



PHOTOGRAM

Monthly Newsletter of the Redlands Camera Club

NOVEMBER
2025



Valkyrie Series #1
by Ellie Burgueno



BEHIND THE LENS

Message from the President

November is the perfect time to pause and give thanks...and we certainly have something to celebrate! The Redlands Camera Club is proud to share that our *Photogram* newsletter received First Place in the 2025 PSA Newsletter Contest from the Photographic Society of America!



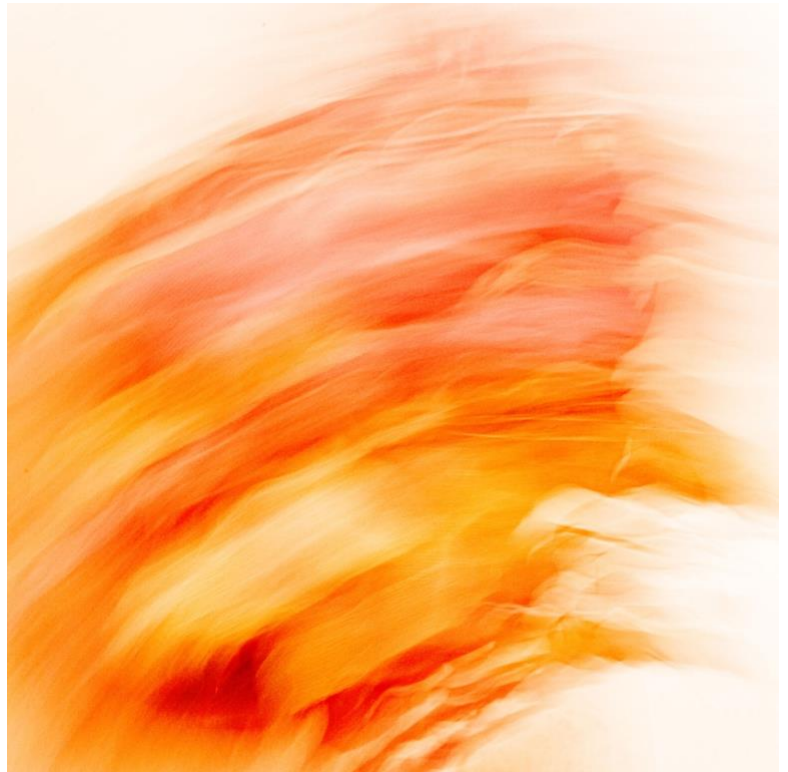
This award means more than a ribbon or title...it's a reflection of our amazing club community. Every story, photo, and event update comes from members who care deeply about sharing their passion for photography. Together, we've created something that inspires, informs, and connects us each month.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'm especially grateful for the teamwork, creativity, and friendship that make our club so special. Thank you to everyone who contributes, reads, and supports *The Photogram*. You've helped make this recognition possible...and it truly belongs to all of us.

Bruce Herwig

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

PS. A special thanks to Christine Pence for helping gather information for our *Photogram* newsletter. I'm still looking for an editor. Please email me at bruceherwig@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more.



Orange ICM
(intentional Camera Movement)



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Cheryl Diermyer - Vice President/Programs

Africa, the Ultimate Photo Destination

Monday, November 3, 2025 @ 7pm



Join us for an exciting and informative program as Mel Moncrieff shares how to plan a successful photography trip to Africa. Discover why Africa—especially Tanzania—is one of the most breathtaking destinations for photographers. Mel will guide you through essential preparations, including travel logistics, vaccinations, and safety tips.

You'll get an inside look at the safari experience, from lodges and vehicles to meals and daily schedules, so you know what to expect. Mel will also discuss recommended photo gear and techniques to help you capture amazing images, plus valuable insights into animal behavior to take your wildlife photography to the next level.



Presented by Mel Moncrieff

Mel is a retired nursing educator and passionate nature photographer, first discovered his love for photography through the Redlands Camera Club in the 1990s, learning from mentors like Frank Peele. Today, he focuses on bird and wildlife photography, capturing images around the world and closer to home in places like the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and his Running Springs backyard.





Digital Storytelling Workshop

The Art of Sound and Motion in Photography

November 15 & 16 @ 2:00-6:00 PM

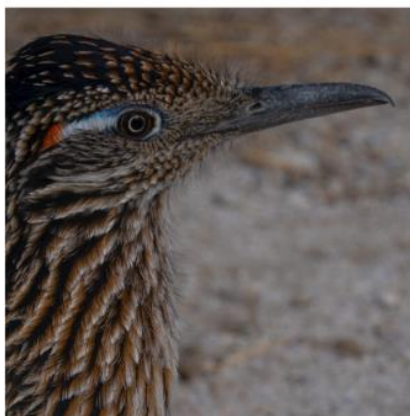
Paid Workshop \$100 – Cheryl Diermyer



As photographers, our default is to write with images. In this two-day workshop you explore writing with words that compel your audience to listen, to look, and to see the story within your photographs. You are guided through the process of producing the story you most want to tell. Including, writing a compelling narrative, recording narration, adding supporting images, text, and soundtrack to weave together a captivating visual narrative. The output is typically video, but the process you will learn works well for books and other forms of publication, even your digital portfolio. You will be introduced to a variety of free digital tools to support your storytelling process. You can expect to walk away with a fully produced digital story. Your digital story can make the perfect gift for a loved one or a meaningful contribution to the larger mission of your professional work.

