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## Metro Camera Club

### Okla City, OK



#### Board

<b>President</b>	<b>Brian Hapke</b>
<b>V President</b>	<b>John Bowman</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Don Risi</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Paul Johnson</b>
<b>Membership</b>	<b>Cindi Risi</b>
<b>Joe Wilson</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Jack Delisle</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Carl Shortt</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>John Williams</b>	<b>Member</b>

#### PhotoCon 2022

**October 20 to 22**

**See Joe Wilson  
For Tickets**

#### September 2022 Meetings

September 12th Competition  
Prints and Slides

August 26th Speaker-John Williams

Meetings start at 6:45 PM  
Will Rogers Park  
Exhibition Hall  
3400 NW 36<sup>th</sup>  
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John has been a member of MCC for many years and has been Competition/Stats chairman since 2015. He grew up in Enid and began taking photos in earnest in the early 70's using a Fujitsu 35mm with Sigma 70- 200 lens. Not having enough room for a full darkroom. He taught himself how to produce contact sheets in a small bathroom of his parents' home. Going to college, photography, fell to the wayside.

After joining the Oklahoma City Fire Department in the 1990s, he was promoted to Major in 1999 to manage the Managed Information Systems. Around that time, digital cameras were making their way into affordability. Beginning with a Kodak 1 megapixel and 16MB card, he began shooting photos again. Beginning with nature shots and family but also work-related.

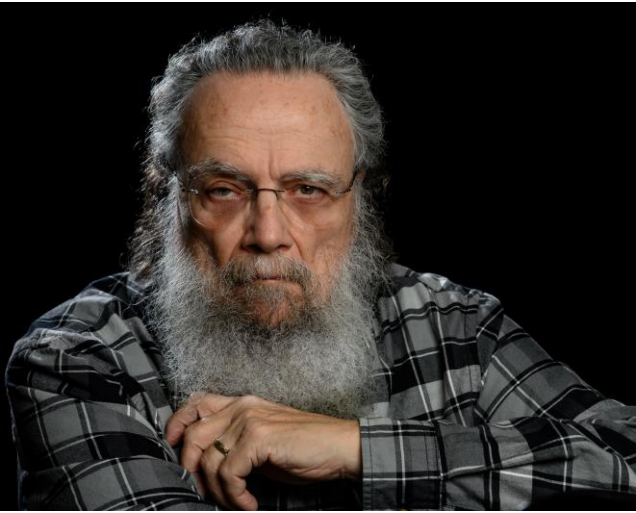
He has since graduated to using a Canon 6D and enjoys traveling with his wife, Mary Ann, Shooting landscapes, nature, street, and personal subjects. Traveling through Europe, South America, the United States, and the Caribbean - and with the skills and information from other photographers in the Camera Club - He has been able to see and capture some remarkable areas of the world.

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#### **Member of the Month – Don Risi**

A chance encounter with an MCC member in 2006 led to Don Risi joining the club. Since that time he has served on the board in several positions, including treasurer, secretary, and President. He has also served as membership chair. He is one of the club's most faithful attenders, and you can find him at just about any meeting, camera in hand.

Don was born in Peekskill, New York, a small town on the Hudson River, about 40 miles north of New York City. He grew up in Shrub Oak, an even smaller town near there, and came to Oklahoma to attend OU, where he majored in theatrical design.

After some time bouncing between New York, South Carolina and Ada, Oklahoma, he finally returned to Oklahoma City in 1978. He is married to Cindy Risi, currently MCC membership chair. He is the proud father of two sons from his first marriage and an even prouder grandpa to two grandchildren, ages 12 and 7.

Don has held a number of careers over the years. He is retired from Oklahoma City University where he was a professor of arts management,

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- equipping students with the knowledge of technical theatre and production management that he acquired as production manager for the Oklahoma City Philharmonic, technical director for the Nikolais Dance Theatre, and as a member of the road crew for a national touring company of the Broadway show *Annie*. His work as a road electrician for *Annie* involved touring all over the United States, unloading 6 semi-trucks of lights, sets, and costumes, and doing 8 performances a week, only to load everything up on the trucks and head toward the next city to repeat the process. He still remembers those days fondly.
- Photography is Don's passion, and he can always be found with camera in hand or researching ways to improve his photography. He loves to shoot just about anything – people, dancers,

landscapes, flowers, birds – but don't ask him to shoot weddings or babies. In addition to his personal work, Don has also done commercial photography work, most notably, shooting for several years for *405 Magazine*.

He enjoys watching baseball and is always up for taking a spur-of-the-moment day trip to get out of town. Of all the places he's visited, he reports that Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks are his favorites, followed closely by Rocky Mountain National Park. Places on his travel wish list include Banff National Park in Canada, and Great Britain.

