



IN FOCUS



December 2025
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CLUB EVENT SCHEDULE

December

1st Critique Night: Theme/Open
Theme: Similitudes
2nd Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am
8th **Holiday Party** - Reservations Required
23rd Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January 2026

5th Critique Night: Theme/Open
Theme: Simplify
6th Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am
19th Program Night: Photographic Philosophy
20th Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am

February

2th Critique Night: Theme/Open
Theme: Unusual Perspective
3rd Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am
6th First Friday Art Walk - Bend
16th Program Night - TBA
17th Photo Lunch at Cafe Sintra 11:30am

Happy Holidays

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Welcome to **IN FOCUS**, newsletter of the Cascade Camera Club, located in Bend, Oregon.

Our meetings are held at Elks Lodge the First and Third Monday of each month (except September) from 6:00pm until 8:30pm. We use the 3 Sisters room. Check the Cascade Camera Club Website for any changes.

Website: cascadecameraclub.com
Email: cascadecameraclub.com/contact/

October Critiquer **Cory O'Neil**

Theme:
HUMOR

SUBMISSION DEADLINE
11:59 pm PST ON THE WEDNESDAY
PRIOR TO CRITIQUE NIGHT

NOVEMBER SUBMISSIONS

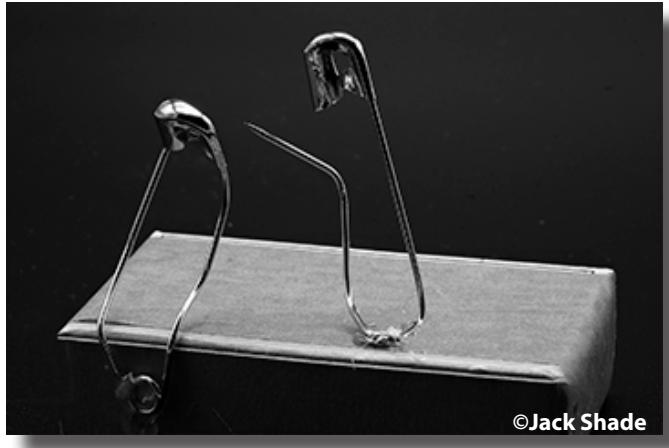
Theme:

John Aylward	<u>Sunset Moonrise</u>
Ralph Delamarter	What Did I Step In
James Dunn	Views a Treat Lets Eat
Mike Gallagher	Walmart Shopper
Kenneth Meyer	Photo Editor
Steve Peters	Hazmat Situation
Ken Sandine	I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream
Jack Schade	Dont you dare touch me
Dan Schafer	Simon Theodore and Alvin
Jim St. John	Shy Guy
John Stewart	Special Delivery
Larry Teague	A day at the beach
John Williams	Whos the King Now

Open:

Blanche Feekes	Male Moose
Todd Towell	The Pursuit

Critiquer for December
Ric Ergenbright





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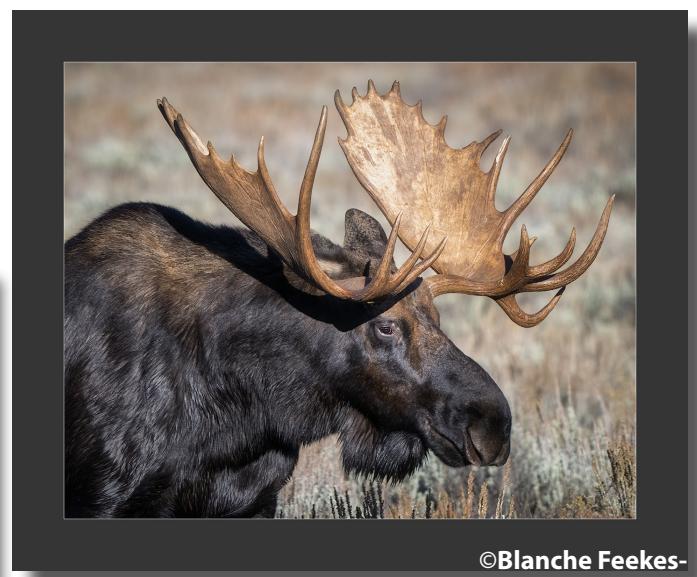
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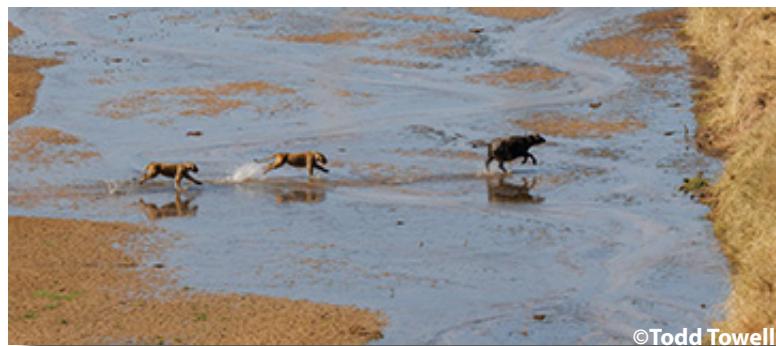
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Volunteer Leaders Needed

