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The cover photo is Minnehaha Falls by Melissa Elzey. Her use of a slow shutter speed resulted in the silk-like appearance of the water. This photo earned first place in the October Member Showcase. See others on page 4.

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Well, members and friends, I'm writing this from my hospital bed. Complications from surgery have put me here several times -- and the last few weeks have been close to miserable. However, I expect to be out soon and will be able to resume my photography and my Foothills duties.



One thing I'm missing is the opportunity to get out and enjoy making photos of the beautiful fall color. But you can do that...and I encourage you to take advantage of what appears to be a magnificent fall.

A note about the Christmas party: This year will be VERY memorable for someone. A member has donated a professional grade tripod and ball head which will be raffled at the party. This equipment is valued at \$1,600. Hmmm. Wonder how many tickets (at \$10) I'll buy to raise my chances of it becoming mine.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you'll see information about the Member Showcase. This month's subject is "Best of 2022". The winner (voting at November meeting) will be the PHOTO OF THE YEAR and will be announced and awarded at the Christmas party.

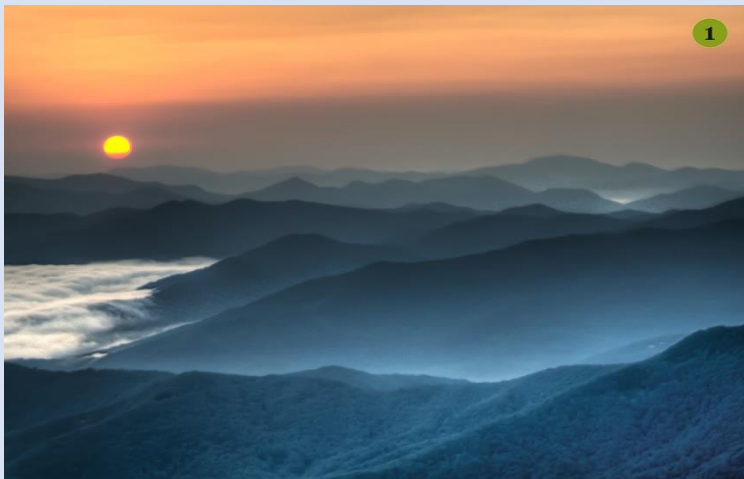
Best wishes to all. I am hopeful to see you in person at the November meeting.

Daniel

MEMBER SHOWCASE – October (Georgia Landscape)



First Place goes to Melissa Elzey for her s shot of Minnehaha Falls in Rabun County. Drought conditions meant very little water, but Melissa used a slow shutter speed to present a very delicate image.



This photo (second place) of the sunrise from Brass Town Bald was by John Martin. The fog laying in the valleys appeared to be a lake.



Daniel Short's photo of the pond and bridge at Gibb's Gardens earned third place.

HAVE YOU MADE THE BEST PHOTO OF THE YEAR?

Someone reading this page has done that. We'll find out who when the announcement is made at the Christmas party.

First, members send their personal best photo (made in 2022) to President Daniel Short. Do this by midnight Monday, November 14. His email: dwshort168@gmail.com

Then, at the regular meeting -- November 15 -- the members present will vote by secret ballot.

And, finally, Daniel will announce the winner -- and present a plaque -- at the Christmas party.

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Here's something to think about: The October meeting was a "Critique Night." A panel of three reacted to projected images that had been submitted earlier by members. I (your humble editor) have asked several attendees what they thought of it.

The results of that mini-survey are mixed.

What do you think? Were the members of the panel "expert" enough? Could you hear their comments well? Would you like to have programs like this again? And the big question: Did you learn something that will improve your photography?

Please send your comments to the Program Chair, Colby Moore. at [colby@jcolbymoorephotography.com](mailto:colby@jcolbymoorephotography.com) or [MainStreet@Clarkesvillega.com](mailto:MainStreet@Clarkesvillega.com).



Our Christmas Party is on...

