

Focal EXPRESSIONS



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Red-breasted Sapsucker Collecting Nesting Material by Ken Lawrence. Purple Ribbon in Advanced Nature/Wildlife with 27 points



While helping a friend out in Ketchikan Alaska this May, I was able to get out and do some birding. The environment is unlike anywhere is the southwest. Ketchikan is surrounded by the Tongass National Forest, a temperate rainforest, with close to 200 inches and 230 days of rain annually. It is one of the wettest areas in North America. There was a small break in the rain one evening and several of us got out to hike a nearby trail that ran along Ward Creek. The creek had lots of birds around it and most of them were in mating and nesting mode. There were lots of Red-breasted Sapsuckers in the area, I misidentified this bird as a Red-naped Sapsucker. A highly respected birder friend of mine says that the Southwestern Alaska have a lot of the Red-naped characteristics for about two month during breeding season. I noticed this one kept going back to the same area so I waited and after 30 minutes of watching and several hundred pictures later I was able to capture a nice shot with a good background. ●

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NCC Calendar

Events listed in **BOLD FACE SMALL CAPS** are open to the public. Events listed in plain face are open only to NCC members. Unless noted, all General Meetings begin at 7:00 PM in the St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 8901 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas. All Executive Board Meetings begin at 7:00 PM by Zoom.

NOVEMBER

- 4 Executive Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 PM
- 14 Take in of entries for the 2025 Annual Juried Exhibition, 6:30 - 6:50 PM.
PROGRAM MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, FEATURING THE SELECTION OF IMAGES FOR THE 2025 JURIED EXHIBITION. 7 PM
- 17 **2025 ANNUAL OPEN ELECTRONIC IMAGE COMPETITION EXHIBITION CLOSURES AT CHARLESTON WEST LIBRARY, 6301 W. CHARLESTON BLVD., LAS VEGAS.**
 Deadline to enter Monthly Electronic Image Competition, 11:59 PM.
- 21 **MONTHLY ELECTRONIC IMAGE COMPETITION MEETING ON ZOOM, 7 PM.** Club Challenge: *Triptych*
- 25 Deadline for the December issue of *Focal Expressions*.
- 26 Deadline to make Awards Celebration reservations.

DECEMBER

- 2 Executive Meeting on Zoom, 7 PM.
- 6 Annual Awards Celebration, St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 5 PM●



President's Message

by Clayton Fox, ANCC



As the days grow shorter and the light turns golden, November offers some of the best natural lighting of the year. Whether you're capturing autumn leaves or experimenting with cozy indoor setups, take advantage of the soft seasonal tones. This is a great time

to visit Valley of Fire State Park where the soft autumn lighting enhances the vibrant red rock formations, making November an ideal time for landscape photography. Look for bighorn sheep, especially during early morning or near sunset. Let's not forget our holidays this month, Veterans Day on the 11th, Thanksgiving on the 27th, and Family Day on the 28th. The annual Las Vegas Veterans Day Parade starts at 10AM at 4th Street and Garces Ave. Our member photo challenge this month is "Triptych". I am sure we will see lots of great photos. Stay warm, stay inspired, and keep shooting!

Election of 2026 Officers and Trustees

The Nevada Camera Club Annual Election of Officers and Trustees will be held during the NCC General Meeting on November 14, 2025. The Nominating Committee is now in the process of preparing a single slate of officers and three nominees for the Board of Trustees. The nominating committee consists of three non-Executive Board members who have been suggested by the by the E-board. The committee appoints its own chair and proceeds to accept recommendations for the club officers of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three trustees. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the election process. ©

Club Challenge Theme

November - Electronic

Triptych

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Monthly Competition

by Paul Bessette, HNCC



The October print competition attracted 58 entries submitted by 27 members 29 unique categories. The judges awarded 4 perfect scores of 27 and 19 first place ribbons.

Those receiving perfect scores were:

Harry Ghuman – Gravity and Graffiti

Doreen Lawrence – Superstion's Warning

Doreen Lawrence – Desert Sculptures

Ken Lawrence – Red-breasted Sapsucker Collecting Nesting Material

The Club Challenge was Leading Lines and had 17 entries. Thank you to the following volunteers that made the competition possible.

Set-up assistance: **Paul Bessette, Stephen Cupp, Clayton Fox, Linda Hicks, and Mary Sheets,**

Take in Assistance: **Sandy Cornwell.**

Entry Fees: **Linda Hicks and Mary Sheets,**

Announcer: **Linda Hicks,**

Print Handlers: **Craig Hicks and Ken Lawrence,**

Scorekeeper: **Mary Sheets,**

Merit Recorder: **Nancy Alprecht,**

Ribbon Writer: **Sandy Cornwell.**

Judges: **Clayton Fox, Harry Ghuman, Jerome Hamilton, Ed Stiglitz, and Barbara Stocking,**

A special congratulations to those who received ribbons in our just for fun Halloween competition which was won by **Ed Stiglitz**. Second place was awarded to **Philip Cenicola** while **Paul Bessette's** image placed third. A big thank you to **Linda Stiglitz-Heckendorf** for compiling the results.

