

# CARY PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS

NEWSLETTER

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April 2021

**Sad News:** **Dara Blakeley**, former member of CPA and daughter of the late Burnette Blakey, one of the club's founding members, passed away this past week. Dara was a lifelong photographer and owner Dara Blakeley Photography in historic downtown Cary for twenty years, specializing in weddings and portraits, nationally and internationally. Reflecting the influence of her father, her personal photography was eclectic, covering everything from pinhole photography with a camera she made when she was 15 years old to landscapes. She was clearly an artist, not just an excellent photographer.

For many years, she also volunteered for the Raleigh Rescue Mission Medical Clinic, handling all their needs for photographic for advertising, marketing, newsletters, and more. As she said "The RRM has my heart!"

While Dara hasn't been an active member for a while, she will be missed. Our thoughts and sympathy go out to her mother, Tricia, who suffered another terrible loss.

## Celebrating our Members

**Fran DeRespinis** was interviewed by Ray Pfeiffer for his Photographers Forum Book Talk on his YouTube channel "A Photographers Place," in which Fran discusses five books (six actually) that inspire his photography.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D82caFjT4ZY&t=1107s>

**Jon Meyer** had two images, **Madonna Road** and **Hilltop in Snow**, juried into the Allegany National Photography Competition & Exhibition in Cumberland, MD. The show will run from April 3 to April 24 and will consist of both an in-person and online show. It is a national show with 60 photographers from around the country invited into the exhibit. The link to the show and artist information is : [Allegany County Arts Council \(alleganyartscouncil.org\)](http://alleganyartscouncil.org)

## Programs

### April 14 - Developing an Image - presentations by CPA Members.

Would you like to share your creative process?

Here's your chance. Explain or show the process you went through or techniques you used to get to the final image. Some guidelines:

- 15 minutes presentation time limit
- consult with Maurice Weaver (mauriceweaver1@gmail.com) for Zoom access and sharing arrangement

• can choose to answer questions during or after presentation

• Programs Committee will help to ID prospective presenters

• **Members interested in participating should do so at [cpameetupprograms@gmail.com](mailto:cpameetupprograms@gmail.com) by Monday Apr 5**

### April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Nichols

#### **Dorothea Lange: In her Words and Images**

Illustrated by inspiring words and images from the life of Dorothea Lange, this presentation sheds light on one of the most important American photographers in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and a preeminent and pioneering social documentary photographer. Best known for her emotionally compelling photographs of people impacted by the effects of the Great Depression, Dorothea lived what she called a "visual life," practicing photography to raise awareness of the less fortunate and help connect the public to her subjects on a compassionately human level. The presentation highlights circumstances that shaped her life choices, her work for the Farm Security Administration's photography program, how her compassionate eye captured deprivation with such beauty, dignity, and pride, as well as her legacy as a primary force in the modern development of social documentary photography.

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## Outing

### Where: New Bern, North Carolina

Meet at the front gate of Tryon Palace.  
529 South Front Street  
New Bern, NC 28562

**When: Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00am**  
(rain date is Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021- 10:00am)

**What to see:** Tryon Palace and gardens, The 16 acres Gardens and Palace grounds remain open for self-guided tours. Christ Episcopal Church grounds, Pollock St. & Middle St., beautiful trees with moss. Historic houses in the two blocks between the Palace and the church. Waterfront area from the Palace to the end of Pollock St. Approximately 6 blocks.

From Raleigh, North Carolina 112 miles  
Tickets for the gardens can be purchased at the Waystation, located on 610 Pollock St. across from the Palace front gate. Call 800-767-1560, for more information. If you are interested in the Palace tour, to be sure of getting the Palace tour the tickets need to be purchased in advanced. See contact info and website below.

**Parking:** Eden St. next to the Palace or at The North Carolina History Center at Tryon Palace @ South Front St.

Contact email : [nfo@tryonpalace.org](mailto:nfo@tryonpalace.org)  
Contact Phone : 252-639-3500, 800-767-1560  
<https://www.tryonpalace.org/tickets-and-tours>

## From the Treasurer

### CARY PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS TREASURER'S REPORT

March 29, 2021

Since our current fiscal year is nearly three-quarters completed, perhaps it's time for a brief summary of the fiscal year to-date. Due to the success of this year's Juried Show and a grant from the Town of Cary our revenues have been over \$9300 so far this fiscal year. Dues receipts have been a little, but not much, less than normal at about \$3200. Since we have not paid rent for The Cary Theater our

expenses are less than \$4000. As a result, our checking account balance has increased to just over \$13,000. While such numbers make life easy for your Treasurer, he really wishes we were meeting in person and he was writing checks for rent.

