

“FOCUS”

Newsletter of the Oklahoma Camera Club, Inc.

(Founded Oct. 1931)

October 2026

Location: Cole Community Center, OKC

The club conducts meetings on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. See website at www.oklahomacameraclub.com.

October 13, 7:00 pm

Judging: Projected Images

Group discussion of entries

October 27, 7:00 pm

Judging: Prints

Program:

“Creative Lightbox”

JD McClung

Judges for October:

Charles Taylor

Frank Mesarick

Jackie Mesarick

Workshops:

Jan and Wally Lee

Beginning Image Workshop:

Friday Night, October 16, 7:00 pm. (Friday following first meeting of the month.) You may like to bring images to discuss. Please call or text for directions (405-326- 4324).

Melanie and Shawn Roberts

Nature Workshop:

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

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

Nature workshop will not meet in October, see you in November.

Club Board Meeting:

The **Board of Directors** will meet at our home on Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 pm. Please call or text if you have questions (405-760-1827).

Jan Lee, President

Oklahoma Camera Club Youth Exhibition:

On October 1st ***Lyuda Cameron*** and ***Piers Blackett*** launched our first ***Youth Print Exhibition*** which will be on display for the month of *October* at the *Midwest City Library, 8143 E Reno Ave.* The Library has an excellent foyer and wall for exhibits and large enough for forty student prints. A reception will be held on Saturday, October 10th, from 2 to 4 pm. The Library is located within the municipal complex at the northeast corner of Reno and Midwest Blvd. An effective way for photographers armed with cameras is to drive south on Midwest Blvd to Reno, and when you turn left the library is immediately north of the Fire and Police Departments on Reno.

After 10 years of guidance on what it takes to participate in an *International Showcase* conducted by the *Photographic Society of America*, our exhibition at the *Midwest City Library* represents a new *Oklahoma Camera Club* initiative designed to provide students with a chance to attain photographic excellence displayed as prints; an opportunity for more students to achieve the goal of print acceptance for exhibition. We thank you all for your past and present participation in making this possible, and we look forward to taking more steps towards photographic excellence among Oklahoma's aspiring young photographers. ***Piers Blackett***



Name Tags:

If you do not have a club name tag, please notify **Jaci Finch** at jkfinchok@gmail.com.

Photo Opportunities:

Club members are always looking for opportunities for photographs and fun. Please email to dmfinchok@gmail.com for distribution to club members.

Indigenous Peoples Day:

Red Earth Fall Fest Parade & Powwow

Saturday, Oct. 17 at Scissortail Park.

The festival will feature a parade, arts & crafts market, and a Youth Powwow. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, blankets and a picnic to enjoy the day of free family friendly activities. The museum campus will have activities and experiences for all ages, including Lightning, Talks, live music and performances, social dancing, Indigenous sports and games, hands-on activities, the annual Chalk Mural Contest, community information booths, food trucks, and a mayoral proclamation recognizing *Indigenous Peoples Day* in Oklahoma City.

Oktoberfest:

OKC Fair Park Oct 15th-18th

333 Gordon Cooper Blvd

Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Oktoberfest is the annual festival in Munich, Germany, held over a two-week period, ending the first Sunday in October. The festival originated in October 1810, in celebration of the marriage of Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria to Princess Therese from von Sachsen-Hildburghausen. Many festivals of this kind have been held all over the United States ever since. Old Germany restaurant in the small town of Choctaw, Oklahoma began hosting Oktoberfest in 1991.



PhotoCon, OKC 2026 always offers a large variety of photography demonstrations and classes along with a variety of photography equipment, certainly worthy of your time. A fantastic opportunity to experience and explore photography equipment you have always promised yourself to “check out.” This is **Bedford’s** thirteenth year conducting the show, it is the largest photography show in the region. <https://www.photoconokc.com>

Hispanic Festival:

Oklahoma City, Oct 10

Enjoy an evening of music, dance, and food at the *Hispanic Festival* in Oklahoma City. Watch exciting performances featuring dancers from different countries. Browse vendors, amazing artwork and try authentic foods at this can't-miss festival at *Scissortail Park* during *Hispanic Heritage Month*.

Stockyards Stampede:

OKC, Oct 17

Step into Oklahoma city's cowboy culture at the *Stockyards Stampede*, an annual celebration packed with western flavor in the heart of Oklahoma City's historic *Stockyards City district*. The event opens with a stampede of Oklahoma Longhorn, followed by an authentic Chuck Wagon camp, live music, western demonstrations, and the *Made in Oklahoma Market*. Guests can sample local foods, meet ranch animals, and experience the rich heritage that defines Stockyards City.

Everything else for photo opportunities and fun:

- Enjoy the wonder of the Zoo and Halloween simultaneously at the Oklahoma City Zoo's *Haunt the Zoo*.
- Check out the *Fall Festival* at *Orr Family Farm* for the fun pumpkin patch for the whole family to enjoy.
- Select your pumpkin for your home at the *Myriad Botanical Garden's Pumpkinville*.
- Celebrate Halloween on the boat during *Oklahoma River Cruise's Haunt the River*.

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