



Monthly Meetings - Jan. - Nov. 2nd Sunday May (1st Sunday) 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
IBEW Hall, 1211 Wiley Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404

President: Ron Ginther, Vice-President: Kerry Lawrence, Secretary: Linda Hay, Treasurer: Keith Sutherland
Activities: Linda Hay, Communications: Connie Wedemeier, Contests: Patti Sampson Facilities: Vacant
Membership: Pam Olson, Programs: Ron Ginther



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May Contest

Sunrise/Sunset
(State Fair Theme)



April Competition - Abandoned Building

1st: Dean Traver "Dust to Dust"

2nd: Connie Wedemeier "Picture Perfect Barn"

Gail Vanderwalker "Sand"

3rd: Chris Kardos " Derecho 1 - Barn 0"

ADDRESS CORRECTION

(There was typo in the street name)

Birds and Brews
1747 Indiana Ave
Independence, Iowa



Wrapping Up In a Couple Weeks

INDIAN CREEK NATURE CENTER GALLERY EXHIBITION

March 14 - April 30



Photo Credit: Kim Pagel

UPCOMING

May 7th Program

IBEW Hall

(1 week early because of Mother's Day)

Photographing the Birds of Iowa

Most Iowan's are familiar with the American Robin, Black-capped Chickadee, American Goldfinch, Bald Eagle, and Northern Cardinal. But did you know that birds such as the Western Grebe, Common Loon, Short-eared Owl, Northern Harrier, Yellow-crowned Night Heron and Common Redpoll are also seen in Iowa? This seminar will feature over 170 beautiful birds that Kim has photographed right in our own state along with a few tips on how to take better bird photos.

Kim Pagel is a husband, father, grandfather, and photographer who has a passion for photographing Iowa birds. Over the past two years Kim has spent countless hours locating, tracking and photographing some of the most beautiful and unusual birds found in Iowa. Kim and his wife Sharon live in Marion, Iowa and enjoy spending time with their 11 grandchildren.

Facebook: [facebook.com/kimpagel](https://www.facebook.com/kimpagel)

Website: kimpagel.com

JAN - Christmas or Winter Holiday Decoration	MAY - Sunrise/Sunset State Fair Theme	SEP - Close Up
FEB - Outdoor Winter Scene	JUN - Unusual Point of View	OCT - Use of Color
MAR - Curves	JUL - Patterns in Nature	NOV - Annual Contest Club Theme - Reflections
APR - Abandon Buildings	AUG - Roadscapes	DEC - No Meeting

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LINN AREA PHOTO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

President Ron Gunther welcomed visitors to the meeting.

Introduced guest speaker, Mark Oehler, from Cedar Rapids, who demonstrated Water Drop Photography. Mark has been a guest speaker at previous club meetings. His resume, in his own words online, describes himself as an Optimist, Automation Fanatic, Professional Coach, Speaker, Podcaster, Photographer/Media Creator and Mediator. His work experience is in the IT realm.

Guest speaker: Mark Oehler

Mark explained that water drop photography is the concept of catching water droplets, as it hits a smooth water surface. He went on to explain that when the drop hits the water, the physical reaction is for the water to send up a water spout. It is that water spout that he tries to capture in photos. Later, in his demonstration, he attempted to release another water drop precisely, so that it connected with the upward motion of the water spout, creating what he described it as an “alien UFO craft”, a circle, that is concaved. Mark asked if any attendees have attempted water drop photography. There were a few members present that have dabbled in the intricate art. He explained how this has been a work in progress, first attempting to capture the image using an eye dropper. He then purchased a trigger apparatus that he can program with his iPad, to release accurately timed drops water. It was a lengthy, trial an error process. He showed the attendees the successes, failures and the explained his attempts at improvement needed. It was an interesting, intricate process and when successful it was truly an art form! The demonstration seemed to be enjoyed by all, many questions ensued, throughout and after the display.

Secretary Report: Linda Hay

Minutes from the previous club meeting were read-No corrections or additions requested.

Communication Chairperson: Connie Wedemeier

No report given

Photo Contest Chairperson: Patti Sampson

Patti conducted the monthly photo contest. Any member can submit a themed photo for the monthly contest. Typically, the photographer displays an 8 x 10 photograph, but no larger than an 11 x 14, however, size is not a requirement to submit a photo. Members in attendance proceed to vote for their favorite photo, by placing chips in cups placed above the submitted photos, (blue chip- 2 points, white chip-one point). A reminder to members, the contest themes are available on the website, as well as on a printed card at club meetings. Next month's contest is Abandoned Buildings.

