

Newsletter Revived!

The Placer County Photography Club's newsletter is officially revived! When our last editor, Jim Cormier, retired from this responsibility a few years ago, no one was willing to take over and so, sadly, it died a quick death. I'm Carol Smith, the new editor and I'm brushing up on my CPR. My goal is to create a newsletter that is both interesting and useful. I'm excited to see what I can do to make this a vehicle that members will find helpful,



including making the newsletter interactive (click on underlined text to go to a website, email link, or a page in this newsletter). Here we'll announce club activities and outings, profile members, offer educational opportunities, and share member images. With this issue, we're announcing a **dues decrease**! How often does that happen? Our club has been in existence for 71 years. Let's keep it going!



Are you looking for an on-line resource for training and guidance, not only for taking images but finishing them? Then look no more.

KelbyOne to the Rescue

You may have heard of **KelbyOne**. Scott Kelby, its founder, has visited Sacramento a few times with day-long photography seminars. I've been to a couple of them, and I've been a member of **KelbyOne** since 2011. **KelbyOne** is the self-proclaimed Gold Standard for online photography education. I agree. **KelbyOne** provides in-depth training for Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, and all aspects of Photography including the business end of photography.

And it is affordable. An impressive group of photography experts, Adobe Photoshop gurus, and Lightroom masters offers expansive, yet inexpensive, training opportunities to help you improve your photography and enhance your images. Scott Kelby hosts a weekly webcast, **The Grid**, featuring

relevant topics and equally relevant guests. **KelbyOne** produces the monthly digital **Photoshop User Magazine**. And **The Insider** Blog has all kinds of product reviews, tips, and tons of photography related information. These, too, are all included in a paid **KelbyOne** membership. And, in addition to the extensive courses and instructional material, the on-line forums establish a way to interact with like-minded enthusiasts.

But wait! There's more. **KelbyOne** has a free membership option. You pay nothing. Content is limited but you still have access to valuable content. [Click here](https://kelbyone.com/free/) to sign up for free, or go to <https://kelbyone.com/free/>. You can see other membership options on [Page 5](#)

Photography Education Is Our Goal

The goal of a camera club should be to provide education about all aspects of photography to help its members improve and move forward with their photography. The club should contribute to this education by offering its members fun and interesting ways to learn and explore this exciting and fulfilling medium. I am happy to report we are moving in that direction.

To ensure that this happens, the PCPC has a new Activities Coordinator to help steer the club into its more appropriate role of educating its members about photography. Pam Kappelhof, our new Activities Coordinator, started by developing a list of possible near-by places with photo opportunities in the coming months. The first one is already planned ([see page 3](#), Sunset and the Hunter's Moon) with more in the planning stage.

We want to create opportunities where members can learn new things and hone their skills. We can do this by devoting more time during meetings to photog-

raphy related presentations, by providing more frequent opportunities to get together on photography excursions, and by offering hands on workshops that focus on specific photography-related topics. We will still have image reviews as in the past with the usual categories but we'll also be featuring images taken by members at club outings and workshops so that they can showcase their efforts and see their improvements.

This is a work in progress. We have lots of ideas but we'd love to hear from you with suggestions about where we might go on a future outing and what workshop topics would be helpful. [Click here to comment](#). When you click, a blank email will appear addressed to Pam, subject line: "Outings and Workshop Suggestions" Please type in your suggestions and that's it. Click send. Thank you!

Plans and Ideas for Future Outings & Workshops

Proposed Date(s)	Description/Comments
October through April	Photo Op: Migratory Birds and other Wildlife in the Pacific Flyway Location: Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 45211 Co Rd 32B, Davis 43 miles from Auburn
12/6 or 12/13 5-9pm	Photo Op: Victorian Christmas Location: Nevada City (29 miles from Auburn)
December 2023	Photo Op: Auburn Festival of Lights Parade
December 2023	Photo Op: Old Town Auburn Christmas
December 2023	Christmas Lunch
Spring 2024	Photo Op: Hidden Falls Regional Park Location: 7587 Mears Place, Auburn Hidden Falls Trail is a moderate 3.2-mile loop
April 2024	Photo Op: Birds & Wildflowers Folsom Lake State Recreation Area (73 trails, 20 miles from Auburn); Cronan Ranch Regional Trails near Coloma (12 miles from Auburn); Red Shack Trail, south of Coloma (23 miles from Auburn)
May 2024	Photo Op: Crystal Hermitage Gardens/Ananda Village 14618 Tyler Foote Rd., Nevada City (45 miles from Auburn)
Summer 2024	Photo Op: Donner Train Tunnels Location: Truckee, Donner Pass Tunnels Trail, 5 miles out-and-back. Trail head about 60 miles from Auburn.

