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# Crystal Lake Camera Club

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## Grist Mill

Monochrome Image by CLCC Member Kim Walkup

*December 2023 Competition Award and Image of the Month. See related gallery, Page 7.*

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## Special Guest for the March 12 Meeting: Willard Clay

At the March 12, 2024 CLCC meeting, we will have a special guest speaker, the photographer Willard Clay. A former Professor of Botany, Willard Clay has been a full-time photographer since 1982. Specializing in large format photography, Willard Clay has been the primary photographer for nine coffee table books and has been published in a myriad of calendars, magazines, books, and advertising agencies. His portfolio consists of large format film and high-resolution digital files ready for publication. You can view his images at [www.willardclayphotography.com](http://www.willardclayphotography.com).

Several club members receive *Therapy Photos*, a regular email that Will sends to former students and camera club members. He says, "I started writing the letters in 2020 during the pandemic to keep my newsletter readers communicating with each other because we were sheltering in place. They touched people in ways I could never have predicted and my readers did not want them stopped, so here we are 3 years and 230+ letters later."

Be sure to plan to attend the March 12, 2024 meeting!

### A SAMPLE OF PHOTOS BY WILLARD CLAY

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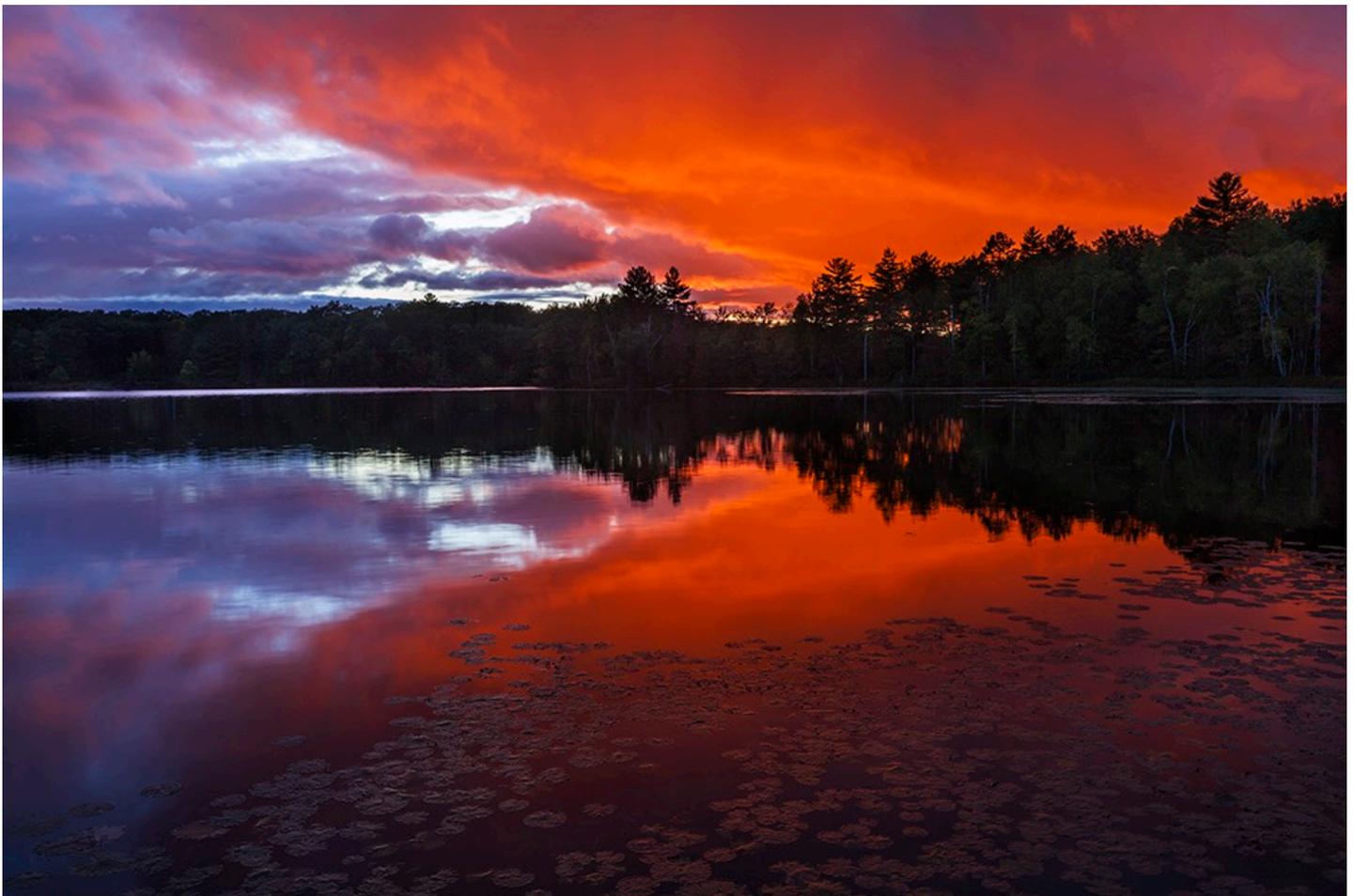
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## CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings start at 7PM and are at the Algonquin Township Building, 3702 Northwest Hwy, Crystal Lake, in **Meeting Room 2**. Enter at the back of the building.

