

Durango Photography Club Newsletter

March, 2017

March Meeting: Refreshing Your Eye for Outdoor Photography with Nick Swingle of TwoFisted Heart Productions

March Presentation

If you're looking for a new perspective on outdoor and landscape photography, or if you've ever wondered what you could be creating with the video feature on your camera, this month's presentation is the one to see.

Our March speaker is filmmaker and photographer Nick Swingle. Nick specializes in storytelling through video, photography, and graphic design for outdoor brands, nonprofits, and small and medium-sized businesses.

His eye for landscapes is fresh and inspiring. His film work has won a number of awards, and he is a true professional with a DSLR. Nick's photography can be seen in catalogs of major outdoor companies and at the website for his business, [TwoFisted Heart Productions](#).

Nick will show us film and photographs that he has made for some big names in the outdoor industry. He'll also show equipment he uses to create his films and still images.

March Meeting Details

March 16, 2017

7-9 p.m.

Open at 6:40 for socializing
Pine Room, Extension Building
La Plata County Fairgrounds
2500 Main Avenue
Durango

Image Share

Showing your photos is optional, of course. We keep it casual and friendly and learn by seeing each other's images and by asking for critique (or not). There's no assignment: Just show your own freshest creations.

To share up to three of your photographs, either bring them to the meeting on a flash drive or email them **by March 15** to VP [Matt Hoaglin](#). It's often helpful if you can say a few words about how you shot each image and what you did in post-processing.



Photograph by Nick Swingle

Want a Dynamic Photography Club? Here's What to Do!

We're betting you have an idea or two that would make DPC a better resource or more fun.

And here's your chance to have it happen: Take a turn as president! The job is open now, and we need to fill it. The president's duties aren't onerous, and you'll be in a position to develop your ideas with the support of a friendly board.

The basic role is mainly one of delegating and coordinating:

- Fielding email on behalf of the club
- Leading board discussion to reach decisions (infrequent, and usually one round in email)
- Calling board meetings if there are several topics to discuss (three or four times a year, if that)
- Acting as initial point of contact for exhibits
- Organizing the February potluck
- Previewing the newsletter
- Making announcements at monthly meetings

To find out more about the time and effort it takes to do the basic duties, [email past president Matt Hoaglin](#). Please think about what's holding you back and ask Matt about your concerns. We need a president to help keep the club in motion. Thank you.

Dues: Last Call, Y'all

In case you haven't yet paid your annual dues, there's still time to renew your Durango Photography Club membership for 2017.

To continue as a member, please bring your \$20 dues (\$30 for a couple or family) to the March 16 meeting, or write a check to *Durango Photography Club* and mail it no later than **April 1** to our treasurer:

Gordon Greve
387 Horse Thief Lane
Durango, CO 81301

Another Cover for MaryAnne Nelson

With a thrillingly-chilly image of an ice climber in action (right), club member MaryAnne Nelson won a first-place award in the 2017 *Colorado Country Life* photo contest and earned the magazine's February cover.

Each of four contest categories represented a color in the Colorado state flag, and MaryAnne's photo was the judges' top pick in Blue.

MaryAnne made the roadside capture on a Christmastime day trip with visitors. "I was just a tourist with a camera that day," she said. "The blue came out nicely as the climbing is mostly in the shade in the afternoon."

A year ago, *Colorado Life* magazine used one of MaryAnne's pictures for its March cover.



Ouray Ice Climber, by MaryAnne Nelson

Rare and Brief Windows of Photo Opportunity This Month

Mesa Verde National Park recently announced on its Facebook page that, weather permitting, Cliff Palace will be open for self-guided visits this month on Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. When possible, the Cliff Palace loop road will open at 10:30 a.m. on those dates; all vehicles will need to be off the loop by 2:30.

(The Mesa Verde Country Visitor Information Bureau has reported that the weekend openings will continue through April 8, but this couldn't be confirmed with the park.)

To check details, phone park information at (970) 529-4465. Be aware that fully exploring the ruin may involve climbing as many as five ladders, each 8 feet high.

Speaking of heights, weren't you just saying you wanted to add some **aerial photos** to your portfolio? For \$600 an hour you can shoot the San Juan Mountains and Animas River Valley on a spring break flight with Colorado Highland Helicopters, March 11–19. Call (970) 259-1423.



Cliff Palace, by Linda Pampinella

Durango Arts Center Seeking Works for Several Events

If you're looking for venues where you can bring your photography out to the public, our own Durango Arts Center is a good place to focus your effort right now.

41st Annual Juried Exhibit of the Durango Arts Center. DAC is accepting submissions until **April 22** for this annual show of two- and three-dimensional works in any medium.