Where: Riverside (address given at registration)

Who should attend: This workshop is ideal for anyone who wants to communicate ideas, experiences, or values through compelling visual and narrative media. Whether you're a teacher, artist, nonprofit professional, business professional, healthcare worker, student, entrepreneur, or community member, digital storytelling offers a powerful way to make connections, preserve memories, advocate for a cause, or convey the heart of your work. No prior technical experience is necessary—just a willingness to explore the creative process.



What to bring: Your laptop preferred (PC and Mac), smart phone, water, and snack.

[Click Here to learn more and to RSVP](#)



COMPETITION UPDATE

Julie Lowe - Competition Chair

Our Winter Photo Competition is now! Get your cameras ready and start capturing your best shots—you won't want to miss this chance to showcase your masterpiece(s).

- Entries will be accepted from **October 20 - November 10.**
- The judging will be via Zoom, on **Monday, November 17 @ 6:30 pm**
- and the awards will be given out on **Monday, December 1.**



Category X will be "TOYS." I can't wait to see your creative entries!

OUR COMPETITION JUDGES



Bruce Bonnett, M. Photog., is an award-winning nature and landscape photographer based in Redlands, California. A longtime Redlands Camera Club member and past president, he has earned numerous state and national honors for his work, including multiple Top Ten Photographer awards from the Professional Photographers of California.



Jerry W. Venz, M. Photog., Cr., S-PPC, F-PPC has spent over sixty years mastering the art and science of photography—from film and home darkrooms to today's digital "dim-room." A lifelong PPA member and multi-award-winning portrait photographer, Jerry continues to share his passion through education, mentoring, and professional judging.



John-Paul Wolf, Ph.D., is an award-winning portrait photographer based in the Inland Empire, specializing in high school seniors and family photography. As President of IEPPV, he mentors emerging photographers while continuing to create authentic, personality-driven portraits that reflect confidence and connection.



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Stephanie Billings - Membership Chair

The Redlands Camera Club (RCC) offers a variety of activities for those passionate about photography whether a beginner or a seasoned veteran. Our mission is to aide photographers of all levels in developing their skills through membership critiques of their work, exposure to the work of others and educational opportunities via our guest speakers, and field trips. [Click Here to Renew Your Membership](#)



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

To all RCC members please help us welcome our newest members:
Paul Bock, and Susan Thalasin



Red/Orange tree by Stephanie Billings



Red/Orange tree by Stephanie Billings



UPCOMING FIELD TRIPS

Brian Spears - Field Trips

Route 66 Field Trip

Saturday, November 15, 2025 @ 3:30-7:30 pm



Join the Redlands Camera Club for a nostalgic photo adventure along California's historic Route 66! We'll start at the **California Route 66 Museum** in Victorville to explore classic cars, vintage signs, and roadside history before heading to Old Town Route 66 to photograph the **Route 66 Archway Sign**. Our journey continues to **Elmer's Bottle Tree Ranch** in Oro Grande—an iconic desert art installation filled with shimmering glass and sunlight. We'll wrap up the day with dinner and camaraderie at **Cross Eyed Cow Pizza**. Come capture the charm and character of America's "Mother Road."

Meet at the California Route 66 Museum in Victorville @ 3:30 pm

16825 D St, Victorville, CA 92395

What to Bring:

Camera (tripod optional)

Water

\$1 bills. Both the museum and the bottle ranch appreciate donations

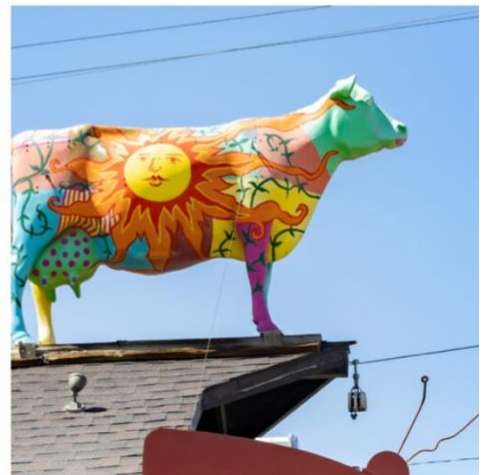
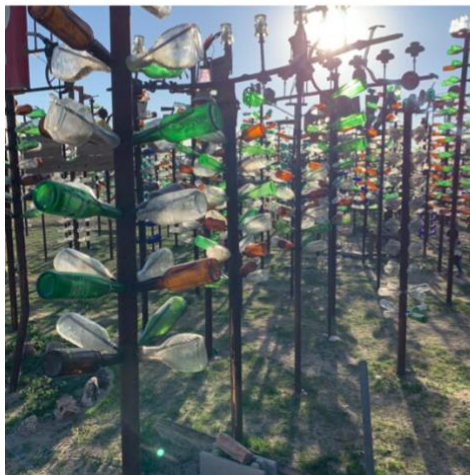
Pizza \$