Next month is an electronic image competition. Make sure you have your entries uploaded and paid for by 11:59 PM on Monday, November 17th. The Club Challenge will be *Triptych*. ©

NEVADA CAMERA CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Nevada Camera Club shall be to promote the art and science of photography by sharing what is known and continuing to learn with support and respect for one another.

Merits

by Linda Hicks, DNCC

Congratulations to **Chris Markel** for having earned recognition for 200 Points ©

Your Dues Are Due!

by Mary Sheets, DNCC

Just a reminder that everyone's dues are due January 1st. If you joined us sometime during the year, remember your dues are also due January 1. Your fees were prorated when you joined. Some members like to renew now and have it taken care of before the holidays. Of course you can also pay in January. I will be happy to accept your dues, update your membership records and **Steve O'Melia** will update your badge. So come see us at the table and we will be happy to help you. You can also pay by Zelle using the email address nevadaccdotorg@gmail.com or through the website using your credit card. Remember there is a small fee for paying on the website but no fee when paid through Zelle. ©



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For further information contact Mary V. Sheets by phone at 702-521-9569 or by e-mail at: sheetsmva@gmail.com. Submission deadline for the December is November 25, 2025. Linda Hicks, editor: publisher@nevadacc.org

Programs

by Jerome Hamilton, DNCC



Our November Program meeting is our opportunity to see outside judges selecting images to be displayed at the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse as our 2025 Annual Juried Exhibition. All members are encouraged to submit prints to be a part of the selection process. There are no classes, categories, or divisions. The judges are simply asked to choose the BEST we have to offer. While the Courthouse does not allow the display of images that may have adult themes or political overtones, pretty much anything else is ok and it is still acceptable to submit that kind of image to be considered in the selection process. Be sure to check the rules in this newsletter for complete entry information. Hearing what outside judges have to say can be enlightening.

If you haven't done so already, put the 2026 Photographic Society of America Festival on your calendar for September 14-19, 2026. Nevada Camera Club has accepted the responsibility of being the host club for next year's event which will be at the Rio Hotel. PSA always assembles an impressive list of speakers and vendors to feed our creative side. ☺

Nevada Camera Club Picnic at Floyd Lamb Park



We had beautiful, although cold and windy weather for our NCC picnic at Floyd Lamp Park. A huge thank you to those who made it possible. ☺

Photos by Clayton Fox

NCC Social Media

by Ken Lawrence, MNCC

The Nevada Camera Club is increasing its social media presence. A new Facebook Group was created to increase social interactions with members of the Nevada Camera Club, other Nevada photographers, and the local artistic community.

The [Nevada Camera Club Facebook Group](#) can be used for all things related to photography, such as upcoming local events, critiques for outside competitions, questions or help with a genre/style of photography, questions on competition classes and categories, how to edit or print an image, which paper to print on, upcoming club events, last minute meet ups, field trips and more.

As the group membership increases, we will try to showcase members work, with preference to Nevada Camera Club members such as, a featured photo of the week and/or a member's spotlight. The [Nevada Camera Club Facebook Group](#) allows all group members to post, while our Instagram and Facebook pages only allow page administrators to post images. Click the following links to the Nevada Camera Club [Facebook Page](#) and [Instagram](#) to check them out.

I encourage everyone in the club with a Facebook account to join [the Nevada Camera Club Facebook Group](#) to post your photos, upcoming photographic events, workshop, webinars, and anything related to photography. Winning or perfect score print competition photos will need to be posted to the Facebook group by the creator or emailed to Darryl Ginwright or myself. Perfect score and winning Electronic Print Competition images that appear in the newsletter can be posted from the Facebook page or by the creator as well. The regular Nevada Camera Club Facebook Page will continue to only post those first place and 27 images for which the maker has granted permission to post to those sites.

