

# Focal EXPRESSIONS



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*African Wild Dogs on the Hunt by Cindy Wilson. Purple Ribbon in Master Nature/Wildlife with 27 points*



Last fall I took two back-to-back safaris in southern Africa. The first was a typical “tourist” safari – lots of culture, see an animal then move on, but no emphasis on photography. Then I switched to a company that highlighted photography and had a photography host with us giving us tips. One of my target animals that I wanted to find was the African Wild Dogs. In the Okavango Delta we found a large pack of at least 30 dogs, and they were on the hunt. They ran so fast that our trucks could hardly keep up with them. We spent one afternoon with them and returned the next morning to watch them continuing to hunt. After taking hundreds of photos, our photo host suggested we use a slow shutter speed and pan with the dogs. It was a challenge shooting from a moving vehicle so there were a lot of misses. But I was excited to finally get this shot. Taken with my Canon R5m2, RF100-500 lens at 300mm, f5.6 and 1/20 sec. shutter speed. ☺

## DECEMBER

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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.

### DECEMBER

- 2 Executive Meeting on Zoom, 7 PM.
- 3 **ANNUAL JURIED EXHIBITION OPENS AT THE LLOYD D. GEORGE US COURTHOUSE, 333 LAS VEGAS BLVD. S, 9 AM.**
- 6 Annual Awards Celebration, St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 5 PM
- 30 Deadline for the January issue of *Focal Expressions*.

### JANUARY

- 6 Executive Board Meeting on Zoom, 7 PM
- 9 **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING FOLLOWED BY PROGRAM MEETING IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL OF ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, 7 PM**
- 19 Deadline to enter Monthly Electronic Image Competition, 11:59 PM.

- 23 **MONTHLY ELECTRONIC IMAGE COMPETITION MEETING ON ZOOM, 7 PM.** Club Challenge: *To be announced*
- 27 Deadline for the February issue of *Focal Expressions*. ☺



## President's Message

by Clayton Fox, ANCC



As we wrap up an incredible year of creativity, exploration, and community, December brings us a chance to reflect on how far we've come—and to look ahead with excitement. Especially with new members on the E-Board, 2026 looks very exciting. I hope to see you all at our annual awards celebration on December 6<sup>th</sup>! We have great donations for the raffle and Ed and Linda Stiglitz have created a fantastic menu for us!

With all of that said, we still need volunteers for our committees! I am asking all of you to become more active and take the weight off those who are wearing more than one hat. I know we all love and enjoy this club; let's show it by supporting it. Your enthusiasm, support, and dedication have made 2025 a standout year for our club. Whether you taught a workshop, joined a photo walk, or simply shared your work, you helped build an inspiring creative community. I wish you all a joyful holiday season filled with warmth, wonder, and beautiful moments worth capturing. ☺

## From Your President - Elect

by Edward Lee Stiglitz, DNCC

What's to come in 2026

It seems I went and got myself elected President again.

Next year will be here soon, and there is a lot to be done. I need a new Executive Board and we have a lot of events to plan. There will be field trips every month, exciting photo challenges and surprise special events. But I cannot do this alone. I need **YOU** to make all this happen.

If you are interested in being on the E-board or want to lead a field trip or would like to be part of any event, PLEASE let me know. We have lots of positions to fill.

And don't forget about the Awards Celebration! If you attend, you will get an early peak at the club challenges for next year. I will also let everyone know what and when all the field trips are. Exciting stuff!

I am hoping to try some new things, bring back some old things, and keep doing the fun things. Competitions will stay about same, but I hope to add more non-competition photo type events.

But once again I cannot do this all by myself, I NEED YOU!

On the other hand, is there something you would like to do give me a call. Let's talk about it.

I am available most days unless I am out of town. If I don't answer the phone, text me. I get texts pretty much everywhere even without cell service via satellite. It may take a few minutes to come in but I do get them. 702 271-5011

So, let's all find something to do to make Nevada Camera Club 2026 a good time for all. ☺

## Membership

Nevada Camera Club welcomes #2393, **Kimber Hughes**. An intermediate photographer, Kimber is familiar with the club through her husband, #1596 **John Andrew Hughes**. John Andrew is currently the president of the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and while he and Kimber live in Sun Valley, NV, they visit the area to visit family residing in Henderson. We hope your trips south frequently correspond with Nevada Camera Club meetings so we can visit with you in person. ☺

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## Monthly Competition

by Craig Hicks, HNCC



The November monthly electronic image competition had 78 entries from 30 members in 35 unique categories. For comparison, the September monthly electronic competition had 90 entries from 32 members in 40 unique categories.

