

August, 2024

Casements Camera Club

Est 1976

<http://www.casementscameraclub.com>

Meetings - 4th Thursday monthly
All meetings are from 3 PM to 5 PM
25 Riverside Drive, Ormond Beach 32176

President —Ans van Beek Torkington

ansvanbeekphoto@hotmail.com

Phone: (386) 767-6437

Vice President —Donna Armstrong

dearmstrong52@gmail.com

Phone: (603) 234-7430

Dear Readers,

As August rolls into September, I always think... new beginnings. I guess because the school year starts at this time and it seems to encourage thoughts about what we may want to do in the upcoming “school” year.

I’m grateful there’s always something new in our camera club. New trips, an upcoming show, our Feedback Fridays, and our monthly challenges.

Do you have any plans for new photography projects or expansions of current projects? Let me know, it’s always fun to share the news.

Neala
Nealas@msn.com

A Revolutionary Development

Flexible Roll Film: 1884-1889

Photography didn’t truly become accessible to amateurs until the mid-1880s when inventor George Eastman began producing film on rolls. In contrast to the previously used glass plates, the roll encouraged photographers to take multiple pictures with ease.

It became the primary selling point of Eastman’s first Kodak camera. And, even better, customers could send the film back to the Kodak to have their images developed.

The easy-to-use camera was marked with the slogan “*You press the button, we do the rest.*”

Unfortunately, the coated paper film produced fairly low- quality photos. This changed a year later when the paper was replaced with celluloid, and this remained the standard for nearly a century until the development of digital cameras.

Source: 8 Crucial Innovations in the Invention of Photography
<https://www.history.com/news/8-crucial-innovations-in-the-invention-of-photography>

Club News

Our July Meeting

The July meeting was a delightful mélange. Among the many highlights was the voting for our favorite photos from the 2024 Surrealism assignment. It was challenging fun and the images submitted were inspiring. Janet Bernardini won the prize of a year's free membership with her beautifully crafted image (shown left).



You can see all the top scorers here: <https://www.observerlocalnews.com/news/2024/jul/30/the-casements-camera-club-presents-july-photo-assignment-2024-winners/>

Thanks to Alice Gipson for posting that link on our Facebook page.

But there was more. We were treated to slide shows from the last two field trips. Too many excellent photos to include here, but they're on the Club's Facebook page. Access them here:

June: Night Photography

<https://www.casementscameraclub.com/challenges-2/2024-2/june-night-photography/>

July: Product Photography

<https://www.casementscameraclub.com/challenges-2/2024-2/july-product-photography>

But perhaps the most important part of the meeting was the creative way Ans arranged to test our new Zoom function -- with a treat with an international flavor. Gifted photographer Ingrid Peters visited with us from the Netherlands and shared her beautiful portfolio of pictures illustrating her journey as a photographer, as well as how and where she finds inspiration.

Great job everyone!

August Monthly Meeting

Our meeting on Thursday, August 22nd will feature Susan Francis from Orlando. Susan is no stranger to the Casements Camera Club. Not only has she judged our shows in the past, but we have also had several workshops with her and her husband John. She will talk about "*The Art of the Floral Still Life*."

Field Trip

This month's field trip will focus on architecture with "*Historic Ormond Beach*." We will visit dwellings that are mentioned in the National Register of Historic Places of Volusia County. Since these are occupied, we won't be able to go inside, but we can certainly enjoy their distinctive architecture. There are books from Alice Strickland in the Volusia County libraries and in the Casements, if you are interested in more history about these places. We will meet in the parking lot of the Casements at 10 am. Most of the field trip will be done by car.



To the left is a picture of the J.R. Clements House, 1875-1889, located at 528 N. Beach Street.

44th Annual Show

The registration for the 44th Annual Show will take place on **Tuesday, September 3** from 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm.

The reception will be on **Saturday, September 7** during the Art Walk, that starts at 3 pm. The ribbons will be presented at 5 pm.

Please note that the current rules differ from previous rules in two ways:

- 1) Entry fee for the first pictures is now \$ 10 (second pictures still \$ 5)
- 2) There is no need for plexi or glass. This is up to the member.

If you need to buy metal frames, Donna has bought the frame kits at [bagsunlimited](https://www.bagsunlimited.com/category/1428/complete-picture-frame-kits). They are re-usable and come with a matt. Here's a link to their line of frames kits: <https://www.bagsunlimited.com/category/1428/complete-picture-frame-kits>