



Member Handbook 2023 – 2024

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Mission and Purpose

The Peoria Camera Club (PCC or the Club) was founded in 1954. The Mission of the Club is to promote, encourage, and share techniques, ideas and friendships that foster the art and science of photography. Club members meet regularly to exchange information and ideas about still photography and to participate in competitions and programs.

Peoria Camera Club is affiliated with the Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association (CICCA) and the Photographic Society of America (PSA). These affiliations offer additional opportunities for our members to learn, compete and develop photographic skills at State, National and International levels.

Membership

Membership in the Club is open to any person 16 and older who has an interest in photography. Renewals are due by or at the first meeting of the fiscal year. Dues must be paid by October 31 to be a member “in good standing”. If a new member joins in April through June 30, their membership includes the upcoming year.

Membership classes are:

- Individual \$25 – 18+ years old and the benefits are to:
 - Attend meetings and outings, and can invite guests,
 - Compete in Club competitions,
 - Serve on the Board of Directors.
- Student \$10 – 16 to 17 years old. Student is an add-on to a parent’s membership.
 - The parent must attend meetings and outings with the student.
 - Student membership is eligible for Club competitions.

Club Meetings

The heart and soul of the club are the Club meetings. Typically, they are held on the first and third Tuesdays at 7pm from September through May. We show competition results and present programs. We have a picnic in August and banquets in December and May where members can bring guests and enjoy social time.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Club Schedule

The Club Schedule is on our website www.peoriacameraclub.com. Look dates up on our Google Calendar or download the schedule. Members receive the club newsletter, the PhotoChatter in their email with all the details of what is happening.

Program topics may include:

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| ○ Techniques for capturing images | ○ Composition | ○ B&W |
| ○ Understanding ISO | ○ Exposure | ○ White balance |
| ○ Close-ups & macro photography | ○ File storage | ○ Being creative |
| ○ Post-processing software | ○ Light | ○ Color correcting |
| ○ Mounting and matting prints | ○ Printing | ○ Depth of Field |

Other Activities

In addition, there are photographic salons, photo outings, and an opportunity to participate in the local Heart of Illinois Fair.

Club Competitions

Our Club photographic competitions enable members to participate with both digital and printed images and receive feedback from the judge. Most competition results are shown at our meetings and occasionally on our website. We start the year with a program about what you should know about competitions.

Detailed information can be found in our e-booklet “Competition Rules and Guidelines.”

Club History

The year listed represents the ending year of a Club year, just like a fiscal report.

September 1954

Fifty-five Peoria area photographers meet in the Blackhawk room of the Jefferson Hotel and form the Peoria Color Camera Club. Dwight Miller is their elected President and the first and third Tuesdays of the month are established as their meeting dates.

1955 • The Constitution of the Peoria Color Camera Club is adopted on May 17th. The Peoria Color Camera Club became affiliated with Photographic Society of America (PSA) and Central Illinois Camera Clubs Association (CICCA).

1959 • Slide competition “clubs” (Regular, Bronze, Silver, and Gold) are created to allow members to compete against similarly proficient photographers and to advance as their skills develop.

1964 • Separate Nature and Pictorial slide divisions are created so photographers can compete in multiple areas. The pictorial slide division is for more general photography, while the nature slide division is a specialized subject matter.

1975 • The Print Division is formed to offer members more opportunities to develop photography techniques and skills, including how to print photographs and/or compete in the printed format.

1976 • Charter members, Irv and Esther Slonneger are presented with a special award in appreciation for their twenty-two years of contribution, leadership, and service to the Peoria Color Camera Club.

1978 • The Techniques Division is established as a development program to provide hands-on training for developing and using a range of photographic skills.

1980 • The Photojournalism slide division is created as another specialized subject area of competition for members to enhance and sharpen their storytelling capabilities. The Constitution of the Peoria Color Camera Club is amended to include many changes, which have occurred within the club over the years.

1983 • The Kisner Award was created to honor Thule (Jack) Kisner for his strong desire to share his photographic knowledge and wisdom with club members.

1998 • A Contemporary slide competition is established to provide members with more opportunities to learn and develop new photography skills and techniques. The Contemporary competition is another special photography area that allows photographers a forum to be more creative and innovative in their approach to image making. As a special competition, all club members compete on a single level rather than in “clubs” as established in the other slide divisions.

2000 • The Contemporary slide competition is increased from one competition to two competitions, with a ribbon award for anyone achieving more than 10 acceptances.

2001 • The Techniques division becomes the Digital/Techniques Division. The Contemporary slide competition is changed to the Creative Division.

2002 • The Peoria Color Camera Club purchases a digital camera and digital slide projector to develop digital photography training programs and opportunities. In addition, the Peoria Color Camera Club amends the constitution, adjusting the available term limits of the President and other board members.

