

Mentor Profiles, Fall 2023

Dan Lester Broadview Heights

Dan is an experienced mentor who prefers to work with Sony beginners. The plan is to work on general settings

during trips to the zoo, greenhouse, parks, for landscape and closeups.

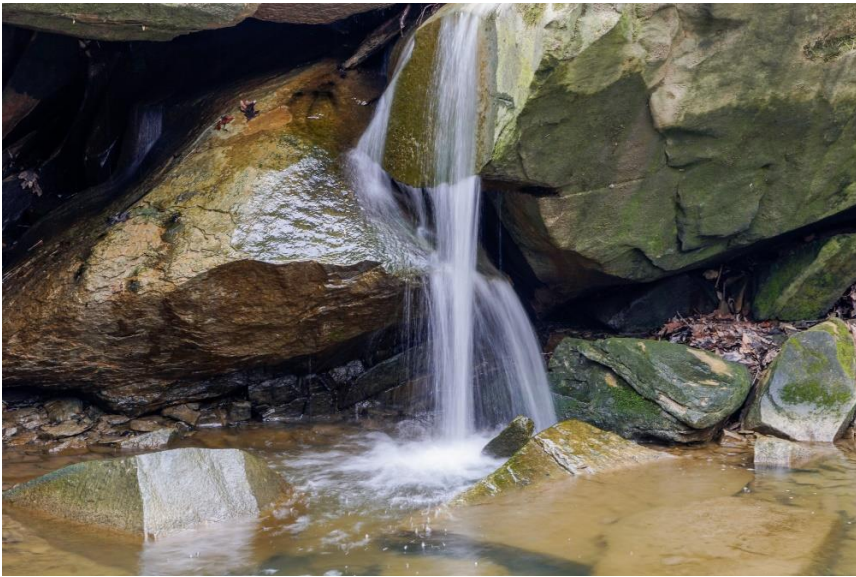
His interests include all types of photography.

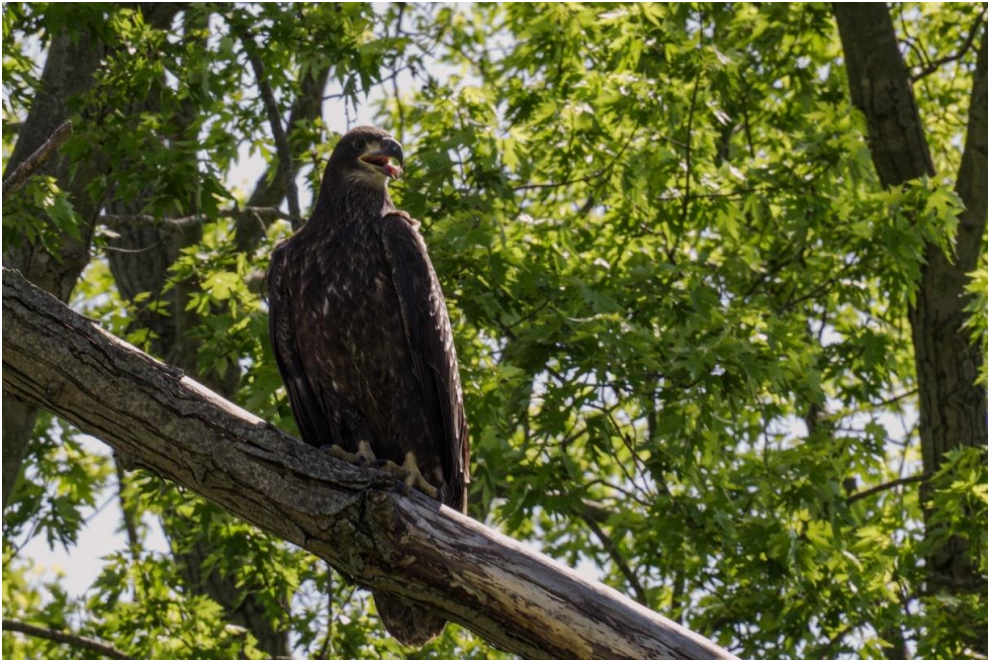
Availability- Monday – Friday, daytime

Additional Equipment- tripod

Camera brand- Sony **Mentee level accepted-** beginner







Joe Kolecki Streetsboro



Joe is an experienced wedding and portrait photographer who also enjoys photographing nature and wildlife in his spare time, specializing in waterfalls and birds.