Of the 35 unique categories this month the judges chose 33 first place images with scores of 24 or higher: 28 of these 33 earned Blue ribbons and five of these 33 first place images received perfect scores of 27 which earned Purple ribbons. Congratulations for earning perfect scores to:

<b>John Geldermann</b>	<i>Hailey Harward Goes Airborne</i>
<b>Harry Ghuman</b>	<i>Bridge to Tranquility</i>
<b>Craig Hicks</b>	<i>Run to the End Zone</i>
<b>Ken Lawrence</b>	<i>Pollinators</i>
<b>Cindy Wilson</b>	<i>African Wild Dogs on the Hunt</i>

Thanks to those who assisted with the competition.

Set-up assistance: **Stephen Cupp, Craig Hicks, Linda Hicks, and Mary Sheets**

Announcer: **Linda Hicks**

Projectionist: **Stephen Cupp**

Score Keeper: **Mary Sheets**

Merits Recorder: **Juliana Stratton**

Judges: **Mike Chapman, Clayton Fox, Ron Fraass, John Andrew Hughes, Janice Phillips, and Ed Stiglitz**

One member entered images in Beginner categories, one member entered images in Intermediate categories, twenty-one members entered in Advanced categories and seven entered in Master categories. The Club Challenge topic of *Triptych* received twenty-four total entries; one in Beginner, sixteen in Advanced and seven in Master. The next NCC Monthly Virtual Competition will take place on Friday, January 23 with entries due no later than Monday, January 19.

The NCC 2026 Club Challenges will be announced in December at the Annual Awards Celebration. ●



## Thoughts from Alabama

by Darryl Ginwright, HNCC

Greetings Nevada Camera Club! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I know I did. First, I want to say how much I miss y'all. I was really hoping to make it to the Awards Banquet but due to scheduling, it looks like I'm not going to make it. Hopefully I can make it next year!

I want to say "Thank you" **Clayton Fox** for the work he has done this year as President. Please let him know how much you appreciate him. I wish there was more I could have done to help him, but being 1,800 miles away made it difficult. Clayton, thank you for your hard work this year!

Congratulations to our 2026 Officers, **Ed Stiglitz, Nancy Alprecht, Jim Ludwick, and Mary Sheets!** Even though this isn't Ed's first time as President, he will still need your help to make this a successful year! When you see him let him know you are willing to help. I'm so pleased that Nancy and Jim stepped up and are willing to serving as an officer! They will also need your help. Remember, **It's Your Club.** Anything you can do to help will only make the NCC better! Ed, even though I'm 1,800 miles away, I'll help when and where I can.

Congratulations on a great 2025. Let's make 2026 even better! ●

## 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 and update your membership records. Our membership chairman can update your badge if needed.

When paying in person, please bring cash or a check. You can also pay by Zelle using the email address [nevadaccdotorg@gmail.com](mailto: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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Linda Hicks, editor: [publisher@nevadacc.org](mailto:publisher@nevadacc.org)

# Results from the November 2025 Monthly Electronic Image Competition

## Abstract

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Anita Rama Dominance

## Animals/Pets

### Beginner- Color

Blue 24 Julia Mejorada Green Birdwing

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Steven Dean Rufous Hummingbird

## Commercial

### Advanced - Color

Blue 25 Steve O'Melia Bugatti Beauty

## Creative

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Janice Phillips Slinky

Red 25 Anita Rama The Fabulous Sign

White 22 Philip Cenicola Wall Art

### Advanced - Monochrome

Blue 25 Juliana Stratton Frozen

### Master- Color

Blue 24 Terri Hutchings Church in the Desert

Red 23 Clayton Fox Star Fighter

## Documentary

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Juliana Stratton Safety First No. 40

Red 25 Mike Braunstein Shrimp Cleaning an Eel

White 25 John Geldermann Stingtown at 500 Feet/500 Knots

----- 24 Jim Ludwick Early Morning, Royal Canal, Sete, France

----- 23 Sandy Cornwell Fisherman's Memorial at Woodley Island CA

### Master - Color

Blue 26 Richard Bailey Above a Rice Field and Small Village in China

Red 25 Terri Hutchings Crabtree Falls Color

### Master - Monochrome

Blue 24 Linda Hicks Shipwreck Memorial

## Nature/Wildlife

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Ken Lawrence Cheetah Closeup