2003 • The Peoria Color Camera Club purchases a laptop computer and holds its first electronic competition (E-comp).

2006 • Club meeting structure and competitions were reorganized to facilitate the fast growth of digital image technology. The Creative division incorporates head-to-head digital and slide competition. The club moved its meeting location from Lakeview Museum to Proctor Hospital Professional Building

2007 • The Club changed its name from Peoria Color Camera Club to Peoria Camera Club to match its objectives more accurately. The name of the Pictorial slide competition was changed to Open slide to clarify the type of images acceptable in that competition. The Photojournalism competitions incorporate head-to-head slide and digital competitions.

2008 • The Club merged the competitions for Slides and Digital Images into 'Nature' and 'Open'. Members can enter these competitions as slides or digital images.

2009 • After several years meeting in the Proctor Professional Building the Club moved its meeting place on January 2009 to the Christian Center as a temporary location. In September 09 the new location will be in the Immanuel Lutheran Church.

2010 • Peoria Camera Club made a historic change in its competition rules. The format of slides will no longer be accepted for any competition on the Club's program. Members using slides must have them digitized to enter competitions.

2012 • Major changes to the Club program involved the creation of a Competition evening each month where two showings of member's images would be made. Organization changes were made with retitling of positions and clearer assignment of tasks. Over 50 procedures were written to define who, what, when and how club activities would be run. The club handbook was redesigned to clarify and be more user friendly. New members would be given a more structured entry to the Club activities. A mentor program was introduced to provide a helpful hand pertaining to members' questions. The Board would be increased by one adding a Competition Director and the Constitution updated to reflect the above changes.

2013 • PCC had the first competition that required the image be captured with a Smart Phone or Tablet camera. The meeting time was changed to begin at 7pm.

2014 • A member who judges a PCC competition will now receive three Kisner points for each competition they judge. Members competing in the Smart Phone competition will now receive Kisner points for that competition.

2015 • In September 2015 our Club moved to a new location in the First United Methodist Church in Peoria IL.

The Club logo was redesigned as shown here.



2016 • During the 2016-2017 club year the club Constitution was brought up to date and approved by general membership at the annual business meeting. These changes simplified and clarified some content.

2018 • Two Theme competitions were added. These competitions count toward a member's Kisner Points.

2020 • The year ended abruptly in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. No groups were allowed to meet in-person.

2021 • With in-person meetings not allowed as the Pandemic continued, we began meeting online using Zoom video conference calling and continued through the end of our Club year. We decreased our member meetings from three to two a month.

2022 • We kept our member meetings to two a month and are now back to typically in-person. We occasionally have video conference call meetings to be able to have a distant presenter.

2023 • We revised our Bylaws (formerly referred to as our Constitution) from the 2016 version. We now have a student membership for 16–17-year-olds that is an add-on to an Individual membership.

Awards and Recognition

Awards recognize members for their service, participation, and performance within the club. Plaques, certificates, and sometimes recognition in the PhotoChatter newsletter are used as a means of congratulating and honoring these members for their achievements in the Club.

Kisner Award

The Kisner Award was created to honor an excellent photographer, especially in nature photography, whose special quality was sharing. Thurl (Jack) Kisner was always willing to share his knowledge.

The Kisner Award is presented as a certificate to a club member who participates most and performs best overall in club competitions. The Competition Director will tally the points. The Kisner Award Certificate is typically presented at the End of Year Banquet.

Members receive:

- one point for each competition entry
- another point for each acceptance plus additional points for placing.
 - 1 pt for 3rd, 2 pts for 2nd, 3 pts for 1st
 - 3 pts for a member judging a PCC competition

Year	Kisner Award Recipient	Year	Kisner Award Recipient
1983	Rita Campbell	2009	Tom Ruhland
1984	Robert & Rita Campbell	2010	Pete Anderton
1985	Peg Schaeffer	2011	Veronica Anderton
1986	Maureen Miller	2012	Tom Ruhland
1987	Peg Schaeffer	2013	Tom Romanowski
1988	Walt Schaeffer	2014	Bill Snyder
1989	Helen Shippy	2015	Tom Romanowski
1990	Walt McCulla	2016	Joe Virbickis & Crystal Johnson
1991	Jan Gresham	2017	Tom Romanowski
1992	Marie Williams	2018	Jim Walker
1993	Jan Gresham	2019	?
1994	Rita Campbell	2020	Not given due to covid shut down
1995	Marie Williams	2021	Jeanette Kosier
1996	Robert Campbell	2022	Joe Virbickis
1997	Veronica Anderton	2023	LaDean Spring
1998	Marie Williams	2024	
1999	Pete Anderton	2025	
2000	Veronica Anderton	2026	
2001	Pete Anderton	2027	
2002	Vicki Padesky	2028	
2003	Pete Anderton	2029	
2004	Steve Herrick	2030	
2005	Pete Anderton	2031	
2006	Rich Seeman	2032	
2007	Pete Anderton	2033	
2008	Rich Seeman	2034	

Irv and Esther Slonneger Service Award

Peoria Camera Club charter members, Irv and Esther Slonneger, received an award, December 1976, to appreciate and commemorate their twenty-two years of leadership and contribution to the Club. The Slonneger Service Award has since become an honorary award presented as a plaque for outstanding and unselfish service to the Peoria Camera Club.