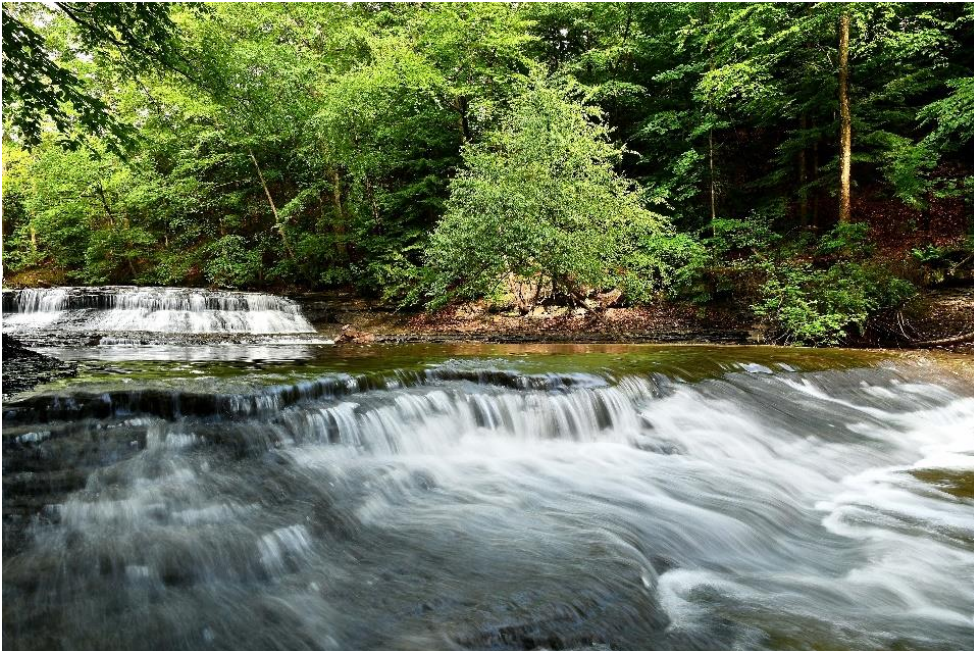
Availability- most weeknights, Saturday mornings

Interests- portraits, wildlife, nature

Camera brand- Nikon

Mentee Level- intermediate, advanced

Activity level- indoor, outdoor, walking, hiking, climbing







Gary Wood West Park, Cleveland

Gary has been photographing nature since 1977, with a concentration on birds for the past 6 years. The plan is to photograph

birds doing many things in the parks and preserves of northern Ohio.

Gary specializes in birds in flight.

He is an experienced mentor and very long term member of CPS.

Mentee Level- Intermediate **Camera brand-** Panasonic LUMIX DC-G9

Interests- nature concentrating on birds

Availability- weekday mornings and evenings, some weekends

Special gear- for handheld capture of birds in flight, you must have a telephoto lens.

Nice to have ISO 1600+, shutter speeds of 2000+ and image stabilization.

Most DSLR and mirrorless cameras have these capabilities.





Bruce Orr Old Brooklyn, Cleveland (co-mentoring with Karen Issacs)

I've been involved with photography as long as I can remember. My grandfather was a wonderful travel photographer, which is where I draw my inspiration. The transition from film and the darkroom to digital has been exciting and as much as I loved the analog world, the digital world has proven to be a wonderful bridge, combing old school techniques with ever changing technology.

I enjoy all types of photography, but nature and wildlife are always a favorite. Overtime, I have grown to enjoy architecture, people, sports and some still life. The type of sessions I like to hold are informal and free flowing.

Find a place, set out and learn as we go.

The overall flow would be one week, we take photos and the next we meet up to review. I think it's import (but not necessary) to have some type of project in mind;

a picture for the den, gift, photo-book - anything that will help give focus.