We are now routinely making payments through our PayPal account and the Bill Pay feature of our checking account. This is both more "green" than sending checks, but also saves your Treasurer from having to hunt up postage stamps.

If you have questions about our clubs' finances, please send an email to [cpatreasurer410@gmail.com](mailto:cpatreasurer410@gmail.com).

## CPA Critique Study Group on Zoom

**Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 4:30pm to 6:30pm**

Please submit up to three jpg images to [rkevinnc@gmail.com](mailto:rkevinnc@gmail.com)

**by Wednesday 4:00pm April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Please use the following naming convention for your images (not the CPA convention). 1CPA\_NAME\_04.15. Where 1 is the sequence number and NAME is your name.

Please put "4/15 Critique" in the subject line of a new Email. Please DO NOT reply to an Email thread with your submissions. Google does not do well in keeping the attached files linked to the correct sender in threads.

Those who submit images will receive an invitation to join the Zoom session Thursday morning. If you are not submitting images but would like to attend, send Richard a note to receive the link.

Contact Richard Kevin, [rkevinnc@gmail.com](mailto:rkevinnc@gmail.com) with questions.

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**Lightroom Virtual Summit:** 5 days of practical training from leading Lightroom Instructors. May 3-7, 2021 Register for FREE ticket: <https://www.lightroomsummit.com/>

**Super Resolution:** Adobe just dropped its latest software updates via the Creative Cloud and among those updates is a new feature in Adobe Camera Raw (ACR) called "Super Resolution." You can mark this day down as a major shift in the photo industry. <https://petapixel.com/2021/03/13/adobe-photoshops-super-resolution-made-my-jaw-hit-the-floor/>

**Adobe updates:** Adobe has announced updates for Lightroom, Lightroom for mobile and Lightroom Classic. Lightroom desktop (version 4.2) and Lightroom for mobile (version 6.2) include numerous new features, Apple ProRaw support and additional enhancements. Meanwhile, improved performance is the primary update to Lightroom Classic (version 10.2). <https://www.dpreview.com/news/0823779236/adobe-releases-lightroom-updates-offering-new-features-and-improved-performance>

**Software review:** DxO PhotoLab 4 brings several small improvements - and one big one <https://www.dpreview.com/reviews/dxo-photolab-4-software-review/2>

**Comparison Review:** Can VueScan or SilverFast archive your film better? <https://www.dpreview.com/reviews/comparison-review-can-vuescan-or-silverfast-archive-your-film-better>

**About Security:** Gone but not forgotten: Adobe Flash is no more:

<https://www.dpreview.com/news/4940705138/gone-but-not-forgotten-adobe-flash-is-no-more>

**Book:** The Photographer's Mind: Creative Thinking for Better Digital Photos by My Michael Freeman. This book is a fascinating follow up to *The Photographer's Eye* it aims at helping photographers to be more thoughtful in their picture-making.

<https://www.dpreview.com/articles/8106551884/the-photographers-mind-creative-thinking-for-better-digital-photos-by-michael-freeman>

**Popular Photography article:** Take better pictures by thinking like an old-school photographer: <https://www.popphoto.com/story/how-to/take-better-pictures/>

**Fogaway anti-fog spray** by Gamer Advantage. For those of us who shoot with glasses and constantly have them fog up due to wearing a mask. This photographer has been using this product successfully for a month or so. You only need to spray the glasses every other day or so. It is easy to use and inexpensive, it is available on Amazon.

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# CARY PHOTOGRAPHIC ARTISTS

## Cary Photographic Artists Officers 2020-2021



PRESIDENT  
Jon Meyer



VICE-PRESIDENT  
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TREASURER  
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## Cary Photographic Artists Committee Chairpersons 2020-2021



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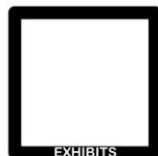
PROGRAMS  
Will Robinson



OUTINGS  
Bob Culver



COMMUNICATIONS  
Michele Alias



EXHIBITS



JURIED SHOW  
Don Ducey



EDUCATION  
Kathy Endres



WEB  
Maurice Weaver



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