[Juror information and submission guidelines.](#)

Call for Artists/Curators. Imagine creating your own exhibition! DAC is accepting proposals for one-artist shows and collaborative exhibits to occur during the latter part of 2017 and in 2018. Deadline is **May 10** for proposals to be evaluated at the end of May. Exhibits Director Peter Hay notes that the process is always open and proposals will be considered again in the fall.

[More information.](#)

Durango Autumn Arts Festival. The application period is still open for this September's fine arts and crafts show benefiting DAC. Deadline is **May 22**. [Call to artists.](#)

P.S. You may still have a few hours to submit images of summer and fall attractions and scenery to **Durango Magazine**. Cutoff is **March 13**. Too soon? Read the [submission guidelines](#) and see what to shoot now for next year.

In Memoriam:

John W. White

Text and photo by Howard Rachlin

John W. White, the Durango Photography Club's second president, died March 5.

John was involved in the start-up of the club and was its first VP for Programs.

He was an avid photographer, especially of flowers. He was a PhD in horticulture and retired from Penn State as a professor emeritus.

Peggy, his wife, said, "Chasing rainbows was a delight for John, as was discovering new wildflowers."



Behold the Winners of the DPC Photography Competition

Congratulations to the Durango Photography Club members who earned top marks from their peers at this year's birthday celebration and intra-club competition!

Pete Varney won Best of Show honors for a landscape image from the Grand Canyon, made in what he modestly says was a fortuitous moment of honeyed light when a storm was breaking up. We say, "Pete, you make your own luck."

Our newest member, Sarah Gump, burst onto the scene barely a month after joining the club with second-place photos in two categories. Welcome, Sarah!

The table below lists those who took first and second place in each category, with one exception: Your photo competition correspondent lost her notebook, and along with it the name of the second-place photographer in the Close-up/Macro category. Also missing: an image title in the Miscellaneous group. Apologies, and please get in touch with me so I can make up for the omissions in next month's newsletter.

Thanks to all who entered photos and to those who sent their successful images for inclusion in the newsletter (these are marked with an asterisk in the table, and they appear in the following pages).

Special appreciation to Matt Hoaglin for procuring the barbecue and fried chicken, and to him and Gordon Greve for running the competition while everyone else was chowing down.

2017 Competition Winners

Best of Show: Pete Varney, Landscapes, Grand Canyon

Category	First Place Photographer, Image Title	Second Place Photographer, Image Title
Abstracts	Steven Yabek, Solitude in the Dunes*	Pete Varney, Redwoods & Rhododendrons
Animals	John Camacho, Mountain Lion*	Gordon Greve, Yum-Yum*
Architecture	Howard Rachlin, Ye Olde Barn*	Sarah Gump, Historic Hotel*
Close-up/Macro	Eric Pahlke, Yikes!*	
Landscapes	Pete Varney, Grand Canyon	Sarah Gump, Driftwood*
People	Kate O'Kami, Gallipoli Machine Gunner (Te Papa Museum Sculpture)	Steven Yabek, Día de Los Muertos*
Miscellaneous	Jerry Day, Mudhen Sunrise*	Four-way tie: John Camacho, Antelope Canyon* Howard Rachlin, Multi-color Aurora Over Hut* John Leonard, Flaming Daisy* Scott Henning (title unknown)

Favorites from the February Competition

Continues on following pages



First Place, Abstracts: Solitude in the Dunes, by Steven Yabek



First Place, Animals: Mountain Lion, by John Camacho



First Place, Architecture: Ye Olde Barn, by Howard Rachlin



First Place, Close-ups/Macro: Yikes!, by Eric Pahlke



First Place, Miscellaneous: Mudhen Sunrise, by Jerry Day



Second Place, Animals: Yum-Yum, by Gordon Greve



Second Place, Architecture: Historic Hotel, by Sarah Gump



Second Place, Miscellaneous: Antelope Canyon, by John Camacho



Second Place, People: Día de los Muertos, by Steven Yabek



Second Place, Landscapes: Driftwood, by Sarah Gump



Second Place, Miscellaneous: Multi-color Aurora Over Hut, by Howard Rachlin



Second Place, Miscellaneous: Flaming Daisy, by John Leonard

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All of us on the board appreciate hearing from you with your suggestions, program ideas, occasional attaboys/attagirls, and offers of help to keep our club moving forward.

Newsletter Submissions

Text and photos for the monthly newsletter are due the first of the month. We want to hear about your shows and awards, suggestions and discoveries.

If you have an idea for an article, kindly get in touch before writing it. Content is subject to editing, and the board or editor may use discretion about what to include. Please send suggestions and queries to:
dgophotonews@gmail.com.

Images Online from DPC Members

Enjoy these websites showing work by club photographers.

Barbara Grist	barbaragristphotography.com
Barbara Lawson	sanjuanimages.com
Carol Lewin	carollewin.zenfolio.com
Howard Rachlin	HowardRachlin.com
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