

“FOCUS”

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

May 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.

May 12, 7:00 pm

Annual Meeting - 2026 Election of Officers for 2026 -2027

Judging: Projected Images

Group discussion of projected entries

May 26, 7:00 pm

Judging Prints

Program: *To be announced*

Judges for May

Doug Finch

Jaci Finch

Ward Conaway

Workshops:

Beginning Image Workshop:

Jan and Wally Lee

Beginning Image Workshop will meet on Friday, May 15 at 7 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 May.

Melanie 405-514-0468, mjroberts021@gmail.com

Shawn 405-249-1825, sroberts1519@gmail.com

Club Board Meeting:

Board will meet on Wednesday, May 20, at 7:00 pm, 5200 NW 122nd Ter, OKC.

Election of Club Officers for club year 2026 -2027:

The following from the Club Constitution:

Article III: Nomination, Election, and Installment of Officers.

The Annual Meeting of the club shall be the first meeting held during the month of May in each year, and officers and directors shall be elected. The newly elected officers and directors shall take office at the last meeting in June of each year.

*The constitution identifies the responsibility for each officer. The following slate of nominees have been asked and agreed to serve for the club year 2026-27. **They will be presented to the membership at the first meeting in May (May 12) for aproval by vote of the members. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.***

The *Club Board* presents the following nominees for the club officers and board members to the membership for consideration and approval for the club years 2026-2027.

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*

End of Year Competition:

Following the completion of the monthly competition, the club conducts an ***End Of Year*** competition. Members may submit four images that were previously entered in competition during the Club year in each Division. Awards are given for 1st, 2nd, 3rd places, and HMs. In Divisions where there are A and B classes, entries will be combined into one Division.

A Print will be chosen for the **Print of the Year** and a Digital Image will be chosen for **Digital Image of the Year** from the first-place winners in each division.

For this competition, digital images will be submitted to **Jaci Finch** at jfinchok@gmail.com. by May 26. Prints will be picked up the night of the final club meeting in May, May 26. A non-member of the club will conduct the judging.

Annual Club Celebration Dinner, June 23:

The club will celebrate with the End Of Year (EOY) annual Dinner and recognition of members for success in the competition and members who provided exceptional service to the club. This will be a “Pot Luck” dinner with members providing the food. Please bring your dish to the meeting room by 6:30 pm, dinner begins at 7:00. Please RSVP to Jaci Finch, jkinchok@gmail.com.

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

The 2nd Friday Norman Art Walk is a free celebration of arts and creativity held monthly starting at 6 p.m. in the *Walker Arts District* of Downtown Norman for the full month. **Main Street Photo and Video** invited the club to participate; the Board accepted the invitation to display images by club members. **Bryan Hapke** is managing this project for the club and is accepting prints now. Please bring prints quickly.

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, text (405) 802-8242, or email at bhapke@icloud.com. Bryan will bring examples to a meeting of how prints will be prepared for display and answer questions.

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 for the club. The accepted and award-winning entries will be a program at a club meeting next club year, 2026 – 2027.

Workshops and Field Trips:

Club members belong to the club to learn share their love for 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. Additional opportunities offered are photo workshops, we currently have two active and excellent ones available. Let us know if you have an interest in current workshops or forming or participating in a workshop for general or specific subject matter, I am confident others have the same interest.

Field trips are another opportunity to gain experience through fellowship and fun. Events are happening around the city and state, rodeos, car shows, sporting events, a trip to the zoo or a photo shoot in the Smoky Mountains. Text or email, we can let others know quickly.

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

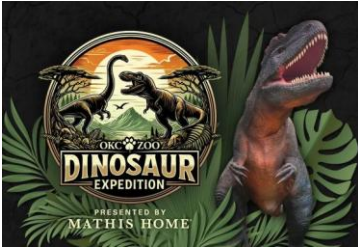
Club Business Cards:

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.

Several Events of Interest



May 16, 2011 · The first annual **Norman Arts Festival** will be held at Andrew's Park May 16th and 17th, 2026.



Roaring Now...**Dinosaur Expedition!** Featuring over 60 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!



More than just a park, **Martin Park Nature Center** is a hub for nature exploration and education for visitors of all ages. Guided hikes, education programs and an interactive learning center provide visitors with a place to learn about nature and wildlife in a serene, suburban environment. 5200 W Memorial, OKC. (405) 297-1429.

You see opportunities every day, you wish you had your camera - you do, it is in your pocket!

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