

Focus Group Camera Club

Photographers sharing their knowledge and experiences

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From the President:

“You don't take a photograph, you make it.” - Ansel Adams

Adams' point, of course, is that an interesting or beautiful photograph doesn't just happen with the snap of the shutter. It takes some thought and effort. The same can be said about a photography club.

The Focus Group Camera Club was, and continues to be, made by its members. A group of photographers came together in 1989 and formed the club. The club's first exhibit was twenty-five years ago at the James Center. Since then the members have organized roughly a hundred club exhibits. We take turns doing presentations at club meetings and handling club responsibilities as board officers and committee chairs. We share our wisdom and recent photographs at meeting roundtables and in the newsletter.

The 25th James Center exhibit is now history but we have upcoming exhibits and club programs. We have a bi-monthly newsletter and field trips in the works. This is all for the benefit of our members but our members need to help make it happen.

Everyone can do something. Help hang an exhibit. Do a presentation at a club meeting. Contribute to the newsletter. Chair a committee. Assist on a committee. Contribute to the Roundtable. Become an officer. Bring refreshments to an exhibit opening.

Remember, you don't take a photograph, you make it. The same goes for your club.

Stephen Retherford

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Club Meetings are held:

Second Tuesday 7:30 PM
River Road Presbyterian Church
8960 River Road.
Richmond

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Member News

One of Gilpin Brown's heron shots was on the cover of The Chesapeake Bay Foundation Newsletter this month. He was very surprised (but we were not!).

One of my projects is to seek out new locations in and around our city. Here are a few recent attempts. This process can require several visits to the same area to get the right conditions. This may be the case with most of these images. When I first visit a new site I take several photos, regardless of the conditions.

Bob Coles





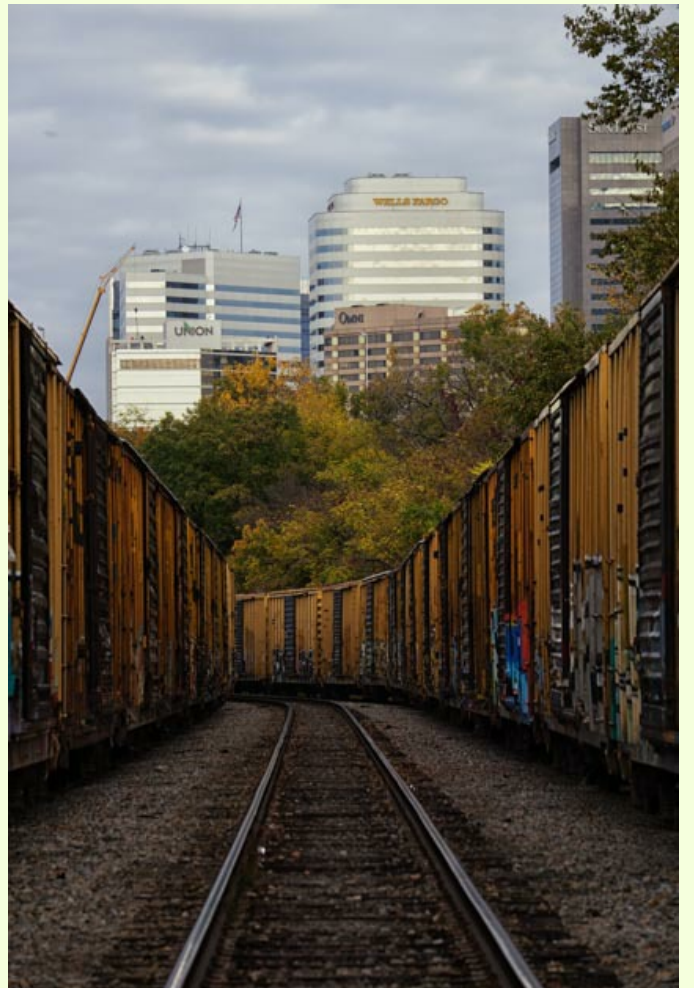
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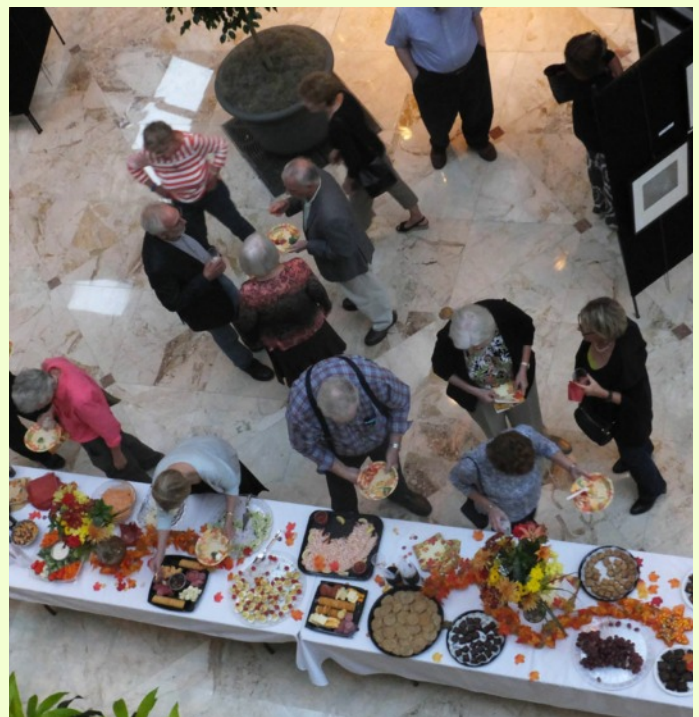
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Thanks to Vicky for organizing the James Center exhibit (55 images), and to Bev, Cindy, and Stephen for the reception!
Pictures submitted by Gilpin Brown



