Painting Festival was held May 24-26, 2025 at Old Mission Santa Barbara. This photo taken several days later on June 4th. The artwork was still in pretty good shape.

Joining the Redlands Camera Club Photo Blog offers a supportive, safe space to showcase your work, comment on photos, and stay connected with fellow RCC photographers.

If you are a Redlands Camera Club member and would like to access to our member photo blog, please email Stan Fry, at bassetdude@gmail.com

PIC PRO LABS FIELD TRIP

Alejandro Martinez, President and owner of Pic Pro Labs, and his right-hand man René Alvarez warmly welcomed our Redlands Camera Club group for an in-depth tour of their professional photo lab and studio. They went above and beyond, showcasing live demonstrations of printing on metal, canvas, acrylic, and more, and even gave members hands-on access to their portrait studio, generously giving away several prints and gift cards! www.PicProLab.com



TRONA PINNACLES FIELD TRIP

We had a terrific evening, night, and morning of camaraderie, photographing the night and morning skies in the Pinnacles National Park outside of Ridgecrest, CA. Photographers from the Redlands Camera Club were joined by several from the Lancaster Photography Association of Lancaster, CA and Photochromers of Sierra Madre, CA. Astronomers and night sky photographic experts helped those of us who are learning this type of photography. A lot of sharing, laughter, and oh, those red and white headlamps gave us plenty of challenges to stay focused on the skies. The morning-after sun arose with about 10 hardy souls who braved the night sleeping in their vehicles still out and about with tripods and cameras."



Group Photo by Russell Trozera



Stephanie Billings – Sunset



Bruce Herwig – Star Trails



Milky Way – Cheryl Callanan

A.K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY SHOOT

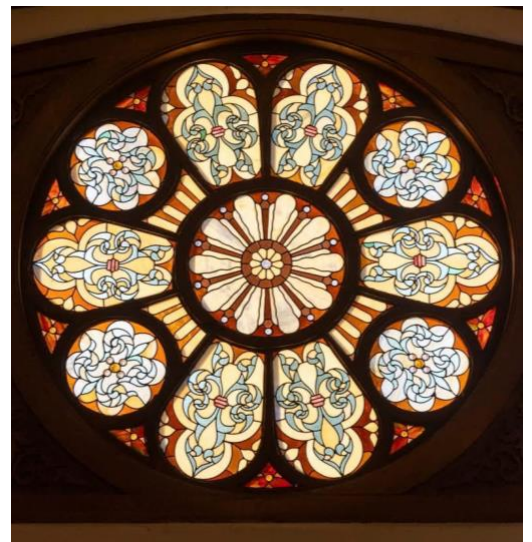
The Redlands Camera Club's exclusive after-hours shoot at the historic A.K. Smiley Public Library on Monday, June 2 offered members a fun, creative challenge as we explored dramatic angles and lighting in the quiet, architectural space, all enhanced by a brief history talk from Dr. Nathan D. Gonzales!



by Heidi Wilson



by Judith Sparhawk



by Dave Card



MEMBER GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Bruce Herwig - His photo of last year's Redlands Bowl Firework Finale was chosen as the cover of this year's Bowl insert published by the *Redlands Community News*. There was a full-page article on his involvement with the creation of the Redlands Bowl Volunteer Photography Team. [Click Here](#) to read.



Did you win a photography award, get published or in a show?

Let us know about it! Don't be bashful...we would love to celebrate you and your accomplishments! There is a form on the website called "Good News."

RedlandsCameraClub.org/GoodNews



YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU...

Club Secretary - Attend the quarterly RCC Board Meetings and take notes. Provide input and feedback into club decisions. *3 hours quarterly*

Photogram Editor - Know Microsoft Word? Work with an existing template and help coordinate the design of this essential club resource! *4-6 hours per month*

Like to learn more? Contact Bruce Herwig bruceherwig@gmail.com 909-742-9206.

RCC LEADERSHIP 2025-26



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Club Secretary Needed

Photogram Editor Needed

Redlands Camera Club meetings are held the first and third Monday of each month @ 7 pm.
1st Monday = In Person & Zoom
3rd Monday = Zoom Only

In Person Meetings:
First Presbyterian Church, Redlands, CA
Click For Directions
Visitors are always welcome at any of our meetings!

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