Red 26 Steven Dean A Bee Prepares to Land

White 24 Michael Chapman Lesser Jacana on the Lily Pads

### Advanced - Monochrome

Blue 26 Ken Lawrence Mine, Mine, Mine

### Master - Color

Purple 27 Cindy Wilson African Wild Dogs on the Hunt

### Master - Monochrome

Blue 25 Cindy Wilson Blending in With Mom

## People

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Jerome Hamilton Another Century

### Advanced - Monochrome

Blue 26 Mike Braunstein Indonesian Woman

### Master - Color

Blue 25 Doreen Lawrence Grappling

## Photojournalism

### Advanced - Color

Purple 27 John Geldermann Hailey Harward Goes Airborne

Red 22 Jim Ludwick Street, Modena, Italy

White 24 Valerie Christiansen UNLV Women's Volleyball

### Advanced - Monochrome

Blue 25 Valerie Christiansen Theodore

### Master - Color

Purple 27 Craig Hicks Run to the End Zone

Red 25 Harry Ghuman Amish Farming Technology

## Pictorial

### Beginner - Color

Blue 25 Julia Mejorada Echoes

### Advanced - Color

Blue 24 Philip Cenicola Wind, Rain, and Ice

Red 25 Michael Stratton Mount Dutton

### Master - Color

Purple 27 Harry Ghuman Bridge to Tranquility

Red 23 Richard Bailey Classic South China Scene

### Master - Monochrome

Blue 25 Craig Hicks Utah Wilderness

Red 23 Linda Hicks Long Serving Bridge

## Portraiture

### Advanced - Color

Blue 24 Jerome Hamilton The Model

## Still Life

### Advanced - Color

Blue 26 Michael Stratton Fruit

Red 22 Jim Ryan Rainbow Crossing

White 22 Paul Bessette Uh-oh

### Advanced - Monochrome

Blue 25 Jim Ryan Paris Through Time

### Master - Color

Red 21 Clayton Fox Wetlands Pond

## Unclassified

### Intermediate - Color

Blue 24 Jeff Hahn Lonely Drive

### Intermediate - Monochrome

Red 23 Jeff Hahn Dawn - Rhyolite

### Advanced - Color

Blue 25 Janice Phillips Relishing the Sun

Red 24 Sandy Cornwell Pollination

White 25 Michael Chapman Iceland Windows

----- 24 Paul Bessette Island In the Fog

----- 23 Steve O'Melia Human Kindness

### Master - Monochrome

Blue 26 Doreen Lawrence Contours of Strength

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## Club Challenge

### Beginner

Blue 25 Julia Mejorada Salvia

### Advanced

Purple 27 Ken Lawrence Pollinators  
 Red 26 Jerome Hamilton Two Face  
 White 26 Leslie Gertie Monument Valley  
 ----- 25 Paul Bessette Ship Mastheads  
 ----- 25 Philip Cenicola March 2025 Eclipse  
 ----- 25 Valerie Christiansen Little Finland  
 ----- 25 John Geldermann Misty and Abby  
 ----- 25 Michael Stratton A Fishing Juvenile Bald Eagle  
 ----- 24 Michael Chapman Light Houses  
 ----- 24 Sandy Cornwell One-Log Cabin Garberville CA  
 ----- 24 Steve O'Melia Macro Trio  
 ----- 24 Linda Stiglitz- Heckendorf Jigokudani Snow Monkey Park  
 ----- 24 Juliana Stratton Evening Beauty  
 ----- 24 Cindy Wilson Cat Eyes  
 ----- 23 Anita Rama Spots of a Leopard  
 ----- 22 Janice Phillips Geyser Eruption

**Master**  
 Blue 25 Terri Hutchings A Gray Day  
 Red 25 Doreen Lawrence Passages  
 White 24 Clayton Fox Leaf Triptych  
 ----- 24 Harry Ghuman The Pulse of the Pacific  
 ----- 24 Linda Hicks Omaha Beach Memorial  
 ----- 23 Craig Hicks Autumn Woods  
 ----- 23 Edward Stiglitz Red, Silver, and Cross Foxes ☉



## Join PSA

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<http://www.psa-photo.org/>  
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 Stephen Cupp

## 2025 Juried Exhibition Selections

by Linda Hicks, DNCC

Congratulations to the Nevada Camera Club members who had images selected to display in the 2025 Annual Juried Exhibition. Starting December 3, these images will be in the lobby at the Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse located at 333 Las Vegas Blvd. S. 109 prints were presented to our three judges, **Curtis James**, **Sandy Rochelle**, and **John Carl Seeley** for their consideration during our November program meeting.

