

St. James' Camera Club Online Exhibit – June 2021

Sheila Almond

Sheila Almond has been taking photos since her college days. One assignment for her photography class required a black and white portrait. Although not quite comfortable with portraits, she was inspired by the photo she took of her grandmother. The process of developing the photo, and the end result, is forever etched in Sheila's memory. To this day, that photo continues to inspire as it represents hope and wishes viewed in her grandmothers' eyes.

Living on the coast of South Carolina after college graduation offered a variety of scenic sunrises and sunsets which were captured often -- but Sheila could not resist the elements that surrounded her: the seashells, piers, crab traps, alligators, birds, boats, sharks, and landscapes. Upon moving back to NY with her family Sheila took the opportunities to explore the natural beauty in the Hudson Valley. As her adventures and her camera equipment grew she sought out photo clubs, mentors, tutorials and local professionals to hone skills necessary to continue creating images to enjoy and share.

It is not unusual for Sheila and friends to set out early for dawn shoots and meander throughout the region until dusk, allowing for beautiful images that capture the light.

Traveling throughout the years has also enhanced her techniques and interests, a beautiful city scape, an Alaskan glacier, the Louvre or a window chock full of colorful Belgian waffles.

Advice and techniques from professionals and mentors have allowed Sheila to capture impressive moments in time. Each is a reminder of a place and time that may have been ordinary and routine, but the joy is finding the subject and bringing it to life through photographic skill, and sheer joy is priceless. Email: nuthouseinny@yahoo.com

Jay Beaumont

Jay has been taking photographs most of his adult life. From old Kodak Instamatics to an SLR camera, to his first digital point-and-shoot in 2002, to a Canon EOS, the progress of cameras has grown with Jay's love of the craft. Jay credits his wife, Patti, with spotting some of his most memorable images. Jay most enjoys focusing in on interesting places and people. He has taken his share of landscape photographs, but is drawn to the interesting details hidden in the components of the landscape. His most memorable photographs include a dress on a clothesline in Venice; two boys walking on a breakwater after a day of fishing; a yellow balloon over two white tents, and Pete Seeger's banjo. Jay has shown his photographs at various St. James' Camera Club exhibits, and at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Rock Tavern. Contact information: email jbeaumont@hvc.rr.com; cell 845-778-3411.

Peter Brindley

I lived on Long Island from 1937 to 2020.

1960 to 1969 US Army Corps of Engineers - Highest Ranking - Major

1979 Joined my first photo club

1985 Joined the Suffolk County Professional Photographers Group - photographed approximately 150 weddings during that time.

2020 Moved to Warwick, NY

2021 *Joined the St. James' Camera Club of Goshen, NY*

Converted 37,500 photos to digital photos, 35mm slides, and 1,500 Black and White negatives. They will be darkroom-ready in 2022. I like to share my images with family, other photographers, schoolchildren and shows.

Andrea Bruno

My name is Andrea Bruno. I'm a wife, mother of two, and a beginner photographer. I started with just an iPhone. My initial intention was to capture photographs of my children, especially while they took part in competitive swimming. With the pandemic, everything came to a halt, and I soon fell in love with wildlife photography. Most of my photographs have been captured right outside my back door.

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Billy Carpio

I have been doing architectural photography since 2014, but also love photographing nature. Sometimes I sit alone in front of a waterfall wondering why Mother Nature leaves the water running even when no one's around to witness it. I guess that's why we come to places like this—to ask questions we will never know the answers to. Mobile: 845-820-6098. Websites: billycarpiophotography.com, booksandtrails.com

Rich Collins

Started with a Brownie Camera when I was 7 years old. I like to shoot landscapes and old buildings. I enjoy urban decay. I often shoot in black and white and Infrared. I joined the St. James' Camera Club in 2016. Participate in many outdoor photography events with friends. Email: rtwcollins@icloud.com

Terri DelNegro

My life has been filled with various artistic pursuits. Over the past several years, my passion has been the art of photography. It uses the same concepts of composition, light and color as other mediums, but with instantaneous results. Photography has opened up a whole new world for me to explore, capture and share. Contact info: pepperkittstudios@gmail.com

Alice "Dana" Giro

I'm from Middletown, NY. I have been into photography since 1981, mainly self-taught, but have had a few photography classes over the years. I try to document everything I find interesting, that I hope others enjoy.

I have exhibited in a several local galleries, in libraries, a local café, Orange County Fair, a local senior center and in the Town of Wallkill Town Hall's group show. Some solo, but mostly with the St. James' Camera Club, of which I have been a member since 2013. I have won art and photography awards and have competed in many competitions. Contact information: alicegiro@yahoo.com

Jerry Grossman

I'm a longtime member of the St. James' Camera Club since 2014. I enjoy Macro photography and landscape photography. (Image not for sale.)

