Mike Matthews to Speak about Macro Photography

Mikie Matthews started his passion for photography over 40 years ago and has been shooting professionally for the last 16 years. His images have been published in numerous magazines such as Birds and Bloom, Gulf Shore Life, Kentucky Home and Garden, and Florida Game and Fish to name a few. Mike has won numerous awards for his photography, especially in the area of macro photography, and leads his annual macro frog and reptile workshops all across the U.S. Mike has been a regular featured speaker and workshop leader at the St Augustine Birding and Photo Fest, the Space Coast Birding Festival, and has been a regular speaker for camera clubs throughout the state of Florida and southeastern United States.

Being an avid outdoorsman, Mike uses his outdoor skills to get close to wildlife and takes stunning photographs that captivate his audience. Macro photography is one of Mike’s favorite ways to photograph, and one of his greatest joys is teaching others how they can have similar results photographing this small but beautiful world. So whether it is with a macro lens, or using a telephoto lens to capture an Osprey in flight, Mike’s hope is that you enjoy his passion for photography capturing nature in its truest form.

To see more of Mike’s work visit his web site at www.mikematthewsphotography.com
**First Thursdays**

*August 1st*
**Stretching Your Creative Vision**
“Stretching your creative vision”: An exercise in looking at the “ordinary” a bit differently for the August First Thursday! Submit 3 images: ordinary (“normal”) plus two others which are creative by midnight July 28 to: first.thursday.ccc@gmail.com people like about them, and how they might be “improved” on August 1 See page 3

*September 5*
**3RD Annual CCC Picnic**
Don’t forget our 3rd Annual Creative Camera Club Picnic, Sept 2019. It will be at Shelter 6 at Jacobson Park starting at 6:30. The club will supply water, lemonade, fried chicken, plates, napkins, cups, ice and plastic-ware. Please bring a delish food dish and a sling chair if you can. Guests and Family are invited. Signup sheets will be at the upcoming meetings and are only to help us gauge how much chicken to purchase! Bring your camera and tripod for Sunset shots! We do have permission to stay till dark.

**Competition Topics**

*2019 dues must be paid in order to be eligible for Creative Camera Club Competitions. Entry must fit topic.*

**Light Painting (August)**
Light painting describes photographic techniques of moving a light source while taking the photograph, either to illuminate a subject or space, or to shine light at the camera to ‘draw’, or by moving the camera itself during exposure of light sources. To be considered light painting the photographer or an assistant MUST be in control of the light.

**Candid People (October)**
Candid people Images are those which are captured in such a way that the subjects of the image are not under the control of the photographer. Subjects MAY be aware of the camera but not reacting to it.

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**And the Winners of the Backlighting Competition are:**

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**First Thursday**

*Stretching Your Creative Vision*

“Stretching your creative vision”: An exercise in looking at the “ordinary” a bit differently for the August First Thursday!

We’re usually on the lookout for those scenes or images that “standout” and may think we need to go to different locales or incredible lengths to get them. However, there are likely interesting images to be made in many places and of objects we see everyday. We may just need to look at them a bit differently. Perhaps with a different perspective, focal length, selective focus, lighting, time of day, Photoshop “enhancements”, ...

Submit 3 images: ordinary (“normal”) plus two others which are creative by midnight July 28 to: first.thursday.ccc@gmail.com

We’ll view the submitted images and discuss how they were made, what people like about them, and how they might be “improved” on August 1

Here are a set Joe put together to “help get the creative juices flowing”

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**Competition Topics 2020**

- Reflections - February
- Toys - April
- Weather - May
- No critique
- Music - June
- No critique
- Graffiti - July
- Madison County - August
- Fairs and Festivals - October

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**Christ Church Pick Up**

Tuesday September 3, 4-6
CHRIST CHURCH PICKUP

Pickup for the Christ Church exhibit is Sept 3, 4-6 PM. If you cannot pick them up then please make arrangements with someone else to get your image. If your image was shifted from the Central Bank Exhibit then your packing will be at Christ Church on that day.

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**Gallery Hop**

Times for the Gallery Hop at Christ Church July 19th are 5-8  Please bring LOTS of food early so we can setup.
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Join Us!

The Creative Camera Club (CCC) can trace its roots back to the Lexington Camera Club of 1930s. We welcome anyone interested in the art and science of photography from amateur to professional. To learn more, please visit our website or contact one of our officers or directors.

2019 Calendar

January
3 Petting Zoo
17 Philippe Roca: Dog Photography
18 Gallery Hop and Reception

February
7 First Thursday: Close up Workshop
17 Competition Submission Closes
21 Competition, 7:00. Long Exposure Critique: Bill Cole MSS: Jan McKinney and Bill Cole

March
7 First Thursday: Lighting Workshop
21 Regular Meeting: Walt Roycraft: Reflections on Architectural Photography MSS: Jeff Lackey

April
4 First Thursday: Light Painting Workshop
14 Competition Submission Closes
18 Competition: Shadows Critique: Terry Bailey
24 Submission Closes for the Insect Photo Salon

May
2 First Thursday: Downtown Street Photography
16 Regular Meeting

June
6 First Thursday: Arboretum Photoshoot
16 Competition Submission Closes
20 Competition: Backlighting

July
18 Mike Matthews: Macro, Insect Salon, Meet, Greet and Eat
19 Gallery Hop, Christ Church
25-28 Blue Ridge Parkway Trip

August
1 First Thursday: Stretching your creative vision
11 Competition Submission Closes Light Painting
15 Competition: Critique - Parham Baker

September
5 First Thursday: Jacobson Park picnic 6:30
19 Regular Meeting-Tom Fielder

October
3 First Thursday:
13 Competition Submission Closes: Candid People
17 Competition: Critique - Terry Bailey

November
7 First Thursday:
9 Print Show Entry (Subject to change)
14 Regular Meeting: Judging (Subject to change)
15 Gallery Hop (Subject to change)

December: To Be Announced