

Photos in this issue are from last month's 'Open' competition.

End of Year Celebration

Make sure you have December 17 marked on your calendar for the Annual Dinner and awards. More info on page 3.

Here's hoping 2015 has been a wonderful year photographically, and the coming holiday season is filled with fantastic memories made with family and friends.

This Month's Featured Article

Some info about what 2016 brings for Focus Club [Read more here...](#)



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Focus Camera Club Officers and Committee members

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President: Guy Geoly
Vice President: Gary Witt
Treasurer: Todd Lytle
Secretary: Oz Pfenninger

Committee Chair & Members

Executive: Guy Geoly, Gary Witt, Dan Greenberg, Todd Lytle, Oz Pfenninger, Gwen Pina & Frank Gibbs
Competitions: Dan Greenberg, Nancy Myer, Richard Caverly, Joe Bonita
Programs: Gary Witt
Membership: Gwen Pina
Special Projects: (open)
Education: Gary Witt

The purpose of the Focus Camera Club is to further its members' enjoyment, knowledge and mastery of photographic skills through cooperative efforts and fellowship.

Focus Camera Club Monthly Meetings

Meetings are held the First and Third Tuesday of each month. Our **meeting place** is in The Community Room at the Greenwood Village City Hall, 6060 S. Quebec St. (That's on the east side of Quebec just south of Orchard Rd.) Get a Google Map by [clicking here](#). Meetings start promptly at 7 PM and will end around 9:45 PM so we can be out by 10 PM.

2016 Focus News

By Karl Peschel

The team is assembling, everyone is looking forward to exciting and educational programs and competitions next year, and we have a new group of subjects for you to shoot. The next year of Focus Camera Club has the potential for awesomeness.

All the people running the club need your help and support too. Whether you volunteer to give a Program presentation, lead a photo shoot to a local destination, or just sign up for bringing snacks to a meeting, it's the collective efforts of all members that makes the club great. I urge you to do your part.

The information below is accurate as of this newsletter. Some things may change. We'll keep a close eye on meeting dates, and make sure the Calendar on the website is always up to date. And full descriptions for the new Competition Subjects will be posted as soon as they are completed.

Focus Executives for 2016

President: Gary Witt

Vice President: Gwen Pena

Secretary: Oz Pfenninger or Rich Hayes

Treasurer: Brian Donovan

Program and Competition Chairs - Appointed by Execs

2016 Meeting Dates

From Gary - There were a lot of changes over at Greenwood Village this year and our schedule is all over the place. We will really need to focus on keeping the calendar up to date (there will likely be changes along the way).

January - Thur 7th & Thur 21st

February - Thur 4th & Thur 18th

March - Fri 11th & Tues 29th

April - Fri 8th & Thur 21st

May - Thur 5th & Thur 19th

June - Thur 2nd, Thur 16th & Thur 30th

(full schedule will be online later this month)

Membership Dues for 2016

No change.

Competition Subjects

Jan – Open

Feb – Nature

Mar – Still Life

Apr – Workers/People at Work

May – Open

June – Abandoned/Decay

July – Anatomy (this includes eyes, feet, nudes, etc.)

Aug – Open

Sept – Flowers

Oct – Denver Tech Ctr. or Denver Zoo (your choice)

Nov – Open

Program and Competition Schedules

Program Schedule		Competition Schedule	
12/17/15	Annual Focus Club Dinner and Awards	No December Competition	
01/07/16	Program – TBA	01/21/16	Subject – Open
02/04/16	Program – TBA	02/18/16	Subject – Nature

December 17 Annual Dinner

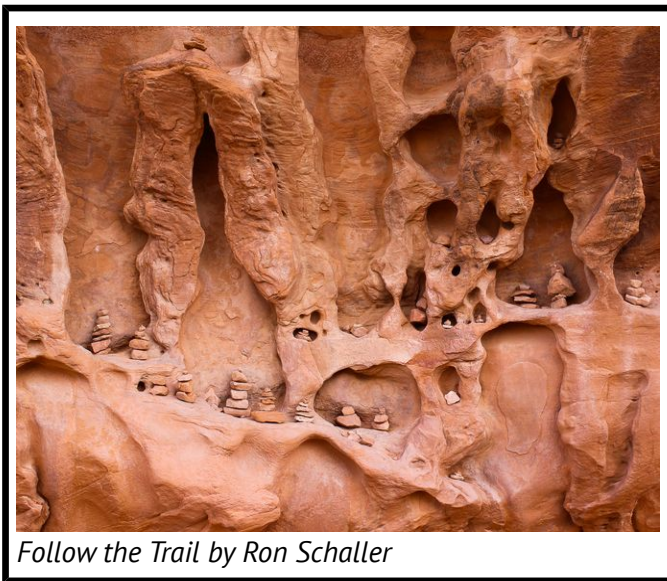
This year is a little break from tradition. We are meeting at **GVCH at 6:30 PM on December 17** for the Annual Dinner. And this one is a potluck with members contributing food items.

If you want to bring something and have not yet contacted Oz Pfenninger – the organizer for this shindig – then do so now. Also, contact him with your attendance info so we know how many people will be squeezing into the meeting room. Oz's email address is ozpfen@comcast.net

Awards and competition group promotions will also be given that evening.

This Month's Competition won't happen

Focus Club doesn't do a competition in December anymore. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends and get yourself geared up for the Open competition in January.



