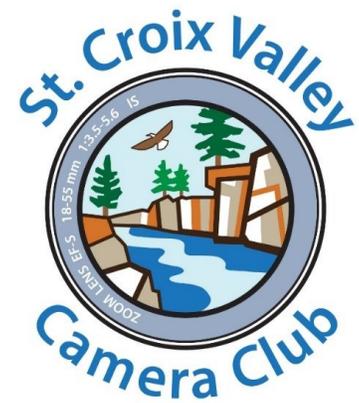


# FEBRUARY 2026

## CAMERA CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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**February 16, Monday**

***From the comfort of your own home. Please watch for Zoom meeting link***

**Thank You!!!! THANK You!!!! Thank You!!!!**

**Thanks to Kris Bethea for the wonderful Zoom meeting to help us learn how to size and watermark our photos**

**Thank you to Diana Pierce for the presentation on photography, highlighting flower photography, and equipment requirements**

**DUES! DUES! DUES!**

**2026 ANNUAL Membership Fee**

**Membership Dues have increased to an annual fee of \$30**

**Three ways to pay:**

**1. Pay online via the club website payment page:**

**<https://stcroixvalleycameraclub.com/sending-payments-to-scvcc/>**

**2. Write a check \$30.00 payable to Art Reach or SCVCC**

**3. Pay in cash at our January meeting.**

**Checks and cash should be given to Arlene Swenson**

**Please Remit your Payment ASAP**

**In this issue:**

**Next Meeting: MONDAY  
February 16, 2026 6:30p.m.  
PLEASE look for an email a few days before the meeting. The zoom link will be emailed to you.**

- Guest Speaker Denise Gerdes on Zoom
- February Photo Salon- Building Interior/Indoor Architecture
- TCACCC Interclub Competition
- DUES!!
- We are still in need of gallery photos for the website.
- Hardwood Creek Library Gallery
- **Other News +++**

**All Salon Photos are submitted in a standard format BOTH parameters!**

**Maximum Size:**

**1920 pixels wide**

**1920 pixels high**

**750kB**



## February Guest Speaker Denise Gerdes Snowflake Photography



**Denise has been a club member since 2019.**

This will be a fully remote meeting, sitting in the comfort of your own space. You will be notified of the Zoom link, via email a few days before. Please follow [All instructions of Zoom meeting login, etc.](#)

This meeting will not be recorded. Please make plans to attend. If you have not download a Zoom meeting application on your device, please do so beforehand.



## Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs TCACCC Annual Interclub Competition

**All Instructions are being sent to you via email, as a separate attachment**

Check out all rules and information at:

<https://cameracouncil.org/interclub-competition-information-and-rules/>

Each year the Camera Council (Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs) sponsors an Interclub Competition between its affiliated clubs and their members. The competition has two parts — one for individuals and one for clubs to compete against each other. Rules for the 2026 competition are posted below. Entries will be accepted from Saturday, February 1, 2026, to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 2026. All SCVCC regular club photo parameters apply

Entries for 2026 will again be made using an online

. The upload tool will only function from February 1 through 5:00 p.m. on March 1.

- **Individual Competition:** Members of affiliated clubs are eligible to enter the individual competition.  
The four digital categories are: **Altered Reality, Nature, Monochrome, and Realistic.**  
The two print categories are Color and Monochrome.
- **Club Competition:** The club competition is meant to pit a representative set of 20, member images, from each club with those of other clubs.

## **February Photo Challenge — Building Interiors/Indoor Architecture**

Up to 2 photos in our DropBox-Folder Name:

Naming photo

01.Your Name. Photo Name. jpg

Photos due Midnight on February 15, Sunday

***We will be presenting the salon via the same Zoom meeting as the Snowflake Photography Presentation***



## **February 2, 6:30 PM Reminder.**

If you are interested in having a few of your photos critiqued for the upcoming TCACCC competition please submit before midnight on February 1, 2026

February 2nd Critique Night at Chisago County Government Center 6:30 pm.  
Upload photos in Dropbox folder “February 2nd Critique” by midnight Feb 1st. You may submit five or fewer.  
01.name.title (same as monthly salon)

## **Hardwood Creek Photo Show @ Forest Lake Library**

Instructions were handed out at the January meeting:

Your photo needs a wire hanger. Maximum width is 32”.

Send the title of your photo

to [dorisstaub52@gmail.com](mailto:dorisstaub52@gmail.com) before Feb 25th so that Doris can make a title card.

In addition, the library needs a signed Bailment Agreement.

Deliver your photo and Bailment Agreement to a library staff member February 25 - Feb 28.

Please contact Doris (see above email) or 651-329-2484 with any questions or concerns.

## WEBSITE GALLERY

**We are still in need of gallery photos!**

**Please consider submitting**

The Technology, Newsletter, Website committee will be collecting photos for our St. Croix Valley Camera Club website online gallery beginning this month. with the title 2026 Gallery Photos. As always, they will be requested in standard submission format. Deadline February 15, midnight.

You may take a look at the current photos on our Club

Website: [www.stcroixvalleycameraclub.com](http://www.stcroixvalleycameraclub.com)

\* **Submit** up to 2 photos.

\* **Name.01.title.jpg**

\* **Limit photo size to 750k**

\* **Size** your photos to Interclub rules if you enter that competition: 1920 on the longest side

\* **Embed your name/Watermark** on the photo. (Reminder that Interclub photos cannot have your name on them so make sure you keep the original.)

The website is one of the main ways people learn about our club. If you are a newer member, and are hesitant to display your work, this a great opportunity to show your photo(s). Our website is intended to show the talent of our members - beginner to advanced.

### .....Other News.....

**March Speaker**— March 16 Speaker will be John Pennoyer on the topic of Landscape Photography.

We will have a photo show at Karl Oskar Days, July 9 - 11th. Please consider participating in this photo show!

Please remember there is a separate attachment for TCACCC competition

St. Croix Valley Camera Club

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SCVCC>

Club Email [stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com)

Newsletter Email-- Denise Gerdes @ [silentspringcarson@gmail.com](mailto:silentspringcarson@gmail.com) **NOTE: THIS IS A TEMPORARY email address due to technical issues**

**Dues:** \$30 per year

Dues begin on January 1 of each calendar year. If you submitted payment in the middle of the calendar year, you will be requested to pay again at the beginning of the next calendar year. Contact us if you have questions.



**IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CANCELLATION, ALL MEMBERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL by 10am The Day of the scheduled event, and a note will be placed on the club's FACEBOOK Page. Thank you.**

