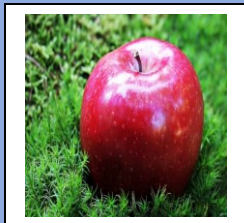




## Gallery Dates

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



**Ken Noyes** [just\\_me600@yahoo.com](mailto:just_me600@yahoo.com)

**Washington County Heritage Center –Stillwater**

**Denise Gerdes** [silentspringcarson@gmail.com](mailto:silentspringcarson@gmail.com)

**Northwoods Roasterie –Lindstrom**

**Bryan Robertson** [robertson7133@midco.net](mailto:robertson7133@midco.net)

**Uncommon Loon –Chisago City**

## September Guest Speaker

### Tomy O'Brien --Birds of Mexico

Our guest speaker is Tomy O'Brien --Birds of Mexico:

Tomy has been a professional photographer since 1983. What began as a career in fashion photography, soon branched out into the explorations and experimentations of other parts of the exciting world of photographic expression: advertising, portrait, product, nature, and senior photography. He began exploring México in 2019, and quickly discovered that he loved to photograph avian bird life. This new genre took him to every one of México's 32 states in pursuit of bird photography, where he completed a six month stay. Two long-time friends, Tomy O'Brien, and John Gregor, created this presentation from their adventures. O'Brien's talk will be humorous and delightful. We hope you all will leave my talk inspired to continue, and improve your passionate embrace of the medium. There will be a discussion of birding in the different biomes of México, the systems, techniques, equipment, and overall bird photography lessons.

Questions will be welcome.



**Seasons of the Wild –  
Photo Contest - January 1 - October 31st –  
Friends of the St. Croix Wetland Management District**

is sponsoring a photo contest to capture the richness of nature on the District 48 Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) and support the programs essential to the District's mission. Entry fee is \$10.00 per submission. Categories: Flora, Fauna, Naturescapes, People, Trailblazers (for ages 16 & younger). Prizes & awards plus an exhibition will be held in New Richmond, WI, in February, 2027. More detailed info [www.fscwmd.org/photocontest](http://www.fscwmd.org/photocontest).

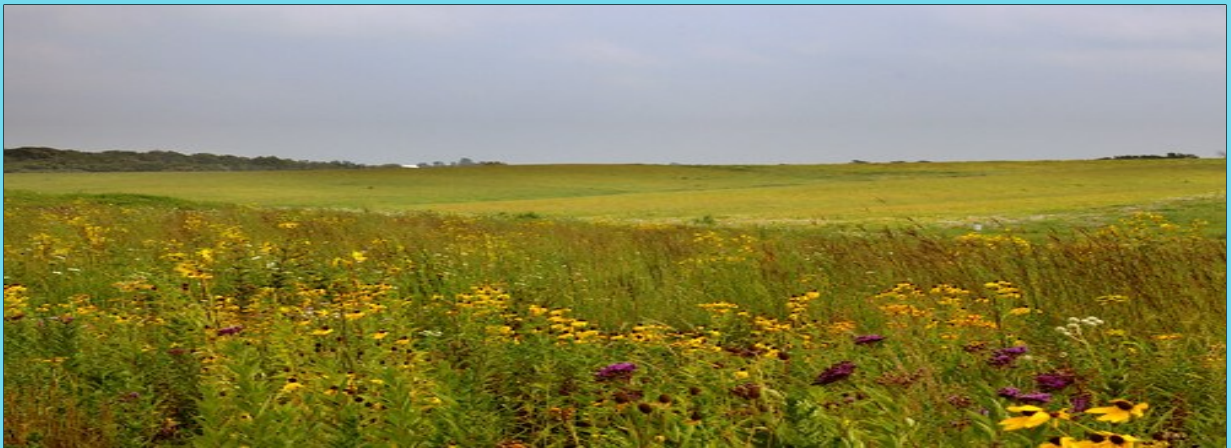
St. Croix Wetland Management District was established in 1992 for the purpose of providing wetland and grassland habitat for breeding waterfowl. The district encompasses eight counties in west-central Wisconsin and is responsible for the management of 8,700 acres of public lands on 44 separate tracts of the National Wildlife Refuge System called waterfowl production areas.