February 13	Competition Show & Tell, Before & After
March 12	Special Guest: Willard Clay
April 9	Competition Show & Tell, Before & After

**Show & Tell** and **Before & After** have provided some lively, informative conversations for CLCC attendees. Great suggestions for outings and club offerings have come from these activities.

**For Show & Tell:** submit 3-4 JPG images to Rich Bickham ([richbickham@comcast.net](mailto:richbickham@comcast.net)) on the **Sunday before the meeting date**.

**For Before & After:** submit *pairs of JPG images* to Rich Bickham ([richbickham@comcast.net](mailto:richbickham@comcast.net)) on the **Sunday before the meeting date**. The pairs would include the image as it came out of the camera and the image after post-processing. Be prepared to tell (and perhaps even show) the changes that were made.

Join the **Crystal Lake Camera Club Group Chat** on FaceBook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/446897199179146> or scan this QR Code:

This is a closed group, so only members have access. Request membership through the page. Then, post your favorite images, join in the discussions, share information about photo outings, speakers, contests, etc.

Only group members will see your posts.



### Morning Breakfast Meeting – Everyone invited!

Please join your CLCC friends for the casual, monthly Saturday morning breakfast meeting. Lively discussions, good food! The next one will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2024, 8:30 a.m. at

Buttered Toast Restaurant, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin.

## HOW TO ENTER THE APRIL, 2024 COMPETITION

- Only DPI images (JPG) will be accepted for entry (no prints until further notice).
- No more than 2 Color images and 4 Mono images per entrant.
- Maximum JPG image size is 1400 pixels wide x 1050 pixels high.
- The deadline for jpg entries is Monday, March 25, 2024.
- Entries must be sent to Rich Bickham ([richbickham@comcast.net](mailto:richbickham@comcast.net)) by Monday, March 25, 2024.
- The judges will be emailed the images on Tuesday, March 26 and will have one week to score the images.
- The judges' scores will be submitted to Rich by Tuesday, April 2
- Scores will be tallied and the results will be presented at the meeting on Tuesday, April 9.