Field Trip Leader:

Bruce Herwig |

bruceherwig@gmail.com

[Click Here to RSVP](#)

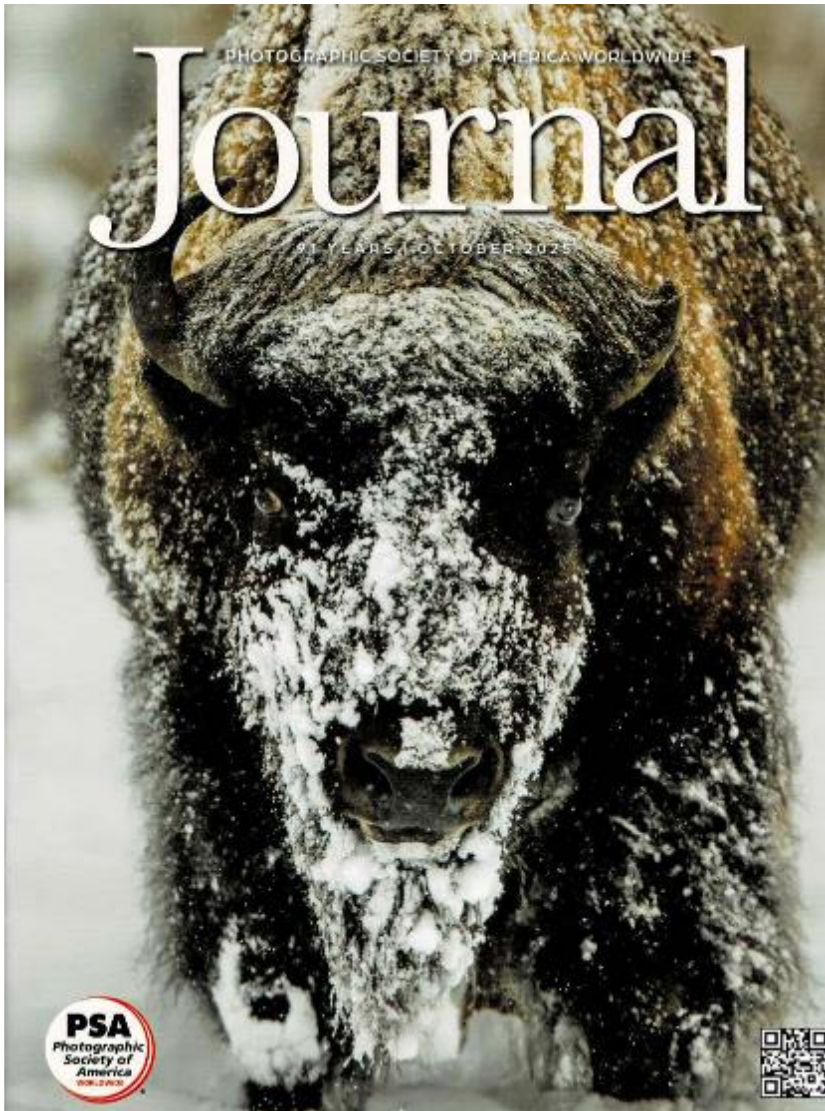


If you are interested in carpooling, let us know in the RSVP. We'll leave Coco's Bakery Restaurant in Redlands at 2:15 pm sharp. 1140 W Colton Ave, Redlands, CA 92374. California Route 66 Museum

MEMBER GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Dave Ficke

Cover photo and 8-page article in the PSA Journal Magazine



Yellowstone National Park in Winter

By Dave R. Ficke

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Elk in the Air Photojournal Archive © Dave Ficke

Concretely, winter is an amazing season, the beauty of people and place, leaving only the beauty to witness the wonders of Yellowstone in the winter. Winter has temperatures ranging from below to around 20 degrees during the day and below zero conditions at night. The cold may be uncomfortable, but by dressing properly you can be very comfortable. I bring my long underwear, polar fleece pants and top, a vest, down socks and wool and Gore Gore pants and jacket, hat, gloves, and mittens. I use "The Heat Chaps" for extra warmth for the gloves and mittens. For boots, I use my trusty mountain boots with gaiters and Yaktrax for ice walking. For walking off the road I bring snowshoes or cross country skis. The cold can be deceiving, and you may think you are prepared, but you will need to drink plenty of water. Save the soda and beer drinks for later.

For lodging and camping there are many options. For all months in 2025 depending on where you want to spend your time, there are many options to choose from. My suggestion is to go to the Yellowstone NP website and plan your visit to suit your needs, and good luck with the camera.



