

## Annual Report UMRA Photo Club 2023-24

Sheri Goldsmith May and Craig Swan, co-conveners

The UMRA Photo Club met on the second Tuesday of each month at the St Anthony Branch of the Hennepin County Library. Some club members would gather for lunch at 11:30 at the Great Dragon Buffet. In lieu of our usual meeting, there was a photo shoot at on the St Paul campus in May.

Our COVID procedures for in person meetings were Masks not required but welcomed Please stay home if you are sick or have been recently exposed to COVID - 19 It is expected that people will be fully vaccinated and with one or more boosters but we will not be checking vaccination cards.

For health reasons Dick Kain had to step away from his long term service to the Photo Club as our picture projector. John Anderson has served in this capacity for the past year and continues the tradition of strong service that Dick established.

Attendees who wanted to share pictures emailed them to Craig Swan who prepared a flash drive of pictures for John before posting them on the Photo Club Shared Google Drive.

Members share up to 10 pictures, divided at their option between the month's Theme and Photographer's Choice pictures.

We started each meeting with Theme pictures. For 2023 - 24 the themes were

September	Fences
October	Light
November	Favorites
December	Smiles
January	Reflections
February	Wallpaper
March	Houses of Worship
April	Mountains
June	Arts and Crafts

When a picture is shown the photographer would talk about it: some background about the subject matter of the picture, where the picture was taken, what the member was trying to show. Often members would have questions or comments. Sometimes the photographer would have a specific question for the group about some element of the picture, how they cropped the picture or other post processing adjustments. A lively general discussion would ensue, often with much laughter,

Shared pictures were posted to the web. Because Shutterfly discontinued its support for Shutterfly Share Sites, Photo Club pictures were moved to a Google Share site:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x-wiU3yTe-iAbIMRPdfHy1R\\_q63fp32X?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1x-wiU3yTe-iAbIMRPdfHy1R_q63fp32X?usp=sharing)

This past year there were two short videos featuring pictures by Photo Club members.

One with Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson, a photo essay about how Photo Club members take pictures.

The other was with John Finnegan, a recreation of his remarks about his theme pictures Houses of Worship.

Both videos are posted on the Photo Club webpage <https://umra.umn.edu/node/2866>.

John's video was submitted to JOIE, the UMRA Journal of Opinions, Ideas & Essays, and is available on the JOIE website.

## Names on the contact list for the Photo Club as of June 2024:

Calvin and Eleanor Kendall	Bonnie Marten
Gene Allen	Sherilyn Goldsmith May
John Anderson	Jan McCulloch
Lynn Anderson	LaVonne Molde
Roger & Jane Arndt	Kristine Mortensen
Beth Bedell	Jodi Nelson
Fred Bertschinger	Toby Oberg
Victor Bloomfield	Claudia Parliament
Patricia Brennecke	Robert Patterson
Frank Busta	Therese Perrier
Jo Ann Buysse	Daniel Pesut
Vern Cardwell	Chip Peterson
Mary Anne Casey	Donna Peterson
Dharma Dodall	Rosa Maria de la Cueva Peterson
L L ERICKSEN	Ewa Prochniewicz
Marilyn Erickson J	Paul Ranelli
ohn Finnegan	Will Rodgers
Judith Garrard	Ann Sather
Cathy Lee Gierke	Kathryn Sedo
Kathy Hansen V	William Seefert
Virginia Hanson	Amy Sheldon
Dave Holets	Dennis Skovsted
Danit Jaye	Judy Sullivan
Dwight Johnson	Craig Swan
Maria Kass	Sonny Taylor
Richard Y. Kain	Mariann Tiblin
Naimul Karim	Al Tims
Jean Kinsey	Michelle Trudeau-Spanjers
Mary Klidzejs	Carol Urness
Laura Coffin Koch	Barb VanDrasek
Francince Linhart	