



Western Pennsylvania

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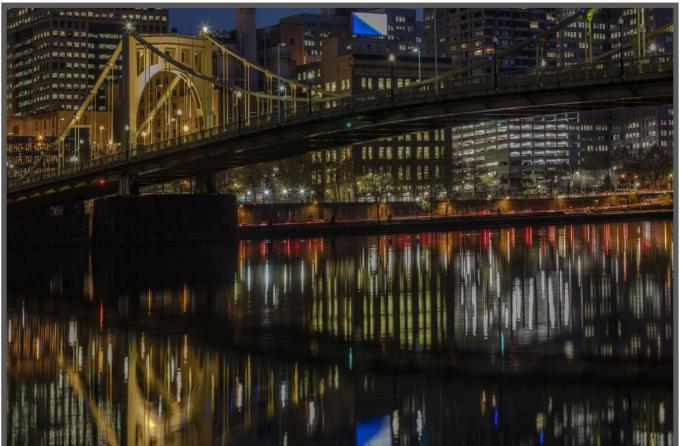
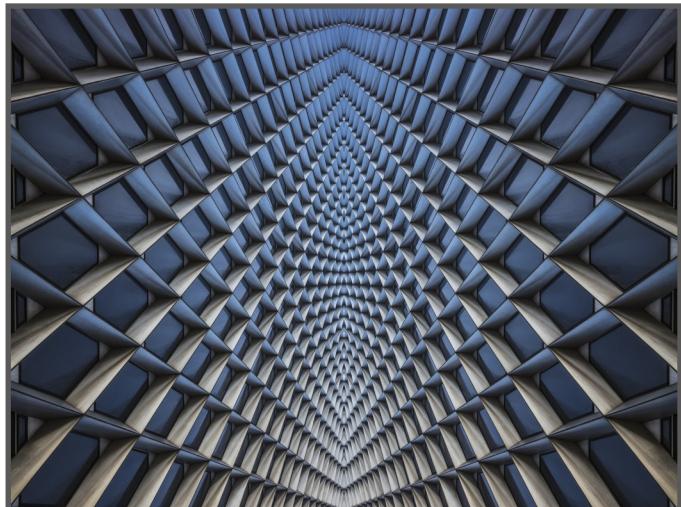
CAMERA CLUB



Happy New Year! This month we welcome Robert Strovers as our guest speaker. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January, 14 at 6:30pm in the multi purpose room at the Peters Township Library.

Robert's work brings us back from photography as entertainment to photography as fine art. Drawing out what photography is and does apart from all other art forms. He captures glimpses of the world at large with clarity, sharpness and a sense of composition that only the well-aimed camera can contain. Strovers frames this world for his viewers, focuses their eye and attention and serves them up to one timeless shot after another of life extraordinary

Strovers' images are masterful without pretension, bringing the viewer to each object, scene or abstracted vista with immersive color, clarity and delight. Born in Colorado and raised in Texas, he adopted Pittsburgh. Self taught, but with a natural eye for composition and detail, Robert believes the power and appeal of the image lies in the print and presentation.



**Pennsylvania Magazine Contest information
& entry form is provided on page three.**



Congratulations to Julie Iverson and her winning photo from the "In the Kitchen" monthly theme assignment. There were several photos that tied for the honorable mention.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

DATE: January 26th

TIME: 6:00pm

**WHERE: Apple Store
South Hills Village**

The Apple Store offers a class on how to use your iPhone's camera. The club has arranged for a class for club members.

The class is free to members.



The first full moon on January 3rd, a "Wolf Supermoon" appearing larger and brighter as it nears the Earth.
Photo: Dawn Hammer



**HOMEWORK THEME:
"MIRRORED"
SUBMIT YOUR
PHOTO TO
DAVE TAUCH BY
FEBRUARY 1ST**

Four Corner Shoot Was a Success!



Photos by Dawn Hammer



Julie Iverson

Photo by Julie Iverson



*Photo by
Tiffany Trunk*

2026 PHOTO CONTEST

ENTER YOUR
BEST
SHOTS

YOUR PHOTO COULD BE SEEN by more than 80,000 readers when you enter it in Pennsylvania's premier photo contest. The contest is open to anyone who doesn't earn a living as a professional photographer. Entrants can submit up to 15 images in any category combination. Make sure your entry is postmarked or uploaded to a file-sharing service such as *Dropbox.com* by April 15, 2026.