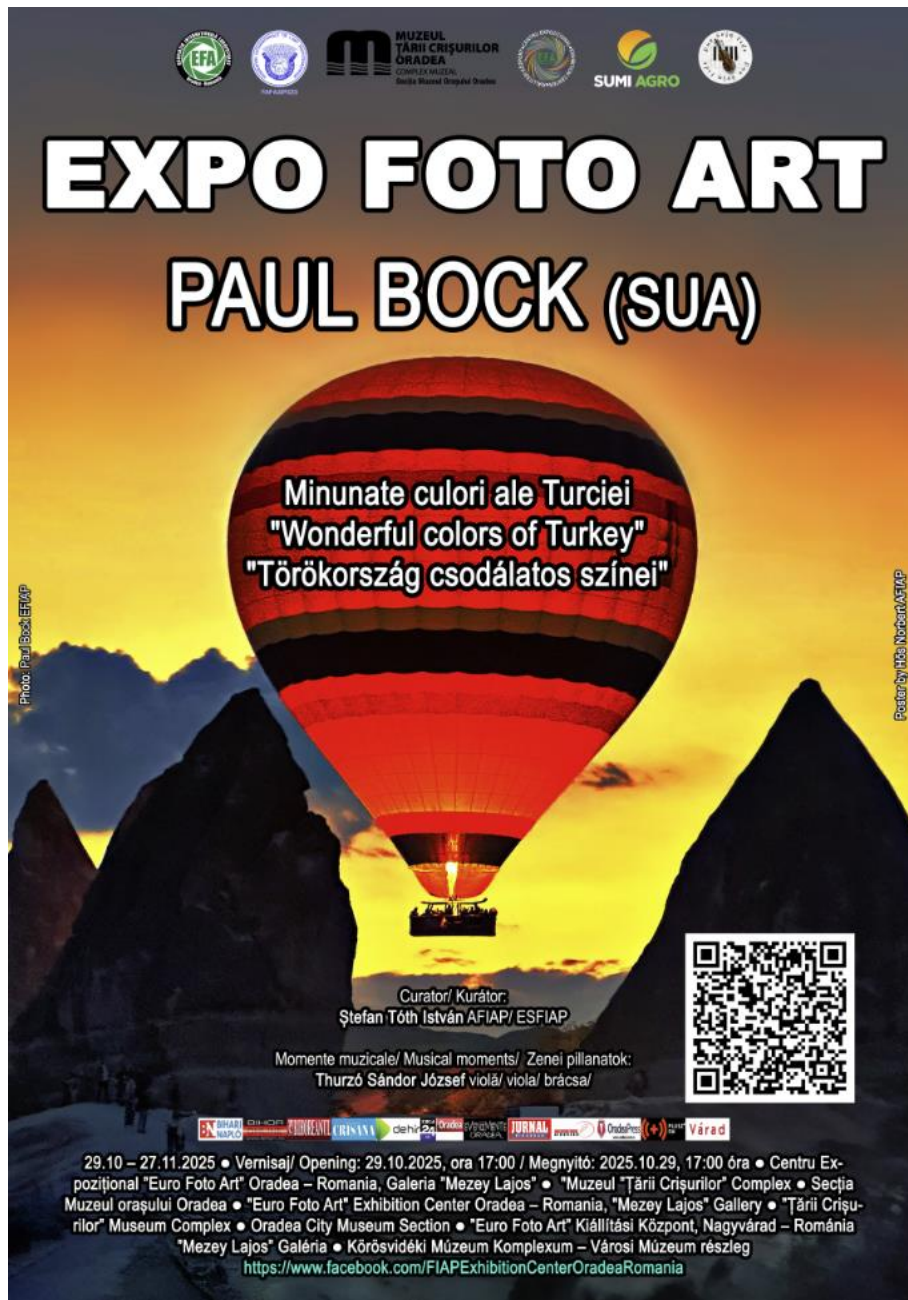
Bald Eagle © Dave Ficke

Yellowstone National Park In Winter

"Living in Southern California in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range, I have always loved traveling the Eastern Crest; this wild area has been one of my favorite places to go. With jaw-dropping, high mountain vistas sprinkled with a touch of clouds, this is a wildlife photographer's heaven on earth!"

[Read The Full Article](#)

Congratulations to Paul Bock *Museum Exhibit in Romania*



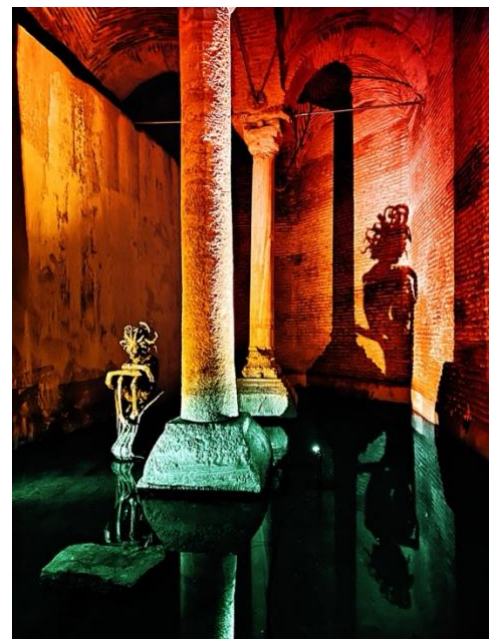
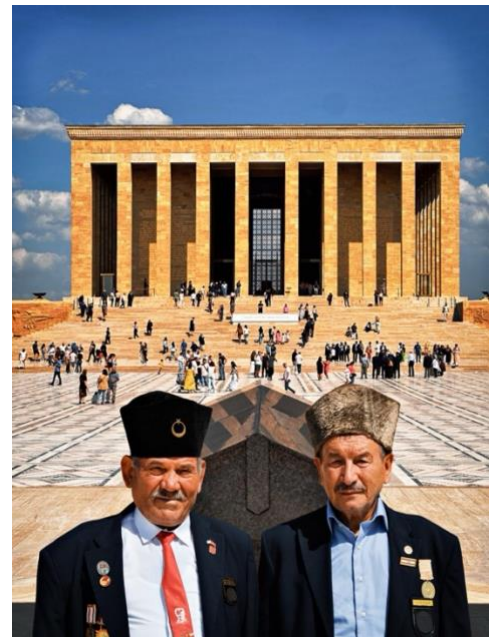
EXPO FOTO ART
PAUL BOCK (SUA)