## DECEMBER 2023 COMPETITION

*Editor's Note: Due to a number of factors, the December competition results were postponed until the January 2024 meeting.*

*Kim Walkup said of her photo, Grist Mill (shown on page 1), "I turned it from color to black and white and flipped the photo backwards so the eyes move from left to right going up to the mill and then exit to the right out of the mill. I played with the highlights as well."*



### **Parthenon At Night**

Monochrome by Peter Pelke

Award

*Peter said: "I was lucky as there was a person with a scooter traversing the square and the light was just perfect to lead the eye into the image. I was stunned by the drama this image presents. I used NIK Silver Efx to create the image."*

## DECEMBER 2023 COMPETITION



### Stormy

Color Image by Linda Hopp

Award

*Linda Hopp said of this image: "It was taken at Great Sand Dunes National Park in south central Colorado. A storm was approaching and we were watching people running down the dunes to avoid possible lightning strikes. I did boost contrast and structure post processing and also adjusted shadow a bit."*



### Tangled

Monochrome Image by  
Linda Hopp  
Honorable Mention

*Linda said: "It was taken in a county park in Door County WI. The photo was changed to black and white with additional adjustments to structure and shadow."*

## DECEMBER 2023 COMPETITION



**Roman Wedding**  
Color by Peter Pelke  
Award

*Peter said: "This was a pure luck moment while on vacation in Rome. I used NIK color efex and enhanced the color of the doorway and added detail to the bride's dress."*

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**Crystal Lake Camera Club  
PO Box 2193  
Crystal Lake, IL 60039-2193**

## DECEMBER 2023 COMPETITION



### Chatting Puffin

Color by Don Kountz  
Honorable Mention

*Don said: "I'm red-green color blind so the only post processing I do is to crop it based upon what I've learned in the club, and have photoshop sharpen the image. The picture was taken with my Nikon Z7 f/5.6 1/320 sec ISO 800 in Iceland."*

### Trevi Fountain

Monochrome by Peter Pelke  
Honorable Mention

*Peter said: "I really wanted to try and focus on something different and chose the main sculpture in the center of the fountain. I used NIK Silver Efx to create the black and white image and I used a slightly stronger vignette to focus the eye on the central theme of the image."*



## Tips and Snippets

*Submitted by Judy Jorgensen, CLCC President*

*from: The Calamity-Ready Camera Bag by Abrieta Hope, Landscape Photograph Workshops*

Take along at least 1 flashlight and headlamp, even if you don't plan to stay out after dark. The best ones have:

- A red light setting - to preserve night vision to signal rescuers
- A strobe setting - to signal rescuers
- A high lumens setting - 600 or higher for way finding

My choices:

- Fenix PD35 tactical flashlight
- LUCI-Pro Solar Lantern with USB port
- Fenix HL40R headlamp or Black Diamond "Spot" headlamp
- Streamlight Scorpion flashlight

Cell phone (with small battery charger and matching cord); Shoot a picture of your:

- Driver's license
- Health insurance card
- Trail map

ICE (In Case of Emergency) Card, AN EXTRA CAR KEY, and Emergency Cash

Satellite Rescue Beacon (recommended: DeLorme InReach SE)

Signal mirror and a whistle - to alert rescuers if all else fails

Rain jacket, even if it doesn't look like rain

Bring an extra layer if the temps are low - an 800 fill down vest or jacket is practically weightless, packs small, and is very warm.

Water and protein bars - even if you're not thirsty or hungry at the time.

Facial covering or mask and hand sanitizer

Pepper spray - in case a weirdo comes along

Bear bells and possibly bear spray - in case a bear comes along

BandAids, eyeglasses, and an emergency dose of your medication(s)

Sunscreen and bug spray - Picardin and Deet for ticks, Buggins repellent for biting flies

Tiny roll of Duct Tape

Your camera and tripod - if there's room in the bag!

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# The Future of CLCC

## Notes and News from January 9, 2024

*Submitted by Kim Walkup*

Due to the extreme cold, the meeting was held via Zoom. Twelve members attended.

### DPI COMPETITION

Seventeen photographs were submitted (11 color and six monochrome) by five entrants with the following results: Average score overall was 21.6.

