

a message from the
President



I don't know about you but it has been a busy year and has gone by quickly. Let me mention two items that may be of particular interest to you.

First, the inaugural Keystone Salon of Photography 2024 was a great success. There were 671 images in 6 categories submitted by 47 photographers from 10 clubs in Western and Central Pennsylvania. I am not sure anything like this has been done in Pennsylvania. The

images were spectacular. Our club members took the lion's share of awards with Marian Wyse leading all of us, winning Best of Show and several other awards. Congratulations to Marian and all of the winners. There will be a show of the images at the meeting on November 19th and I will present the awards.

The other item has to do with the Historical Image collection, also known as the Image Archives. Members of our club have stored and cared for over 800 images for decades. Some images for more than 100 years! Nearly all are from club members. Most are submissions to the Pittsburgh Salon and others exhibitions around the country. Nearly all are of the Pictorialism genre. You can find digital copies of all of them on the club's website ...

<https://pghphoto.org/archives/>

I have seen a few of them in person and they are beautiful. Dallas will bring 2 boxes of them for viewing at the meeting on November 19th.

Over the summer your Board asked themselves.."What shall we do with this collection?" "Who is benefitting from this collection?"

This discussion led to contacting the Library of Congress. During discussion with a curator from the "Library", we discovered that our collection has great value to photography historians and curators. Thus, the Library of Congress accepted the entire collection of images from 1980 and earlier. Our collection will now be cared for by world experts and will be accessible to anyone in the world. This is a great tribute to those who cared for our collection for over a hundred years and to you for being part of this history.

Take care and keep your creativity exciting!

Your President

Fred Doerfler