Minunate culori ale Turciei
"Wonderful colors of Turkey"
"Törökország csodálatos színei"

Curator/ Kurátor:
Stefan Tóth István AFIAP/ ESFIAP

Momente muzicale/ Musical moments/ Zenei pillanatok:
Thurzó Sándor József violá/ viola/ brácsa/

29.10 – 27.11.2025 • Vernisaj/ Opening: 29.10.2025, ora 17:00 / Megnyitó: 2025.10.29, 17:00 óra • Centru Expozițional "Euro Foto Art" Oradea – Romania, Galeria "Mezey Lajos" • "Muzeul "Tării Crișurilor" Complex • Secția Muzeul orașului Oradea • "Euro Foto Art" Exhibition Center Oradea – Romania, "Mezey Lajos" Gallery • "Tării Crișurilor" Museum Complex • Oradea City Museum Section • "Euro Foto Art" Kiállítási Központ, Nagyvárad – Románia "Mezey Lajos" Galéria • Körösvidéki Múzeum Komplexum – Városi Múzeum részleg
<https://www.facebook.com/FIAPExhibitionCenterOradeaRomania>



The Wonderful Colors of Turkey

The show is about a selection of 44 images I created in September 2024, when my wife and I spent three weeks in Turkey. This exhibit is showing in Oradea, Romania, from October 29, 2025 (Grand opening, reception, with the contribution of the Thurzo Sandor string quartet), to November 27, 2005 in the City Museum. It is organized by the EuroFotoArt Association, under the auspices of FIAP (The International Federation of Photographic Art).

[**Click Here to see the photos online.**](#)



Congratulations to Rick Strobaugh



Westways

THE MAGAZINE FOR AUTO CLUB MEMBERS

Honorable Mention in the 2025 Westway Magazine Photo Contest



Rare Aurora in Joshua Tree

"During 2024, there were two very short occasions when the aurora borealis became visible much farther south than I'd ever heard of. In October, I tried to catch it at nearby Joshua Tree National Park. It was hard to see with the naked eye, but it became visible with a long exposure of 25 seconds. These two rare occurrences that lasted only a couple of nights were probably once-in-a-lifetime events."

[See the 2025 Westways Photo Contest Winners](#)



**Congratulations to Judith Sparhawk
3rd place award in the 6 Inch Square Show at the
Redlands Art Association**



Celebration

Show Reception, Saturday, November 1, 1-4 pm. Show will hang until November 22.

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

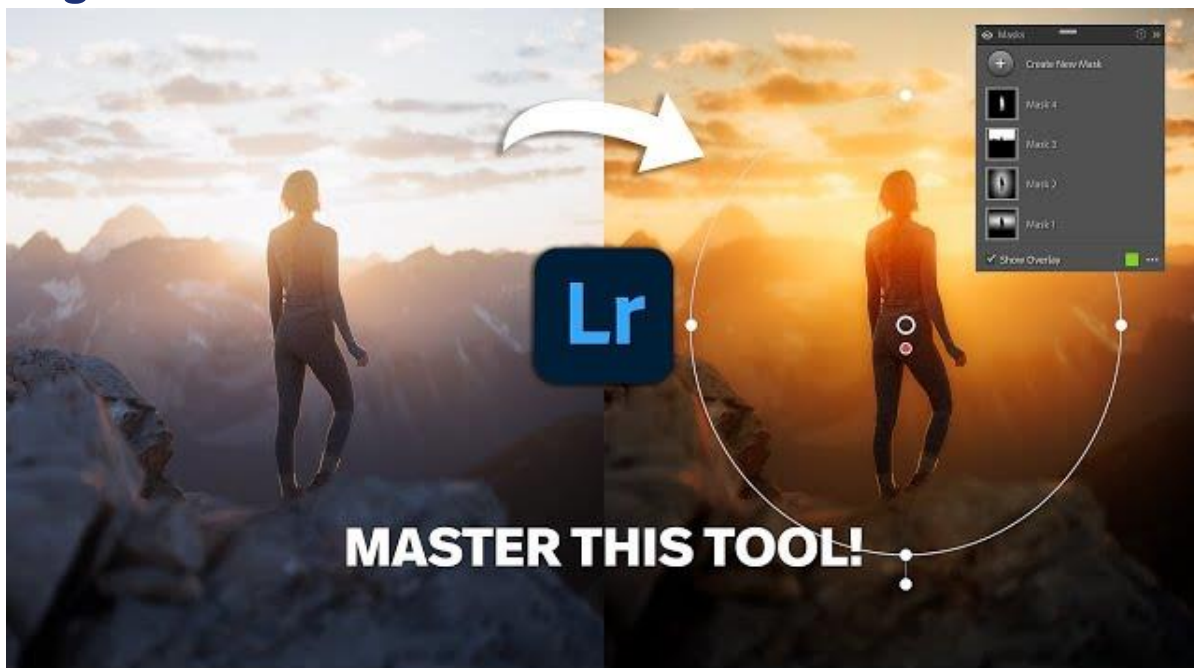
PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS OF THE MONTH