Color competition:

Award: Stormy by Linda Hopp

Award: Roman Wedding by Peter Pelke

Honorable Mention: Chatting Puffin by Don Kountz

Black and White competition:

Award: Grist Mill by Kim Walkup

Award: Pantheon at Night by Peter Pelke

Honorable Mention: Tangled by Linda Hopp

Honorable Mention: Trevi Fountain by Peter Pelke

December 2023 Image of the Month: Grist Mill by Kim Walkup

### SHOW AND TELL

Three tulips

Old Barn and Truck

Waterfront Kenosha

Red Barn

### NEW PROJECTOR EXPENSE

There was considerable, thoughtful discussion around a future projector purchase. Doug Frey noted that at the November meeting, photographers commented on photos not looking like they do at home. This was also noticed when speakers presented their slides. The current projector is old, and consideration was given to upgrade to a new projector. Doug has been spending time researching various projectors considering resolution, brightness, color and contrast. The group discussed the cost, club funds available and what other clubs are using. Doug provided three options:

1) LED – no

2) Projector with lamp – no, this is bigger and bulky

3) Laser Projector. The cost is about \$1,400. Consider resolution, brightness, color and contrast. The group discussed the cost, club funds available and what other clubs are using.

A motion was made, by Karl Gabbey seconded by Bill Bataldin, to buy a laser projector.

Doug will order, and we will test it out at the February meeting.

### ACTION ITEMS

- **CACCA Representative Needed:** Kim reported on behalf of Jeff Chemelewski regarding the Chicago Area Camera Club Association (CACCA). CACCA is a group of 35 camera clubs in the Chicago area that promote the knowledge and enjoyment of photography through competitions. We need a volunteer from our club to be a representative at CACCA. Royal and Jeff were past representatives. Would anyone be interested in becoming our club's representative? It requires attending a monthly Saturday CACCA meeting in Palatine. Please reach out to Jeff for more information.

(The Future of CLCC, *continued*)

- **Morning Breakfast Meeting:** Next one is February 24 at 8:30 am at Buttered Toast, 2520 Bunker Hill Dr, Algonquin. An email reminder will be sent. Everyone is invited! Judy will find out if Syrup Restaurant allows groups to meet.
- **February 13 Meeting:** Next meeting will be a DPI Competition. Please submit your photos by January 28 to Rich Bickham (richbickham@comcast.net) After the competition results are shared, we will continue with Show & Tell and Before & After.
- **Crystal Lake Camera Club Support Personnel:** Kim will review the support personnel listed in the Newsletter and compare them to the list of paid members. She will update and send it to Steve.
- **Membership Photo List:** Doug Frey has and will update.
- **Membership Recruitment:** Group discussed how to increase membership. One suggestion was to reach out to local community colleges and see if their photography students would be interested. We would invite them to a spring group outing. Kim will follow up with MCC.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- February 13, 2024 - Competition Night, and will also include *Show & Tell* and *Before & After*.
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**CRYSTAL LAKE CAMERA CLUB OFFICERS**

See The Club Directory For Contact Information

President	<u>Judy Jorgensen</u>
Secretary	<u>Kim Walkup</u>
Treasurer	<u>Gail Schulz</u>
Board Member	<u>Rich Bickham</u>

**YOUR IDEAS MATTER!**

Do you have a story, images, trip, post-processing technique, event, etc. that would be good for Camera Club members to know about? Your submissions will make this newsletter valuable! Write it up, and send it to **Steven Szalaj, Newsletter Editor** at the email address in the club directory. **Please make your submission by the 22<sup>nd</sup> of the month.**

**CLCC SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

Newsletter Editor	<u>Steven Szalaj</u>	Publicity	<b>OPEN</b>
Webmaster	Sandy Wittman	Competition Chairman	Rich Bickham
CACCA Delegate 1	<b>OPEN</b>	Competition Assistant	John Williams
CACCA Delegate 2	<b>OPEN</b>	Competition Assistant	Ernie Hagenow
Education	Peter Pelke II	Small Groups	<b>OPEN</b>
Advisor	<b>OPEN</b>	Outings	Karl Gabby
Advisor	<b>OPEN</b>	Refreshments	<b>OPEN</b>
Facebook Administrator	Doug Frey	Librarian	<b>OPEN</b>
Membership	<b>OPEN</b>	Mentor Program	<b>OPEN</b>

