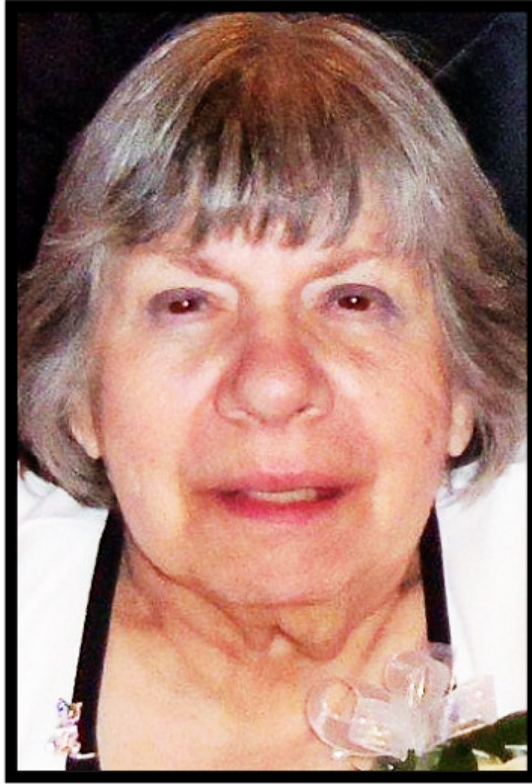


Meet Our CPA Club Founder: Bobbi Hopp



She sits at the sign-in table at our meetings, but her roots go all the way to the beginning of the club. She founded the **Cary Photographic Artists** club with just sixteen members in 2007 out of her strong belief and firm conviction that photographs range in intent and value from purely factual recordings to creatively appealing artwork.

She is firstly an artist, secondly a photographer, and lastly a superb and lasting inspiration to all **photographic artists** everywhere.

Many art clubs and many photography clubs already existed in the Cary community and surrounding areas, but the CPA was (and still is) the only art-based photography club. Art through the use of cameras, scanners, and all sorts of optical accessories is what the CPA is all about.

The "**Bobbi Hopp Best-of-Show Award**" is to be presented at the Annual CPA Juried Photographic Exhibition each Fall. This show is open to all artists in the Cary area.

Bobbi graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Temple University's Tyler School of Art with a major in Arts Education. She taught high school art for 27 years before relocating to Cary, North Carolina. Along with teaching art, she conducted student tours to Europe with the American Institute of Foreign Study and was very active in the arts communities of New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Bobbi is ever the teacher. Locally, she still teaches three levels of pencil drawing classes, mentors an adult open art studio, and enlivens the CPA club's teach-learn-share motto. Her personal art includes watercolors, acrylics, pencil drawings, and photographic art -- much of which involves the subject of cats (notice her lapel pin) and other animals. She has exhibited her artwork widely, has won many awards, has pieces in permanent collections, and was twice selected by the International Library of Photography for publication.

All of the many members of the CPA (more than 150 in early-2015) are most grateful for Bobbi's years of vice-president and president leadership, along with her continuous exhibits committee and membership committee chairperson duties. We thank her for all that she has done to make sure that our club grows and develops to encourage and preserve photographic art in Cary and its surroundings.

Bobbi is the finest of photographic artists, the best of teachers, and a great lady!