Reminders

July 16
Mike Matthews:
Bird Photography:
Thru the Lens
MSS: Arboretum
Tom Banahan: 4th of July
Nancy Dawson

August 4
Board Meeting

August 6
Editing Images
Send up to 6 images to memberimages@gmail.com to have Terry, Parham Bill Cole or John Snell make their suggestions

All meetings on Zoom until further notice. Zoom address will be out by email and ccc Facebook Page.

Meetings at Crestwood Church
1882 Bellefonte Dr, Lexington

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Mike Matthews
Bird Photography : Thru the Lens

Mike began his passion for photography over forty years ago and has been shooting professionally for the last 18 years. Mike’s images have been published in numerous magazines and university publications. Being an avid outdoorsman, Mike utilizes his those skills to get close to wildlife and captures it with stunning photographs that brings his audience along as if they were there. Mike enjoys all forms of nature photography, but macro photography is his passion and he speaks on this topic throughout the U.S. His macro workshops with frogs, reptiles, and other small critters have been extremely popular both in Florida and in his hometown of Louisville Ky. One of Mike’s greatest joys is teaching others how they can capture similar images. So, whether it is with a macro lens, or a telephoto capturing an osprey in flight, Mike’s hope is that you will enjoy his passion for photography, capturing nature in its truest form, giving God all the glory for the opportunity to fulfill his dream.

To see more of Mike’s work visit his web site at www.mikematthewsphotography.com
Blue Ridge Parkway

Our 2020 Blue Ridge Parkway trip is progressing as scheduled for July 30th-August 2nd. A block of 20 rooms has been reserved at Maggie Valley Creekside Lodge at a special camera club rate. Unsold rooms will be released by June 30th. A room with two queen beds will be $99/night after the club discount is applied. You’re encouraged to go ahead and reserve a room by calling 1-800-621-1260. Because of limited staff, you might have to leave a message, but they’re very good about getting back to you, usually within a couple of hours. Be sure to tell them you’re with the Creative Camera Club, in order to receive the discounted rate. Other room configurations are available (King Bed with Jacuzzi, etc.) as well, and all will receive similar discounts.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, precautions are being taken to ensure safety of guests and hotel staff. During your stay, no hotel personnel will come inside your room. If you need extra linens, soap, etc., those items will be available for you to obtain from a designated site on hotel grounds. Inquire when you check in about where that might be.

As an additional precaution, there will be dormancy periods of at least 24 hours between when a guest checks out of a room and when it’s re-rented. Coffee pots will be removed from all rooms, so you’ll need to bring your own or stop at a convenience store, McDonalds, etc. for your cup of morning coffee. All rooms have a refrigerator, microwave and wi-fi. The pool area will be closed. However, the carport area outside of the office will be converted to an open air area with chairs and tables. We can congregate there after hours. There are also gathering spots on the back side of the hotel along the creek.

We’ll have to rethink the typical Thursday afternoon meal. We might have it catered, or, if we can locate a restaurant that provides open air dining with suitable table spacing, that might be our choice. We must continue to observe the recommended CDC guidelines for social distancing, mask wearing, hand washing, etc. If we do that, we should be able to have a safe, fun and photography-rich weekend with our CCC friends.

To ensure your name is on the signup sheet, you’ll need to email John Snell the following information: 1) Name, 2) # of people in your party...or write “info only,” if you’re not attending, but wish to receive the information about shooting locations, etc, 3) your preferred email address, 4) your mobile phone number and 5) the day you plan to arrive....Thursday or Friday. Signing up does not commit you to go, but does ensure you’ll receive any mailings with photo locations, where we’re meeting for any group meals, etc. To sign up or ask questions, contact John Snell at 859-229-6033 or john@johnsnellphoto.com.

St Joe East Pick Up

Images are ready for picked up at Parham Bakers. Please Contact Parham at:

parham@parhambaker.com

Call for Member Slideshows & Mini-Sessions

Do you have a slideshow of your images you would like to share with the club? The club would love to see your stuff! Or, would you like to lead a mini-session on a photo topic? The club would love to schedule 15-20 minute mini-sessions presented by members who are particularly knowledgeable about a photo topic of interest. If you are interested, please contact Parham Baker at parham@parhambaker.com.

www.creativecameraclub.org
31 CCC Members enjoyed a summer evening photographing flora at the Lexington Arboretum

Photos: Joe Omielan
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.