

“FOCUS”

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

April, 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.

April 14, 7:00 pm

Judging: Projected Images

Discussion of projected entries

April 28, 7:00 pm

Judging: Prints

Program: Youth Competition, Piers Blackett

Judges for April

Frank Mesarick

Jackie Mesarick

Trina Arnold

Workshops:

Beginning Image Workshop:

Jan and Wally Lee

Beginning Image Workshop will not meet in April, see you in May.

Nature Workshop:

Melanie and Shawn Roberts

Nature Workshop will not meet in April or May

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

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

Club Board Meeting:

Board of Directors will meet at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday, April 21, at: 5200

NW 122 Ter. Please forward items you would like to have on the agenda.
dmfinchok@gmail.com.

Pictures for Club Website:

Jaci Finch places club member's pictures on the club website. Please forward a couple of yours, having an inventory to select from helps keep the website current and fun.

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 club members' work.

Bryan Hapke is managing this project for the club. No fees for having your pictures hung, *a real opportunity for members to display, and sell (optional) work*. Please contact Bryan for details, 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.

Sizing images for competition:

Everyone needs to be reminded that horizontal images entered in digital can never be more than 1920 pixels wide and never more than 1080 pixels tall. Neither side can be larger than this. If a picture is a vertical it can never be more than 1080 pixels tall and usually will be less than 1920 pixels wide. A square picture can never be more than 1080 X 1080.

You are hurting your chances somewhat by entering pictures that are smaller than allowed, i.e. 1500 X 725. They show up smaller on the screen. If anyone has any questions they can contact us for help.

Wally Lee

PSA Youth Show Case

Piers Blackett piersblackett@att.net will present club's **Youth Awards** as the club program, 7:00 pm on April 28 at the Cole Community Center, (club meeting room).

Piers has received a donation of two boxes of books to present at the awards ceremony as “door prizes” based on random selection. Additional donations (books, camera bags, money) are welcome. Donations made to the *Oklahoma Camera Club*, a 501 (c) (3) charity, are tax deductible. Piers will provide forms for documenting the items donated.

Show and Sale in Cordell, OK

Jeff Evans contacted the club last month looking for interest in participating in a print show in Cordell, OK. I followed up to check progress.

“Doug, the submittal window has passed, the exhibit officially opens on Wednesday, April 1.”

Jeff sent the photos below to illustrate the excitement received. An amazing picture printed as tall as Jeff displaying the theme of the show, *weather*. The second picture shows one wall of the display.





Congratulations Jeff, well done!

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. Jaci will present a program showing accepted and award-winning entries.

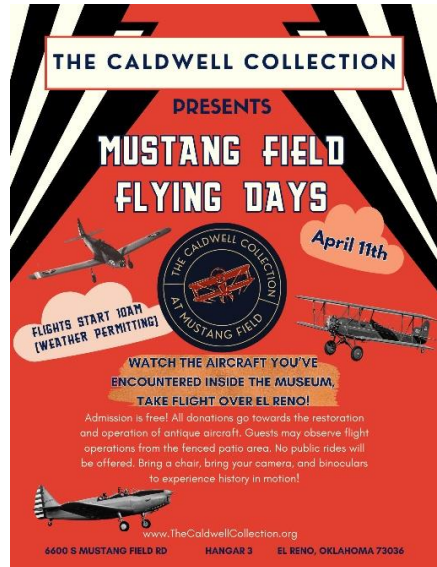
Photo Opportunities

- **Festival of the Arts**
April 23-26, an annual celebration of visual, performing, and culinary arts. Residents of OK look forward to this celebration of the opening of Spring at downtown **OKC's Bicentennial Park**. An OKC tradition since 1967.
- **Oklahoma City Zoo** – *An experience awaiting!*
New **Baobab Lodge** at the **Oklahoma City Zoo in Expedition Africa**, constructed in 2025, with reservations and operations for a luxury glamping experience beginning in March 2026. It offers overnight stays overlooking the Savanna habitat. The lodge, designed for up to 10 people, features a king-size bed, a second bedroom with bunk beds, a kitchenette, and private patio, cots and bedding provided as needed. Views of the giraffes, ostriches, and other animals in the habitat as shown in this [be video](#).

- **Art in Bloom 2026**: April 10-12, 2026, at the *Oklahoma City Museum of Art*, featuring floral interpretations of art, see the [Oklahoma City Museum of Art website](#).
- **Stillwater Arts Festival**: April 17-18, 2026, at the *Prairie Arts Center in Stillwater*, featuring local art, [go.okstate.edu website](http://go.okstate.edu).
- **Edmond Art Association Art Walk**: April 17, 2026, in Edmond. *The Edmond Art Association (EAA)* invites the public to the Art Walk at Jerry's, a free, family-friendly outdoor art event displaying original works by local Oklahoma artists.
- **Harley Party Bike Stock**: Various motorcycle rallies including the *Harley Party (Apr 30–May 3)* and *BikeStock (May 2-3)*, says the CycleFish.com.
- **Oklahoma City Zone – 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, **March 6 – November 1, 2026**. Enjoy it daily 9:30 am - 4:00 pm., hours are weather dependent!
- **Mustang Field Flying Days begin April 11th**: Event features vintage aircraft from the *Caldwell Collection*, begins on April 11, 2026, at the [El Reno Regional Airport](#) and *Industrial Airpark (Hangar 3)* near Mustang, OK. This free community event displays historic aircraft in flight. It is the first of the season and engines are waking up after a long winter. *Watch the aircraft displayed inside the museum (near Mustang) take to the Oklahoma sky like they designed and built to do decades ago! Flights begin at 10AM (weather permitting).*

Event schedule for ***El Reno Regional Airport and Industrial Airpark – Hangar 3, El Reno.***

Bring a chair, Bring your camera. Free event.



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