## Photo Opportunity: Chicago Botanic Garden Orchid Show

### *The Orchid Show of Wonders*

February 10 – March 24, Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m

Adults: \$7/\$19; Children age 3–12: \$5/\$14; Free for children age 2 and under

<https://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid/tickets>

Step right up to The Orchid Show of Wonders, where your favorite carnival and circus attractions come to life in new ways. You'll walk under Ferris wheel seats, and marvel at unicycles on tightropes and other gravity-defying surprises under the big top. This Orchid Show whisks you away to a whimsical world of 10,000 fresh, vibrant blooms.

**Nonmembers:** Your Orchid Show ticket includes admission to the Garden; parking not included. Note that free Garden admission days do not include Orchid Show tickets.

**Members:** If you have complimentary, one-time use Orchid Show tickets, don't forget to bring them! Entry is subject to availability; best availability on weekdays. Members may buy tickets at a discounted rate.

**Photographers Hour:** Tuesdays, February 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 2023, 8:15 – 9:45 AM, and 4:15 - 5:45 PM. Tripods and monopods allowed; no screens or backdrops please. Regular parking and Garden admission fees apply for nonmembers; capacity is limited. Ticketing link for Photographers Hours:

[www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid/photography](http://www.chicagobotanic.org/orchid/photography)

## Art of the Land Amateur Photography Contest

The Land Conservancy of McHenry County (TLC) hosts the *Art of the Land Amateur Photography Contest* each year to highlight the inspiring natural landscapes found throughout McHenry County. Once you sign up, you will be matched with a site and sent notifications on what's blooming around the county, tips and tricks for taking winning photos, and which invasive species are in bloom that should NOT be photographed.

The contest is open now. The cost is \$10 for three images. Images must be submitted both digital and print. Full instructions for the contest are at:

<https://conservemc.org/photo-contest/>

## Audubon Photography Awards

You're wild about birds and your camera. Now combine your passions by entering the *2024 Audubon Photography Awards*. This year a new Birds in Landscapes prize creates an additional opportunity for your images to shine! You could win a cash prize. Winning photos and videos will be published in future issues of Audubon magazine and on audubon.org.

The contest is open now, and goes to February 28, 2024. Entries must be submitted by February 28 is 11 a.m. CST. Complete instructions, contest rules, prize list, list of judges and FAQs can be found at:

<https://www.audubon.org/photoawards-entry>

## Helpful Resources

*Contribute to this page! If you have resources that you find useful, please share that link with me. Include a short summary of what can be found in the link. The reference can be a video, web page, PDF, or any other format that has an online link. Send your contributions to [szjsings@mac.com](mailto:szjsings@mac.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.*

~SJS, Newsletter Editor

Profoto Tutorials, submitted by Kevin Getty:

### **Tips and Tricks**

**[profoto.com/us/tips](http://profoto.com/us/tips)**

A terrific collection to help photographers of any level.

Photographic Composition Webinar, submitted by Scott Larsen:

### **The Art of Photography: Crafting Compelling Compositions**

**[tinyurl.com/5ak88xt6](http://tinyurl.com/5ak88xt6)**

Natural Habitat Adventures posts a weekly webinar. This hour-long video is very helpful.

Photographers you may be interested in viewing, contributed by Judy Jorgensen:

### **Dan Anderson**

**[danielandersonphotography.com/](http://danielandersonphotography.com/)**

Beautiful color landscapes and seascapes with striking composition from America, Norway, Faroe Islands, Scotland, Patagonia, Ireland, Antarctica, Europe, Iceland, etc. If you love black and white, check out his American West, Europe, Antarctica, and Greek islands black and white images of land, sea, and architecture.