More James Center Pictures

By Bill Billings



Nature's Fall Color

By Bev Nelson



Big Bike Race



Gilpin Brown



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More Bike Race

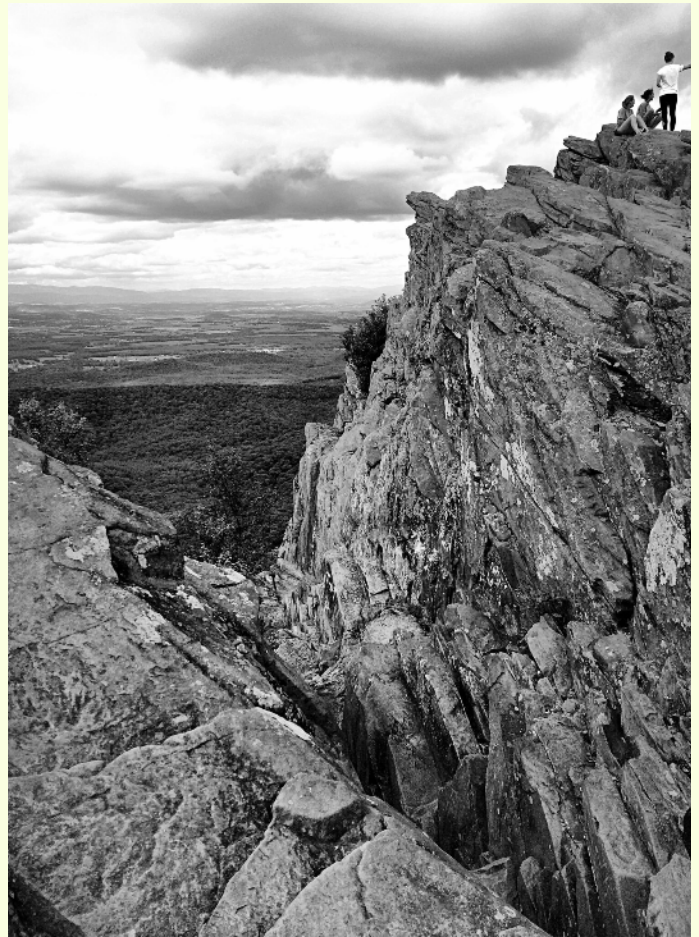
By Cyane Lowden
with a basic phone



In mid-September I spent a weekend at Douthat State Park and drove home on the Blue Ridge Parkway. The scenery was beautiful. I had my camera with me so I took several photographs. However, this being the second decade of the 21st Century, I also had my iPhone and an inner urge to share this beautiful scenery with the entire world immediately.

The images below are some of the photographs I took using my iPhone. I use the ProCamera app as both camera and editing program on my phone. I would then open the edited images in Instagram do a little touch-up with the Instagram editing program. I then posted the images on both Instagram and FaceBook. The time from shooting each photograph to editing it to posting it for public view was just a few minutes. The cameras on cellular telephones and the photo-editing phone apps have their limitations but for purposes of creating “good enough” images to post quickly on the Internet they have the potential of doing a pretty good job.

Stephen Retherford



Two photos of the Red Mill Inn B&B Circa 1740 and the old mill. My wife and I stayed in this old B&B when we were married in 1971. It is located in Natural Bridge, VA.

Wade Emmett



I have been experimenting with hand-held HDR and the flowers are from Lewis Ginter and using Photomatrix Pro 5.

By **Gilpin Brown**



Some of Franks collection of signs



More Signs, not Frank's



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Tim Wright
presentation &
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Thanksgiving

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December 2015

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	1 Deliver photographs to Richmond Public Library for exhibit	2	3 Board Meeting TBD	4 Richmond Public Library exhibit reception 6:30-9:00	5	6
7	8 Club meeting – Lynda Richardson presentation & Roundtable	9	10	11	12	13
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