

PHOTO CLUB MEETING 4-17-25

Minutes

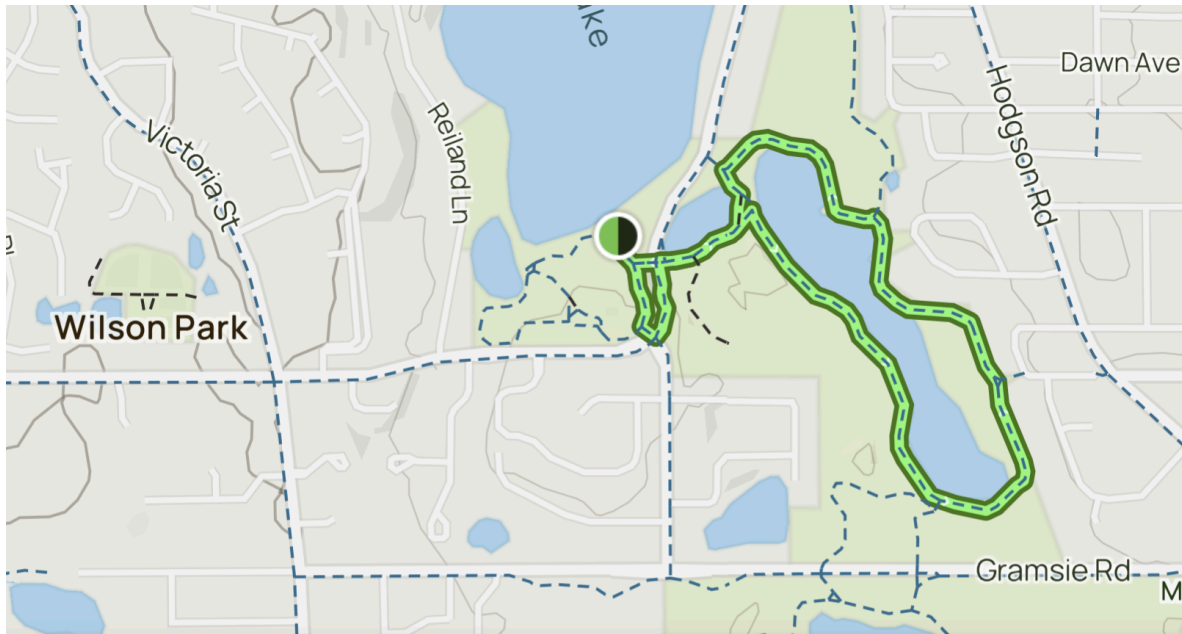
CLUB MISSION

Engage our members in challenging photographic experiences, examples and constructive exchange, leading to a sense of accomplishment, enjoyment & learning to benefit their individual and group photo practices. Take your photography up a notch, with some fun. It's a keepsake!

MEETING NOTES - "PHOTO EDITING APPS"

- David Osterlund shared his memories and images of San Francisco, while Shirley Bever focused on still life pictures ... so colorful and great compositions.
- A 15-minute video tutorial highlighted some features of Photoscape X editor ... for desktop / laptop platforms only; Pro (pay \$40) or a free version. It's a robust editor with a learning curve. See <http://x.photoscape.org/> to download.
- We reviewed the "Spring Photo Challenge" from May 4 - 31th. Take a photo each day that embraces springtime scenes, people or wildlife. Then select just one image each week to share 4 at the June meeting. Discuss how special or new photo skills contributed to making your pictures.
- *Note: editing tools most often include: Cropping and rotate, color correct and BW, shadows and highlights, sharpening, spot healing - spot brighten - spot blur, text composition overlay, print, un-do and compare to original.*
- We reviewed a specialty app for compositing multiple images with separate foreground and backgrounds = Photoroom.com. A unique, fun and useful app (a pro version @ \$90 / year or free); could be used for newsletters, post cards, social media, etc. Jim showed examples. (Free works fine much of the time.)
- *Note: I edit everything. But try to get it right in-camera to save yourself time and money ... lighting, positioning, composition, & camera adjustments.*

- Two more apps include Snapseed, and Adobe Lightroom Mobile. See this link for important features and differences. Both are fast and free, intuitive, plus a paid version for Lightroom: <https://www.MKSguide.com/?s=Lightroom+and+Snapseed>
- Future meeting topics:
 - **Thursday: May 15, 2025 1:00 pm, Club Room: TOPIC = Flowers**
 - **Optional field trip sign-ups - Snail Lake walking path for spring wildflowers, wildlife, exercise 1-2 hours: TBA, weather permitting**



ANOTHER FUTURE OPPORTUNITY RELATED TO PORTRAITURE TECHNIQUES

Our coop has enjoyed many years of dedicated help from Shirley Bever who has produced HELPFUL individual photos of each resident with a page in the members book displayed in the lobby. Given the interests, skills and talents within our Photo Club, we could share this responsibility for anyone to participate. This means making periodic informal portraits of members for inclusion in the book. Would you like to be on a call list to make some of these pictures? Please respond to Jim if interested. He and Shirley will provide a short orientation of the task. Nothing techy. Infrequent. Your iPhone is perfect and we have a small tripod for framing. A benefit beyond your volunteer support might engage useful techniques for picturing your own family and friends. Contact Jim in #203, or respond to this mailing. Maybe a new skill. Thank you.