These month's photo contest winners were as follows:

1st Place-Chris Kardos

2nd Place-Esther Bartels

3rd Place-Mary Howes **President Report: Ron Ginther**

The LAPC Photo exhibit at the Indian Creek Nature Center will be placed on March 14th, all are encouraged to visit the exhibit, as there is no charge, unless you choose to attend the Maple Syrup Pancake Breakfast offered at the center. Photos will be on displayed through April, and the submitted photos will be returned to LAPC members at the LAPC May meeting.

Next month's meeting will be a 'show and tell' styled format, where members are encouraged to bring two or three photos to the meeting for sharing and discussion. In addition, there will be a brief insight provided as to how to enter and prepare photos, for the Iowa State Fair in June.

LAPC pamphlets are available and members are encouraged to take a few to drop off at neighboring businesses. Once again, please remember that LAPC promotion is key to the success of our club.

Next month's LAPC meeting will be on: April 2, 2023 (change of day due to Easter) at 1:30 at the IBEW Hall, 1211 Wiley Blvd SW, Cedar Rapids.

Treasurer report:

No treasurer report given.

Membership Committee: Pam Olson

At the LAPC monthly meetings, a "chip jar" is in use, (Blue, red and white-blue being the highest positive response and so on) to gain an insight as to how members enjoyed that particular club meeting, presentation etc. The initial use at the previous meeting, gave little response. Pam will try the process again, however if it proves futile, the Committee and the Executive Board will rethink the process how to survey member's opinions. In doing this, it is the club's desire to provide meetings that are deemed purposeful, enjoyable, and informative. Not only to continue to please attending club members but in addition, to promote the club to increase membership!

Activities Chairperson: Linda Hay

Having a newly appointed chair, the committee is looking for more members to reinstate this committee. The commitment is really quite minimal, as there will not be any monthly meetings, as the plans are to communicate via phone/email and texting when planning photo opportunities! We are trying to promote field trips and ideas to provide photo opportunities to members. If you are interested in becoming a part of this 'loosely structured' committee, or if you have ideas for photo trip ideas, please contact Linda.

Program Chairperson: Vacant

At this time, LAPC doesn't have a chairperson in place. In order to continue to provide interesting monthly programs, the club is in need of members to step forward to plan topics/speakers for the monthly meetings. Please know this can be a shared position, and there is a wealth of support and knowledge within the club! Please contact Ron if you are at all interested in becoming part of this committee. Remember many hands make light work!

For the good of the group items:

LAPC member Rick Boots is the committee chairperson for judging all photos submitted to the Iowa State Fair. This is a long-standing committed relationship between the LAPC and the Linn County, and he is in need of two additional members to serve on the judging committee. If you are interested, please call Rick directly at (319) 360-7332. The judging will take place on June 27, 2023.

An LAPC member mentioned that his friend, a professional photographer, is trying to gain more business opportunities, in taking real estate photos for clients. If you know of someone in need of his services, please contact a board member and we will forward the name to the club member.

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Hay

Linn County Area Photo Club Secretary



Linn Area
PHOTO CLUB

2023.04.02

LINN AREA PHOTO MONTHLY CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from March 12, 2023 LAPC Monthly Meeting

Unanimously Approved

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: NO REPORT GIVEN

TREASURER: NO REPORT GIVEN

MEMBERSHIP: NO REPORT GIVEN

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE: NO REPORT GIVEN

PHOTO CONTEST COMMITTEE:

The Iowa State Fair photo contest theme is sunrise/sunset. The deadline to submit photos is June 17, 2023. Note: mailed entries should be received no later than June 9, 2023. The dramatic shot of the sunrise/sunset should be the main focus of the unique photo.

The Linn County Fair photo contest themes vary-our club is responsible for judging submitted photos, led by Rick Boots.

The LAPC May photo contest theme will be sunrise/sunset, in anticipation of preparing potential entries for the Iowa State Fair contest.

APRIL LAPC PHOTO CONTEST THEME: ABANDONED BUILDINGS

FIRST PLACE:

Dean Traver (“Dust to Dust”-Minnesota)

SECOND PLACE: (two way tie)

a) Gail Vanderwalker (“Sand”-Kolmanskop-Namibia)b) Connie Wedmeier (“Picture Perfect Barn”-Oran)

THIRD PLACE:

Chris Kardos (“Derecho One-Barn Zero”-Alburnette)

The remainder of the meeting was a casual gathering of discussing shared photos and photography topics.

NEXT EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

April 30, 2023 1 PM HIAWATHA LIBRARY

NEXT CLUB MEETING:

May 7, 2023 IBEW-Kim Pagel Speaker at 1:30 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Linda Hay

LAPC Secretary