



Hello All,

The holidays are upon us. For those of you who will travel, I wish you safe travel and good adventure. For those of you who have already gone south, enjoy the warmth and sunshine—it is very cold here in PA. We will miss you.

Happy Holidays to all!



American actors Bing Crosby (1903 - 1977), Rosemary Clooney (1928 - 2002), Vera-Ellen (1921 - 1981), and Danny Kaye (1913 - 1987) sing together, while dressed in fur-trimmed red outfits and standing in front of a stage backdrop, in a scene from the film 'White Christmas,' directed by Michael Curtiz, 1954.  
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## Next Meeting

### Monday, December 16, 7-9 pm, Holiday Party

Alan Lucas will teach us about **apertures**. This is the first of four presentations by members about using manual mode. If you know how to photograph in manual mode, consider it a review, although I expect you'll learn something. If you don't, manual mode takes some getting used to, but once you know, you don't look back.

After this, we will have our **White Elephant gift exchange**. Please bring a photo-related wrapped gift. This can be anything you like: serious or fun, or big or small. Just dig through your gear and gift something you don't want anymore, or if you choose to purchase a gift, please don't spend more than \$5. We will have a few extra gifts in case you forget :)

We will also **share Holiday photos!** This is a way to get to know each other better. Photos can be anything related to winter, the holiday, Christmas, Hannukah, or any way you celebrate or relax. They can be from your childhood or recent, or relate to a holiday memory, or something wintry. Please upload your photos using the Pollunit link. This is not a competition and will not be scored.

Feel free to bring a **treat** to share!

Here's the link to upload holiday photos: [Holiday Photo Fun](#). We've only had few entries so far, so please consider sharing a photo or two.

Meetings are held at the Patton Township Municipal Building Board Room, 100 Patton Plaza, State College, PA 16803. The entrance is on the left side of the building, and there is an easy-access sidewalk from the parking lot.



## Club Dues

If you haven't already done so, please pay soon. Dues cost **\$50** as we must now pay to rent the Patton Township meeting room and cover all regular club meetings plus some extras. We are still a great deal! If this is a hardship, please talk to me. You can pay dues at the meeting in cash or check, or online via Paypal. More information at <https://www.statecollegephotoclub.org/become-a-member/>

## Calendar

Monday, January 20, 7-9 pm: Monthly meeting: Open competition.

Our member presentation will be Lisa Cirincione's "My Town Photography: Examples and Insights." This is in preparation for our "My Town" competition in April 2025.

## Competitions

I have learned of two new competitions that you might want to enter.

- The first is the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Allegany National Photography Competition and Exhibition. You can find out more at <https://www.alleganyartscouncil.org/anpce/>. The deadline to enter is February 6, 2025.
- The second is PA's Art of the State 2025. Information at <https://statemuseumpa.org/callforentry/>. The deadline for submission is January 17, 2025.

See you Monday!

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