Cameraderie

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Letter from the NIH CC Board June 2025

The NIH Camera Club is facing a transition, in that we all have to create what the future will be. We do not have an elected President and vice-President for 2025/26. Individuals in these positions set directions for Club's activities, by recruiting and working with the Board members and engaging Club members.

However, we want the Club to continue. We like a small Club (compared to larger organizations such as NBCC and Silver Spring CC), giving us a closer camaraderie to learn photography from each other. We understand that with a small club, any event will have a small number of participants. Some are interested in competitions, others field trips or educational sessions. Some prefer Zoom, others prefer to meet in person. We would like to be able to offer a variety of rich participatory photographic experiences for our membership. To this end, we strongly encourage any member to initiate meet-ups, share ideas for photography topics, or suggest discussion topics.

We propose semistructured activities, with critique meetings, field trips followed by discussions, and any other types of events as proposed by anyone.

To continue, our membership fee for 2025-26 will be \$25 for individuals or \$40 for family (paid by PayPal from the NIHCC website or by a check sent to the Club Treasurer, Stan Collyer - use the form included below). This fee will cover incidental expenses of the Club, such as maintaining our website, sponsoring holiday parties, honoraria for external critiques or workshops, and so forth. With payment of 2025/26 dues, you will be included on the Club's mailing list. Alerts for immediately upcoming activities will be emailed, along with announcements for events planned for further in the future. The Club will also maintain its website announcing long-term planned activities.

As the first step, we are planning a meet-up at Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens https://www.nps.gov/keaq/index.htm when water lilies are in bloom (in a few weeks).

Then, we encourage all members to participate in MAPV (November 1-2, 2025 in Arlington, VA https://midatlanticphotovisions.org/). We propose to meet on Zoom on August 12 (second Tuesday of the month) to talk about individuals' selections for the competition.

We also expect a Zoom meeting on the second Tuesday of September (a typical date for the start of the new Club year) with a topic to be announced later.

We believe and hope that you will join these activities and also bring in other ideas. Depending on the extent of interest, we may need to reevaluate our options, including folding NIHCC permanently and merging with another camera club in the area.

Thank you, the outgoing NIHCC Board.

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President's Letter June 17, 2025 By Dale Lewis

Dear NIHCC Members,

I would like to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible support, creativity, and camaraderie you have shown during my tenure as President of the NIHCC from 2023 to 2025. It has been a great honor to lead such a dedicated and talented group of photographers, and I am proud of all that we have accomplished together.

It has been an honor to serve alongside such passionate and talented board members, including the Vice-President, Karen Goldman. In addition to being President, I also served as one of the Digital Czars for the club.

After much reflection, I have decided not to seek reelection for the presidency in the upcoming term. It has not been an easy decision, but I believe it is time to pass the torch and allow fresh leadership to guide our club into its next exciting chapter. During 2024-25, my wife, Kara, had a brain tumor, surgery, rehabilitation, and radiation treatment. This period was not easy for the family. I had a lot on my shoulders, and I tried to carry out the duties of the presidency as best as I could. The Board members took over and carried out the club's responsibilities. I am grateful to them for stepping up.

I love photography, but I never aspired to be the President of the club. It was the overwhelming encouragement of the members and their confidence that I would make a good president that led me to decide to volunteer for the presidency, despite having no prior knowledge of the office's duties.

During the 2023-24 program year, we met online via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That year, we had about twelve new members, and some of them were from out of State. The Board Members met during the summer, worked diligently, discussed topics, and generated interesting and exciting ideas for the competition, critique, and educational events.

In 2024-25, we resumed in-person meetings after four years of meeting on Zoom. The members felt it was time to socialize with each other and to get back into "Prints." A group of us met with Florence Michel, Lifestyle Director of the Five Star Residence at 8100 Connecticut Ave in Chevy Chase to discuss our return to in person meetings at the Residence. Florence Michel left the Residence after several months, and we continued working with Queen Abide at the Residence. I was impressed with the turnout of the residents for the educational and travelogue events.

I was very proud of the club's performance at the 2023 Mid-Atlantic Photo Expo. Jim Turner received the Best in Macro Award for "Long Legged Fly and an Outstanding Service Award for overseeing the Student Competition. David Terao won the People's Choice Award Best in Flora for "False Dragonhead".

I am grateful to the club for my growth as a photographer, as evidenced by the recent awards I have received. The NIHCC awarded me Photographer of the Year 2024-25 in Advanced Monochrome, Photographer of the Year in Advanced Color, and the Lorraine Lasko Service Award. My son, Julian Lewis, was awarded Photographer of the Year in the Novice Monochrome category.

During my time as President, we took several field trips, including Brookside Gardens, Union Station, the DC Tattoo Expo, the Smithsonian National Zoo, and Maryland's Fourth Polo Classic at the Congressional Polo Club.

We also had several great travelogue or educational events such as:

- Gosia Klosek A Visit to Southern India, Amazing Tamil Nadu
- 2. Anthony Marill The Artistry of Fine Art Black & White Photography
- 3. Saul Pleeter Photography 101 Basic Skills
- 4. Jim Turner Bugs
- 5. Goutam Sen Antarctica Trip
- 6. Michael and Arlene Sheras Camera Gears
- 7. Ron Outen Beautiful Photos of Burma
- 8. Will Davies Photographic Journey: Landscape Photography
- 9. Suzanne Dater Feathers and Weather Birds around the World
- 10. Burke Seim Camera Service
- 11. Betsy Wilson A Different Point of View, Capturing Motion
- 12. Gosia Klosek A Trek in the Himalayas
- 13. Jim Turner and Dale Lewis Places to Photograph in Washington, DC
- 14. Alan Sislen Choice Matter
- 15. R. Andrew Hoff The Expressive Image Moving from Landscape Photography to Candid People Photography

I remain fully committed to supporting the NIHCC in other ways and will always be available to lend a hand, offer advice, or join in on a field trip or meet-up. I am confident that, with the continued enthusiasm, passion, collaboration, and vision of our members, the club will continue to grow stronger in the years ahead.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the club and continuing to share the joy of photography with all of you.

All the best

Dale Lewis

President of NIHCC 2023-25

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Photographer of the Year 2024-2025

Photographer of	f the Year 202	24/25	
Novice Digital			
Name	Points	Place	
Julian Lewis	2	1	Photographer of the Year
Jeff Buchsbaum	1	2	
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Advanced Digital			
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Gosia Klosek	11	2	
Stan Collyer	10	3	
Rhina Cabezas	8	4	
Dale Lewis	6	5	
Quentin Fisher	4	6	
David Terao	4	6	
Karen Goldman	1	7	
Cathrine Sasek	1	7	
Novice Monochrome			
Name	Points	Place	
Karen Goldman	6	1	Photographer of the Year
Advanced Monochrome			
Name	Points	Place	
Dale Lewis	22	1	Photographer of the Year
Goutam Sen	12	2	
Quentin Fisher	8	3	
David Terao	6	4	
Stan Collyer	1	5	
Advanced Color			
Name	Points	Place	
Dale Lewis	12	1	Photographer of the Year
Gosia Klosek	6	2	
Stan Collyer Quentin Fisher	4	3	

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Star Points 2024-2025

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL FORM

National Institutes of Health Camera Club (NIHCC)

The club is open to anyone who has an interest in photography. The Treasurer collects Camera Club dues by September.

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