

“FOCUS”

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

June 2026

Location: Cole Community Center, OKC

The club conducts meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. For club information see website at:

www.oklahomacameraclub.com.

June 9, 7:00 pm*

Program by Jaci Finch, FPSA

“How Did They Do That?”

June 23, 7:00 pm*

Annual Club Celebration Dinner

This event is a potluck dinner and presentation of Club Competition

Awards and Member Recognition for the year. Set up for the dinner (bring your dish) at 6:00 pm and dinner will start at 6:30. We would like to get an idea of the food, so we can provide where needed. Please make reservations with Jaci jkinchok@gmail.com letting her know what you will bring and how many will be in your party. All family members are welcome.

** No club competition in June.*

Workshops:

Beginning Image Workshop:

Jan and Wally Lee

Beginning Image Workshop will meet on Friday, June 12, 7:00 pm.

Encourage you to attend. Fun opportunities to share ideas and discuss your work with others. For directions and other information call Wally at 405-326-4324.

Nature Workshop:

Melanie and Shawn Roberts

Nature Workshop will not meet in June.

Melanie 405-514-0468, mjroberts021@gmail.com
Shawn 405-249-1825, sroberts1519@gmail.com

Club Board Meeting:

Board will meet on Wednesday, June 17, 7:00 pm
5200 NW 122nd Ter, OKC.

Election of Club Officers for Club Year 2026 - 2007007:

Annual Club meeting was conducted May 12. The *Club Board* presented the following nominees for the club officers and board members to the membership for consideration and approval for the club years 2026-2027. All were approved and will take office following the dinner on June 23.

President: *Jan Lee*

1st VP (Programs): *Jaci Finch*

2nd VP (Judges): *Bryan Hapke*

Treasurer: *Ward Conaway*

Secretary: *Wally Lee*

1-year Director: *Melanie Roberts*

1-year Director: *Shawn Roberts*

2-year Director: *Brad Smith*

2-year Director: *Piers Blackett*

Norman Art Walk <https://www.2ndfridaynorman.com/>

Bryan Hapke continues to accept prints for participation in *The 2nd Friday Norman Art Walk*. This is a free celebration of arts and creativity event conducted monthly in the *Walker Arts District* of Downtown Norman. **Main Street Photo and Video** invited the club to participate; the Board accepted the invitation to display images by club members. The club is on the invitation list awaiting notification of the month for participation.

There is no fee for having your pictures hung, *a real opportunity for members to display, and sell (optional) work*. Please contact Bryan for details e.g., size, mounting, labeling, by phone or text (405) 802-8242, or by email at bhapke@icloud.com.

Oklahoma International Circuit

Oklahoma International Circuit conducted by the club received 1,604 images in six divisions from around the world; **Jaci Finch, FPSA**, chaired this event. The accepted and award-winning entries will be a program at a club meeting next club year.

Workshops and Field Trips:

In addition to club meetings with programs and competitions, workshops and field trips are great ways to become acquainted with fellow members and learn and share the art of photography. Attending club meetings, participating in competitions, and enjoying club programs are all part of the learning process offered by club membership. ***Visitors are always welcome to attend meetings, workshops, and field trips. Club competition is only for members.***

Club Meetings:

Club always welcomes ideas for program and volunteers for presenting programs. Please forward these to our new program chair for the next club year, **Jaci Finch**, jkfinchok@gmail.com.

Club Business Cards:

We have club business cards. These are for members to pass along to others who may have an interest in the club. If you believe you know of fellow photographers who may have an interest, please pickup from **Jaci Finch** jkfinchok@gmail.com.

Assigned Competition:

"Route 66" is our next assigned competition. Images can be taken anytime during the **2026 Calendar Year**. Images must be of things that can be seen from Route 66. Judging will be held in February 2027.

For extensive information: *Goggle: route 66 Oklahoma video*

Oklahoma City Zoo



Roaring Now thru November 1, 2026: **Dinosaur Expedition!** Featuring over sixty animatronic dinosaurs plus skeletons, photo ops, and fossil digs - Dinosaur Expedition will engage guests with prehistoric creatures from the Jurassic, Cretaceous, and Triassic Periods. After your stroll through the dinos, explorers have the opportunity to ride a dinosaur! Identify which OKC Zoo animals are the living relatives of the dinosaurs that once roamed the earth, and how supporting the Zoo's conservation efforts can help save these species!

Wild Encounters – OKC Zoo

Wild Encounters enable guests to get up close and personal with Bears, Galapagos tortoises, Indian rhinos, Komodo Dragon, Red River hogs and Asian elephants.

Participants will be led by guides to restricted areas not seen by the general public to learn more about how expert animal caretakers provide superior care for each animal.

Wild Encounters are non-refundable but can be rebooked for another day.

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