Photoshop Beta: New Harmonize Tool Explained



[Click Here](#) To Watch (13 min)

Use Lightroom Masks Like A Pro! The Secret To Better Photos



[Click Here](#) To Watch (15 min)

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

PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE OCTOBER WAS “ORANGE”



Wanna stay at the Cozy Cone Motel? By Julie Lowe



La Catrina by Carol Farrar



Benny by Cheryl Diermyer



Pumpkins on the Shelf by Judith Sparhawk



Persimmons by Cheryl Callanan



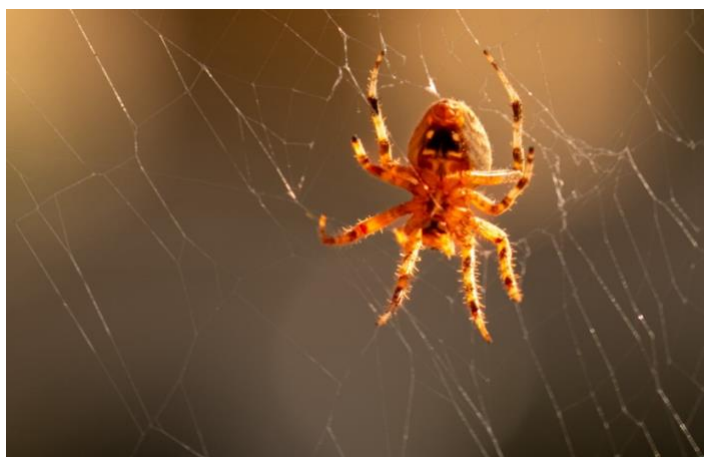
Gaudy Pumpkin display by Linda DeBaun



Autumn Owl, 2023 by Jim Hendon



Mandarin colors from above
by Christine Pence



Jack-O'-Lantern Spider by Zach Feingold



Blood Moon by Thomas Powers



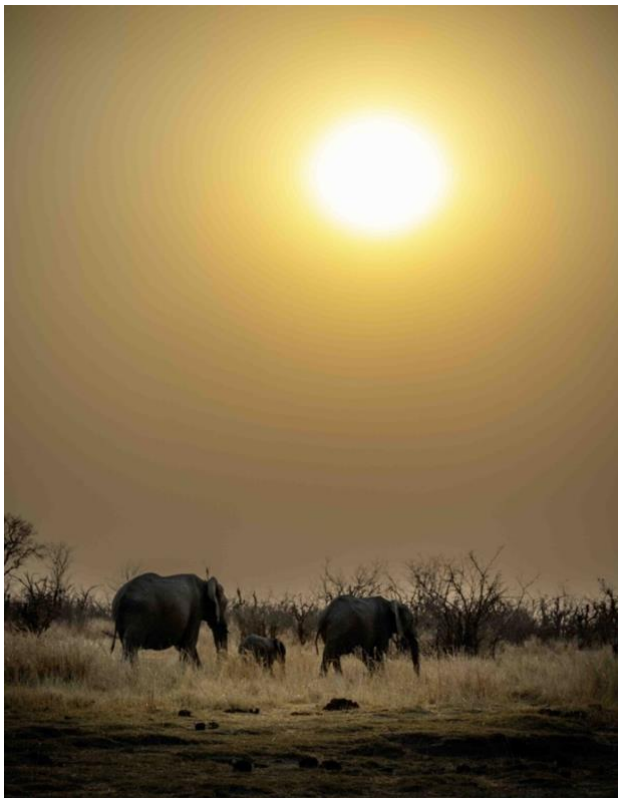
Fall Hiker by Tracy Reyes



Bumpkin Pumpkin by Maggie Finneran



Lighting up the Desert by Curt Burgess



Into the African Sunset by James Capo



One Big Happy Family - Wayne Purcell



Downtown Riverside by Sue Thalasin



Holy man at Varanasi - Paul Bock



Scarecrow by Dorothy Cunningham

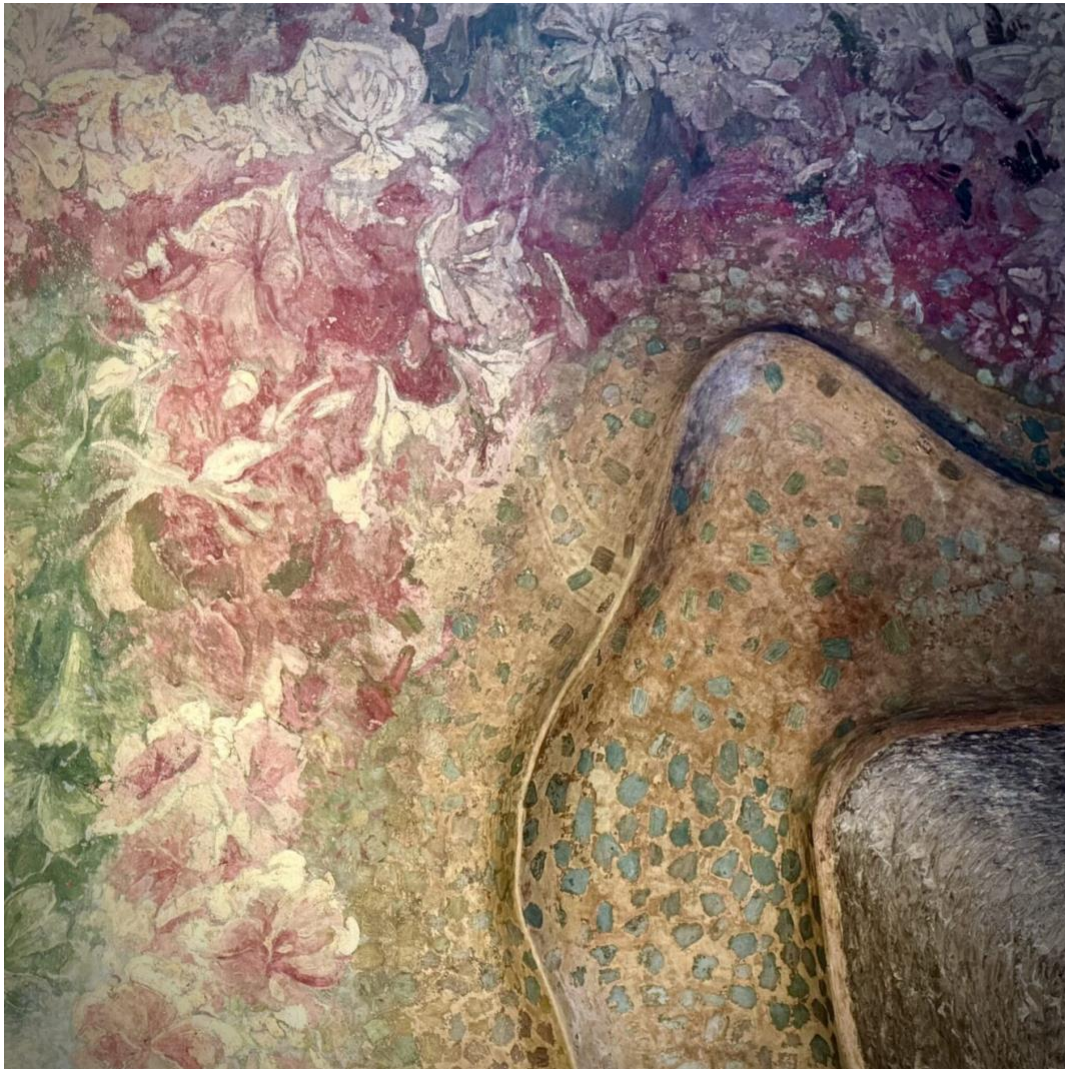


Autumn colors - Heidi Wilson

PHOTOGRAM CHALLENGE FOR NOVEMBER IS "CITYSCAPES"

Please post your images on the [RCC Photo Blog](#) #Cityscapes or email Bruce Herwig at bruceherwig@gmail.com with your photos! **Deadline NOVEMBER 25.**

BEST OF THE BLOG – President's Choice



La Pedrera Ceiling by Jim Hendon

Ceiling detail of La Pedrera, a 6-story apartment building and tourist attraction in Barcelona, designed by Antoni Gaudi, Spain's most famous architect.

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

UCR MUSEUM OF PHOTOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP



From Cheryl Diermyer "Just a quick thank you for joining the UCR Museum of Photography RCC tour today! I truly enjoyed getting to know each of you a bit more and of course I enjoyed hearing your awesome stories. Did you know that in our group we had a retired narcotics officer, a retired dog groomer, a lawyer, a couple who had to navigate their route due to flood destruction of highway 38, a teaching professor, a classic car enthusiast, and a Product Engineer? What an amazing group! I wanted to stay longer at our after tour lunch gathering to hear everyone's story! For those that I missed, I hope to hear your stories next time."