### **Ed Callaert**

**[edcallaert.photoshelter.com](http://edcallaert.photoshelter.com)**

This nature photographer travels extensively along the west coastal and mountain states as well as upper to mid east coast United States. His gallery is full of colorful landscapes and seascapes with interesting composition techniques you may want to try.

### **Willard Clay**

**[willardclay.photoshelter.com](http://willardclay.photoshelter.com)**

This landscape and bird photographer has a vast collection in his gallery by states and a stunning collection under birds. He also teaches at Mayslake in the Forest Preserve District of Dupage County. Enjoy, study, and try.

Resource for camera repair, contributed by Bill Batalden:

### **APS (AUTHORIZED PHOTO SERVICE)**

8125 River Dr # 100

Morton Grove, IL 60053

[repair@authorizedphotoservice.com](mailto:repair@authorizedphotoservice.com)

(800) 406-2046

Bill said: "I recently had my camera & lens repaired at APS authorized camera repair. I felt the work was good and the price reasonable. They give an estimate, which you have to approve, before proceeding with the work. When I spoke with the owner, he said he could offer a 'Club' rate."

(Helpful Resources, *continued*)

Resource for camera repair, contributed by Sandy Wittman:

**ROYAL CAMERA SERVICE, INC.**

1134 E Lake Street

Hanover Park, IL

(630) 372-6150

Sandy said: "I had my Canon 7D Mark II repaired there this fall. They did an excellent job in about 10 days. The price was very reasonable. I found them to be knowledgeable and professional."

## **GALLERIES, STORIES, VIDEOS AND INSPIRATION ON THE WEB**

(Click any bold-face heading to follow the link)

### **Webinar: The Art Of Making Great Prints, March 20, 2024, 6:30 - 9:30 PM**

*Prints made of our photos, whether wall size murals or just postcards, are a great way to show off our artistic accomplishments. But making digital prints at home or sending the file out to be printed that matches your vision is not always easy. Dennis Biela, a Master Printer with over 10 years experience, will cover various subjects to help you make that outstanding print. There is a \$69 fee.*

### **From Iggy To Elvis: The Work Of Photographer Brian Griffin – In Pictures**

*The Birmingham-born photographer Brian Griffin, who has died at the age of 75, was one of the most influential British photographers of his era, acclaimed for his album covers for Depeche Mode, Iggy Pop and Elvis Costello. This gallery is a sample of Griffin's work.*

### **Meeting Their Match: Photos That Talk To Each Other – In Pictures**

*For a new exhibition, Joel Meyerowitz presents his work in pairs in order to reveal unexpected parallels in his imagery, while highlighting the enduring, experimental use of color throughout his oeuvre. Meyerowitz terms the pairs featured in Dialogues 'relational' images; as each pair is visually linked by light, color or composition..*

### **Photos That Capture the Soul of 1960s Dublin**

*For six months between 1965 and 1966, the German-born photographer Evelyn Hofer worked in Dublin, creating beautifully crafted portraits of the city and its people. Hofer took her time composing each shot, whether it captured a pair of housekeepers in brief repose or James Joyce's death mask.*

### **Test Yourself: Which Faces Were Made by A.I.?**

*Tools powered by artificial intelligence can create lifelike images of people who do not exist. See if you can identify which of these images are real people and which are A.I.-generated.*