Karen Isaac Northfield (co-mentoring with Bruce Orr)



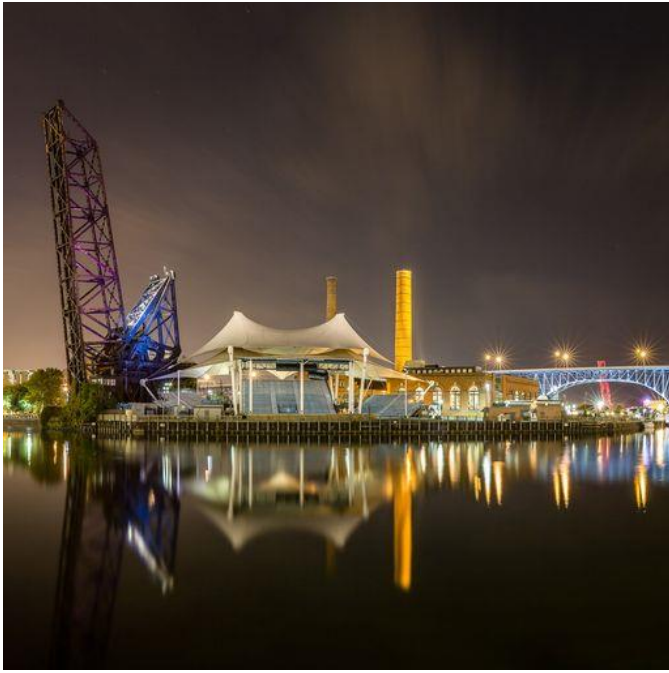
I have loved photography since I was young. Growing up I had several cameras that I took everywhere-documenting friends, family and vacations. Before I had my first child, I took some classes and used a Minolta film camera. My husband would come with me & write all my settings down on a clipboard! I set my hobby aside when my son was growing up. I joined CPS a few years ago. After taking some classes, I joined a mentorship group with Bruce as my mentor. I love nature shots, birds and flowers.

Mentee level- Beginner and intermediate

Camera brand- Canon, Fujifilm, Nikon

Interests- nature, fairs, travel cityscapes and architechure

Activity level- outdoor, walking, hiking, climbing







Kris Bosworth North Olmsted



Chris is a long term member and mentor, and currently serves as First Vice President of CPS. His goal with mentees is to solidify the skills learned in Fundamentals of Good Photography and assure you are more familiar with your camera in a variety of shooting situations. Topics covered will include exposure, composition, depth of field, and various focusing techniques. Shooting will be in local parks and other venues at the request of mentees. At least one night shoot included.

Availability- Saturday mornings

Camera Brand- Sony, Canon, Fuji

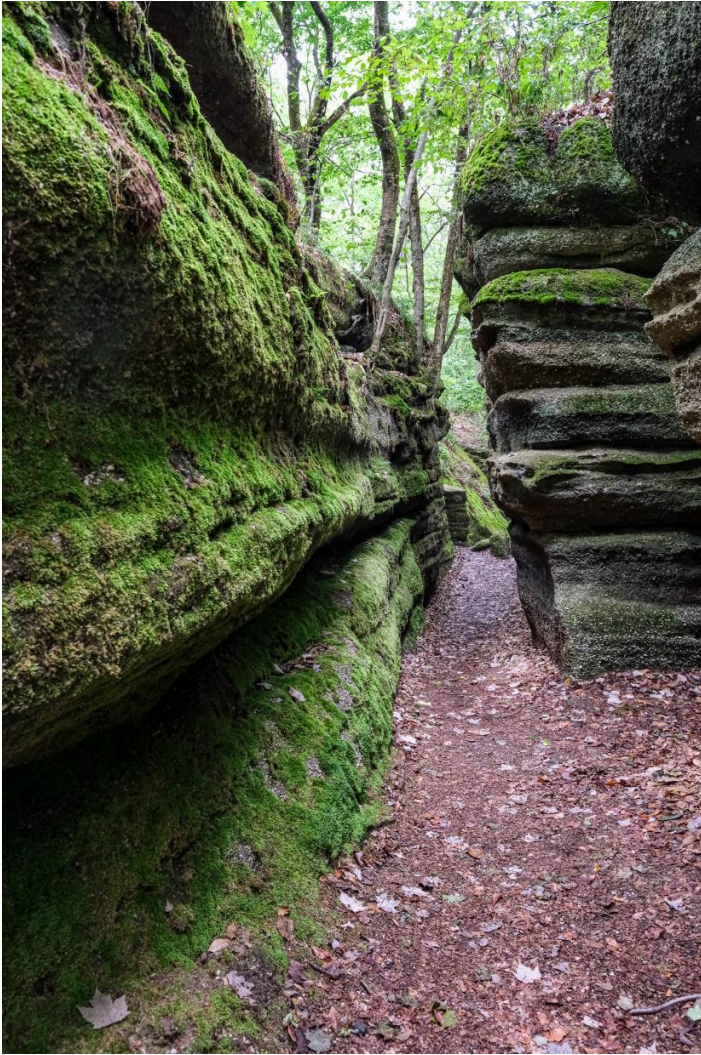
Interests- varied

Activity level- outdoor, walking

Mentee level- beginners

Gear needed- Tripod, shutter release





Brian O’Riordan, Brecksville

I enjoy working with mentees to improve their technical and observational skills; and also to anticipate how others might view their images. We may discuss how planning, technique, post processing, and imagination can combine to create images that effectively capture whatever it is that you wish to convey to the viewer. I use both one-on-one discussions and field trips depending upon mentees’ interests and needs, and frequently suggest “homework” or shooting assignments which can contribute to the learning process. I have been a member of CPS for fifteen years, a mentor for as long as the program has been in existence, and have judged competitions for other clubs in the area.

Camera Brand- Nikon, all brands accepted for mentees

Availability- flexible

Activity- flexible

Mentee Level- beginner, intermediate







David Grimmer, Parma

What we work on will really depend on what the mentees are interested in learning. I do a little bit of everything.

October, would plan on fall colors and landscapes, places to go, camera settings to get the best color and bracketing for high dynamic range pictures. If conditions are right, possibly do a Milky Way shoot.

November, generally wildlife. Mainly target birds of prey, and ducks. Will work on equipment needed, technique,

and camera settings to get the best shot and most of all, where and how to find wildlife. I don't mind driving distances to get a picture.

Camera brands- Nikon Z9 and Z8 **Mentee Level-** all

Availability- will start in October on Saturday, November through end of round on weekends

Interests- Landscape, Cityscape, Wildlife, Night Sky and bit of Portrait

Activity Level- Outdoor, walking, hiking **Special gear-** tripod, long lens for wildlife









Dennis Wert, Westlake

Rick Mills, Medina (co-mentoring)

Photography has been our interest for many years and we are long time members of CPS. We have taken the Fundamentals of Photography, attended many field trips and served as mentor for for several years. We shoot Nikon,

but any camera is ok, but please know how to adjust your shutter, aperture, ISO and self timer. Lighting, composition,

and depth of field are only a few of the elements to be discussed and demonstrated.

As a team we look forward to helping you learn your camera with the goal of improving your photography.

Availability- Saturday mornings, Weds Eve TEAMS meeting, 7:30

Camera brands- Nikon D750, D800 & D850

Mentee level beginner & intermediate

Activity Level-outdoor, walking, climbing

Special gear- Camera manualtripod, and if you have them, Circular polarizer, Neutral Density Filters

CPS Mentor Fall 2023
Everett Road Covered Bridge
Outing # 1



Our first Mentor outing will be Saturday September 16th 9:00 AM at Everett Road Covered Bridge in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Everett Road Covered Bridge is located 203 yards west of 2370 Everett Road, Painesville, Ohio. The parking lot is located 1/4 mile west of Roseview Road (41° 12' 15" N; 81° 24' 30" W).

During this outing we will focus on:

- **Composition** – Line, Shape and Form (see attached video, Mark Wallace) (Respective, single point and Vanishing point); (Steve Perry Back Button Focus, See attached video);
- **Depth of Field**
- **Hyper Focal Distance**
- **Color Space**
- **Filters** – Circular polarizer – neutral density

We will begin the outing shooting the bridge at street level. Depending on water level we will also shoot the bridge from the river.

Please note: The river is a short hike from the bridge; however, you will need to hike down a steep riverbank to get to the gravel/d bar in the river. If you do not feel comfortable walking down to the river – Please don't do it!! Please bring boots!