Sunset and the Hunter's Moon



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**Mark your calendars for this
super fun event!
October 28, 2023 from 4 to 8 PM**

Pam Kappelhof is graciously hosting the PCPC's first in-person club event since the Pandemic. No Zooming here. Her five acre home in Foresthill offers stunning views of the North Fork of the American River and the Canyon. The views are not only gorgeous, the event's timing (between 4 and 8 PM) will provide opportunities to photograph both a sunset and a night sky with the Super Hunter's Moon. There will be an appetizer potluck instead of a full meal so eating won't take away from our shooting time. We'll all bring appetizers to share—please bring enough to serve at least six, ready to serve as is, no oven use required—and your own beverages to consume (adult or otherwise).

We'll explore the vistas and shoot the sunset. Hopefully there will be a few clouds to add drama

to the sky. Once the color is gone from the sky, we will photograph the Hunter's Moon, which is the first full moon after the Harvest moon. It begins to rise well before dark, at 4:24PM, and it should be ready for its closeup when we're through with the sunset. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, the Hunter's Moon got its name because it has traditionally marked the time for hunting to begin and to prepare for the coming cold weather. This Hunter's Moon is also a Super moon. Super moons occur when the moon is near or at its closest point to Earth (its perigee) so it will appear larger and might even take on a tinge of orange. Club members will be on hand to help if you have questions.

Thoughts on Gear

Sunset:

For shooting sunset, you'll need a camera and a wide angle lens such as a 24-70mm lens, a 14-24mm lens, or even a fisheye lens. A telephoto lens would also be a good choice if you want to isolate a part of the landscape. A 70-200mm lens would be a great choice. Tripod is optional but use one if you're not comfortable hand holding.

Hunter's Moon

If you're going to photograph the moon as part of a landscape scene, all of the lenses listed under Sunset would work. If you want to isolate the moon, and have it large in the frame, you should use a telephoto lens, the longer the better. Adding a teleconverter will give even more reach and if you're using a full frame camera, setting to DX will get you even further. A tripod is a must in the dark.

What: Sunset and the Hunter's Moon

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023, 4 to 8PM

**Where: Pam Kappelhof's Home
19663 Eagle Ridge Road, Foresthill
(11 miles from I-80, up Foresthill
Road)
(925) 408-4540**

Who: Members and spouses only. Please no children or pets. This is a photography outing and we want to be able to focus on our photography.

RSVP: [Click here](#) to RSVP by e-mail. When you click, a blank email will appear addressed to Pam subject line: "Yes! I will attend Sunset and Hunter's Moon." Please complete the e-mail with your name and whether your spouse will be attending. That's it. Click send.

Plans and Ideas, cont.

July 2024	Photo Op: The Tevis Cup 100-miles/1-day endurance ride from Tahoe to Auburn along the Western States Trail There are several locations between Foresthill and Auburn to take photos of the horses and riders as they go by
TBA	Photo Op: California State Capital Park 1300 L St, Sacramento (33 miles from Auburn)
TBA	Photo Op: Sacramento Zoo Location: 3930 W Land Park Dr, Sacramento (36 Miles from Auburn)
Workshops TBA	Photoshop, Lightroom, Video, Matting Prints, Night Photography, Macro Photography, iPhonography, Camera Apps

Trading Post

Do you have camera gear that you'd like to sell or give away? Are you looking for some camera gear? You've come to the right place. Just tell us what you're selling, your asking price, and if possible, include a photograph of the item. Include how to contact you as well. To get your items or inquiry posted in the PCPC Newsletter, [click here](#) and add the requested information on the email with the subject "Trading Post Inquiries" form that pops up. Then, click send.

For Sale

•Really Right Stuff BH-40 Small Ball Head with quick release lever and cover	\$100 
•Really Right Stuff BH-55 Large Ball Head with quick release lever and cover	\$150 

Action Camera of Roseville is having its annual Swap Meet on 10/01/23 from 8 to Noon at the store parking lot.



Contact **Carol Smith** if you're interested.
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Ask Auntie



Ask Auntie is a column that answers questions you have about photography, the club, finishing images, places to go to take photographs, and just about anything else you want to know. I'll find the answers and print them right here in the Ask Auntie column. To ask me a question, [click here](#) and fill out and send the email with your question. And here's our first question.

Dear Auntie:

Auntie? Huh?

— Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind,

Hey, technically that's two questions. But I'll try to explain. Auntie is a nickname that was bestowed on me a few years ago by some friends on a photography trip to Bosque del Apache in New Mexico. Bosque is a National Wildlife Area requiring National Park passes. I was the oldest member of the group, and since I had a lifetime senior pass, we used my pass to enter every day. They joked with the ranger that I was everyone's "Auntie." At least they didn't call me Mom or Granny (yikes). On that same trip, I had made Maple Cayenne Roasted Nuts to share with my fellow photographers. The nuts were a big hit and were dubbed Auntie's Nuts. The nickname has stuck. My tripods are now labeled "Auntie" so I (and my friends) know which ones are mine and one of these days, I may get around to marketing Auntie's Nuts. Quite tasty, by the way.

— Auntie

KelbyOne Membership Options

After seeing what's available at KelbyOne and if you want more than what the limited free membership offers, and I know you will, check out these other membership options. I am working on getting a discount for all members of the Placer County Photography Club when they join KelbyOne. I don't have it yet, but stay tuned. [Click here to see all membership options.](#)

KelbyOne Plus

Limited access at \$9.99 per month (or \$96.00 Annual) with immediate access to over 400 selected online training courses with one new course added to that list each month. You can watch as many of them as you'd like, as many times as you like! You'll also get **The Grid** and **The Insider** and access to the current digital issue of **Photoshop User Magazine** (12 Issues a Year) [Click here for details.](#)

KelbyOne PRO

Full access at \$19.99 per month or (\$199.00 Annual) with immediate access to view all of KelbyOne online training courses (900+) You can watch as many of them as you'd like, as often as you'd like! New courses are added regularly. You'll also have access to current and past issues of the digital **Photoshop User Magazine**, the KelbyOne Community Forum, the Creative Toolkit and **The Grid** and **The Insider**. Discounts offered by various companies for software, paper, printing, even some hotels and B&H Photo among others, will help pay for your subscription. [Click here for details.](#)



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Getting to Know You

Some of us have been members for a long time and others are new to the club. With Zoom the only way to connect for a couple of years, it's not been easy to create new friendships. Even when we meet in person at the Library, we spend most of the meeting time in the dark and the aisle separates us. Let's change that and get to know each other! Each issue will feature one or more members with a focus on their photography.

Getting to know Pam Kappelhof

Pam Kappelhof has volunteered to be the PCPC's first Activities Coordinator and she has hit the ground running. Let's get to know her.

Pam and her husband Peter both retired in 2011 and moved from the Bay Area into the new home they built on five acres in Foresthill in March of 2020. A few days later, the Covid lockdown happened. Moving into a new home in a new town during mandatory lockdown was not the best circumstance to learn about her new neighborhood. But, Pam is outgoing and didn't let the lockdown stop her. She invited some of her new neighbors to a porch party and one of those neighbors



a member for over two years and it's only been in the last couple of months that she had an opportunity to finally meet other club members in person.

Capturing memories is Pam's primary focus when she picks up her Nikon CoolPix P900. The spectacular zoom power of this camera with its fixed lens that ranges from 24-1200mm, gives her lots of options. People and places are the subjects that grab her primary interest. She has been the one to preserve the family history through photographs of outings and events over the years and paste them for viewing in photo albums. Since getting her first digital camera in 2000 she has pretty much stopped pasting photos into albums but she still creates family memories. Her slideshows for special occasions such as her daughter's 30th birthday and the birth of her granddaughter



is PCPC member Keith McMahan. When Keith learned about their mutual interest in photography, he told Pam about the PCPC. She joined soon after because she wanted to learn more about photography but it was in the Zoom only days. Connecting with other club members was not easy, at first, especially when no one knew her. Our President, Mike Schumacher, helped her submit images for review and ever since she has participated in meetings and image review. She submitted her first image for review in January 2021. She's been



as well as her digital Christmas cards are favorites of family and friends.

Learning more about landscape and travel photography interests Pam as well. The locations of both her Foresthill home and her vacation home in Lake Tahoe offer stunning views so she doesn't have to ven-

Getting to know Pam Kappelhof, cont.

ture far to capture gorgeous images. And this fall, she and Peter are planning a trip to Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, and Glacier National Parks so she will soon have even more opportunities to practice landscape and travel photography.

Pam is not new to photographic adventures. She met her husband when they were both scuba diving.



