

# Photo Exhibits During a Pandemic



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# When Photo Exhibits Get Closed Down

## Plan Ahead & Think “Outside the Box”

**Photo Exhibit**  
*Animals* by Flagpole Photographers Camera Club of Newtown



**March 2 - 30**

Newtown Municipal Center  
Fairfield Hills  
3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT

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Even if you are allowed to put up an exhibit, be prepared!  
The situation could change and your exhibit could get shut down.



# Flagpole Photographers' Exhibits Newtown Municipal Center

Previous Exhibits:



2020 Exhibit:  
What's missing? People!



# “Animals Photo Exhibit” – March 2020 Newtown Municipal Center



205 photos were hung on March 2!



# “Animals Photo Exhibit” Newtown Municipal Center



- Exhibit was put up on the walls
- We photographed all photos in the exhibit
- We posted photos to our club website (*It became a Virtual Exhibit*)





# “Animals Photo Exhibit” Newtown Municipal Center



The building closed to the public in mid-March, 2 weeks after hanging the exhibit.

We were asked to take down the exhibit on June 30th, the day before the building reopened, so people wouldn't linger in the building looking at the photos.





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Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Newtown Municipal Center is operating by appointment only. Please view the photos of the exhibit below. If you are interested in purchasing any of the photos which are being offered for sale, contact Rhonda Cullens at 203-426-8473 or Rhonda@CCullens.com. The price list follows the photos below. Over 200 photos are in this exhibit!



# Animals Photo Exhibit

Someone had briefly seen our exhibit, taken a flyer, and emailed that she wanted to buy a dozen photos as Christmas presents.

She viewed the photos online and picked out some but wanted to see them in person to pick out the rest.

## Time to “think outside the box!”

<https://www.flagpolephotographers.com/exhibits/2020-animals-photo-exhibit-march>



# “Private Animals Photo Exhibit” in our garage!

## Our “outside the box” solution!



# “A Garage & Outdoor Exhibit”

She came over and made her final choices!



And she's now interested in joining our club!



# Virtual Photo Exhibits

*Flagpole Photographers Camera Club  
of Newtown, Connecticut*

*presents a*

*"Virtual Exhibit from our 2019-2020 Season"*

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# Flagpole's Past Exhibits at our Local Library

We usually have our Annual Competition and Exhibit at our local library.

This year, since the library was closed, they asked us to do a “Virtual Exhibit” with around 30 photos.



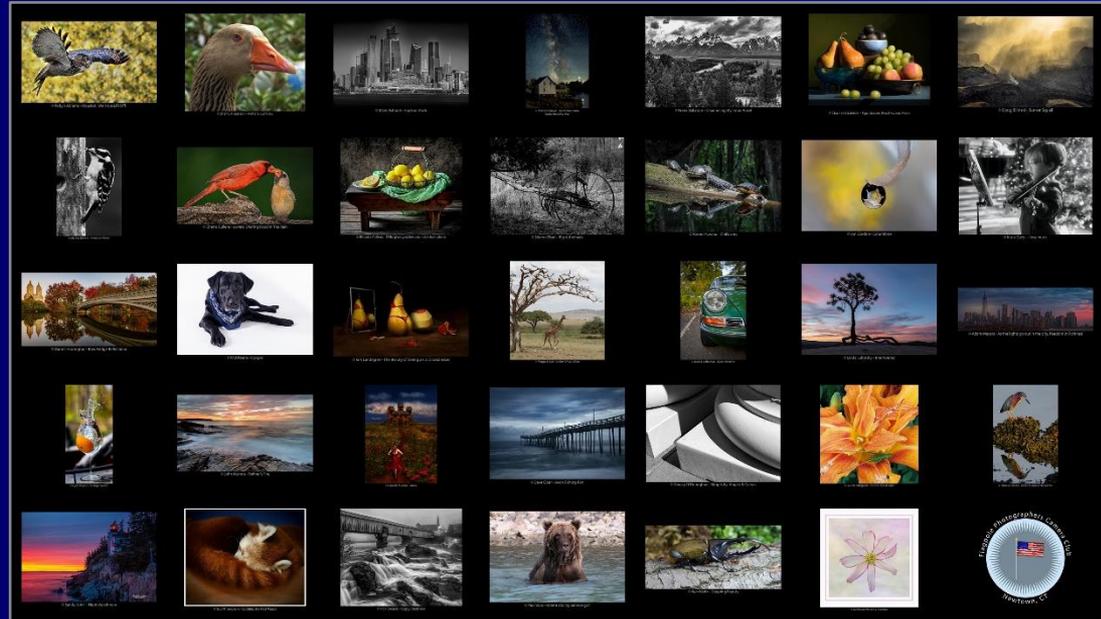
# Selection of which photos to use

The Library asked for “around 30” photos.

