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**MEET THE NEW  
EXECUTIVES**

# WASHINGTON PARK IN FOCUS



“Natural Light Beauty” by Duane Savage won Image of the Year and 1st Place Monochrome at Washington Park Camera Club’s Year End Photo DPI Competition



## A Message from the President

Welcome Back Everyone!

To our new members: Ivy, Teracita, Linda and John we welcome you to the WPCC family.

We look forward to a year filled with great opportunities to have fun while we learn and share as we become better photographers.

Washington Park Camera Club has some of the most committed, hard working, dependable and supportive team members to be found. I sincerely appreciate everyone one of you. THANK YOU!

Here's to another great year!

Vanessa Thomas, President

## Meet the New Executives

On June 19th, 2021 at the annual End of the Year banquet the Gavel was passed and with it a new executive was sworn into office.

**Vanessa Thomas, President**, joined the club in 2006, and has held the offices of Financial Secretary (2007-2008) and then Treasurer until 2021. She hopes that she can inspire each member to participate in competition (print or digital) and continue to find



Club members attended the 2021 End of the Year Banquet held on June 19, 2021 at the home of Diane Halle.

safe, innovative ways to go out and shoot as a club. “I would love for everyone to walk away knowing that they are a better photographer because of something learned at WPCC” she says. Vanessa would also like to increase the club’s membership (say 10 for this year).



New Club Executive - Lauren Snowden-Ingram (Secretary), Carol Neal (Treasurer), Sheila Nicholes (Vice President) and Vanessa Thomas (President)

**Sheila Nicholes, Vice President**, joined the club in 2015, and has held the poses of the Programs chairperson (circa 2016) and is also an active member of the By Laws committee since then. Along with Sam Cooper, she’s been one of the liaisons to the University of Chicago Arts Incubator. “My vision for WPCC is to get the younger generation involved. Create a way/ program for interested youth to develop their photo skills. Many young people have mobile phones which could be used for capturing still images, and artistically be creative with their images. Expose DSLR equipment to them. My grand children are showing me new technology. We share different basics with our varied technologies. I’m sure there is a community of youth who are curious to learn and share. I would like to see this type of future engagement for WPCC.”

**Lauren Snowden-Ingram, Secretary**, joined the club at the first meeting of the 2019 club year. She knew about the club for a number of years, but more recently it was brought to her attention by Duane Savage and Jerlyn Maloy. Being the club’s secretary is the first position she’s held as an officer of the club. She says, “My plan is to provide excellent minutes for the membership just as the previous secretary did.”

**Carol Neal, Treasurer**, joined the club in 2019, and since June 2021, is currently holder the office of Treasurer. She’s also a member of the Archive Committee. She hopes the club grows in membership and participation with the photo shoots and competitions. “I hope to learn more and become more precise in my photo techniques and skills. I hope that I can pass my knowledge, artistic and photo skills to other members.”

# Club Calendar

## September 2021

**Sep 7** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
Welcome Back 2021-2022

**Sep 11** - 9:30 am - 12:00 pm CDT  
WPCC Archive Project Walk in the Park

**Sep 14** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
WPCC Business Meeting 2021

**Sep 21** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
200th Olmsted Celebration Presentation

**Sep 28** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
WPCC Mentor Program

## October 2021

**Oct 5** - 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
WPCC Monthly Competition

**Oct 9** - 2:00 pm - 5:00 pm CDT  
WPCC Depth of Field Photography Exhibit

**Oct 12** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
WPCC Monthly Business Meeting

**Oct 19** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
Presentation – Mobile Photography Tips & Best Practices

**Oct 26** - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm CDT  
Photographic Composure Techniques Presentation

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To see the latest, please visit:

<https://washingtonparkcameraclub.org/event>

# WPCC's Peer Mentoring Program



The Washington Park Camera Club Peer Mentor program began during the 2020-2021 camera season. Many of the members said they would love to have sessions where people that were not experienced could get together to learn more about the functions of their camera, how to set these functions and where to use them.

From these discussions the WPCC Mentoring program was developed. We just finished our first year during the pandemic and the program was a great success. With mentees learning about their camera: what to focus on, when to shoot, how to set their cameras for different scenes, using a program to correct some things in the photos and many other areas.

We will offer the program again this camera year (2021-2022). All members that want to learn more about photography are welcome to join. You must be willing to commit to working with your mentor, have a working camera, and be able to join your mentor on Zoom at the time the group decides to meet. Finally, complete the application on our website. (Look for the tab entitled 'Peer Mentor Survey')

If you would like to be a Peer Mentor and you desire to work with people who want to learn, have patience or you just want to share your craft then we need you!

For more information see <https://washingtonparkcameraclub.org/peer-mentorship-program>

## The Mentors



### FRED LOTT

**Mentoring Style:** As mentor, Fred and his mentees utilize the 1:1 coaching approach.

**Mentoring Focus:** Photoshop.

### KEN MITCHELL

**Mentoring Style:** As mentor, Ken and his mentees utilize the 1:1 coaching approach.

**Mentoring Focus:** Photography Fundamentals

### PRESTON MOORE

**Mentoring Style:** As mentor, Preston and his mentees utilize the small group coaching approach.

**Mentoring Focus:** General Photography & Practical Skills

### PHILIP THOMAS

**Mentoring Style:** As mentor, Philip and his mentees utilize the small group coaching approach (3-5 mentees).

**Mentoring Focus:** Photography Fundamentals; Event, Travel, Street and Portraiture photography

# 2020 - 2021 End of the Year Banquet

On June 19, 2021 (Juneteenth) members of the Washington Park Camera Club gathered at the home of member, Diane Halle for the annual End of the Year Banquet. The new 2021-2023 Executive was sworn in and Bonnie DuBose was recognized as member of the year. This years event was organized by Linda Hondras and Jerlyn Maloy. A special "Thank you" to Diane Halle for hosting the event in her beautiful backyard, allowing for outdoor, social distancing during the global COVID-19 Pandemic.