Joseph Karaban

Joseph Karaban is a long-time resident of the Hudson Valley. Photography is one of his passions in life and now that he is retired, he

has the rare opportunity to pursue that passion. He is a member of St. James' Camera Club and the Mid-Hudson Woodcarvers Guild, where he can enjoy his other passion as a wood carver as well as the Guild's photographer. Sculptures of the Wood Carvers work were taken by Joseph Karaban and were displayed at the Highland Mills Library for people to enjoy the amazing work of the Guild. Other photos of Joseph Karaban's work were displayed at Albert Wisner Public Library and various other locations. As a member of St. James' Camera Club, Joseph Karaban is able to sharpen his skills as a photographer and enjoy the friendship of others. He enjoys capturing images that are unique, different and sharing those images with others. Contact information: Cell number 914-475-9451; email: josephkaraban@yahoo.com

Joanne Kennedy

What do I like to shoot? It depends! I like to keep my eyes open for beautiful or interesting things. Contact by email:

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Mark Kovner

As a professional wedding photographer for 40 years, it was time to get off the dance floor and change direction. So, I started to photograph all I could around me - landscapes, buildings, trains, food, and started doing photographic restorations. I still photograph families and do small parties, but now I see things with a different perspective.

I am a life member of the Professional Photographers of America, Professional Photography Society of New York, Professional Photographers of Hudson Valley and the St. James' Camera Club in Goshen, New York. I have received many awards and won many ribbons in these important organizations.

My artwork is inspired by everything that I see. My photography includes, but is not limited to, illustrative, landscape, portraits and photographic restoration. I am currently working on all various pieces mentioned above. Contact: kovner@optonline.net.

Judy McGowan

This is a cheetah in Namibia. She had 4 babies, and we spent quite a bit of time observing her. I am a retired high school guidance secretary who loves to travel. I've visited 6 of the 7 continents, including 4 times to Africa, and love photography, reading and rubber stamping cards. In addition, I lead a local walking group. I hope to get back to traveling very soon.

Larry Randall

Larry purchased his first digital camera in 2005. The immediate feedback of the format spurred him to become more serious about photography. He has participated in several photo workshops as far afield as Vermont and West Virginia, and has taken a number of online courses as well. His primary interest is in landscape and nature photography, but he doesn't hesitate to tackle other subjects – just not weddings. Larry is very active in the group of painters, photographers and other artists at his senior independent living complex in New Paltz. The group mounts regular exhibits by resident artists as well as others in the area. Larry's photos have been displayed in several shows. Larry also participates in the St. James' Camera Club. Originally from Long Island, Larry and his wife, Marla, have lived in the Hudson Valley for 50 years. Larry was a college librarian, most recently as library director at SUNY Purchase until his retirement early in this century. Contact information: larry26randall@msn.com

Jason D. Ropchock

Experience: 7 months

Camera: FujiFilm X-T4

Lens: Fujinon XF 100-400 mm F 4.5-5.6

Love photographing flowers, birds and other wildlife. Frequent visitor to Liberty Loop Trail, 6 1/2 Station Road Wildlife Sanctuary, the Basha Kill Wildlife Refuge and other wildlife areas in and around Orange County. Contact information: cell 914.443.6504; email: near3@hvc.rr.com

Mary Shields

Favorite pastime is taking photos of birds – Liberty Loop is my favorite spot. On occasion, I run into bears and work very hard capturing them while out walking. Joined the St. James' Camera Club in 2014.

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Samantha Walters

Sam Walter, Warwick NY, daughter of photographer, Pete Brindley. I enjoy photography because it's a hobby I share with my father. Contact info: sambwalter@aol.com

Mark Yasika

I've been taking pictures for a long time for fun. As a former techie I gained an interest in digital photography. It has allowed me to learn and grow my skills. Along with some great mentoring, I occasionally get a photograph I like sharing. I hope you enjoy the Sunset from Long Beach Island. Contact: myasika@live.com

Renée Zernitsky

I'm a self-taught, always learning as I go, photographer. I've been taking photos of every imaginable part of nature I can find for over 18+ years. I have explored portrait photography, event photography, infrared and still life. But my favorite overall is Macro. The smaller the flower, bug or object, are my favorite challenges.

I carry my camera with me just about everywhere I go. I really use my camera bag as my purse. You never know when an opportunity to capture a moment, such as a butterfly or nature simply showing off its beautiful sunrise or sunset, will happen before you.

Being a member of the St. James' Camera Club for more than 16 years has opened up so many opportunities to improve my photography skills and share my passion for photography with like-minded photographers. It's also a great opportunity to learn from the pros in the group. The friendships, field trips and exhibits we attend annually are the best part of it all. Call: 845-344-1977. Email: reneezenitsky@gmail.com