



# Jefferson County Photography Club

## Minutes - April 8, 2025

Attendance: Doug Allmond, MaryJo Bennett, Chris Bowers, Suzanne Bowers, Caleb Carter, Karen Geier-Smith, Ellen Hardesty, Karla Hsu, John Kracke, Tina McClaflin, Christie Zepeda, Donna Hamstead. Guest: Joel Gambino, and Leanne Bowers

The first in-person meeting of 2025 kicked off with a party to celebrate John Kracke, thanking him for his five years of being club president.

**Presentation:** Chris Bower gave a terrific presentation on “Intentional Seeing.” Some pointers were: Slow down – art is thoughtful, assess through the viewfinder, what do you want the view to feel, try different perspectives, apply composition rules, and adjust. Lighting. Next the Club members got out their cameras to take a few “intentional seeing” photos in the building.

### **Business:**

Dues of \$20 were collected.

There will be a walking tour of the gardens at the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley on **Saturday April 12**. There is a fee. Save 20% by ordering online. Adults \$12, Seniors \$8. Contact Suzanne Bowers for time to arrive.

**May 2 – 11** -- Photo exhibit at the Old Opera Heiler Gallery

**March 30 11 a.m.** -- Hanging party - Let Suzanne know if you want to volunteer to help hang. If you are unable to drop off our photos, leave them in the Firehouse Gallery prior to March 30. Call 304-724-2090 for hours of operation.

**May 12** – Pick up your unsold photos. Someone will be on the premises during the day. You can also call Steve Brewer at 304-725-4420.

### **Guidelines for submissions:**

You must have paid your dues.

We have space to hang approximately 24 photos. You may want to prepare 2 to 3 photos

Typical sizes are: 8x10 matted and framed to 11x14, 11 x14 matted to 16x20

Black frames are most often used

White or black mats look good

Must have a wire hanger

Labels will be prepared for you. Title of your image, your name, price or (not for sale).

**May 1** – Deadline for name tags. Send info to [ellenhardesty@comcast.net](mailto:ellenhardesty@comcast.net)

The Heiler Gallery does not charge a commission. The Firehouse Gallery charges 30%. Keep this in mind for our November exhibit and figure that into your price.

Critique: John Kracke brought a photo of a bald eagle. The group noted several aspects of the photo that made it a success and offered a few suggestions to elevate the image.

Next month Caleb Carter will bring a photo to be critiqued.

May 13 Challenge: "Intentional Seeing - Reimagine the Ordinary."