

**Southwest Missouri Camera Club**  
**4th Thursday Meeting**  
**February 26th, 2026**

**Opening:**

The 4th Thursday meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club was called to order by Vice President Lori Long at 5:51pm at the Springfield Missouri Botanical Center. The meeting was held in the welcome centers large meeting room. There were 28 members present.

**Agenda:**

**Super Trip: At 5:15 pm,** prior to the general meeting, Treasurer, Susan Gettys had conducted a general information meeting for those interested in having a Super Trip. Five members were present for this meeting.

**Membership Dues:** Vice President Lori Long reminded the members that dues were due by the end of the month. After that, access to the clubs Facebook page would be lost.

**Club Merchandise, Important dates and a Sense Of Place:** Lori then presented a powerpoint with the following information: Club merchandise that was now available and important dates for the club members. She then explained just what the term “A Sense Of Place” was all about. In order to use the Botanical Centers facilities at no cost, the club has agreed to take photographs of the grounds and the gardens at the center. These images will then be used as displays in the welcome center.

**Exhibits:** Elaine Miller, exhibit chairman, announced that the RT 66 exhibit will open in March at the Barry/Lawrence County library. 60+ images are needed. She then displayed the exhibit schedule for the rest of the year and said the schedule would be posted on the clubs Facebook page.

**Field Trips:** Chairman, Jim Gulley reminded members that the up coming Saturdays field trip would be in Branson at the Butterfly Palace. There will be a St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14th in downtown Springfield. This will start at noon. On March 28th, the field trip will be at the Ralph Foster museum.

**Connect Socials:** The next “Connect Social” is on March 11th at “Sips and Scoops” 3202 West Republic Rd at 8:30 am.

**Scavenger Hunt:** The topics and timeline for the Scavenger Hunt were announced. Beginning tonight and it will run thru March 26th. The topics are apples, busy, colorful, downtown, expressions and front door.

**Quarterly Competition and PSA:** Images for the next Quarterly Competition will be due on March 26th, 2026. Images for the PSA competition are also due on the 26th.

**March Meetings:** Locations for the March meetings are March 12th (5:45) at the Library Center and March 25th we will log into Zoom prior to 7:00 pm with Lisa Langell. We will need to pre-

register and that information will be sent to the members soon. She will also send the attendees a recording of the presentation.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer, Susan Gettys gave the following report: As of February 13th, 2026: Beginning balance=\$3,572.56, Total receipts \$1,134.98, Expenses were \$946.15. The ending balance was \$3,761.39. Savings account balance is \$5,027.32 with \$100.00 cash on hand. Total funds are \$8,888.71. Paid members at this time total 49 individual and 11 family memberships.

**Program:**

Competitions Chairman, Harley Dutoit presented the results of the 1st Quarter Competition. There were 3 PSA judges doing the judging and the score range was from 1 to 5. Making the best score possible a 15. Each image was shown and Harley read the 3 critiques for each entry. Harley then announced March 26th as the date when 2nd quarter images are due.

**Adjourn:**

Vice President Lori Long then adjourned the meeting at 7:20 pm. The club has the room until 7:45 pm, so many members stayed for a few minutes to visit with each other.

**Minutes Presented By:** Linda Wise Secretary-SWMCC