We need volunteers to help our club thrive. If you have any interest in helping to shape the future of The Cascades Camera Club, please contact a board member. We need a volunteer to serve as **Multi-Media Committee Members**. It has become obvious that it is unreasonable to expect one member to be responsible for the projection equipment for every meeting. We all owe a big thank you to Ralph for shouldering that responsibility for all those years.

Going forward we would like to create a team of members who will share responsibility for collecting critique images, sending them to the critic and setting up the equipment for the critique and program nights. To facilitate this, I have confirmed that we can store our projector and screen onsite at the Elks Club. Chris Bales will continue to chair the Multi-Media Committee and take care of the website duties. **We need 3-4 members to volunteer for this committee. On average we meet 20-22 times a year (depending on Monday holidays). If we have a total of 5 committee members (Chris + 4 others) each would be responsible for 4-5 meetings per year.**

If no one is willing to help we will have to scale back or discontinue some critiques / program nights. If you are willing to help with this important process please contact any board member.

JANUARY 19TH PROGRAM MEMBER PARTICIPATION

The Cascade Camera Club program night on Monday, January 19, will be a member participation night about Photographic Philosophy, with members expressing and illustrating their photographic philosophy, passions, and inspirations in a 5-minute presentation. Skill and experience level are unimportant. By sharing photos and photography intentions, we hope to get to know each other better and to establish another time point for appreciating each other's evolution and growth as photographers.

Submission instructions will be forthcoming.

GUARDIANS OF LIFE

Presented by Central Oregon LandWatch

Thursday, December 4 at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

How have the world's most iconic natural wonders—the Pacific's coral reefs, the Amazon rainforest, the Arctic tundra—remained so vibrant?

They have flourished under the careful guidance of Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Guardians of Life reveals why these communities are the planet's most effective conservationists.

Join National Geographic photographer Kiliili Yüyan on a breathtaking visual journey around the world and close to home—from Mongolia's sacred mountains to Australia's fire-managed woodlands to salmon returning to a free-flowing Klamath River. Guardians of Life celebrates the power of Indigenous values, traditional ecological knowledge, and modern innovation in protecting the life that sustains our planet.

These events provide the finale for Central Oregon LandWatch's 2025 Livable Future Forum. Your ticket purchase will count toward their year-end challenge fundraiser and be matched!

**Tickets: \$30 General Admission, \$15 Student
(plus \$8 Historic Preservation fee)**

**Box Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Friday from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM
& Wednesday, Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM**



DECEMBER 8TH HOLIDAY PARTY

ELKS CLUB

5:30PM to 9PM

Social hour: 5:30pm - 6:30pm with a no-host bar

Dinner starts at 6:30pm

Entre choices - prime rib, chicken cacciatore, or vegetable lasagna

Reservations required



Themes for 2026

Jan	Simplify	Robert Agli
Feb	Unusual Perspective	Abbott Schindler
Mar	Panorama	Jeffery Murry
Apr	Golden Ratio	Rob Kerr
May	Graceful	Joe Kline
Jun	Echoes	Dan Schafer
Jul	Chiaroscuro	Kevin Kubota
Aug	Storm	Todd Towell
Sep	Thrilling	John Williams/Guest
Oct	In the Dark	Bev Murphy
Nov	Grandscapes	Cory O'Neil
Dec	Stimulus/Response	Ric Ergenbright