



# Sierra Vista Camera Club

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April 2025 Newsletter

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*Photo: Sheila Foraker*

## Shooting in Low Light

By Val Sleger (summarized from Photzy ebook by David Veldman)

It's no secret that mastery and understanding of light is a huge part of photography. One of the more challenging conditions is shooting in low light. Here are five tips for getting better low-light results.

1. Expose properly. Low-light images can be dramatic. Consider the mood, composition, and desired final effect when choosing your camera settings. Shoot in RAW so you can have all the pixels available in post-processing.
2. Consider shutter speed. Even with in-camera and in-lens stabilization, modern cameras may still introduce blur at speeds much lower than 1/20. The remedy for this is to shoot from a tripod.
3. ISO. The ISO setting refers to the sensitivity of your sensor to light. A higher ISO setting will allow you to shoot in darker conditions, but the tradeoff may be the introduction of noise into your images. Many of today's modern cameras – particularly full-frame models – will allow you to shoot at ISO settings of 6400 and up with little noise. Still, image processing software such as Photoshop or the Topaz products can dramatically reduce digital noise.
4. Know your gear. ISO sensitivity will vary from camera to camera, and one factor that affects noise is sensor size. Practice using different ISO settings to understand where your camera begins to introduce an amount of noise that is unacceptable to you.
5. Introduce light. Some methods for doing so include speedlights, reflectors, or even light painting.

Grab your camera and try some low-light images of your own, and be sure to share them with the club.

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## Club Members' Work Chosen for Mirage Magazine

Congratulations to club members **Joyce Genske** and **Kevin O'Brien** for having their work included in the 2025 edition of *Mirage Magazine*, which is produced by Cochise College. *Mirage* serves Cochise and Santa Cruz Counties by showcasing high-quality art and literature produced by community members and Cochise College students. Cochise students earn college credit and gain both academic and professional experience by participating in all aspects of the production of this magazine.

Learn more about *Mirage* at <https://www.cochise.edu/academics/mirage/index.html>.

See Joyce's and Kevin's work in the Member Photos section of this newsletter.

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## Weekly Challenge

At each meeting of the Club, held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, four challenge prompts will be presented for the following month. Focus on one word or phrase each week to complete all four to share at the following month's meeting. Folks who can't attend the meetings will get the list in the newsletter. April challenge photos will be shown at the April meeting and included in the May newsletter.

### April

Now

C is for \_\_\_\_\_

Put Something in the Foreground

Movie: The Substance

## Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. **April meeting: Dale Truitt will share one of his magnificent multimedia masterpiece presentations.**

## Mourning the Loss of a Club Member

Sandy Kunzer died suddenly during the night of March 27-28. At our March meeting, his wife Betsy brought some sunrise/sunset photos Sandy had taken, so we got to enjoy his work one last time. As Sandy wished, he will be interred at the Sierra Vista Military Cemetery. There will be no graveside service, and further information will be forthcoming concerning a memorial. Betsy requests no flowers. Donations may be made in Sandy's name to the Ramsey Canyon Stewardship Endowment fund. Contact Mark Ryan at [mdryan@tnc.org](mailto:mdryan@tnc.org), or call 520/547-3429 during business hours to learn how to donate. Find a pretty rock for your garden and think of Sandy.



