



Linn Area
PHOTO CLUB
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SMARTPHONE ASTROPHOTOGRAPHY & CITIZEN SCIENCE

Cedar Amateur Astronomers, Inc.

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at 7:30 p.m - Virtual Event Only

Presenter: Mr. Mark Brown - NASA JPL Solar System former Ambassador

Mr. Brown's presentation will focus on use of smartphones and their ability to capture images of the night sky - recording celestial objects and/or light pollution. Discussion will include how you can contribute to NASA Citizen Science by addressing light pollution and how teachers, students and the public play a role in collecting, analyzing and sharing data using smartphones, smartphone apps and web apps.

Learn more about Mr. Brown and the link to join the Virtual Zoom Event:

<https://www.cedar-astronomers.org/events>

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

We'll be focusing on processing renewals and new applications at our February meeting to catch up after our canceled January meeting. Renewals not received by end of March will be removed from the membership roster.

2024 Membership Dues are \$25. Membership/Renewal process will include 3 forms:

- Membership Application - It's been expanded to include information most interesting to our members and help board planning.
- Liability/Model Release - Holds LAPC club & members harmless and grants permission to use photos and/or videos taken during club activities.
- Digital Image Release - Grants permission to use member submitted digital images for educational and promotional purposes.

Memberships/Renewals will be accepted at our February 11 club meeting. Cash or check will be accepted. As we transition to our new website host, online payments are not available. We are working on it reinstating that feature. Renewals may also be sent to our new mailbox address. You can fill out the forms at your next in person meeting:

Linn Area Photo Club
P.O. Box 422
Center Point, IA 52213

Change in address due to a board decision to reduce cost by over \$100.

NEW WEBSITE



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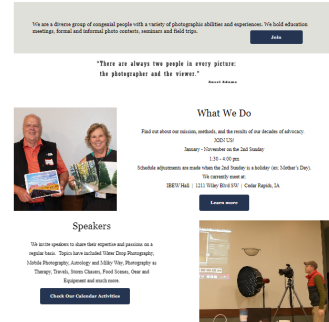
Our website is now hosted by Squarespace instead of PortbalBuzz. Take a peek. Check it out!!! Our new look can still be found at the same web address www.linnareaphotoclub.org The new design options encourage an improved platform. Menus at the top of the homepage contain additional drop-down menu pages.

The “Members Only” menu item has changed.

- Available to current paid members
- Accessible by password: *lapcbuild*
- Currently contains 2023/2024 PDF newsletters
- Does not contain member email/home addresses, phone numbers or club documents

A new “Galleries” menu item will be coming soon. It will feature member images for which we have received a release. The 2024 Digital Image Release and images submitted by members will showcase our club talents. Beginning with 2024 monthly photo contests we are requesting members to submit their winning digital images. Our goal is to create a website that will inspire and grow our photography community.

Is there anything you’d like to see included on our website? We’re always open to suggestions.



CLUB MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2024 SPEAKER JOHN THOMAS

John’s presentation will be “46 Years of Commercial Photography - A Retrospective”. John is a commercial photographer including photographing nuclear rods in the pool of Iowa's only nuclear reactor, the first robotic surgery in our area, Bo Diddley with the Iowa Hawkeyes, and the President of the United States. John hung out of helicopters, bucket trucks, and climbed the tallest grain bins. Join us in February when he will share more about his photography.

CLUB MEETING MARCH 10, 2024 SPEAKER KEVIN RAILSBACK

Kevin is an Emmy nominated filmmaker and photographer and has traveled as far as Africa to test HD cameras for Panasonic. His stunning nature and wildlife footage has appeared in productions on National Geographic, Animal Planet, Discovery Channel as well as in commercials for such corporate giants as AT&T.

The cool thing is Kevin lives in the CEDAR RAPIDS area and is a member of LAPC! Mark your calendar for March 10!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/naturephotostudios/> Website: <https://naturephotostudios.com/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@NaturePhotoStudios>

CLUB MEETING APRIL 14, 2024

SPEAKER LISA BERGMANN-SMITHEY

COMPOSITION

Composition is the cornerstone of any art form. Knowing how to combine elements in an image - what to put in, what to leave out, learning the basic rules of composition and when to use them, when to break them, when to ignore them, and photographing with intention are integral pieces of the compositional process. In this presentation, we'll chat about the Previsualization/Compositional process, and ways to make your images more dynamic.

Lisa Bergmann-Smithey is a commercial and fine art photographer originally from New York and Los Angeles, now based in Iowa. She studied at the Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara, California, with continuing studies at UC Santa Barbara and UCLA. A dedicated teacher, mentor and lifelong learner herself, she believes in the power of continuing education. She has been a professional photographer and instructor for more than 30 years, and has taught all ages and levels of photography.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC PHOTOGRAPHER JOEL SARTORE

Iowa Bird Rehabilitation will be hosting Joel Sartore at Staplin Center in West Des Moines

March 3, 2024 | 3 pm | General Admission \$35

Come hear Joel Sartore, National Geographic Explorer and photographer and see how he is building a photo ark one species at a time. From the smallest snail to the largest elephant and everything in between, including some of the world's rarest birds. Iowa Bird Rehabilitation is honored to host National Geographic Photo Ark founder Joel Sartore to share his experiences and mission in conservation through his photography.

Learn more and purchase tickets: <https://www.iowabirdrehab.org/joel-sartore-mar-3.html>

February meeting will include January & February Photo Contests Themes. Entry forms will now be used for monthly contest entries. They will be available at meetings and also included as a separate attachment with this newsletter. PLEASE DO NOT place your entries on the display table. Please submit your photos & entry forms to Patti. To maintain anonymity, the contest committee will place entries on the display tables.

2024 CONTEST THEMES

January - Happiness

February - Rule of Odds

March - Weather (Rain/Sleet/Snow)

April - Furry Friends

May - Leading Lines (State Fair Theme)

June - Barns

July - Worms Eye View

August - Window, Doors, Gates

September - Water

October - Black & White

November - Transportation

December - No Meeting