It happened that we had 34 members who had placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class A or B last season in our monthly competitions.

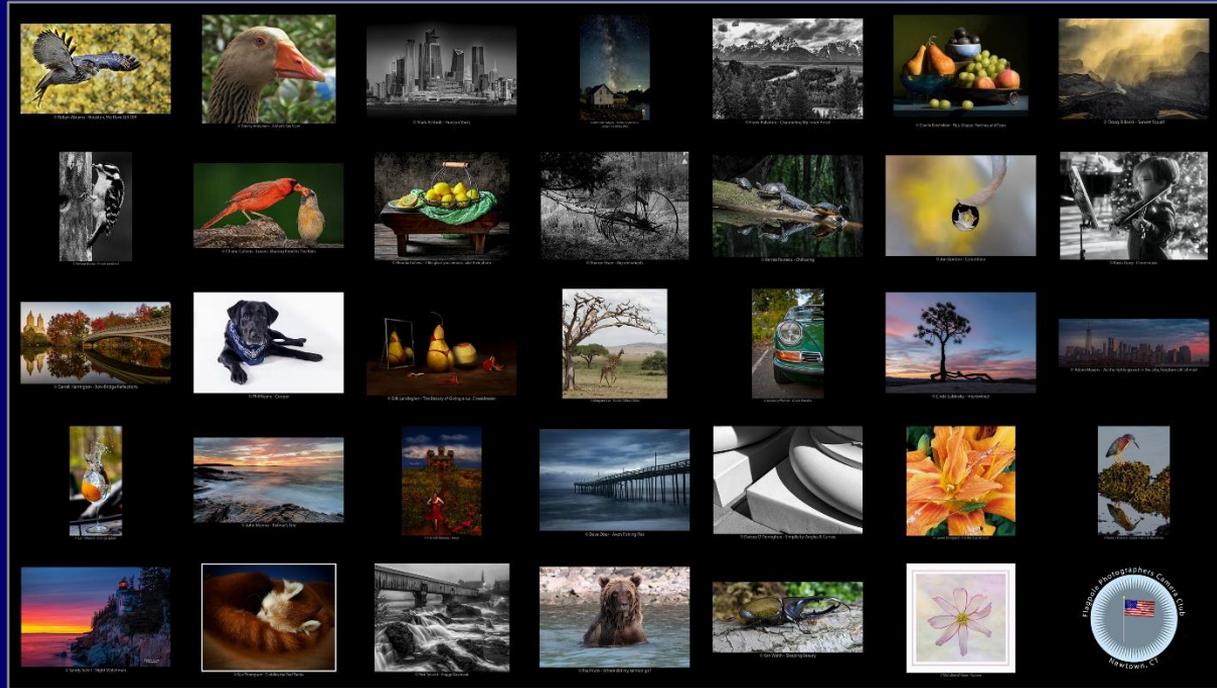
Major decision factors:

1. We already had digital images of all winning photos. – I didn’t have to try to solicit new photos.
2. Quality assurance – All photos would be a known, good quality since they had already been selected as a monthly winner!



# Permission and Photo Ordering

- I asked each member for permission to use one of their winning photos.
- If they had more than one winning photo, I let them choose the one they wanted me to use.
- Photos were put in alphabetic order by photographer's last name.





# Posting the Virtual Exhibit

Flagpole's Virtual Exhibit from the 2019-2020 Season  
June 22, 2020 by Rhonda (J&R)

Flagpole Photographers Camera Club of Newtown is pleased to present a "Virtual Exhibit" featuring a sampling of photos from their 2019-2020 competition season. This collection is comprised of a winning photo from each of the 34 members who had a photo place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in one of the monthly competition categories.

During each September – June season, the club holds a monthly competition with various categories, including "Assigned Subject" which changes each month, as well as "Open Color" and "Open Monochrome". There are also "Class A" (advanced) and "Class B" designations within some categories.

Founded in 1985, the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club's mission is to enable members to share their photos and expertise, to learn and grow in their photography, and to enjoy the camaraderie of fellow photographers. They also offer many free learning programs that are open to the public and are listed in the events schedule on the club's website. Visitors are always welcome to listen and learn at the monthly competitions as well!

To see other winning competition photos and member galleries, or to get more information about the Flagpole Photographers Camera Club and how to join, visit [FlagpolePhotographers.com](http://FlagpolePhotographers.com) or email [info@FlagpolePhotographers.com](mailto:info@FlagpolePhotographers.com)

The club would also like to thank the C.H. Booth Library for hosting this "Virtual Exhibit" on their website as well.

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Video presentation by Chane Cullens



- Include background info about what makes up the Virtual Exhibit.
- Include info about your club. This could be another opportunity for membership outreach.
- Don't forget to post your "Virtual Exhibits" on Facebook and the NECC Blog too!
- Are there other sites where you could post it to increase exposure? Maybe your local Senior Center or Community Groups?

