

Jefferson County Photography Club  
September 9, 2025 Minutes

Attendance: MaryJo Bennett, Chris Bowers, Suzanne Bowers, Karen Geier-Smith, Ellen Hardesty, Karla Hsu, John Kracke, Tina McClaffin, Donna Hamstead, Timothy Boyd, Kayla Gillespie, Rob Aaront, Katrina "Blue" Lawecki

Suzanne Bowers welcomed guests and explained that dues are \$20 a year and our calendar year starts in April. Dues will be prorated for those who join at different times of the year.

**Critique:** Ellen Hardesty brought in a landscape photo taken on the Shenandoah river. Club members offered a few editing suggestions and commented on the beautiful spot she found along the river.

Chris Bowers explained the club's Challenge/Workshop process to the new members.

**Challenge:** Double Exposure - Member's challenge was to create and show two or three images showing double exposure photos, techniques learned during the August meeting. MaryJo Bennett, Kayla Hsu, Karen Geier-Smith, Suzanne Bowers, Tina McClaffin, Ellen Hardesty and John Kracke showed some great examples of this technique. Kudos to all.

**Jefferson County Fair:** This year, for the first time, club members helped out with the photography exhibit at the Jefferson County Fair. Donna Hamstead, John Kracke, Karla Hsu Nihan Dymczynski, Katie MacKinnon, and Karen Geier-Smith volunteered their time to help make the competition a success. And congratulations to all club members who won ribbons!

**Upcoming Workshop/Challenge Schedule**

Workshop: October - Night photography – Bring your tripod for this street photography shoot.

Challenge: November -Night Photography

Workshop: December – 52-Frames (led by Karen Geier-Smith - Zoom Session)

**Exhibit Dates:**

October 30 – November 23: Firehouse Gallery Rouss Exhibit Hall (art drop-off 27 October at 11 and pick-up 24 November at 11)

April 24 – May 3: Heiler Gallery at the Old Opera

Exhibit participants must be dues paying members who have attended at least one meeting in the last six months. Members may bring 2 pieces to exhibit. 16 x 20 is a good size or smaller.

**Other Club Details:**

- November 11 – Club holiday party. (bring family, friends and food)
- Karen discussed a group outing to the Museum of the Shenandoah, and a workshop in Virginia at the end of October
- Zoom meetings start in December and run through March