Sandy Kunzer

## Officers

**President:** Sheila Foraker

**Vice-President & Program Coordinator:** Bob Luce

**Secretary:** Joyce Genske

**Treasurer:** Madeleine Charron

# 2025 Meetings Calendar

**April 17:** Dale's Magnificent Multimedia Masterpiece

**May 15:** Sunrise/Sunsets (Club Members) and Club Gear Demo (Mark)

**June 19:** Trail Cam photos, and Processed photos from October's 30-minute challenge walk

**July 17:** Post processing with alternatives to Photoshop (Norm)

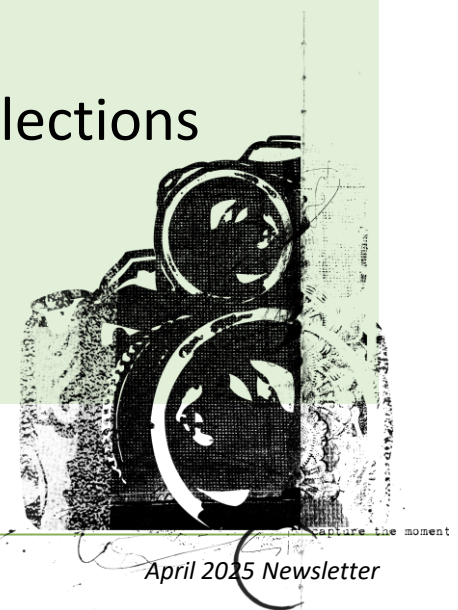
**August 21:** Focus on Water (Club Members)

**September 18:** Roadside Finds (Joyce)

**October 16:** Minimalism in Photos (Jon)

**November 20:** Year in Review – Member's Best/Favorite Photos of 2025

**December 18:** Holiday Party and Club Elections





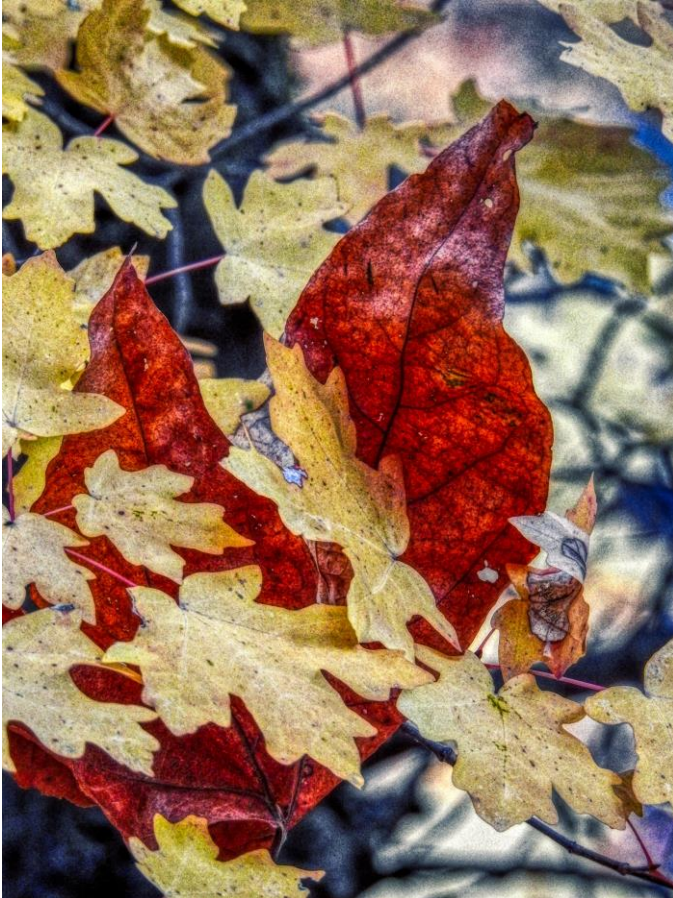
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# Mirage winning photos

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*"Autumn Focus"*  
Kevin O'Brien



*"Crisp Autumn Leaves"*  
Joyce Genske



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**March challenge words:**

Here

Panning

My Favorite Color

Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Joyce Genske



Here: We're Here; Now What?



Let's Stay Together



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**March challenge words:**

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Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Joyce Genske



My Favorite Color: Local Color



Panning



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**March challenge words:**

Here

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My Favorite Color

Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Sam Scherf



Let's Stay Together



May Favorite Color: Red

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**March challenge words:**

Here

Panning

My Favorite Color

Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Sam Scherf



Here



P(I)anning: Early



P(I)anning: Later



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**March challenge words:**

Here

My Favorite Color

Panning

Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Val Sleger



Let's Stay Together



Panning

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**March challenge words:**

Here

My Favorite Color

Panning

Song: Let's Stay Together

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Submitted by Val Sleger



My Favorite Color: Purple



Here



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Submitted by Sheila Foraker



Hermit Thrush



Herons on Nest



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Submitted by Sheila Foraker



Arizona Gray Squirrel Munching on Willow Blossoms



Bullfrog