[ Photos | courtesy of Bonnie DuBose & Philip Thomas ]



## September

Carol N  
Vanessa T

## October

Sam C  
Rosetta P  
Carlotta A  
Dawan S  
Wanda R  
Teracita P

## Kathleen Sims, APSA: Distinguished Service Awardee

On Saturday, September 11, 2021, Kathleen Sims, APSA, received the 2020 Charles, FPSA and Betty Stinton Award for her 25 continuous years of volunteer service to the Chicago Area Camera Clubs Association at their 84th Annual Banquet which was held at Manzo's Banquets and Catering in Mount Prospect, Illinois. The award honors CACCA's many successful photographers for 2020 to 2021. She is the first African American Woman in Illinois to receive this recognition.

From her bio, Kathleen retired from the Chicago Transit Authority after 22 years as an L Train Operator. She began her photography journey in 1995 when she joined WPCC and shortly after became the club's delegate to the Chicago Area Camera Club Association (CACCA). Through the years she served CACCA in various capacities at monthly board meetings, judging competitions, publishing the monthly "What's Clickin'" news letter articles and providing various presenters and presentations.



During her membership with WPCC, she's served as the slide and print chairpersons, treasurer and club president for a number of terms.

As a way of giving back, she volunteered more of her time as a member of the Annual PSA Convention Equipment Team. In 1996 she joined the Photographic Society of America (PSA) and became a Journal Pictorial Print Judge and the Illinois Membership Director in 2013. In 2014 Kathleen received the PSA President's Medallion for outstanding dedication to the promotion of photography throughout the Chicagoland Area. This was also the first time it was awarded to an African American woman.

In 2015, Kathleen qualified for her Associate Photographic Society of America (ASPA), and is also the only African American person in Illinois to receive the International PSA Lifetime Service Award.

Kathleen says, "I was 50 years old when I picked up a camera for the first time. Yes, it will take a lot of practice, dedication and determination." She feels that photography is easier now. She goes on to say, "When I first started we were shooting slides and printing in a wet dark room with chemicals. You now have The I-Phone, digital cameras and the Internet with Google Search to guide you step by step through the entire process from beginner to expert. The opportunity awaits."

Although she is open to shooting any subject matter, her favorites are nature and sports. She says that now she uses her iPhone 11 Pro Max, rather than having to lug around her Nikon D7500, camera equipment and tripod.

Kathleen wraps up with, “Photography compliments my passion for travel. It has taken me to many International locations as well as most of the US. I enjoy sharing the wonderful world of photography with you all.”

[ **Photos** | *courtesy of Linda Hondras; content adapted by Philip Thomas from Kathleen Sims' Biography* ]

## 2021 End of the Year Photo Contest Winners

On May 25, 2021 the the Washington Park Camera Club held it's annual end of the year Photo contest. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Health Officials' guidance the event was held virtually over Zoom. This means only DPI submissions were able to compete.

Here are the results:

### IMAGE OF THE YEAR

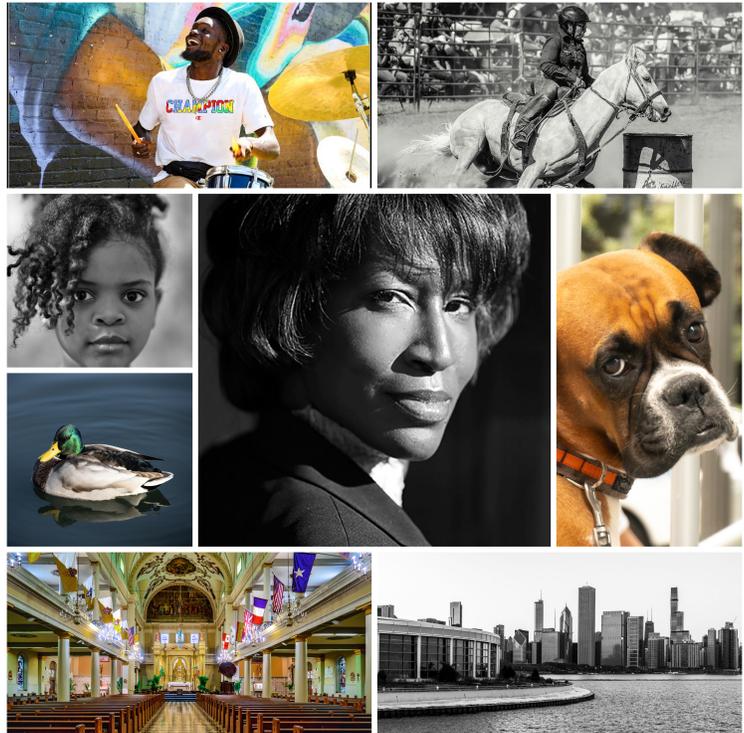
Natural Light Beauty ~ *Duane Savage*

### COLOR CATEGORY

- 1st Place - Look in My Eye ~ *Diane Halle*
- 2nd Place - Beautiful Church ~ *Dennis Hurd*
- 3rd Place - Pretty Pup ~ *Dennis Hurd*
- 4th Place - Street Side Jam Session ~ *Duane Savage*

### MONOCHROME CATEGORY

- 1st Place - Natural Light Beauty ~ *Duane Savage*
- 2nd Place - Classic Chicago ~ *Dennis Hurd*
- 3rd Place - Barrel Race ~ *Preston Moore*
- 4th Place - Girl with the Curls ~ *Vanessa Thomas*



**Washington Park Camera Club Officers**

**(2021 - 2021)**

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