



# 13 May 2025 Meeting Minutes

13 May 2025 meeting started at 7 PM

## **Attendance:**

Suzanne Bowers, MaryJo Bennett, Caleb Carter, Karen Geier-Smith, Karla Hsu, Donna Hamstead, and Joel Gambino

## **Business:**

With no new attendees, the meeting was kicked off with a recap of the [Smartphone Photography course](#) that was held on 6 May at Bellaire Manor. The session was well attended with 18 members of the Bellaire community present.

Future workshops were discussed and decided as follows:

- June - Macro Bubbles led by Suzanne Bowers
- August - Double Exposure, leader TBD
- October - Night Photography led by Caleb
- Future workshops in 2026
  - Intentional Camera Movements (ICM)
  - Water movement
  - Adamski Effect

Our show at the Opera House was a great success, with a beautiful collection on display for 2 weeks. Our next show will be at the Firehouse Gallery in November.

Members were also encouraged to create their artist bios and consider sharing those bios on the club's website.

Next club group outing is 28 June to the [State Arboretum of Virginia](#). If you'd like to carpool to Boyce, VA, reach out to the club and we will arrange our travels together.

## **Critique Session:**

This month, the club took a deeper look at Caleb Carter's image of a silhouetted person carrying an umbrella through the rainy night mainstreet in downtown Charles Town. Caleb explained his process to capture his image and the members examined the many ways his image was successful. The JCPC [Critique Guide](#) is used during our critique sessions and is also a handy guide to review when looking at your own photos.

**Challenge:**

This month's challenge was "Reimagining the Ordinary" where members were instructed to practice techniques taught by Chris Bowers during "Intentional Seeing" session. Beautiful photos were shown from MaryJo, Donna, Karen, Joel, and Suzanne, all showing creativity and imagination with ordinary objects or scenes.

**Next Month:**

On June 10th, we will have a workshop learning how to photograph a table top set with bubbles as our subject. And our critique session will be a photo from MaryJo.