

# Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2023

By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

We had 13 of 21 members attend our meeting which was led by Heather Reinhart.

The assignment was Winter photos. We had 5 people share their images. They were great! Thanks for sharing them with us.

This is a reminder: Last month, Darrell Pikkaraine shared information on the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs annual Spring Break. Here's some of the information:

**Date: Saturday, March 11th, 2023,** (an all-day event)

**Registration now open:** <https://reg.planetReg.com/E111773359144510>

You must register in advance, there is no registration at the door. Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m., opening announcements at 7:45, and the first program begins at 8:00.

**Location: Spring Lake Park High School**

1100 81st Ave. NE

Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

- Main speakers will be announced in the near future.
- There will be an area set up for macro photography, so bring your cameras.
- A box lunch will be provided along with coffee and snacks throughout the day.
- There will also be a number of vendors to spend time with during breaks.
- The results of the 2023 Interclub Competition will end the day.

**Cost:** All this for only **\$50** (\$25 for students).

Darrell and some others have attended in the past and it is always worthwhile going. Registration is open now. Check out their page for continued updates: <https://cameracouncil.org/spring-break/>

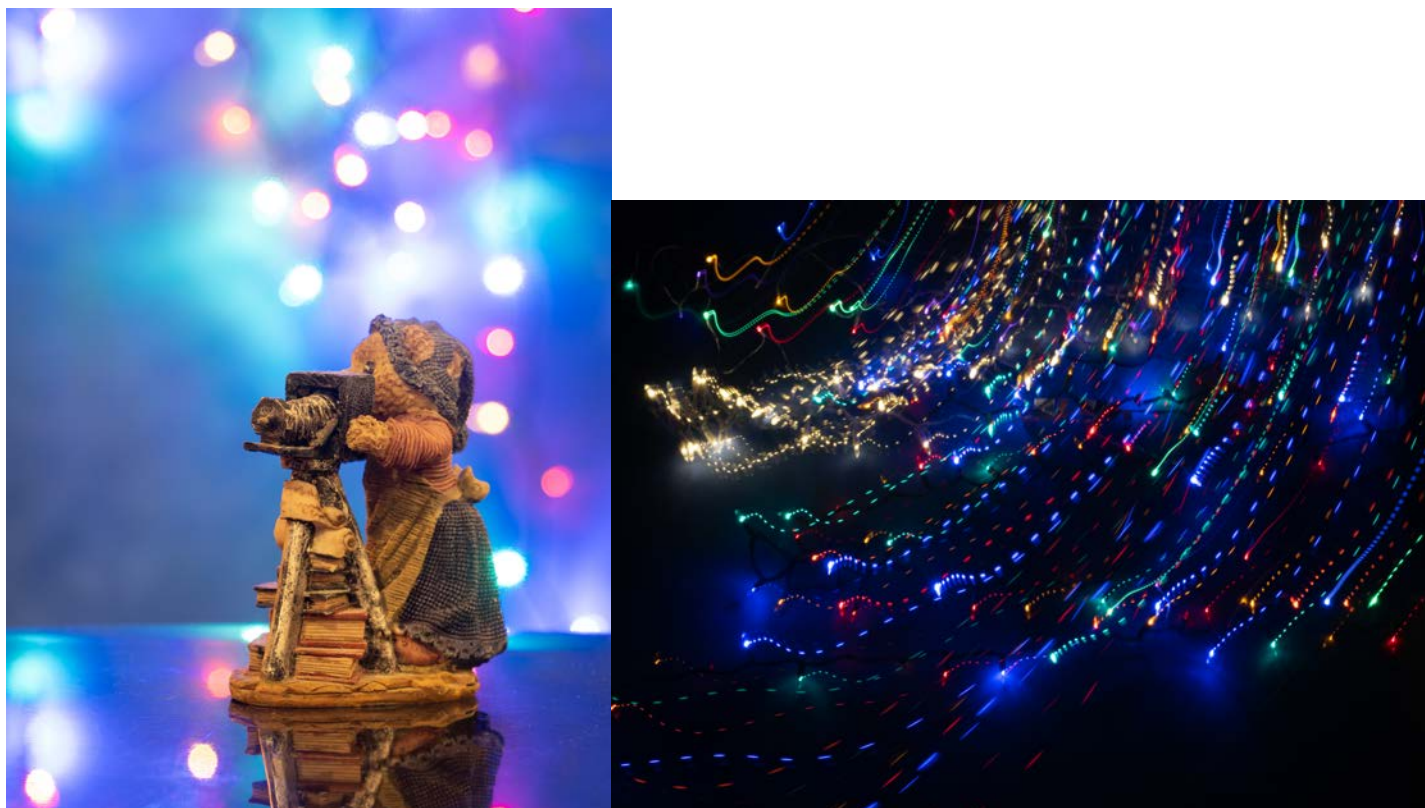
The Topic for the night was Bokeh. It was presented by Jean Davids with a "Play Session" afterwards. Members had been encouraged to bring in their camera and a tripod (if desired) to try their hands on shooting Bokeh shots. Jean provided a backdrop with Christmas lights on it and also brought in some small items to use as subjects. Examples were a bear taking a photo, an eagle, some Peanuts characters, an angel and others. Some others brought in items that they wanted to try.