Please bring your camera, tripod and remote shutter release if available. If you have a neutral density 1/8 and circular polarizer, bring them.

In the unlikely event of a medical emergency please write on a piece of paper any medical information you want the EMS to be aware of, (Diabetic, Pacemaker, Allergies, Doctor name and phone number). Place the information in a sealed envelope. Tell Dennis or myself where we can find the envelope. Also include an emergency contact phone number on the envelope.

We hope you enjoy the outings and learn a lot. Please confirm you received this message!

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CPS Mentor Fall 2023
Outing # 2



Our second outing will be Saturday September 23rd 9:00 AM at Brea Falls in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Brea Falls is located 1.5 miles west of 2370 Everett Road, Painesville, Ohio. The parking lot is located 1/4 mile west of Roseview Road (41° 12' 15" N; 81° 24' 30" W).

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- **Color Space**
- **Filters** – Circular polarizer – neutral density

We will begin the outing shooting the waterfall at street level. Depending on water level we will also shoot the waterfall from the river.

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CPS Mentor Spring 2023
Outing # 1



Our first outing will be Saturday September 16th 9:00 AM at the city skyline in Cleveland, Ohio.

The city skyline is located in Cleveland, Ohio. The parking lot is located 1/4 mile west of Roseview Road (41° 12' 15" N; 81° 24' 30" W).

During this outing we will focus on:

- **Composition** – Line, Shape and Form (see attached video, Mark Wallace) (Respective, single point and Vanishing point); (Steve Perry Back Button Focus, See attached video);
- **Depth of Field**
- **Hyper Focal Distance**
- **Color Space**
- **Filters** – Circular polarizer – neutral density

We will begin the outing shooting the city skyline at street level. Depending on water level we will also shoot the city skyline from the river.

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CPS Mentor Fall 2023
Outing # 3



Our third outing will be Saturday September 30th 9:00 AM at the river in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The river is located in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The parking lot is located 1/4 mile west of Roseview Road (41° 12' 15" N; 81° 24' 30" W).

During this outing we will focus on:

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- **Depth of Field**
- **Hyper Focal Distance**
- **Color Space**
- **Filters** – Circular polarizer – neutral density

We will begin the outing shooting the river at street level. Depending on water level we will also shoot the river from the river.

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Schedule

- Wed. Sept. 13th First Teams Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sat. Sept. 16th Everett Road Covered Bridge @ 9:00 AM
- Wed. Sept. 20th
- Sat. Sept. 23rd
- Wed. Sept. 27th Teams Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sat. Sept. 30th Viaduct Park @ 9:00 AM
- Wed. Oct. 4th Teams Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sat. Oct. 7th Station Road Bridge @ 9:00 AM
- Wed. Oct. 11th Teams Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sat. Oct. 14th Berea Falls @ 9:00 AM
- Wed. Oct. 18th Teams Meeting @ 7:00 PM
- Sat. Oct. 21st Rock N Roll Hall of Fame Evening
 Time to be determined

CPS Mentor Fall 2023
Everett Road Covered Bridge



CPS Mentor Fall 2023
Course topics

- . Back Button Focus
- . Focus
- . Metering
- . Exposure
- . Depth of Field
- . Hyperfocal Distance
- . Polarizer & ND Filters
- . Blue Hour
- . Focus Stacking
- . HDR
- . Golden Hour







Rick Wetterau, North Royalton

For the beginner, get to know your camera and all it's functions. What are the essential components for taking great

pictures vs. all the stuff you don't need as a beginner to create great images. Teach about lenses and what's best for

the beginner. Get to know how different light will affect your image and the best time of day to take outdoor pictures.

Some flash use but not in depth. Explain what post editing can do for you but, will not get into any heavy post editing.

Will explain and teach the importance of composition. Will teach about creative aspects and how simple can be great.

Will talk about one's own style.

