

EXPOSURES

Springfield Photographic Society

Photo challenges

September: Leading Lines

October: Vessels

November: Fences

December: Fog/Mist

January: Ancient

February: Fruit or Vegetable

March: Starts with the Letter "T"

April: Pets

May: Water

New website coming

Springfield Photographic Society will soon have a new website with new features for three audiences, members, administrators and the public.

Rachel Bellenoit said the new website, developed on a new platform, Word Press, will be mobile friendly and allow for more interaction. She and Larry Sanchez have been working with a consultant on the project.

Members will be able to upload their digital exhibition photos themselves. The site will allow easy signups for field trips and offer a gallery of members' photos. The site will also sport a blog with sections for selling photo equipment, workshops, technical questions with answers, photo contests and more.

Once the website plan is functioning, members will receive an email explaining how to log on and re-register.

Club marking 81st year

By **CINDY NOTHE**
President

Welcome to the Springfield Photographic Society's 81st year!

Our club offers lots of great ways for you to share your love of photography with other like-minded people in a region that extends all the way from Amherst and Westfield to Agawam and Monson. We meet twice monthly, with one



Cindy Nothe

meeting dedicated to the exhibition of our members' work and the other a program. Sometimes we have presentations by well-known area photographers, sometimes there are instructional programs, and sometimes we showcase slideshows of members' images. There is always a good variety to spark the interest of the group.

Our creative and dedicated Board of Directors has been finding other ways for us to collaborate and learn from one another. There are field trips as near as Forest Park and as far away as New York and Rhode Island. Some are just for fun and companionship while others are planned with an instructional component. Any member can lead a field trip; there is no limit to the number of trips we can offer with many individuals taking the lead for a trip or two each. If there is someplace you think we should go and no one else has offered that destination, please take the lead. We can guide you on how to run a field trip.

For the second consecutive year we have spent the summer preparing an exhibit to showcase our members' work with the public. This year, 32 of us have prepared images from the towns in Hampden and Hampshire counties. The exhibit is titled 43 Towns and will open in a few weeks at the MassMutual Center in Springfield. The exhibit will be moved to several other locations for a month or two at a time throughout the year.

Our home base at Loomis Lakeside at Reed's Landing hosts an exhibit of our members' images year-round, as well. Four or five contributors have their framed photographs on the walls for several months at a time. This is a great opportunity for any member to show their work.

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Rachel Bellenoit captured a sculpture, left, at the Three Sisters Sanctuary in Goshen.

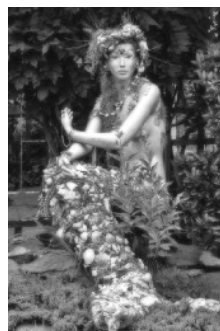
7 members photograph Goshen’s Three Sisters Sanctuary

Seven SPS members journeyed to Goshen in July to learn about and photograph the Three Sisters Sanctuary, described as healing gardens where art and nature merge.

On the trip, organized by Rachel Bellenoit, were Nancy Bryant, Tim and Eileen Donelan, John Palpini, Larry Sanchez and Guenther Schubert.

Open since 2010, the sanctuary debuted the Local Artist Sculpture Garden this summer, featuring artist Michael Melle. The sanctuary includes permanent installations by the creator and caretaker Richard M. Richardson, as well as works of five other artists. The site is used for a variety of functions from weddings to reunions to retreats to performing arts events.

The sanctuary is open through October and includes pieces for sale from artists’ exhibits.



Clockwise from top left, photography by Nancy Bryant, Larry Sanchez, Eileen Donelan and Rachel Bellenoit.



Larry Sanchez captured the crescent moon over the Memorial Bridge in Springfield.

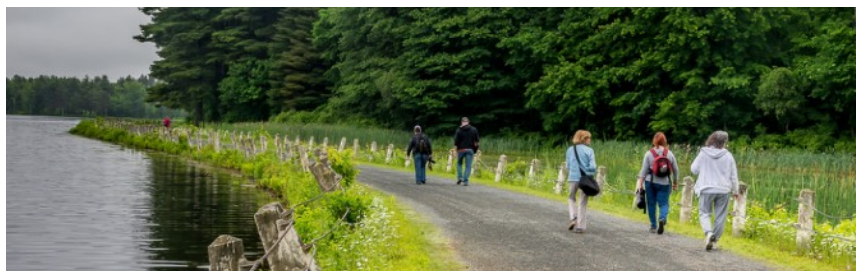
SPS members walk WMass to photograph several sites

Larry Sanchez led photo excursions to several locations over the summer. He judged all successful although the weather was sometimes uncooperative.

On the first of two crescent moon/blue hour trips, the weather worked. The second was too cloudy, so he took the group to shoot light trails from the Memorial Bridge in Springfield.

Eight members tried to view the Northern Lights, but that night was cloudy also.

Saturday daylight hikes were on the agenda as well. The morning walks explored Ashley Reservoir in Holyoke, downtown Springfield, the Fannie Stebbins Wildlife Refuge in Longmeadow and Quabbin



Five members of the club walk a trail at Ashley Reservoir in Holyoke. More photos on page 4. (Larry Sanchez photos)



Rosemary Polletta, left, shoots outside Union Station in Springfield and Muriel Lohnes captures a beautiful landscape.