We encourage Nevada Camera Club Members to invite local photographers to join the group. Most people invited by a group member will be accepted in the Facebook group by default. If anyone needs help or has questions, please feel free to contact [Darryl Ginwright](#) or me, [Ken Lawrence](#). If anyone would like to help manage the groups or pages, has suggestions or ideas on how to improve the group or pages please let us know. ☺

**Make your
reservations now
to attend the 2025
Annual Awards
Celebration on
Saturday, December
6 in the Fellowship
Hall at St. Andrew
Lutheran Church.**



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Results from the October 2025 Monthly Print Competition

Abstract

Master – Monochrome

Blue 24 Linda Hicks Textures

Animals/Pets

Beginner – Color

Red 22 Julia Mejorada The Displayed Beauty of the Blue Morpho

Advanced – Color

Blue 24 Juliana Stratton Standing Strong

Advanced – Monochrome

Blue 24 Janice Phillips Like My Grin

Commercial

Master – Color

Red 22 Linda Hicks Life Elevated - Visit Utah

Creative

Advanced – Color

Blue 26 Juliana Stratton Happy Pumpkins
 Red 25 Janice Phillips Route 66
 White 23 Ken Lawrence Where Autumn Leads
 ---- 23 Dale Kavula Watch Out! Area 51 Real Alien

Nature/Wildlife

Beginner – Color

Red 23 Julia Mejorada The Innocence of the Mockingbird

Advanced – Color

Purple 27 Ken Lawrence Red-breasted Sapsucker
 Collecting Nesting Material
 Red 25 Chip Chisena Mother Daughter, Hong Kong

Master – Color

Blue 24 Clayton Fox Blue Heron

Master – Monochrome

Red 23 Harry Ghuman Silent Strength

People

Master – Color

Blue 24 Craig Hicks Rebel Fan

Photojournalism

Advanced – Color

Red 23 Dale Kavula Journalist on Assignment

Advanced – Monochrome

Red 23 Jim Ludwick Art Imitating Life - Pisa, Italy

Master – Color

Blue 25 Stephen Cupp Nice Save
 Red 22 Craig Hicks And a Flag on the Play
 White 24 Clayton Fox MISSILE WARNING!

Pictorial

Advanced – Color

Blue 25 Michael Stratton Palouse
 Red 24 Michael Chapman Calico Rock Sculpture
 White 20 Sandy Cornwell Glacier National Park

Advanced – Monochrome

Blue 26 Chip Chisena Backlit Pinnacle, Cathedral Gorge

Master – Color

Purple 27 Harry Ghuman Gravity and Graffiti

Master – Monochrome

Purple 27 Doreen Lawrence Superstion's Warning

Portraiture

Intermediate – Color

Blue 24 Chris Markel Dad

Advanced – Color

Blue 26 Jerome Hamilton Ella
 Red 24 Steve O'Melia Ella Poolside

Advanced – Monochrome

Blue 25 Steve O'Melia Soaking it All In

Master – Monochrome

Blue 24 Stephen Cupp Brooke on the Dry Lake Bed

Still Life

Advanced – Color

Blue 24 Michael Stratton Tulip
 Red 23 Philip Cenicola Rocks and Primrose

Unclassified

Intermediate – Color

Blue 24 Jeff Hahn "When the Light is Right..."

Advanced – Color

Blue 25 Jerome Hamilton On the Ridge
 Red 24 Paul Bessette Disappearing in the Fog
 White 24 Philip Cenicola No Personal Calls
 ---- 23 Sandy Cornwell Sorry No Milk

Advanced – Monochrome

Blue 24 Paul Bessette You've Got the Wrong Guy
 Red 23 Michael Chapman Juvenile Frigate Bird

Master – Color

Purple 27 Doreen Lawrence Desert Sculptures

Club Challenge

Advanced

Blue 25 Janice Phillips Weathered Design
 Red 25 Ken Lawrence Rainbow Walk
 White 25 Jerome Hamilton The Village of Stari Grad
 ---- 25 Paul Bessette Path to the Light
 ---- 24 Philip Cenicola First Aid for a Fallen Hiker
 ---- 24 Sandy Cornwell Avenue of the Giants
 ---- 24 Dale Kavula Canyonland
 ---- 24 Steve O'Melia Atomic Liquor Cocktails
 ---- 24 Juliana Stratton Welcome In to Fall
 ---- 24 Michael Stratton Leading Limbs
 ---- 23 Michael Chapman San Francisco
 ---- 23 Chip Chisena Red Head

Master

Blue 26 Doreen Lawrence Toward the Fading Light
 Red 24 Clayton Fox LA Union Station Ticket Concourse
 White 24 Craig Hicks Canal Boats
 ---- 22 Harry Ghuman Guided By The Geyser
 ---- 22 Linda Hicks This Way or That ☺

2025 Awards Celebration Details

Get ready to celebrate a year of accomplishments at the 2025 Awards Celebration which will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew Lutheran Church for a meet and greet. After sharing the delicious fare, the focus will be on members who volunteered time and energy to NCC or earned merit awards. The 2025 Photographer of the Year will be announced that evening as well. Our night will conclude with a slideshow of the 1st place winners in the 2025 monthly electronic image competitions. We will also have a raffle of gifts provided by business and individuals.

