

**Southwest Missouri Camera Club**  
**4th Thursday Meeting Minutes**  
**May 28th, 2026**

**Opening:**

The 4th Thursday meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club was held on May 28th at the Springfield Missouri's Botanical Garden main building. There were 24 members and guests in attendance. President, Carrie Alkier called the meeting to order at 5:47 PM. She then reminded members of the upcoming events, times and the dates for the clubs activities.

**Reports and Announcements:**

- **Treasurers Report:** Club treasurer, Susan Gettys gave the following report: Beginning Balance=\$3361.42. Total Receipts=\$811.10 Total Expenses=\$561.02. The ending Balance=\$3611.05. Savings Account =\$1027.67. CD=\$4021.69. Cash on hand=\$100.00. Total Funds are \$8760.41 Susan also reported the club's membership as of (4-30-26) is 63 individual memberships, 12 family memberships totaling 89 memberships.
- **Exhibitions:** Chairman, Elaine Miller reported on the exhibitions that the club was currently presenting.
- **Connect Social:** The next "Connect Social" will be at the Wire Road Winery on June 10th, 2026.
- **Field Trips:** Chairman, Jim Gulley reminded the club of the "Hot Air Balloon Festival" on June 19th in Ozark, Mo. Also the "Mile Of Flowers" event on Commercial Street on June 6th. He is also putting together a work schedule for the "Fair" in August. We will have a 10x20 booth to display our photography.
- **50th Anniversary Celebration:** This will be on June 25th here at the Botanical Center. President, Carrie Alkier needs photos from members from years past to have on display,. This display will also be used at the fair July 30th-August 8th.
- **Third Quarter Competition Images** are due June 25th, 2026. Images need to be sent to the clubs email address.
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Chairman, Lori Decker reported that there were 8 apple entries, 8 busy entries, 8 colorful entries, 4 downtown entries, 8 expression entries and 6 front door entries. These images were then presented as a slide show and the club marked their ballots for their first choice in each category.
- **Friends Of The Garden:** This a newsletter produced by the garden every two weeks. Photos are needed for this newsletter. Post the images to the google drive.
- **Panel at the 50th Celebration:** Lori needs questions for the panel. Forms were handed out for the members to take some time and write questions for the panel.
- **Photogram:** Lori also asked the members to write down tips and techniques that they use in their photography and editing to add to the photogram.

- **Capture Groups:** Chairman, Richard Baughman, gave a report on the Capture Groups and how they are basically following the projections created by other clubs using Capture Groups. He is hosting a “Macro Day” in his studio on Saturday at 10:00 am. All are welcome to come and watch or shoot.
- **“Lighting Workshop”:** Elaine Miller reminded the club of this event in June at the Brentwood Library. The date is June 23rd at 6:30pm.
- **Scavenger Hunt Results:** Lori Decker presented the Scavenger Hunt Results.

**Adjourn:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm by president Carri Alkier. The next meeting will be on June 25 here at the Botanical Garden. It will be our 50th Anniversary Celebration.

**Submitted By:**

Linda Wise  
Secretary