This award is not an annual award, and no minimum time of service is required. However, the recipient must possess proficiency in the art of photography with the key factor for selection being the outstanding service provided to the Club.

Any club member may nominate a fellow member by writing a letter to the President, by November 1st, stating the reasons for nomination. The Board of Directors will review all nominations and make a decision at the November board meeting. If no nomination letters are received, the Board of Directors may select a member for the award. A plaque is presented to the recipient at the Christmas Banquet.



Slonneger Award Recipient	Year		Slonneger Award Recipient	Year
Irv & Esther Slonneger	1976		Rich Seeman	2006
Elroy Limmer	1978		Tom Ruhland	2007
Jan Gresham	1980		Bill Goad	2008
Dave West	1981		Steve Herrick	2009
Gary Gresham	1982		Tom Romanowski	2010
Russ Planck	1983		Jack Weidman	2011
Darrell Stafford	1984		Sam Black	2012
Robert Campbell	1985		Sue Marx	2013
Margaret Stafford	1986		Carl Close	2014
John G Ewan	1987		Ray Keithley	2015
Donna Neuhaus	1988		Joe Virbickis	2016
Jim Henderson	1989		Jeanette Kosier	2017
Dean Kendall	1990		Tom Ruhland	2018
Art Beer	1992		Vicki Padesky	2019
Walt McCulla	1993		Ray Keithley	2020
Rita Campbell	1995		Tom Ruhland	2021
Rich Seeman	1998		Dave Clark	2022
Scott Dunham	1999			
Don Webster	2000			
Vicki Padesky	2001			
Carl Close	2003			
Vicki Padesky	2004			
Pete Anderton	2005			

Past Presidents Honor Roll

Recognizing the members who have committed themselves to the highest leadership role in our Club.

Past Presidents	Year		Past presidents	Year
Dwight Miller	1954-55		Richard Seeman	1995-96
Arthur Bastian	1955-56		Charlene & Bob Wolschlag	1996-97
Arthur Bastian	1956-57		Scott Dunham	1997-98
Gene Burton	1957-58		Vicki Padesky	1998-99
Ralph King	1958-59		Carl Close	1999-00
Ernest O'Brien	1959-60		Rick Ellis	2000-01
Don Scriggs	1960-61		Jan Gresham	2001-02
Esther Slonneger	1961-62		Pete Anderton	2002-03
Fred Geiler	1962-63		Pete Anderton	2003-04
Irv Slonneger	1963-64		Carl Close	2004-05
Francis Rafool	1964-65		Richard Seeman	2005-06
Lois Kadesky	1965-66		Steve Herrick	2006-07
Virginia Rafool	1966-67		Steve Herrick	2007-08
Ralph King	1967-68		Jim Helwig	2008-09
Dean Lightbody	1968-69		Tom Romanowski	2009-10
Past Presidents cont.				
W.T. McCormick	1969-70		Tom Romanowski	2010-11
Dean Kendall	1970-71		Sam Black	2011-12
Gary Gresham	1971-72		Scott Dunham	2012-13
Richard Etter	1972-73		Julie Dodge	2013-14
Russell Planck	1973-74		Ray Keithley	2014-15
Dan Kaiser	1974-75		Joe Virbickis	2015-16
Elroy Limmer	1975-76		Dave Bowers	2016-17
Janet Gresham	1976-77		Crystal Johnson	2017-18

Pat Etter	1977-78		Dave Bowers	2018-19
Darrell Stafford	1978-79		Steve Herrick	2019-20
Richard Etter & Bob Moulton	1979-80		Ray Keithley	2020-21
Bob Moulton & Bob Campbell	1980-81		Ray Keithley	2021-22
Bob Campbell	1981-82		Joe Virbickis	2022-23
Jim Henderson	1982-83		Joe Virbickis	2023-24
John G. Ewan	1983-84			
Janet Gresham	1984-85			
David Youngren	1985-86			
Sam Campbell	1986-87			
Walt McCulla	1987-88			
John A. Ewan	1988-89			
Margaret Stafford	1989-90			
Donna Neuhaus	1990-91			
Donald F. Webster	1991-92			
Ed Dew	1992-93			
Art Beer	1993-94			
Bill Sprick	1994-95			



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