[https://chboothlibrary.org/rl\\_gallery/flagpole-photographers-virtual-show](https://chboothlibrary.org/rl_gallery/flagpole-photographers-virtual-show)

<https://www.flagpolephotographers.com/exhibits/virtual-exhibit-a-sampling-of-some-of-our-members-winning-photos-this-season>



# Flagpole's Virtual Exhibit: 2019-2020 Season



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# End video with an invite to the club's website



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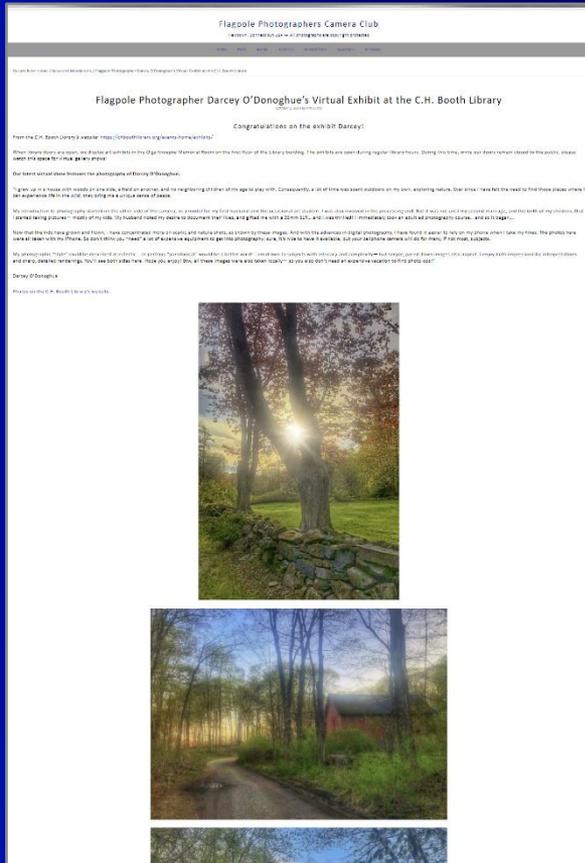
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# Encourage & Promote Member's Exhibits



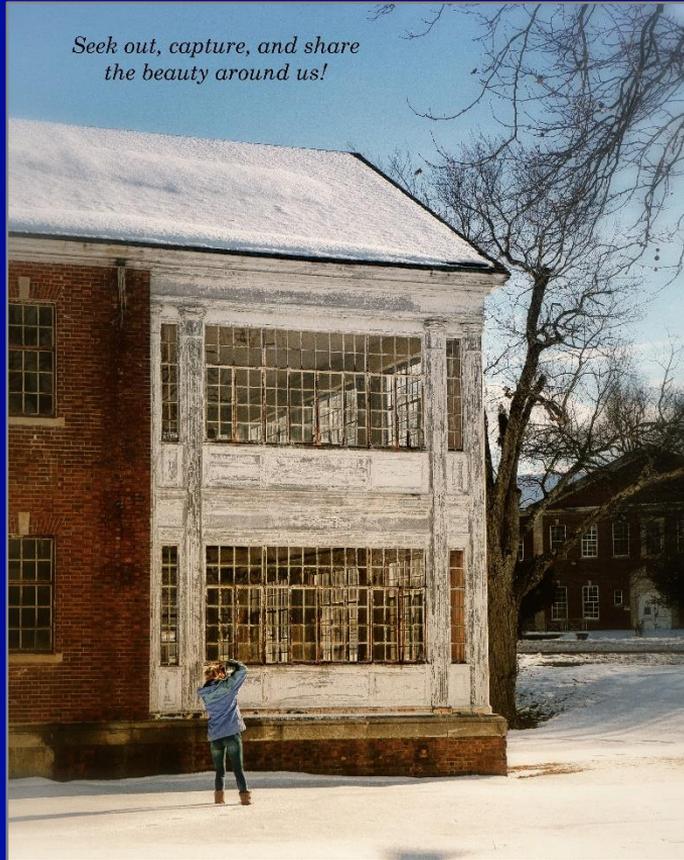
- Encourage your members to have their own exhibits and promote them too.
- Include info about the club when possible.

<https://chboothlibrary.org/events-home/exhibits>

<https://www.flagpolephotographers.com/news/flag-pole-photographer-darcey-odonoghues-virtual-exhibit-at-the-c-h-booth-library>



# Seek out, capture, and share the beauty around us!



The pandemic might have changed our world, but there is still beauty all around us waiting to be captured and shared.

Exhibits are a great way to share the beauty we have found while looking through our camera lens as well as sharing our passion for photography. They are also a great way to promote our photography clubs.

During this time, however, we just need to be a bit more creative with how we share our photos with others!

*Remember to explore new possibilities  
and think outside the box!*

