



WELCOME TO THE CAMERA CLUB OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND

We are pleased to welcome you as a member of the Camera Club of Hilton Head Island (CCHHI). CCHHI was founded in 1987 by likeminded individuals with an interest in and passion for photography. The Club is dedicated to offering a variety of activities for all skill levels designed to develop & nourish your knowledge of photography. (You will find the mission statement, goals and objectives of CCHHI on the website NewCCHHI.net.

This guide has been compiled for the benefit of all 125+ CCHHI members, but particularly for those new members who are seeking to understand what he/she will gain by participating in the activities and services offered. Brief descriptions of the Clubs' programs are outlined below for your review. Our sharing and knowledgeable membership can make photography both stimulating and fun for you now and in the future.

ATTEND, ENJOY & LEARN

Yes, the Camera Club of Hilton Head Island meets monthly from September through May. Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of those months and run from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Please check the website each month for the most current information.

Visiting speakers will entertain and enlighten you with talks covering everything from getting started in digital photography, developing your personal vision, to what makes a great photograph. These monthly media presentations are always educational and enjoyed by the 60-70 attendees.

Besides a short business meeting segment, where you can learn about upcoming club activities and listen to the guest speaker's presentation, the Club conducts up to six competitions annually among members following Competition themes which are announced at the beginning of the Club year, and entries are submitted by skill level, gently critiqued and formally judged by the guest lecturer.

TAKE A CHANCE AND JUST DO IT!

Competitions and Exhibits Are A Great Way to Showcase Your Work.

Competitions

They say the first time is always the hardest no matter what you tackle, so think of entering a competition as simply sharing your image with others. In return you'll receive feedback about your photo from someone (the judge) who can share with you and others insight into composition, lighting, point of view etc. The speaker for the evening serves as the judge, giving pointers and making selections within all skill levels.

Club competitions are held during selective monthly meetings (usually up to 6x's), and entries are grouped according to skill level; i.e., novice, intermediate, advanced, and expert. Themes for competitions are announced well in advance, and are intended to help you hone your technical skills as well as expand your creative vision. "Fill the Frame", "Architecture Detail", and "Blue" are three examples of themes recently selected by the competition committee. The committee is also responsible for establishing guidelines, publishing submission instructions and monitoring the skill level of our members. (All this information including definitions, requirements and directions can be found on our website.)



Exhibits

*Don't miss the chance to see your photograph(s) hanging in a library or museum rather than simply hidden from view in your home, as the experience is a very rewarding one. Typically once a year the CCHHI co-hosts with the **Beaufort County Library** and with the **Coastal Discovery Museum** every other year non-juried exhibits showcasing 80 to 100 compelling images taken by our club members, novice and experts alike. Registration forms with details for these yearly events are found on the website.*

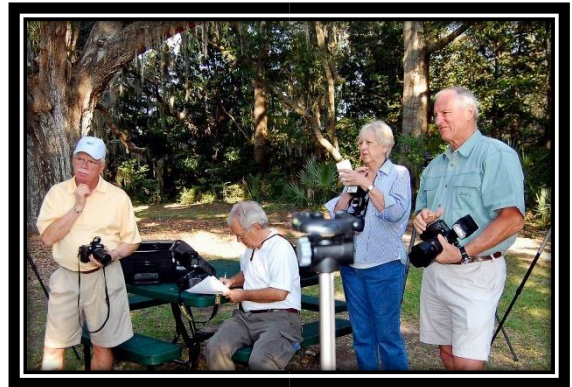
In conjunction with the Coastal Discovery Museum's exhibition CCHHI holds an Opening Reception well attended by members and the public alike. Attendees enjoy viewing the photographs, plus sharing in the complementary food & refreshments. There are Gallery Talks on most Saturday mornings during the duration of the exhibition. Talks are presented by experts from the Camera Club tailored for both beginners and advanced members. The public is also welcomed to attend these free lectures.



DON'T MISS OUT ON Educational Workshops/Classes!

Enjoy a class offered by some of the most gifted photographers in the Lowcountry. Classes are designed for curious members seeking to improve their knowledge of and skill in creating exciting new images. Whether you're looking for a new personal perspective or learning what it takes to capture a particular moment you'll find CCHHI classes inspirational.

Offerings, such as "Photo 101", "Composition" "Lightroom" and "Flash" classes, all provide an opportunity for learning. Classes are limited in size (15 max.) and are usually conducted in two-hour sessions over several weeks. Time is also allotted for hands-on individualized instruction and critiquing of personal images of assignments. (Costs vary depending on number of sessions, though the average is \$15 per session.)



VISIT AND PHOTOGRAPH GLORIOUS VENUES ON OUR FIELD TRIPS!