### **The Subversive Act of Photographing Palestinian Life**

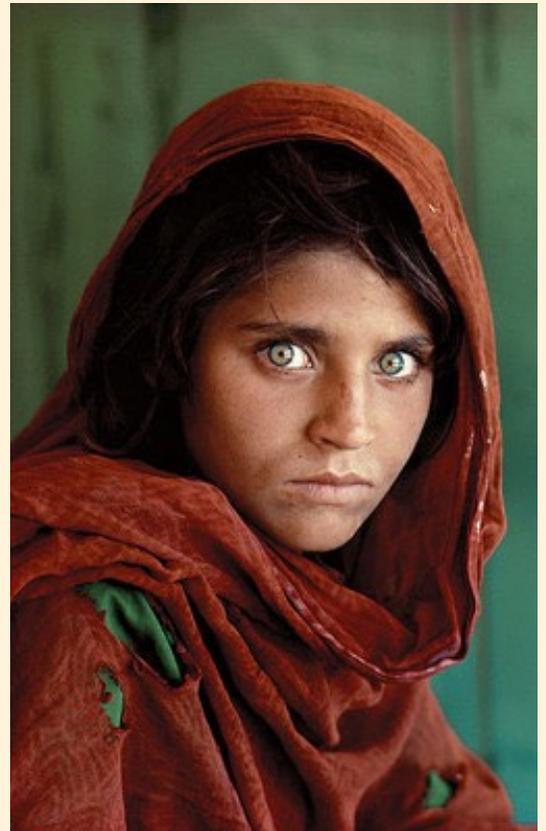
*The Palestinian American photographer Adam Rouhana documents Palestinians in the face of imagery that often dehumanizes them. He took these images in Jericho, Bethlehem, Hebron, Qalandia, Isfiya, Huwara, Ramallah, Battir, Nablus and Jerusalem from 2021 to 2023.*

## Steve McCurry: Icons - Exhibition To Close March 3!

*Steve McCurry: ICONS* is an extraordinary photography exhibition in Chicago showcasing the work of Steve McCurry, one of the main international figures in the world of photography over the last 40 years. Learn about his career, his photography, and much more. His photo of the young Afghan girl is iconic, as are many other of his images.

- **Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA)**, 820 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, 60611
- **Open now, and must close on March 3, 2024**
- Tickets are \$21 - \$25 depending on the day
- Senior (65+), Student, or Military 10% discount - valid ID required
- Group Prices available (minimum 6 tickets)
- More information and tickets: <https://stevemccurryicons.com/chicago/>
- Video preview of the exhibition: <https://youtu.be/m8l49bNQsx4>

Immerse yourself in the world of this famous and audacious photographer in an unprecedented photography exhibition! With more than 80 large-format photographs, *ICONS* is one of the most complete retrospectives of the career of Steve McCurry. And if, on the one hand, his work encompasses conflicts, endangered cultures, ancient traditions, and contemporary culture, on the other hand, he always maintains the human element that made his famous photograph of the Afghan girl such a powerful image. This unprecedented journey through the inspiration, life, and work of the artist—who has already been recognized with some of the most prestigious awards in the industry—is not to be missed! Get your tickets now for Steve McCurry. *ICONS* in Chicago!



Highlights of the exhibition:

🌟 Celebrate the life and work of Steve McCurry in this international photography exhibition

🖼️ Discover over 80 iconic large-format photographs, such as the “Afghan Girl”, Sharbat Gula, who captivated the world on the cover of National Geographic magazine in 1985

🌍 Admire a selection of the most impressive images from his trips to Afghanistan, Pakistan, India, and China, among others

🎧 Access audio descriptions from 42 selected photographs to hear the story behind the photo, in Steve McCurry's own words

🎬 Watch Steve McCurry testify about his life and experiences as a photographer

## Morton Arboretum Sculpture Show



**Mind Eye (2023)** by Olga Ziemka  
Locally reclaimed wood logs, metal armature  
Morton Arboretum

### Of the Earth

*The exhibition will run through spring 2025.*

Five large-scale sculptures by Polish American artist Olga Ziemka will be created exclusively for a new exhibition at The Morton Arboretum, **Of the Earth**.

The exhibition will explore the artist's expression and philosophy that, she says, "We are nature." Ziemka said that her aim is to remind people that "everything in life is derived from the same basic elements that form everything in nature, including ourselves. There is no separation." In Polish, Ziemka means "of the earth."

