

January 2025

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sedona Club Members,

I hope you are doing well! As we continue to grow and thrive as a club, I invite all of you to consider becoming involved in our club's board. Your participation is vital to shaping the future of our club and enhancing the experiences we offer.

Serving on the board comes with numerous benefits. It provides a unique opportunity to develop leadership skills, collaborate with fellow members, and make a meaningful impact on our club's direction. You will also gain valuable experience in decision-making, event planning, and organizational management, all while building lasting relationships with other dedicated members.

Moreover, being part of the board allows you to voice your ideas and concerns, ensuring that our club reflects the interests and needs of its members. Together, we can create an inclusive environment that fosters growth, learning, and enjoyment for everyone involved.

Please feel free to contact me if you'd be interested in joining us or learning more about the roles and responsibilities. Your involvement can make a difference, and we would love to have your insight and enthusiasm on the board!

Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve our club.

Warm regards,

Timothy See

President

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Sedona Camera Club

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JANUARY BOARD MEETING: January 20, 2025, 9am-11am SEDONA CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS MEETING: January 27, 2025

At the Christ Lutheran Church 25 Chapel Road, Sedona, Arizona, 6:00-8:00pm

DANO GRAYSON

January Speaker

When Science and Art Collide



A Stare From the Darkness by Dano Grayson

Dano Grayson's "When Science and Art Collide" is a comprehensive presentation showing the use of scientific methods and photography to catalog the behaviors of animals found near and far. Dano has spent a lifetime getting close to nature and having worked on projects with the government of Peru, San Diego Zoo, and USGS, the BBC, National Geographic and many others. He has been allowed

access to some of the most wild places. The pictures Dano will show during this presentation are a catalog of adventure travel and science. He hopes to show the world the beauty of biodiversity through the use of his noninvasive photography methods.





Stephanie Brand, a long-time member of the Sedona Camera Club, passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2024. Stephanie joined the Camera Club, along with her photographer husband, Mark Elder, in 2011. She served on the Club's board for three years and led the Club's mentoring program, (along with fellow long-time Club member, Roger Kiel), for some time as well. Stephanie was active in the Sedona Camera Club for many years – submitting photos for critique, going on Club outings, and serving as an experienced reviewer/mentor for other Club members attempting to improve their photography skills.

Stephanie was born in Connecticut and graduated from Brandeis University and New York Law School. She retired from a successful law career in 2004 and was then able to pursue her passion for photography, with her specialty being travel photography. She and Mark were fortunate to travel the world, and Stephanie's photography has been exhibited at theaters, museums, public libraries, Sedona City Hall, and various galleries here in Arizona. Her amazing travel photography continues to be displayed at the Village Gallery of Local Artists in the Village of

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Oak Creek. Stephanie will be deeply missed, and her passing has left a hole in our hearts and our community.

submitted by Becky Griffin

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPOSITION LEARNING SESSION

with Elaine Belvin



On January 11, 2025 Elaine Belvin will again present the Composition Workshop she developed for the Sedona camera Club. This two-part presentation will start with the choices that affect composition, including Subject and Focal Point, Depth of Field, Light, Lens Selection, Viewpoint, and Perspective. After a break she will review the Rules of Composition: Rule of Thirds, Golden Ratio, Rule of Space, Rule of Odds, Gestalt Theory, Diagonal Lines, Leading Lines, and S and Z curves.

This workshop is appropriate for all Sedona Camera Club members, from beginner to advanced. There is no limit to the number of participants but please contact Judy at learning_session@sedonacamera.club to be included.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS DISCUSSING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 SEDONA CAMERA CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

PLEASE OFFER SUGGESTIONS FOR PRESIDENT, SECRETARY

OR FOR A THREE YEAR DIRECTORSHIP ROLE TO TIM SEE OR BETSY WALLACE.

HIDDEN LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY AND FRAMING TOUR

January 21, 2025



This will be a tour of the Hidden Light Photography and Framing facilities, including the dark room where extremely large prints are produced with explanations of the process and the framing department. The owners started their darkroom business in black and white development and specialize in silver gelatin and platinum palladium printmaking which makes this especially at interesting. The tour will last approximately 30 minutes.

From there, it would be fun to head to Sunset Crater (30 miles up 89A) for sunset shots over the Painted Desert or Bonito Meadow. The park fee is \$15.00/car. The Park Ranger, (who is also a photographer), says sunset shots over Painted Desert or Bonita Vista are lovely.

We will meet ant the Christ Lutheran Church parking lot at 1:30pm on the 21st and carpool to Flagstaff. It is very important that we carpool because parking is very limited. The tour will begin at 3.00pm and takes half an hour. We will arrive at the park at approximately 4:15pm. Sunset is at approximately 5:42pm which should allow sufficient time to choose location, setup, and shooting time. FYI Bonita Vista is just inside park and Painted Desert is six miles further so it might be possible to start at Painted Desert and catch Bonita Vista on the way out.

Make sure that you are dressed appropriately for the weather.

Dinner options can be discussed anytime during the outing.

There is no limit to the amount of SCC members who sign up. However, please contact Judy at learning_session@sedonacamera.club to be included.

John Gafford
Wins ACCC Best of Show Award



John Gafford's photograph entitled "Kirkjufell Panorama" won the *Best of Show Award* for projected images at the Arizona Camera Club Council's Fall 2024 Roundup. Kirkjufell, ("Church Mountain"), is a distinctly shaped mountain found on the north coast of Iceland's Snæfellsnes Peninsula. Congratulations John!





SEDONA COMMUNITY LIBRARY EXHIBITION

The Sedona Camera Club presented a photo exhibit at the Sedona Community Library from November 1 through November 26. Thirty-seven prints by SCC members were displayed. The public was invited to cast their votes for their favorite print. Sixty votes were cast. Chris Priebe's image, Marcella, got first place, Mary Flatman's image, Autumn Night Glow, got second place, and Barry Levine's image, You Lookin' at Me?, got third place.

CRITIQUES UPDATE



Thank you to all for your image submissions to the various categories. We have seen a good variety of styles resulting in in-depth discussions and learning for all. Please continue to submit as you develop your images!

- Submit images for February reviews between now and Wednesday, January 29 at 9pm
- Those images submitted for feedback will be available for comments during the first 2.5 weeks of each month. Of note, is that you can not see or provide feedback on your own images.
- Peer reviewers: the next review session is Monday, January 13 for images submitted by January 1. (It is always the second Monday of the month.)

If anyone has concerns or specific questions about the safety of the website content including SmugMug, please contact our webmaster Bob Kenney at webmaster@sedonacameraclub.org.

If anyone is thinking about participating as a peer reviewer we would love to have you join the group. It's a pleasant, collegial, and educational experience for all. You do not need to be an accomplished photographer. The group has mixed experience levels with some learning by teaching and others by asking questions. No pressure!

- Log on to the SCC website
- Hover on Members
- Click on Peer Reviewer Training near the bottom of the list.
- Watch the short video. Read through the rubric and various links.
- Practice of the image shown which will be sent to Janel Cox who will contact you and assign a mentor for the first time or two.

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