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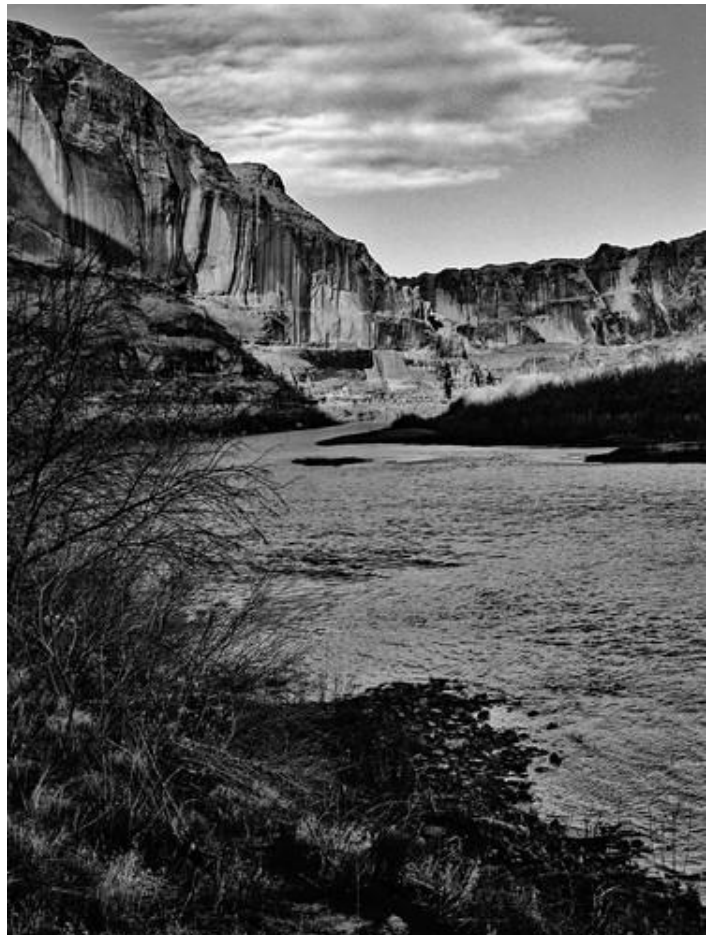
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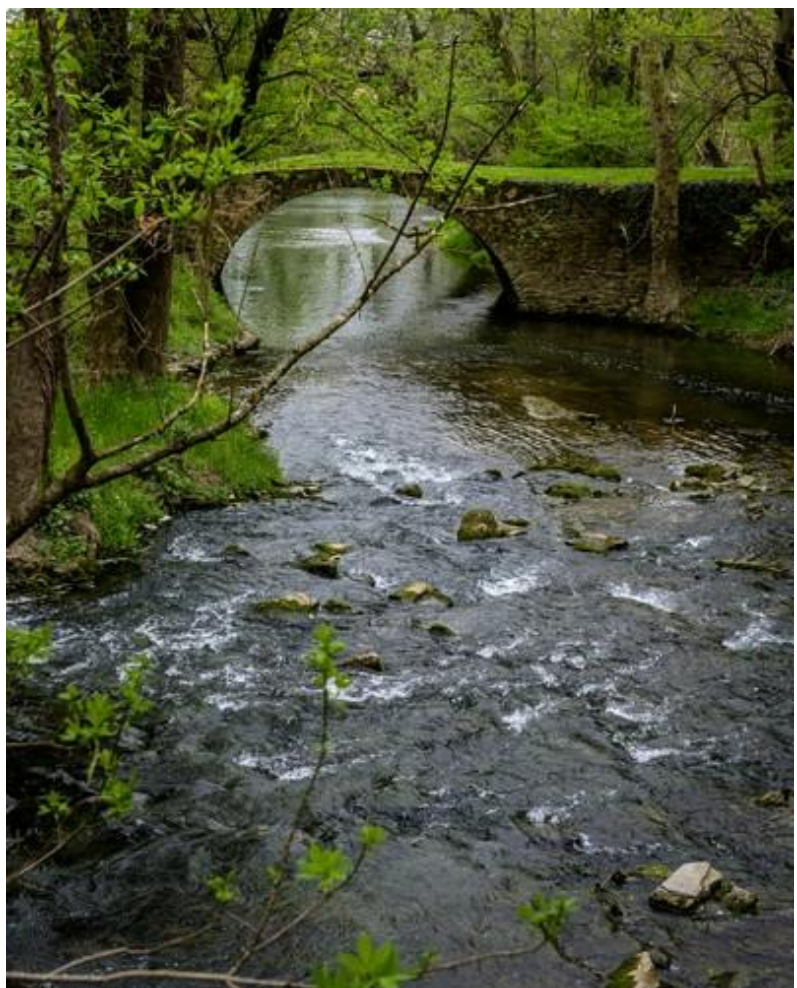
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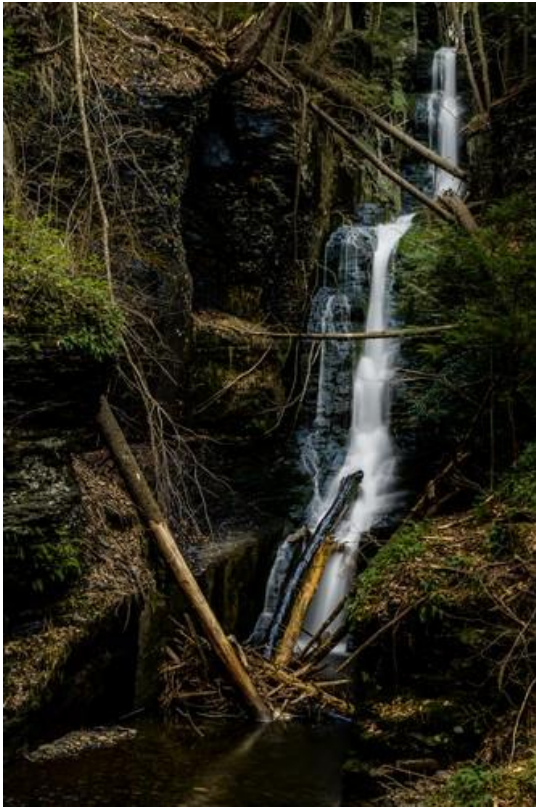
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September 12<sup>th</sup> Judges