The artist's work will be created from reclaimed tree branches and other natural materials gathered from various locations throughout the Arboretum's 1,700 acres. "I am giving reclaimed natural materials a new life and transforming them from nature into new forms," Ziemka said.



**Stillness in Motion (2023)** by Olga Ziemka  
Locally reclaimed branches, wire, metal armature  
Morton Arboretum

## TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO SHOW YOUR IMAGES

### 4th FRIDAYS AT STARLINE

300 W. Front Street  
Harvard IL 60033  
815-943-4805

4<sup>th</sup> Friday Event: February 23, 2024

Submission Deadline: Monday, February 12, at 11:59 PM

Fee to Enter: \$25 for 3 Pieces

<https://starlinefactory.com/call-for-art-2/>

Awards available for the juried show include:

- Best of Show (Art or Photography): \$50 Cash Prize and Starline Medal
- 1st Place for Art (any Artwork but Photography): \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- 1st Place for Photography (any Photography): \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- People's Choice (Art or Photography): \$25 Starline Gift Card and Starline Medal
- Judge's Option Honorable Mention (All entries): Starline Medal

Click here for the **SUBMISSION APPLICATION**

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**

Click here for directions on **HOW TO ENTER ART INTO THE STARLINE 4TH FRIDAY EVENT**



### 4th FRIDAYS ART EVENT AT THE DOLE

401 Country Club Rd  
Crystal Lake, IL 60014  
815-347-8535

4<sup>th</sup> Friday Event: February 23, 2024

Submission Deadline for the February 23 Event: Sunday, February 11, by midnight

Non-refundable submission fee: \$35 for up to 5 pieces

Cash Awards:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays Team Choice: \$50 cash each
- Nancy Merklung Choice: \$50 cash
- Kim Holz Memorial Award: \$50 cash
- 5 Honorable Mentions: \$50 cash each
- People's Choice Award: \$50 cash

Click here for the **PROSPECTUS**

## 6X6 PROJECT ART AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER

Raue Center's **6×6 PROJECT** fundraiser and online art auction & exhibition celebrates its fifth year of supporting arts with Art! All proceeds benefit Raue Center's fine arts education programs, **Mission Imagination** (MI) and **Raue Center School For The Arts** (RCSA), which has been enriching the lives of over 20,000 kids a year in the local community since 2001.

Artists of all ages and abilities are invited to participate by creating original works of art, in a variety of mediums, on 6×6" canvases. Since the inaugural event in 2019, 6×6 Project has raised over **\$80,000** for MI and RCSA with canvases coming from around the nation!

All artwork submitted to the **6×6 PROJECT** will be available for viewing and bidding online at **Auctria.com** starting **June 10, 2024**. Artists and the public are cordially invited to our **Reception** on **June 29, 2024** from 5:30-8 pm to mix, mingle and bid on your favorite pieces!

Create a mini-masterpiece and support the arts in your community!

Several of our CLCC members have participated in this event. It is a good way to get your images seen by a public that loves art, and you are supporting an arts venue right here in McHenry County. Entering is easy! Complete instructions are at the **6x6 PROJECT WEBSITE**.

Purchase one or two 6" X 6" canvases from the project partners (listed on the website and the links below) for \$5 per canvas. You must use these official canvases. Mount or print an image on the canvas and drop your artwork off by **May 24, 2024**. All artwork submitted to the 6×6 PROJECT will be available for viewing online and can be bid on in an online auction starting **June 10, 2024**. All auction proceeds go to education programs at the Raue. There will be an **Artists's Reception** on **June 29, 2024** at the Raue Center that is free and open to the public.

[Click here for Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#)

[Click here for Participation Guidelines](#)

[Click here for Participation Form](#)

### ***PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:***

Out of the Box – 71 N. Williams Street | Crystal Lake | (815) 444-7446

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