**December 13, 6:00 PM**

**At**

**Fresco's (Clarkesville)**

\$20 per person covers your choice of Orange Chicken, Beef Tips, or Vegetarian Salad. Also, included is your non-alcoholic drink, dessert, gratuity, and one free raffle ticket.

Free Raffle ticket prizes:

- 2 B&H \$25 gift cards
- 2 Amazon \$25 gift cards
- 1 Club one-year membership
- 1 Atlantic camera bag
- Table gifts of photo frames

**Also**

A special raffle will be held for \$1,600 worth of camera equipment. See the next page for a description.



# Big Raffle at the Christmas party !!

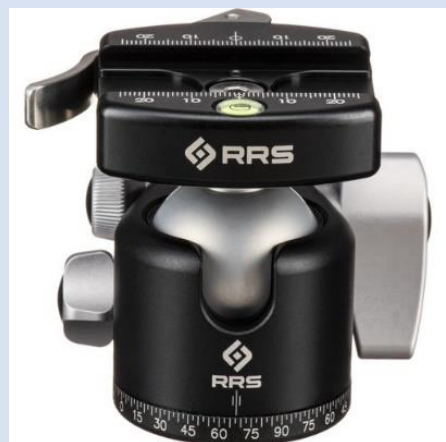
The person donating this equipment said: "I bought these to use with my heavy DSLR. I used them for one trip out west and then decided to put them on the shelf when I bought my lighter mirrorless camera."



The Gitzo GT2532 series 2 Carbon Fiber Tripod is a lightweight 3-section tripod that reliably supports DSLRs with 200mm lenses (up to 300mm). This professional solution features Carbon eXact tubing with stiffer and larger leg diameters (top leg section diameter 29.0mm) and high modulus carbon fiber lower leg sections, which make this tripod far more rigid and stronger than others in its category.

The Gitzo GT2532 weighs just 1.67 kg, reaches a height of 166 cm and folds down to 65 cm. This tripod is the perfect choice for passionate and professional photographers who want extremely resistant, reliable

support for impeccable results. **In Stock from B&H, Adorama, and Hunt's for \$1,129.88 plus tax and shipping.**



The BH-40 Ball Head with Full-Size Lever-Release Clamp from Really Right Stuff is a 17.1 oz mid-sized ball head that will support camera-lens combinations weighing up to 18 lb. Crafted from aluminum and stainless steel, the BH-40 has all the features you'd expect from a professional-level head. An oversized, ergonomic locking T-knob allows 45-degree tilting in all directions and a 90-degree drop-notch facilitates quick and accurate switching from the horizontal landscape position to vertical portrait orientation. **In stock from B&H for \$485 plus tax and shipping.**

This is a good reason to be at the Christmas party! Raffle tickets for the pair are \$10 each. Somebody is going to go home with a professional grade tripod and ball head.

## The November program...



Most people have never heard of the Faroe Islands.

John Martin hadn't either until he saw an article by a Danish photographer. In May of this year, he booked a flight to the Faroes.

The Faroes are a self-governed possession of Denmark. Fifty thousand Danish citizens live on the group of thirteen tiny islands. The grouping is in the North Atlantic half-way (roughly) between Denmark and Iceland.

John traveled to most of those islands over a three-week period – making photos, of course.

At the November meeting (the 15<sup>th</sup>) he will present some of those images along with a narrative about why and how he made the particular photos.

Warning: The Faroes could move to a position pretty high on your bucket list!



# More stuff....



The board meeting in November will be on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> – not the traditional 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. This to avoid Thanksgiving week.



Each club meeting includes a ten-minute “Cheesy Photo Tips” by Colby Moore. Colby covered metering and shooting modes at the October meeting. This educational segment is a great – and important – addition to the club meetings.



The club’s community service project (portraits for firefighters and their families) has been postponed to April.



The club’s web site is experiencing some technical difficulties brought on by a change of ownership of the host program. Stay tuned!