

# May 2025 Newsletter

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## *What's Happening*

*Meetings are free and open to everyone. Arrive 30 minutes early for the social time.*

**May 8**

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Program - Shadows, Silhouettes,  
Reflections and More Portraits**

In-Person

**May 22**

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Competition – Shadows or  
Silhouettes, Nature, Color,  
Monochrome and Monthly Challenge  
Broken Glass**

Virtual & In-Person

**June 5**

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Celebrate Flagpole's 40th  
Anniversary!**

In-Person

**June 12**

7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

**Competition – Mirrors or Reflections,  
Nature, Color, Monochrome and  
Monthly Challenge**

Virtual & In-Person

**Summer Break**

Watch for possible activities!

**September 11**

**Ice Cream Social & Program Night**

In-Person

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## Flagpole Photographers Camera Club Posts

# Celebrate Flagpole's 40th Anniversary & RSVP!

Join us in celebrating a milestone! Founded in 1985 in Newtown, CT, Flagpole Photographers Camera Club is turning 40! For four decades, the club has fostered a vibrant community of photo enthusiasts dedicated to learning, growing, and sharing their passion. What - Desserts, raffles, old and new members, and more! Enjoy delicious desserts and beverages with free raffles for Flagpole Photography ...



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## 2025 Annual Competition & Exhibit Results



1. Congratulations to our winners and all participants!
2. Results
3. Video of the Judges Discussing the Photos

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## People's Choice for the 2025 Annual Competition

And the winner is Sandy Schill for Tulips!

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## Learning at our Hands-On Photography Workshop Day



What a perfect day it was for being outside and capturing some amazing photos! The sun was shining brightly on Saturday, May 3rd as enthusiastic learners joined Flagpole Photographers leaders Chane, Rhonda, and Melissa for our annual hands-on workshop, hosted at Newtown's beautiful Pleasance Park and the scenic Sandy Hook Center. We kicked off the day by diving deep into ...

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## Bronx Zoo Field Trip

The Flagpole Photographers Camera Club recently embarked on an field trip to the Bronx Zoo on April 25, 2025, capturing the vibrant life and diverse inhabitants of this renowned location. The Bronx Zoo is the largest metropolitan zoo in the US and one of the best. This outing provided a great



opportunity for members to hone their  
wildlife photography skills ...

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## 2025 April Competition Results, All Photos & Video



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## Sports Action Photography Recording of Newtown Bee Sports Editor Andy Hutchison

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# Learning Program: Action Photography Photos



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## Action Figures Leaders & Learners Team Shared Photos

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## Flagpole Photographers in the News

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**Flagpole Photographers Sweeps Best In Show Awards At NECCC Spring 2025  
Print Competition**



Flagpole Photographers Camera Club members recently garnered top accolades, including both Best In Show awards, at the prestigious New England Camera Club Council (NECCC) Spring 2025 Individual Print Competitions. The club also celebrated multiple award-winning prints across the Color, Monochrome, and Nature categories. Highlighting the club's success were the two highest honors awarded: Best in Show-Color to Rhonda Cullens for her print "Fire and Ice," and Best in Show-Monochrome to Chane Cullens for his print "Let the Milky Way Be the Guide Tonight."

Flagpole Photographers also received recognition for several other outstanding images across various categories: Color Print Category - Judge's Choice, Richard Kunsch for "Kyoshi Warriors"; Honor Award, Sandy Schill for "Tulips"; Monochrome Print Category - Best Nature, Robyn Abrams for "Strike a Pose"; Judge's Choice, Rhonda Cullens for "Icy Cold"; and Honor Award, Katie Slawitschek for "The Pout."

Club President Melissa Bilotta said winning both Best In Show awards "is a tremendous achievement and a testament to the talent within Flagpole Photographers. We are very proud of Rhonda and Chane for earning these top honors, and equally thrilled for Sandy, Robyn, Richard, and Katie on their significant, well-deserved awards!" she added. "Our members continue to excel and inspire."

The NECCC competitions serve as a benchmark for quality and creativity among camera clubs throughout the New England region. NECCC is a nonprofit association connecting camera clubs across New England. It promotes photography through interclub competitions, educational programs, and workshops.

Based in Newtown, Flagpole Photographers Camera Club is dedicated to fostering a community for photographers of all skill levels who are passionate about learning, growing, and sharing their expertise. Through monthly meetings, workshops, and events, members connect, collaborate, and challenge themselves to develop their skills and artistic vision. Believing that photography captures the beauty and wonder of the world, the club provides a supportive and inspiring environment for creating stunning and meaningful photos. Anyone looking for a supportive and inspiring environment to grow as a photographer is welcome to join the club. Visit [FlagpolePhotographers.com](https://flagpolephotographers.com) to learn more.

All photos at <https://flagpolephotographers.com/news/neccc-2025-spring-individual-print/>

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**"Let the Milky Way Be the Guide Tonight" by Chane Cullens, which won the NECCC Spring 2025 Best in Show-Monochrome honor.**

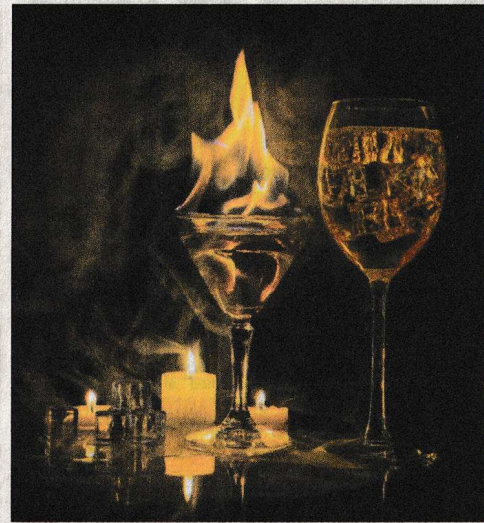
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**New England Camera Club Council named this photo, "Fire and Ice" by Rhonda Cullens, its Spring 2025 Best in Show-Color winner. Representing the Newtown-based Flagpole Photographers Camera Club, Cullens and her husband swept the NECCC Best in Show honors this year.**

—Rhonda Cullens photo

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## Assigned Subjects Photography Ideas



### Silhouette Photography Tips

Many types of silhouette ideas.

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### Add Impact to Your Photos by Including Shadows

Explore how shadows help tell a story and enhance the visual power of your photo.

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# Flagpole Web Features

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## Easily Access Your Online Meeting Links!

Joining our online meetings is simple! Here's your quick guide to locating the meeting link:

1. **Find Your Event:** Scroll down to the "Upcoming Events" section on our home page.
2. **Visit the Event Page:** Click on the specific event you wish to attend.
3. **Locate the Link:** On the Event page, the online meeting link is consistently placed near the bottom.

### Key Things to Remember:

- **Link Activation:** The link will only open the meeting on the day of the actual meeting.
- **Where to Look:** You'll find meeting links directly on the Event page on our website, not typically in your email.

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