<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/st-croix-wetland-management-district>

St. Croix Wetland Management District

[\(715\) 246-7784](tel:7152467784)

1764 95th Street New Richmond, WI 54017-6306



## September Photo Challenge

Flowers

Up to 2 photos in our DropBox-Folder

Name: Flowers

Naming photo

01.Your Name. Photo Name. jpg

Photos due Midnight on September 20, Sunday



## FIELD TRIP

### Como Park Zoo

Photo Shoot @ Como Park, September 19, 10 am. 8 people are signed up to attend. If you were not at the meeting and would like to attend, please send an email to [stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com). Also indicate if you would like to car pool. We will leave at 9 am from a convenient location for those attending. For those that sign up, watch your email for details. See August Newsletter for more information on this event.

#### 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

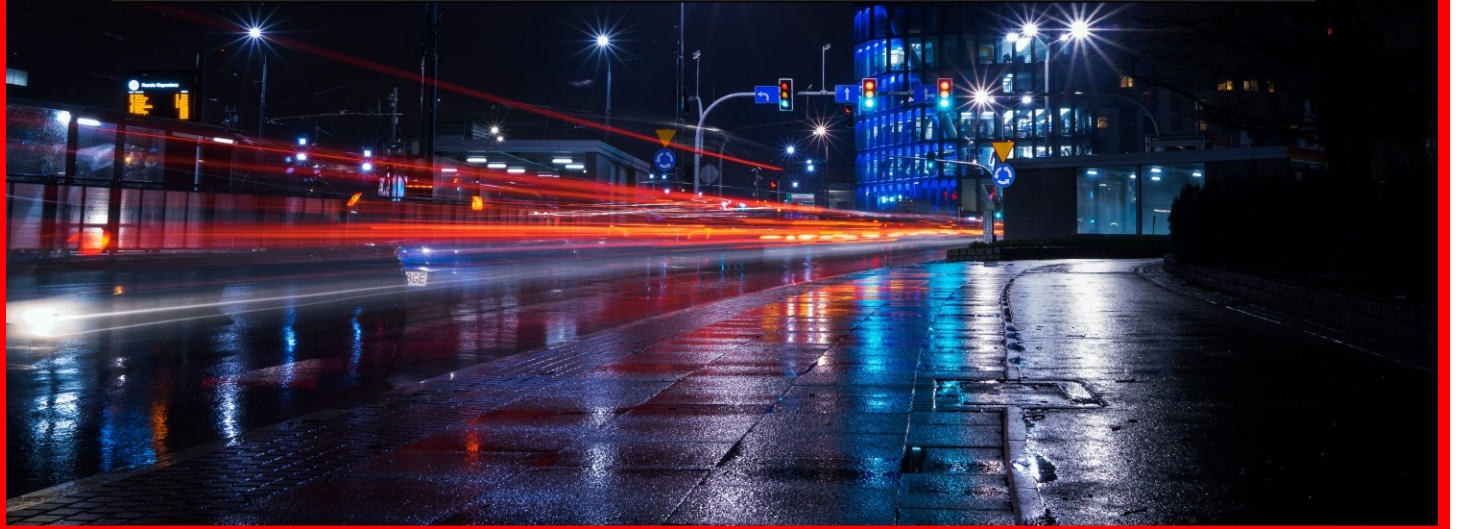
**The day after Labor Day – April 30: 10AM – 4PM**

**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!**

Night Photo Shoot Downtown Minneapolis. Club member, Bryan Robertson, will lead us to interesting places in the heart of Minneapolis to photograph colorful lights & more.

At our August meeting, 12 people signed up. If you were not at the meeting and are interested, please send an email to [stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com). No specific date has been set yet. Bryan will be making a presentation at our September meeting to set a date and determine places of interest.



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



**Our October Speaker will be Cameron Giles**



**Hallberg Center for Arts** - Accepting Black & White Art for their September - October Show. It is a non-juried show. Deadline Sept 7. [Wyomingcreativearts.org](http://Wyomingcreativearts.org)



**TCACCC Spring Conference** - Requesting ideas for vendors to be at this year event. Send email



**Volunteer opportunity** - In need a club member to hang the monthly photo at North Woods Roasterie. Send email to [stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com](mailto:stcroixvalleycc@gmail.com) for more details. Position to begin in January of 2027



**Gladje Event** - We are not participating this year. Only 2 club members volunteered to monitor the booth for a 6 hour time period.

SCVCC Members: **PLEASE** review your address, email, and phone number on the **Membership List in Dropbox** and please let Arlene know if anything has changed!!  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!!**  
We welcome new members

St. Croix Valley Camera Club

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

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