**Narcy Alprecht** *Winter Solitude*  
**Paul Bessette** *Disappearing In The Fog*  
*Study In Refraction*  
**Chip Chisena** *Bird Market - Hong Kong \*\**  
**Sandy Cornwell** *Jumble*  
**Stephen Cupp** *Dress On The Beach*  
*The Pottery Maker*  
**Jerome Hamilton** *Santa Frank*  
*The Village Of Stari Grad*  
*Portrait Of A Tin Man\**  
**Linda Hicks** *Focused On The Puck*  
*Norwegian Fishing Village*  
*Desert Beauty*  
**John Johnson** *Sol Duc*  
*Water Lily*  
**Doreen Lawrence** *Under Moonlight*  
*Nighttime Adventure*  
*Seasonal Encounter*  
*Square Top Wind River Range*  
**Jim Ludwick** *Man At The Coffee Shop*  
**Steve O'Melia** *Bee-autiful Lavendar*  
*Thunderbirds Cross The Moon*  
*Dominance*  
**Janice Phillips** *Soothing Seasonal Palette*  
**Rob Raymond** *Will It Fit*  
*Bodie Store Interior*  
**Edward Stiglitz** *I Don't Like Photographers*  
*Cold Sunrise*  
*Great Grey*  
*Show Off*

\* Best of Show - Color, 2025 Annual Open Print Competition

\*\* Best of Show - Monochrome, 2025 Annual Open Print Competition

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# November 2025 Monthly Electronic Image Competition 1st Place Images

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27s



Craig Hicks  
Run to the End Zone



Ken Lawrence  
Pollinators



John Geldermann  
Hailey Harward Goes Airborne



Harry Ghuman  
Bridge to Tranquility

Blue ribbons



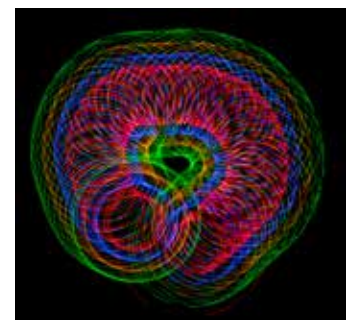
Doreen Lawrence  
Grappling



Julia Mejrada  
Echos

## 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.



Janice Phillips  
Slinky

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## Blue ribbons



Anita Rama  
Dominance



Steve O'Melia  
Bugatti Beauty



Juliana Stratton  
Safety First No. 40



Ken Lawrence  
Cheetah Close-up



Michael Braunstein  
Indonesian Woman



Jerome Hamilton  
Another Century



Jeff Hahn  
Lonely Drive

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Steven Dean  
Rufous Hummingbird

## Blue ribbons



Jerome Hamilton  
The Model



Julia Mejorada  
Green Birdwing



Valerie Christiansen  
Theodore



Janice Phillips  
Relishing the SUN



Juliana Stratton  
Frozen



Jim Ryan  
Paris Through Time



Michael Stratton  
Fruit



Richard Bailey  
Above a Rice Field and Small  
Village in China



Doreen Lawrence  
Contours of Strength

# November 2025 Monthly Electronic Image Competition 1st Place Images

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Terri Hutchings  
Church in the Desert

**Blue ribbons**



Linda Hicks  
Shipwreck Memorial



Cindy Wilson  
Blending in with Mom



Philip Cenicola  
Wind, Rain, and Ice



Ken Lawrence  
Mine, Mine, Mine



Julia Mejorada  
Salvia



Terri Hutchings  
A Gray Day



Craig Hicks  
Utah Wilderness

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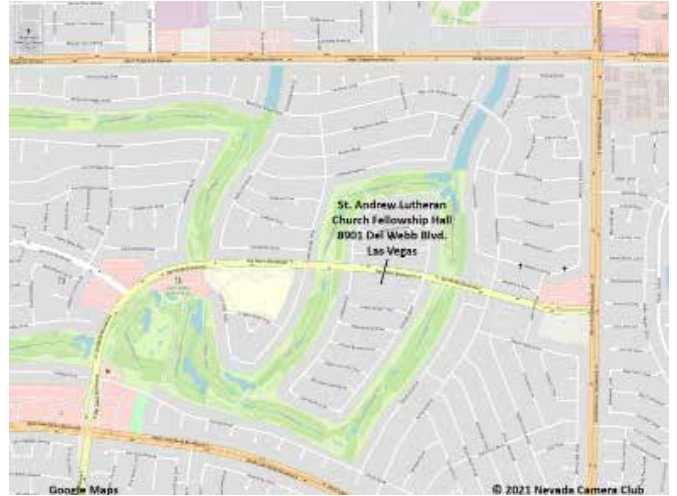
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