November Open Competition Results

	Media	Artist	Image Title	Score	
f5.6	Color	Gary Patterson	Bristlecone	9	
	Digital	Dave Hull	Let's Catch It	9	
		Leon Johnson	Memory	9	
		Laura Moran	Beauty of the Lilies	9	
f8	Color	Jeff Jensen	473	9	
	Digital	Rick Matson	New England in Fall: Yummy!	9	
		Jeff Owens	Another Look – Maroon Bells	9	
		Gwen Piña	A Kiss of Autumn	9	
		Theresa Corrada	Edgy	9	
		Elmer Paetow	The Look	9	
		Ron Schaller	Alpine Impression	9	
		Theresa Corrada	Looking Down Inside Jin Mao Tower	10	
		Ron Schaller	Follow the Trail	10	
		Monochrome	Jeff Jensen	Hayley Davidson	9
		f11	Color	Rich Hayes	Morning on the Dunes
Digital	Brian Donovan		Light My Way	9	
	Butch Mazzuca		N'gurro & Cub	9	
	Butch Mazzuca		She got away	9	
	Gary Witt		Commanding View	9	
	Brian Donovan		Beauty Amongst Chaos	10	
	John Grevillius		Summer Swallowtail	10	
	Kevin Holliday		Awaiting	10	
	David Irwin		What Think'a He?	10	
	f16		Color	Joe Bonita	Steel Circles
Digital		Guy Geoly	Looking Out at Red Square	9	
		Oz Pfenninger	Bridge Architecture	9	
		Oz Pfenninger	Back to Nature	9	
		Nancy Myer	Red Trucks Among the Weeds	9	
		Leander Urmy	Ashcroft Post Office	9	
		Dan Greenberg	Rust on Blue	10	
		Dan Greenberg	Kopper Kart Reflected	10	
		Nancy Myer	Where Grandpa Used to Rock	10	
		Mary Paetow	Santa Fe Trail	10	
		Oz Pfenninger	Concentric Circles	10	
		Leander Urmy	Early Morning Light	10	

Judge for this competition was John Harris

Remember to send your winning Print images to Webmaster@FocusColorado.com for the online galleries.

Calls For Entries & Photo Contests

Grab Life by the Camera

The KelbyOne Photo & Design Contest is giving away great gear to fuel your creativity, and you could win when you submit your best photo, composite, illustration, or creative design. We're looking for your best in five categories.

So, if you want to show off your work, and have a chance to win an arsenal of creative tools from Canon, Adobe and others then enter now!

Deadline: December 17

Visit the [KelbyOne website](http://www.kelbyone.com) for full details and entry info.



Steel Circles by Joe Bonita

Local Photo Opps and Events

Russ Burden Photo Tours

www.russburdenphotography.com

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2016 Upcoming Tours and Dates

Feb 20-26, Birds of Florida

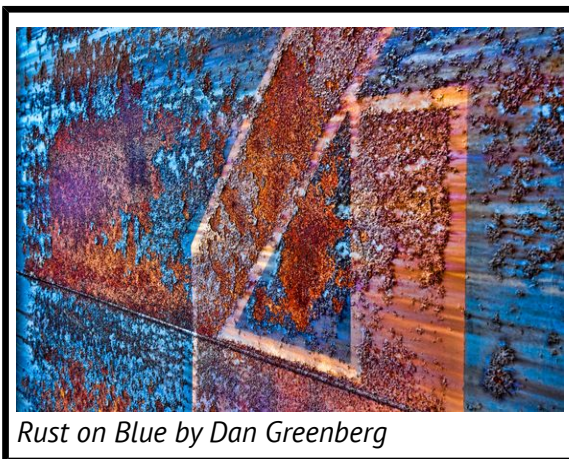
July 23-29, Glacier National Park

Apr 13-25, Tanzania Safari #1

Aug 20 - 26, Goats and Gods Wildlife/Scenery

May 27 – Jun 5, Oregon / N. California / Redwoods

Oct 15 – 21, Monument Valley / Slot Canyons



Rust on Blue by Dan Greenberg

Club Member Featured Show

Hello fellow Focus members.

From now until the middle of January a group of my photos will be on display at the Locavore Beer Works. Many of you may remember it from when Gary had his photos up there.

I don't know if I am going to have time to put together any kind of opening or reception, so if you are in the mood for a really good beer or two, drop by and check it out.

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<http://www.locavorebeerworks.com/>

Thanks a lot and have a great Christmas.

– Dan Greenberg

Colorado Gives Day

December 8 is Colorado Gives Day, an opportunity for you to help support various nonprofits around the state.

ColoradoGives.org is a year-round, online giving website featuring more than 1,800 Colorado nonprofit organizations. It encourages charitable giving by providing comprehensive, objective and up-to-date information about Colorado nonprofits and an easy way to support them.

Feel free to search the site for your favorite organization, or visit these.

[Center for Fine Art Photography](#)

[Denver Botanic Gardens](#)

[Hawkquest](#)

[Colorado Railroad Museum](#)

How to Photograph Life

A great series of articles on Photography Concentrate details everything from gear to lighting to storytelling and workflow. There is even a tutorial on video.

[See their website](#) for all the tutorial posts.



The Look by Elmer Paetow

Frame #37

A collection of extra tidbits I've discovered during the past few weeks.

- Reuters Bans RAW photos!! Only JPG's accepted now. Read more about it [on Petapixel](#). (Does this mean you should stop shooting RAW?? Heck no. You're not a news agency requiring untouched and ACCURATE photos of events. Keep doin' what you're doin'!)
- And in related news...World Press [ethics guidelines for contests](#) had to be changed.
- Instagram is a fun way to share images and promote your business. But really America, this is taking things a bit too far. [Why are some people crazy?](#)

“ To me, photography is an art of observation. It's about finding something interesting in an ordinary place... I've found it has little to do with the things you see and everything to do with the way you see them. ”

– Elliott Erwitt