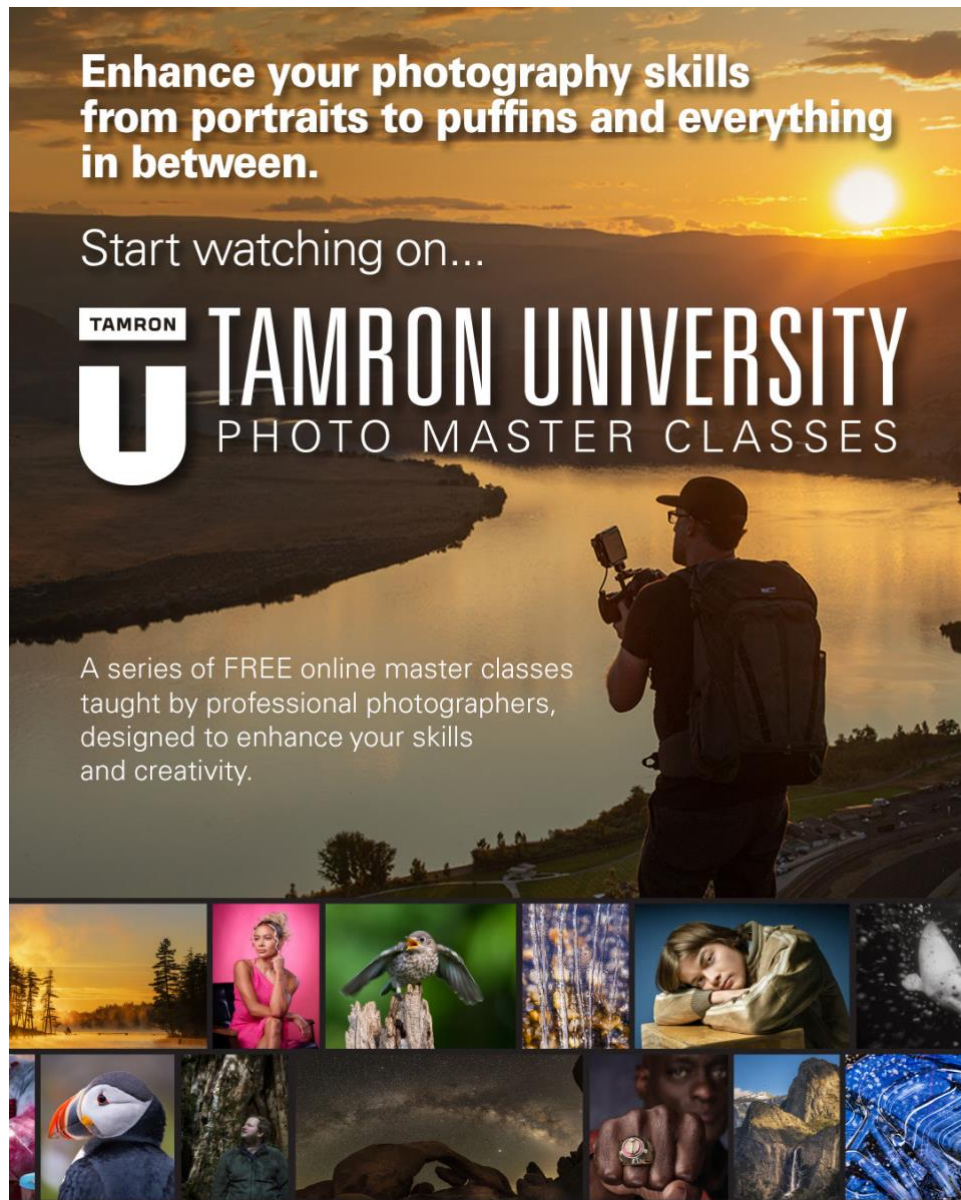


Scott Kelby's Worldwide PHOTO WALK

OCTOBER 4, 2025

REDLANDS PHOTOWALK WAS LED BY RUSS TROZERA





Enhance your photography skills
from portraits to puffins and everything
in between.

Start watching on...

TAMRON **TAMRON UNIVERSITY**
PHOTO MASTER CLASSES

A series of FREE online master classes
taught by professional photographers,
designed to enhance your skills
and creativity.

The advertisement features a large background image of a person with a camera and backpack standing on a hill overlooking a lake at sunset. Below this, there is a grid of 12 small images showing various photography subjects: a landscape with power lines, a woman in a pink dress, a bird of prey, a close-up of a flower, a person sleeping, a puffin, a person in a forest, a close-up of a hand, a close-up of a face, a mountain, and a close-up of a flower.

Tamron Offers Free Online Master Classes for Photographers

Tamron Americas now has a series of FREE online master classes led by professional photographers and filmmakers. These multi-part courses are designed for enthusiasts looking to elevate their skills and creativity, as well as seasoned professionals.

- Portraiture • Landscape and Nature • Travel and Storytelling
- Wildlife • Macro • Astrophotography and Night Skies

Each course is taught by an accomplished industry professional who takes you behind the scenes of their creative process. They will provide valuable insights into their technical approach, gear choices, business strategies, and artistic philosophies in nine or more focused lessons. Participants can access and complete each class at their own pace.

Enrollment is open at <https://tamronamericas.co/tamron-university>.



OUR 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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