Pam used to borrow the diving club's Nikon that was housed in a protective waterproof case. This was during film days so it took some skill not only to capture underwater images but to change film in the middle of a shoot; surfacing, drying the housing, changing the film, diving again, and making sure she had enough air. More recently, Pam has been influenced by a photographer she met through mutual friends in the Bay Area. Ron Leckie, who specializes in landscape and travel photography and sells his work, has inspired Pam to learn more and improve. [Click here](#) to see his website.

Since joining the PCPC, Pam has learned from image reviews, both from her own images and those of other members. The importance of composition and how it affects an image made an impression so it is something she thinks about now when she takes photographs. And, after seeing images other members have submitted for review, she has developed an interest in closeup photography, specifically flowers.

Taking on the role of Activities Coordinator will allow Pam to help the club expand its efforts to provide photography education to its members. She has already compiled an impressive listing of potential club activities ([See page 4](#)) that will help breathe new life into our club. She is serious about this, graciously hosting the upcoming Sunset and Harvest Moon outing scheduled for October 28 at her home.

Three of Pam's images showcase the gorgeous views she sees daily. Welcome to the club, Pam.

Tips and Techniques for Shooting the Moon

If you have never photographed the moon, [click here](#) to link to NikonUSA about photographing the moon. It offers a starting point for setting the aperture, ISO, and shutter speed well as other tips for moon photography. Here's a brief summary:

- 1) Select an aperture of f/11 or f/16.
- 2) Use a shutter speed of at least 1/15 second or faster since the moon actually moves pretty fast across the sky.
- 3) Set the focus to infinity.
- 4) Use spot metering to help you get the correct exposure for the moon, which will be the brightest part of your image.
- 5) Set the camera's exposure manually and underexpose the image to ensure detail of the craters on the moon's surface.



Waxing Crescent Moon

NikonZ9, Nikkor Z800mm +2Xteleconverter in DX mode
(1600mm)
Aperture Priority, ISO 400 f/13 shutter speed 1/160

Member Showcase

Images from the August Meeting of the PCPC

They're on the screen for a fleeting few seconds—the images we pour our hearts and souls into. Sometimes, if there's a discussion, maybe they're visible for a minute. Then, they're gone. Did you miss the meeting? What did you miss? If you've ever wished to see some of those images again, you're in luck. We won't be able to showcase all of the images from a meeting, but I've taken the liberty of choosing four images from each of the three theme subjects that got my attention at the last meeting. I hope you enjoy these images again. And, remember, you can visit the [PCPC website](#) to see all of the images from all of the members from all of the past image reviews.

Theme: Festivals



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Clockwise from upper left: Parade Color by Dick Bosworth
San Francisco Fireworks by Robert Chaponot
Maori Festival by Jeanine Meunier
Behind The Curtain by Marion Pavan



© Marion Pavan



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Theme: Street Art



Photos: Clockwise from upper left:

Mesmerized by Richard Myren
Man in Cuba by Pam Kappelhof
Del Oro east by Walt Carnahan
Musical Kids by Mike Schumacher



Theme: Through a Window



Photos:

Clockwise from upper left:

Christmas tree window reflection by Karen Wyatt

Vases in the window by Shirley White

View through the Window During Covid by Mary Nunes

Stainglass Window, Siena, Italy by Yvonne Carter



Celebrating Mike!



Club elections are coming up in November and Mike Schumacher, who has presided over the PCPC for the past 17 years, has decided to step back. He will be missed. Effective January 2024, Mike will be President Emeritus so the Board can still pick his brain but he won't have the burden and responsibility of doing everything for the club, which pretty much describes his tenure as president. Mike's previous responsibilities are being divied up among all the board members so no single person has total responsibility for keeping the club moving ahead. Details about the club election will be forthcoming including information about candidates but for now, it's time to honor Mike and thank him for his years of dedication to the club.

Mark your calendars!

Thursday

November 2, 2023

Auburn Recreation Park
123 Recreation Dr
Auburn, CA 95603

Potluck Picnic Lunch
in the covered picnic area
Time and details to be announced

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Dick Bosworth—Veep

Liz Staats—Secretary

Mary Nunes—Treasurer

Dennis Morgan—Web Master

Pam Kappelhof—Activities Coordinator

Carol Smith—Newsletter Editor

Next mtg: September 17, 2023

Meetings:

Date: 3rd Tuesday of Month

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Beecher Room,
Placer County Library
350 Nevada St, Auburn

Zoom: Details in mtg. reminder email

Dues

Single: \$24/year

Couple: \$36/year

Dues are payable in January and are delinquent after March 1. Delinquent members cannot participate in club activities or image reviews and your images will disappear from the website. Pay at meeting or mail a check payable to

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