We live in a perfectly beautiful environment to venture forth on guided field trips with our photography friends. These photo shoots allow us to experience our surroundings and then capture and share images with others. Depending on our venue, we discover the beauty of nature, wildlife, historic districts, or the people surrounding us. Groups of 15-20 members head out, usually monthly, in carpools to spend the day shooting photographs. Equally valuable is the social aspect of the trips in that members get to know each other in a way that is not possible in meetings or classrooms.

A sampling of recently visited sites includes the Columbia and Jacksonville zoos, Hunting Island State Park and the towns of Beaufort, Savannah and Charleston. Oftentimes, however, the highlight is the congenial lunch savored at local restaurants. Participants share their best images which are posted on the web site in Field Trip Galleries and are shown at the next Cub monthly meeting.

The club schedules at least one overnight field trip per year. Most recently trips were taken to The Biltmore Estate and The Antebellum Trail.







REMEMBER, RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE.

*The CCHHI Website,
A monthly newsletter and the Hot Shoe
– an E-Blast to members as needed*

The New-CCHHI.net Website

Our website is brimming with information including a calendar of events, a spotlight on the speaker of the month and descriptions of both class offerings and field trips. You can also renew your membership and pay your dues online. The site is user-friendly and very helpful in keeping you in the know about what's happening in the club.



In addition, there are easy to use links to register for a class or a field trip. Competition guidelines, selected themes and submission instructions are also outlined. You can also study images of competition entries which have been selected as winners for pointers in our newsletter or simply enjoy perusing photos taken by other members on recent field trips. You will find answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) and a Help Desk-Ask a Question section where nonmembers and members can ask general questions about the club.

The Newsletter

*We are very proud of our monthly newsletter which is produced and distributed via email on the first of each month. The design layout provides for eminently readable text and a multitude of photos. Every issue is jam-packed with interesting articles which you can review and reference at your leisure. The **Newsletter** also serves as a compendium of up-coming events so that you'll be prepared to meet the challenges and delights offered by the Club. The **Newsletter** is archived on our website.*



The Hot Shoe

The Hot Shoe is the club's e-blast used to communicate time sensitive information that is of importance to most members. If there is news that is club-specific and calls for timely action, we will send a Hot Shoe to inform you ASAP.



OTHER POPULAR CLUB EVENTS

- *Holiday Party (December)*



- *Annual Dinner (June)*



- *Photo of the Year Selection (June)*



*It's definitely magic when you can celebrate your shared interest with friends and family. Whether it's rejoicing in the holidays or to culminate the end of a particularly productive year, CCHHI brings members together to break bread and socialize. Favorite events, as identified above, are the Holiday Party and the Annual Dinner. Since 2015 the Photograph of the Year has been selected at the Annual Dinner held in June from among all the images that have won a ribbon throughout the Club Year. Dates & details are published in all the communication tools available to the Club. (**New-CCHHI.net**, the **Newsletter** etc.)*

ADDITIONAL CLUB PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

- *Kurtzberg Awards & PSA Youth Showcase, (April)*
- *Community Outreach*
- *Bi-Club Competition (May)*
- *Supporting Members Initiative (SMI)*

Kurtzberg Awards

The Club's community outreach efforts are exemplified by the creation of The Kurtzberg Award, named after the founder and CCHHI's first president, Larry Kurtzberg. The award originated nearly two decades ago to recognize outstanding high school photographers. Each spring winning selections are chosen from images submitted by over 30 students. Club members serve as judges, and recipients are acknowledged at a ceremony, exhibited, and receive a monetary gift as well. In addition to this, we sponsor entries by these students in the Photographic Society of America's Youth Showcase. This international competition has resulted in some of our students receiving awards.



*3rd Place Kurtzberg Award Winner
Kendra Rabon*

Community Outreach

Examples of recent CCHHI outreach efforts in the community include:

The Heritage Library, as part of their History Day Tour, CCHHI provides photographers that shoot images at multiple sites which tour participants' visit. And photographing at local events like the Humane Society's Valentine's Day fund raiser, Mitchelville's Juneteenth Day and other historically related events.



Bi-Club Competition

Perhaps the challenge of competition has gotten under your skin and you'd like to submit an image to the Bi-Club Competition held annually in May. Participating clubs are Beaufort and CCHHI and entries are submitted according to skill level, but the theme is OPEN. SO take your best shot - you may go home with a ribbon.



Supporting Members

If you're searching for other opportunities to get involved, may we suggest the Supporting Member Initiative (SMI). SMI was conceived in order to encourage members to participate in club activities. The initiative then recognizes those members who have met the goal of being involved in five activities in three different categories. Club pins are presented at club meetings throughout the year.



AND, IN CONCLUSION...

As you've read, opportunities and resources abound for the person interested in the challenges and delights of photography. The potential to enhance your skills and create enjoyable memories is endless.

*You will also be able to find extensive information on the following topics included on our website at **New-CCHHI.net**: Mission Statement, Goals & Objectives, and Tips from the Experts, Frequently Asked Questions and a Resource Directory.*