

**Jefferson County Photography Club
Minutes
January 12, 2021**

Members shared what they have been doing this winter. The COVID virus has kept most in self -quarantine. Toni Visconti joined in on our Zoom meeting from Oregon.

An issue with posting to FaceBook has been resolved.

Rip Smith had an announcement from Berkeley Art Works:

The Berkeley Arts Council (BAC) announces the **11th Annual Art & Earth Juried Art Exhibit**. The exhibit has the theme 'Art and Earth: My Art – My World'. The exhibit opens **Thursday April 22, 2021** in the Berkeley Art Works, 116 North Queen Street, Martinsburg, WV. The exhibit will be on display through Saturday May 29, 2021.

Entries should reflect the artist's view of nature, the environment, or reflect an Earth Day related theme. Any medium or technique, 2-dimension or 3-dimension, is acceptable. The exhibit is open to visual artists throughout the continental United States, over the age of 18, working in any media. Entries must be original works of art that have been completed within the last three (3) years, and have not been previously exhibited at the Berkeley Art Works.

Doug Allmond gave a nice presentation of Luminar AI is produced by Skylum. Luminar is great for the photographer who wants to easily add special effects to a photo. A photo can be enhanced, transformed, aspect can be changed or a sky replaced. Luminar AI has made many improvements since the Luminar 4 version. Luminar is a plug in for Apple. There are many videos on line and the cost is \$100.

In preparation for the February meeting, Rip Smith shared a few Astrophotography images he has been working on, Eta Carina, M42 and Orion Nebula. He uses telescopes around the world via the internet to capture some amazing photographs. Rip is working on a demonstration of the processing of the astrophotographs and the specialized software he works with. When the demo is ready, the Club will work with Rip to get the word out to members and the public through emails, FaceBook, and reminders.

Alice Newton, Toni Visconti, Doug Allmond, John Kracke, Rip Smith and Ellen Hardesty shared some very interesting images from this month's assignment "Winter"