Winning photos will appear in the July/August 2026, September/October 2026 and/or November/December 2026 issues. After the judges have selected contest winners, the editor will review the finalists' images throughout the year for possible use in upcoming issues. If we are interested in running your non-winning photo(s) in the magazine, we'll contact you to arrange for its one-time use.

A majority of our yearly photo essay content is obtained from entries to this contest.

PRIZES AWARDED IN EACH CATEGORY:

1st Place:

\$250 cash, a *Pennsylvania Magazine* T-shirt and a one-year subscription

2nd Place:

\$150 cash, a *Pennsylvania Magazine* T-shirt and a one-year subscription

3rd Place:

\$75 cash, a *Pennsylvania Magazine* T-shirt and a one-year subscription

Honorable Mentions:

A *Pennsylvania Magazine* T-shirt and a one-year subscription

Submit your entries electronically via a file-sharing service such as *Dropbox* or *WeTransfer* or mail your photos (on or before April 15, 2026) on a USB drive or CD/DVD (with a completed fill-in PDF entry form) to:

Pennsylvania Magazine
2026 Photo Contest
P.O. Box 755
Camp Hill, PA 17001-0755

If you'd like confirmation that we've received your mailed entry, use the USPS Delivery Confirmation service option.

Questions? Call the editor at 717-697-4660 or send an email to editor@pa-mag.com.

RULES OF THE CONTEST:

1. Contest is open to amateur photographers only (those who do not earn a majority [over half] of their income as photographers).
2. Enter your electronic files, either online (see the information on our website at pa-mag.com/2026photo) or by sending your image files (in .TIF or .JPG format) on a USB drive, CD-ROM or DVD. Please include description information for each image either on the entry form or as a listing on a separate sheet of paper or as a text file with your entries.
3. Each entrant may submit up to a total of 15 photos in any category combination. Entrants may also include additional images for editorial consideration. There is no fee to enter.
4. Entered photos must have been taken recently (from January 1, 2021, to present) by the entrant of a Pennsylvania locale/subject.
5. A copy (a scanned image or photocopy is acceptable) of a completed and signed entry form must be included with your mail-submitted disk, or indicate your acceptance of the rules of the contest on the fill-in PDF (or online entry form) that you will submit with your entries. Entrant agrees to rules of the contest upon entering images into the contest.
6. Keep a copy of your electronic files since submitted USB drives and CDs/DVDs will not be returned.
7. The publisher will exercise reasonable care with entries but
- cannot be held liable for loss of any entry.
8. Judging of the images will take place in May 2026. Winners will be notified in June, and a listing of the contest winners will appear on pa-mag.com in early July 2026, as well as in the July/August 2026 issue. **Each entrant is limited to one award per category.**
9. At the discretion of the editor, each winning photo will be published in one future issue of the magazine and on the magazine's website (pa-mag.com) without additional compensation to the entrant. Entrant retains all other rights to the photograph, granting *Pennsylvania Magazine* one-time use rights for display of the winning photo in the magazine and on its website.
10. Names and hometowns of all winners will be published in one or more issues of the magazine, and announcement materials with this information will be sent to entrants and public media and will be posted on the magazine's website.
11. Finalist images in the contest will be considered for use (pending approval by the submitting photographer) in a future issue of the magazine. Photographers who agree to use of their non-winning entries and whose images appear in the magazine will be paid the regular fee for one-time use of an image.
12. Judges' decisions are final.

ENTRY FORM 2026 PHOTO CONTEST

(include one signed copy of this form with all of your entries or use the entry form on our website)

INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ENTRIES FOR EACH CATEGORY:

Historic Sites and Scenes (2026 is our country's 250th anniversary)

Altered Images (artistic touches put to images)

Furry Animals (pets and wildlife with fur)

ENTRY DEADLINE APRIL 15

NAME

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

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DAY or CELL TELEPHONE (only used for photo contest-related calls)

EMAIL ADDRESS

Attach one separate summary sheet for all entries with the following information:

- **Where the photo was taken** (city/area/county).
- **When the photo was taken** (specify month/year).
- **Identify any people/wildlife/objects** in the photo.
- If you'd like to **explain any unique circumstances/description** for the photo, please attach a separate note.

I certify that I have read the rules of the contest and agree to the conditions as specified.

Signature and date (Photos submitted without entry forms are not eligible.)