

Southwest Missouri Camera Club 4th Thursday Meeting
June 25th 2026
50th Year Celebration

Opening:

The 4th Thursday meeting of the Southwest Missouri Camera Club was held on June 25th at the Springfield Missouri Botanical Center main building. There were 31 members in attendance. President, Carrie Alkier called the meeting to order at 5:50 PM. She then reminded members of upcoming events and programs that the club has planned for the coming months.

Program for the 50th Anniversary:

President, Carrie Alkier then thanked Richard Baughman for the 50th Anniversary slide show which was playing in the background. She then asked all members who had previously been on the board to stand up. Then, the current board members were introduced. The first door prize ticket was drawn and Jo Bolton was the happy winner. The second door prize went to Randy Connell. Vice President, Lori Long then presented the main program "A Panel of 3 ". The panel consisted of Ted Pagel, Jane Ballard (who was unable to attend) and Mike Holmes. Each panelist had been asked a series of questions about their techniques, their favorite type of photography, how they approached a new creation and advice on how others could be as creative as possible. Each panelist had also submitted a slideshow of their work and were able to comment on each slide with what, when and how. Lori then asked each panelist "how they first fell in love with photography, what was their first camera and what keeps them excited about creating new images." Another question they answered was "what was the biggest change in photography that they had experienced?". Jane answered "digital and AI", Ted answered "film to digital" and Mike answered "underwater photography". More door prize numbers were then drawn. A great program for our 50th Anniversary. Then Aaron Cooper, the president of MOPPA, introduced himself and explained just what MOPPA was: Missouri Professional Photographers Association. He invited everyone to look the organization up online and consider joining. The group is having a conference on July 10-12th. They host webinars monthly and also do image reviews online.

President, Carrie Alkier reminded everyone that the speaker for July 23rd was Brennen Nicole. At 7:00 PM, the meeting was adjourned and the members were invited to have a piece of the anniversary cake, visit the photo booth and have social time until 7:30 PM.

Adjourn:

At 7:30, the board members then began a cleanup of the room and left the facility at 7:45 PM.

Submitted By: Linda Wise
Secretary