

Jefferson County Photography Club

Minutes

February 10, 2026

Attendance: Suzanne Bowers, Doug Allmond, Karen Geier-Smith, Karla Hsu, Donna Hamstead, Alena Tune, Connie Cooper-Edwards, Blue Atkinson, Laurance Heine, Ellen Hardesty, and Rob Aaront

Introductions: The meeting started with Suzanne Bowers, President, introducing new members. Suzanne explained that we have a workshop one month and the following month is a challenge.

Critique: Donna shared a photo that she had taken of the back side of the mansion, Happy Retreat. Shadows reflecting from a nearby tree made for a very interesting photo. Club members made some interesting observations and constructive comments. Great photo Donna!

Field Trip Opportunities:

Glenstone Museum integrates art, architecture, and landscape into a serene and contemplative environment. Tickets must be scheduled in advance. Admission is free. Glenstone is located in Potomac, Maryland about an hour from Charles Town. Club members could carpool for a day trip.

Longwood Gardens is located in Chester County, Pennsylvania. Tickets are \$32. Karen Geier Smith has visited Longwood Gardens and recommends spending a full day midweek. An overnight field trip in the fall could be a great adventure.

Workshop: Laurance Heine's presentation on Macro Photography was well organized, detailed and included many helpful still shots. In a nutshell, macro photography is the art of capturing extreme close-ups of small subjects, typically reproducing them at life-size (1:1) magnification or greater in the final image. It transforms mundane, tiny objects like insects, plant textures or water droplets, into dramatic, detailed, and often abstract works of art. Laurance's welcome questions. His email address is larryheine@gmail.com. Check out Laurie's website at BLinspirations.com.

Photopills is a helpful smartphone app which helps with photo planning. Focus stacking is used by photographers specializing in macro, micro and landscape photography. Helicon Focus is a software application designed for focus stacking which combines multiple images with different focus points into a single, fully sharp image.

Challenge: Take macros photos and be prepared to show two or three images at the March meeting.

Critique: Alena Tune will bring a photo to critique at the March meeting.

Exhibits:

- Heiler Gallery TBD
- Firehouse Gallery November 22 – December 1

Exhibit Guidelines: Participants must be dues paying members who have attended at least one meeting in the last six months. Prints 8 x 10 framed and matted to 11 x 14 or 11 x 14 are standard. Other sizes are accepted. All photos must have wire hangers. Members may submit one or two images for the exhibit.

April Workshop: Presenter - Doug Allmond