But first, we watched some videos. Here are the links for the videos that Jean shared as well as one for a subject that Jean forgot to mention which is about making the bokeh into different shapes. One video was attempted for sharing but the sound was just not suitable for the room. When viewing that one at home you may need to play it at full volume. It is worth it as the topic is on bokeh in wildlife photography.

- How To Get MAXIMUM BOKEH - **Depth of Field Explained** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPE4rDq37dg&t=134s> - ignore the ad at the beginning
- How to Capture **Festive Bokeh** with Daisy Dickinson - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aM5mH81XkYQ>
- Countdown to Christmas - **Holiday Bokeh** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Df90Pmarbf0> - think of this one in terms of your camera and ignore setting specific to OM Systems
- Wildlife Photography Tips | **Background Bokeh** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sLm7cHrYOMc> - turn the volume up on this one. Couldn't share this at the meeting.

- This is a video that discusses creating **Bokeh of different shapes and how to achieve it**. Ignore the cutesy stuff at the beginning and you will find it worthwhile. Starts being worth it around 20 second in. - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eug9O95tghg>

Here's a couple of the photos that Jean took at the meeting. The second one was a pleasant accident. Jean tried seeing how things would look using a setting of F22. Normally pointing a camera in a direction with street lights at that kind of setting would lead to star shapes. Well, evidently it wasn't done with the exposure and when the camera was moved this was the result. It was fun to experiment.



All in all, this meeting was well attended and seemed to go over fairly well.

Jean also mentioned that the Sherburne Refuge Photo Club is inviting us to their March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Oak Savanna Learning Center located out on county road 9. She will send out information on this and see if we can coordinate who plans on going via Tom Kline who is also a member of that club.

### 2023 Calendar

March 15

- Assignment: Bokeh
- Topic: Topaz apps - demo by Jean Davids

April 19

- Assignment: Share before and after of edited photos
- Topic: Photoshop/Lightroom Q&A - demo by Jean Davids - group discussion

May 17

- Assignment: Share before and after of edited photos
- Topic: Electronic Flash - National Camera ????? Don P. will find out if possible (date not firm)

June 21

- Assignment:
- Topic: Action Photos (date not firm)

July 19

- Assignment:
- Topic: Photos in the dark - bring camera and play (date not firm)

August 16

- Assignment:
- Topic: Camera Raw (date not firm)

September 20

- Assignment:
- Topic:

October 18

- Assignment:
- Topic:

November 15

- Assignment:
- Topic:

December 20

- Assignment: Top photos of 2023
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion