

AUGUST 2026

CAMERA CLUB MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Chisago County Government Center
Basement Level
313 N Main St., Center City, MN 55012



August 17, Monday 6:30 p.m.

Meeting in regular basement space of Government Center

Thank you to Becky Fredell, and all Karl Oskar Days hosts and set-up/take-down volunteers.

Thank you to Bryan Peterson for the picnic.

See more below



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Meeting: Monday August 17, 2026 6:30p.m.

- **Guest Speaker-** Linda Rutherford - A Critique of Members Photos.
- **August Photo Salon-** Insects That Fly
- **August secondary photo critique salon-** Submit before August 9
- **MANY Thanks**
- **Field Trip**
- **Other News +++**

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

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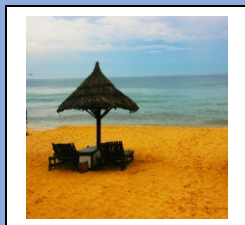
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Gallery Dates

Please check with the gallery managers for the dates of your photo displays. Also refer to the APRIL2026 Newsletter on our website



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Uncommon Loon –Chisago City

August Guest Speaker

Linda Rutherford

A Critique of Members Photos.

Linda developed a passion for photography when at the age of 12, an aunt gave her a Kodak Instamatic camera. Through her teen years, she photographed for the school year books. Now, she mostly concentrates on nature, but challenges herself to go outside her comfort zone. She is a member of the Women's Photo Club, a past president of N4C, and has been a judge in the MNPLS/St. Paul metro area since the early 90's. Now retired, her new focus is travel.

Please submit your photo(s) on or before midnight Sunday, August 9th in the Dropbox folder "Critique".

Why critiques matter: You will learn the positive and negative things about your photo. Critiques aren't just for what is pointing out what is wrong with a photo. They are a collaborative session designed to see our photo through fresh eyes.

Please consider submitting one or two photos into Dropbox to get feedback from our guest speaker, Linda Rutherford. The more photos we have, the more we learn!

Perhaps you entered a photo in a competition and did not receive recognition, this is your opportunity to get you feedback about your photo. Or you have a photo you would like to see enhanced. **Please submit photo/s in Dropbox folder "August Critique" on or before midnight August 9th.** She will select as many photos as she can, to comment and work on, at the August 17 meeting.

1-2 Photos in Standard Labeling Format.... See below in August Photo Challenge box for standard labeling and sizing details

Karl Oscar Days Exhibit
THANK YOU
BECKY FREDELL

Thank you to Becky Fredell for the hours of coordination work. Thank you to all the exhibit hosts and set-up/tear-down volunteers/ This has been a wonderful way to connect with the community (2025-- 273 guests attended the Exhibit). Generally, our club receives a few new members, after viewing the display.

Results of Karl Oskar Days Photo Exhibit - 49 photos were displayed in the exhibit. with 22 participant members. 18 people volunteered to set-up & take down and monitor the exhibit. 379 people came to see our exhibit; 319 people voting on their favorite photo.

Voting Results: **Tie for 1st Place:** Kris Bethea, Temple Under the Sky River and Mike Chrun, River Tree; **2nd Place:** Dawn O'Tremba, Stormy Sunset on Fish Lake, **Third Place:** Becky Fredell, Double the Fun. Each will receive a Dairy Queen gift card. Thank you all for participating in this annual photo show!





FIELD TRIP

Como Park Zoo

Como Park Photo Shoot - **Saturday, September 19 @ 10 a.m.** There will be a sign up at the August 17th meeting. If you are unable to attend the August meeting, send an email stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com, and please indicate if you want to car pool. The Club will pay the \$8.00 entrance fee. When bringing a non-member, you are responsible for paying their entrance fee.

COMO ZOO General Information

24-hour Information: 651-487-8200 Customer Service: 651-487-8201

Address: 1225 Estabrook Drive St. Paul, MN 55103

Admission to the [Como Park Zoo & Conservatory](#) is **completely free**. **Parking is also free** at the facility. While there is no entry fee, they appreciate a **voluntary donation of \$8 for adults** and **\$5 for children** to help care for the plants and animals

Como Zoo Hours

The day after Labor Day – April 30: 10AM – 4PM

May 1 – Labor Day: 10AM – 6PM

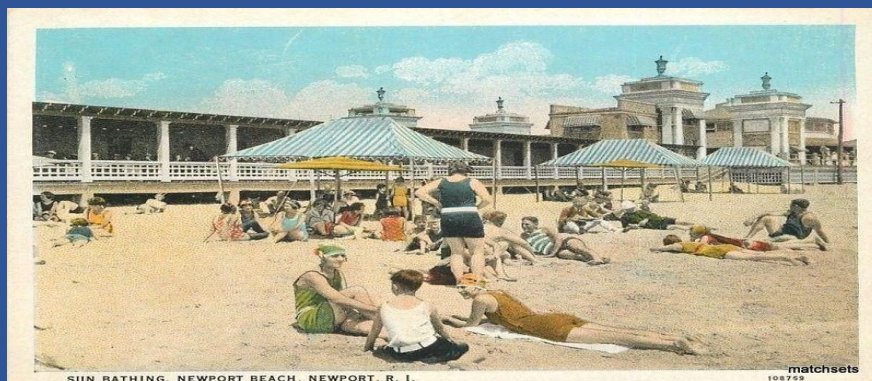
September 9 – April 26, 2027 the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory will be open for *extended hours* until 6pm on Mondays!



July 20 Picnic THANK YOU



Thank you Bryan & Cathy Robertson for hosting our July Picnic at your home. And for grilling all the hot dogs & bratwurst! It was a fun evening being able to visit with club members!



.....Other News.....

-  **Our September 21st Speaker - Tomy O'Brien - Birds of Mexico.** Tomy lives in Marine on St Croix. He is semi-retired from the portrait and commercial photography business fields and has turned toward birding and landscape photography.
-  **Photo Opportunity- Waterskiing Regionals July 31 to Aug 2**
 Nationals Aug 9 to 16
 Both will have slalom, tricks, and jump. Various ages and skill levels.
 Location is at Trophy Lake Estates, 15198 356th Street, in Center City, MN

St. Croix Valley Camera Club

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

Club Email stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com

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!

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