2017-2018 SPS calendar

Date	Event	Details
Sept. 13	Exhibition	Leading Lines
Sept. 20	Board meeting	
Sept. 27	Program	Fred LeBlanc
Oct. 11	Exhibition	Vessels
Oct. 18	Board meeting	
Oct. 25	Program	Hands On
Nov. 8	Exhibition	Fences
Nov. 15	Board meeting	
Nov. 22	No meeting	Day before Thanksgiving
Nov. 29	Program	Keith Carver
Dec. 13	Exhibition	Fog/mist
Dec. 20	Board meeting	
Dec. 27	Program	Holiday banquet
Jan. 10	Exhibition	Ancient
Jan. 17	Board meeting	
Jan. 24	Program	TBA
Feb. 14	Exhibition	Fruit/vegetable
Feb. 21	Board meeting	
Feb. 28	Program	Members' showcase
March 14	Exhibition	Starts with "T"
March 21	Board meeting	
March 28	Program	TBA
April 11	Exhibition	Pets
April 18	Board meeting	
April 25	Program	Hands On
May 9	Exhibition	Water
May 11	Judging	Year-end awards
May 16	Board meeting	
May 23	Program	Year-end banquet

LeBlanc to discuss the art of seeing

Fred LeBlanc will discuss *The Art of Seeing Clearly* Sept. 27 at the Springfield Photographic Society meeting.

The presentation is about a method of seeing and photographing the world in fresh ways to reveal the richness and beauty that is normally hidden or overlooked. Instead of emphasizing subject matter or the technical aspects of photography, the approach teaches the photographer to see clearly and create images based on his or her personal vision of the world.

Society marks 81st year

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Our club has a website which is being reconstructed this year to make it even more useful to us all, and we also communicate with the public on Facebook and with a monthly newsletter, EXPOSURES. All three provide useful information about what is happening in the club both for our members and our social media followers. We hope you will use these resources to guide your participation in the activities that interest you.

Our membership is growing and there is a lot happening in the coming year. We're glad to have you with us for the journey.



Tim Donelan photographed the Calvin Theater marquee to represent Northampton in the *43 Towns* exhibit. The show will open this month at the Mass Mutual Convention Center in Springfield.

Club assembling photos for *43 Towns* exhibition

By KEVIN FAY

Following the club's very successful exhibition, *All Roads Lead From Springfield*, held at the Valley Photo Center last fall, SPS has embarked on another public exhibition that is hoped will attain even more public exposure.

The name of the exhibit is *43 Towns*. The exhibit will feature one photograph from each of the 43 towns in Hampden and Hampshire counties. Each photo will be hung as in a museum, with a 4x6 placard providing some background on the photo and the town. It will be a traveling exhibit, with a goal of showing it at four or five venues over the next year.

The first venue is the Mass Mutual Convention Center where it will run from mid-September to mid-December. Next, it will be hung at the Agawam Public

Library. The committee is working on a few other locales, including Monson, Amherst, Northampton and Westfield, for the spring and summer.

One of the goals of this exhibition was to get as much member participation as possible. Thirty-two members signed up. The choice of towns was done like a pro sports draft. At a draft night party in June, members were allowed to choose a town when their name was pulled from a hat. Eleven people went into another round to pick up a second town to get us to 43 towns.

Participants have had a lot of fun, in some cases going to towns they have never visited and talking to residents about good photo opportunities. In other cases, people have chosen a favorite file shot.

The date for the opening reception at the Mass Mutual Center will be announced when it is set.

Welcome to 4 new club members

A hearty welcome to four new Springfield Photographic Society members, Arthur and Joyce Doty of West Springfield, John Palpini of Monson and George Rzeznik of Wilbraham.

Photo show on Cuba to open in Chicopee

Cuba: An Intimate Portrait by Barbara Krawczyk, a member of SPS and the Westfield Camera Club, and Diane Savioli Chase, also a member of the Westfield club, will be on exhibit Sept. 6-25 at the Community Room in the Chicopee Library. An artists' reception will be held Sept. 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

SPRINGFIELD PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018
81st Year

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Membership Fees

- Individual **\$30.00**
- Family **\$40.00**
- High School Student **Free**
(Copy of student ID required)

NEW MEMBER RENEWAL PSA MEMBER? Yes No

Please make your check payable to **Springfield Photographic Society**
 Mail to SPS Treasurer **Carol Reed, 395 Porter Lake Dr. #306, Longmeadow, MA 01106**
(or give to Carol at any club meeting or event)

SPS Officers and Directors

Elected positions

President	Cindy Nothe
Vice President (Prints)	Karen Lemoine
Vice President (Projected Images)	Larry Sanchez
Treasurer	Carol Reed
Secretary	Nick DeCondio, MNEC
Directors	Rachel Bellenoit
	Karen Geaghan, MNEC
	Guenther Schubert

Non-elected Director Kevin Fay
 The non-elected director is the immediate past president.

Appointed positions

Judge Coordinator/Exhibition Standards	Barb Krawczyk
Loomis Gallery Curator	Rosemary Polletta
Membership Chair	Carol Reed
Newsletter Editor	Jim Gillen
Publicity Coordinator	Rachel Bellenoit
Social Media	Nick DeCondio
Statistician	Ken Cook, MNEC
Trip Coordinator	Chris Laudani
Website Manager	Rachel Bellenoit

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Exposures is the monthly newsletter of the Springfield Photographic Society. SPS is affiliated with the Photographic Society of America and the New England Camera Club Council. Society meetings are held at Loomis Lakeside at Reed's Landing, 807 Wilbraham Road, Springfield, at 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, September through May. The SPS website is sps.photoclubservices.com. President Cindy Nothe can be reached at cnothe@comcast.net