Availability- Some weekend hours, weekday evenings

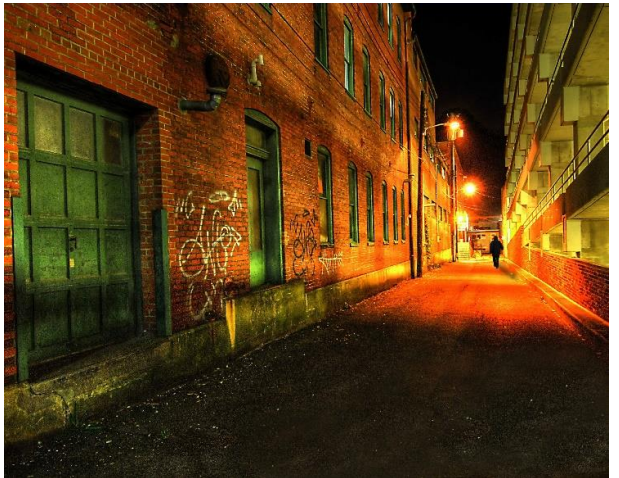
Camera brand- Nikon dslr

Mentee level- beginner, intermediate

Interests- Nature, creative, light painting, infared, sports, dance, action, macro

Activity level- Indoor, outdoor, walking





Dave Ciborek

Munroe Falls

I retired from teaching 12 years ago. At that time, I took up photography as a creative outlet. I took lessons at CPS and immediately began taking advantage of all that the club has to offer. Being outside with my camera helps me attune to the

wonder that surrounds us. Join me to take a walk in the woods, visit a garden, the zoo, or a special event like the Civil War Reenactment at Hale Farm.

Availability- Flexible, I am retired.
outdoor, walking

Mentee level- beginner

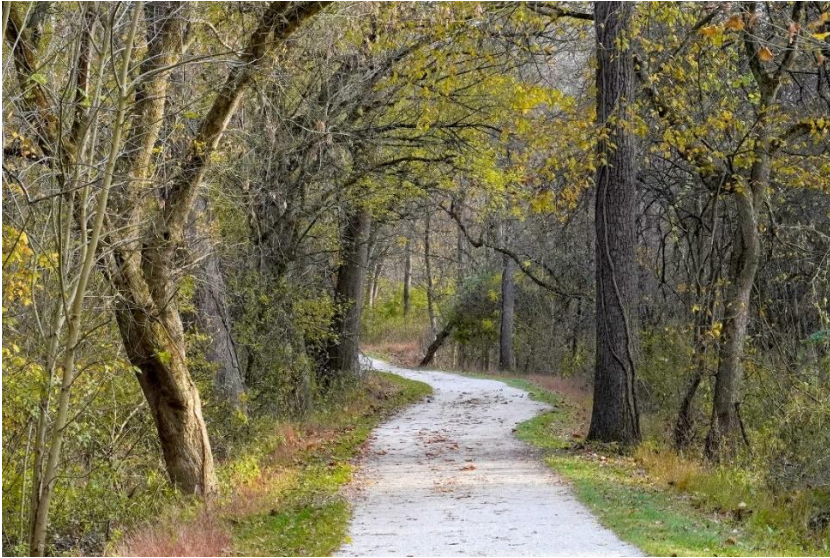
Activity level-

Special gear- Tripod

Camera Brand- Sony mirrorless a7rv

Interests- mostly outdoor, mostly nature-large and small, but also people







Bev Kenworthy, North Ridgeville

I stole my husband's Nikon SLR about 35 years ago, and became more interested in photography as we traveled. I enjoy most types of photography, except the genres involving people. For the most part, I have shot primarily Nikon, but all brands are welcome. I recently converted to totally mirrorless, shooting with the Nikon Z8 and Z7ii. Over the last few years, have shot with the D850, D500, and D7200.

For the fall round, we will concentrate on landscapes-big and small, long exposures, lensball for those interested, and will continue the focus on birds. We will talk about the equipment that matters, what to look for and what not to waste your money on. You will need to open a Facebook account to join a hidden, private page to participate in posting photos and critique. I joined CPS in 2018, and have mentored since then. I currently serve as CPS treasurer and admin the mentoring program.



Portrait by Kim Wasielewski

Availability- Sunday mornings, Thursday evening for TEAMS meeting review, occasional weekdays

Camera brand- Nikon but all are welcome

Activity level- indoor, outdoor, walking, hiking

Interests- travel, landscape, birds and wildlife, novelty projects, HDR

Mentee level- all