Those attending need to make reservations no later than November 26th. We encourage everyone to attend and bring with them those friends and family members who support our photography addiction. Tickets are \$25.00/person. Treasurer Mary Sheets will be taking payment at the November program. Another options for making reservations is to use Zelle through one's bank using the email address nevadaccdotorg@gmail.com or using the NCC online store. The final option is to mail a check to Mary. To assure receipt of your check prior to November 26th, contact Mary at sheetsmva@gmail.com or send her a text at 702-521-9569 for her home address.

If you have a new, photography related item you would like to donate to the raffle, please contact Clayton Fox who's in charge of collecting raffle contributions by email at cefoxiii@gmail.com.



Join PSA

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or contact PSA Liaison,
Stephen Cupp

October 2025 Monthly Print Competition Perfect Score Images

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Doreen Lawrence
Desert Sculptures



Harry Ghuman
Gravity and Graffiti



Doreen Lawrence
Superstion's Warning

October 2025 Monthly Print Competition Perfect Score Images

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Doreen Lawrence
Toward the Fading Light

Blue ribbons



Jerome Hamilton
On the Ridge



Stephen Cupp
Nice Save



Janice Phillips
Like My Grin



Clayton Fox
Blue Heron



Michael Stratton
Palouse



Juliana Stratton
Standing Strong



Paul Bessette
You Got the Wrong Guy

October 2025 Monthly Print Competition 1st Place Images

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Michael Stratton
Tulip

Blue ribbons



Chris Markel
Dad



Craig Hicks
Rebel Fan



Chip Chisena
Backlit Pinnacle, Cathedral Gorge



Juliana Stratton
Happy Pumpkins



Stephen Cupp
Brooke on the Dry Lake Bed



Janice Phillips
Weathered



Linda Hicks
Textures



Jerome Hamilton
Ella

Rules and Entry Forms for NCC 2025 Juried Exhibition

If you have any questions, please leave a message at 1-866-925-1447 or send an email to specialcomps@nevadacc.org

RULES

1. The Nevada Camera Club 2025 Juried Exhibition is open to all Nevada Camera Club members whose dues are current as of the time of entry acceptance.
2. Entries which have been selected to appear in a prior Best of NCC or NCC Juried Exhibition are not eligible.
3. A maximum of six (6) prints may be entered by any member. There is no entry fee.
4. Entries may be either monochrome or color. There are no categories.
5. All parts of the entered photographs must have been exposed by the submitting member. There is no time frame during which the photographs must have been taken. However, members are encouraged to enter recent work.
6. The long side of the print must be at least 8". Slimlines are allowed. Exceptions to this rule are allowed for contact prints (must be at least 4"x5") and Polaroid transfer prints (no minimum size). Maximum print size is 16"x20". All entries must be printed on photographic paper. Alternative materials including but not limited to wood, metal or acrylic, for example, are not acceptable. Prints must be securely mounted on RIGID stock, e.g., mount board or foamcore. Heavy materials such as Masonite or Lucite are not acceptable. No loose prints will be accepted. Minimum mount size is 8"x10". Maximum mount size is 16"x 20". Window mat(s) are optional. No glass or plastic covering or frames are allowed. Nothing that might identify the photographer (i.e. signature, watermark) shall be visible on the print. Prints not in accordance with the above will be disqualified.
7. Presentation guidelines have been established to insure uniformity of the framed photographs since the NCC Exhibition may be a gallery exhibition. NCC Exhibition selections must be mounted on exactly 16" x 20" flat rigid board, either vertically or horizontally. They may be single or double matted with beveled edges. All mattes and filets must be in white or black only. No color mattes or filets as this may be a gallery exhibition. The specific shades of white or black used is the choice of the photographer. No creams or ivories.
8. Each print selected may be framed by the Nevada Camera Club for exhibition. The frames will be removed before the prints are returned to the photographers. Do not enter framed prints.
9. The selection of the NCC Exhibition will be juried by professional and/or fine arts photographers. The decision of the judges is final. ***The photographs selected for the NCC Exhibition should not be considered as winners but should be considered as selections representative of the best photographs of the Nevada Camera Club members for the year.***
10. Photographs may be entered on November 14, 2025 from 6:15 PM to 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 8901 Del Webb Blvd., Las Vegas. Selection will take place that evening at the Program Meeting.
11. The selected prints will be exhibited at the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse, 333 S. Las Vegas Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89101 beginning on December 3, 2025 and continuing through February 17, 2026.

NCC 2025 Juried Exhibition

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