
Foresters Meeting

Tuesday, 04.07.2026

Agenda

- ★ **Print supplies status:** Steve believes he still has a full box each of both large and small mats, but he'll confirm. Bud indicated there are still a few members who owe for mats received. He confirmed that the at cost prices we are charging members are \$1.49 for small and \$2.49 for large.
 - Post meeting Steve confirmed he has a full box of 16x20 plus 24 extras and a full box of 11x14 with 19 extras. That should be good for another season.
 - ★ **Little Red Schoolhouse:** Anne again thanked everyone who helped out. Phil has passed all the event photos he took to them. Sounds like there were some interesting ones. Maybe we'll see them in some of their promotional materials.
 - ★ **Other venues:** Anne asked if members were interested in pursuing other venues like the LRSH. The group indicated yes, so she's going to see if the Sagawa Nature Center would be interested in a display like we did at the LRSH. Other possibilities discussed were the Tinley Park Library and the Vogt Visual Arts Center (VVAC) in Tinley Park. Members were encouraged to check with their local libraries and any other options.
 - ★ **Next year's DPI specials:** Phil is keeping next year's lineup a secret till our end of year party. But he did share that the first will be "Fireworks" since we had the recent training session on it.
 - ★ **Club competitions:** The group discussed whether we should try to use outside judges next year. The result of the vote held was that although they may be hard to come by, we will try at a minimum to use outside judges to supplement our ranks next year.
 - ★ **Presentations for next year:**
 - In part the presentation lineup for next year will be driven by what the "to be announced" DPI specials for next year end up being. At least some of those will be stretch targets that will encourage participants to learn new techniques, etc.
 - There is still interest in having occasional outside presenters, such as Mike Baker for B&W photography.
 - Anne asked all to submit topics they're interested in.
 - ★ **Meeting format:**
 - Next year we will look to have breakout sessions before the regular meetings to offer focus sessions and "how-to assistance" to members.
 - At the beginning of the season, Steve offered to present a brief session on how to judge. This will help all members understand the criteria judges look for even when they themselves aren't doing the judging.
 - ★ **Outside activities:**
 - A lot of interest was expressed in organizing informal outside "meet-ups" where members can go and shoot together. Some of the ideas that came up were:
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- Chicagohenge - This occurs when the sun aligns with Chicago's east-west street grid during the equinoxes, creating a stunning glow between skyscrapers. The Autumn 2026 event takes place around September 19-22 with peak sunset views around 7:00 PM.
 - Airshows - Jack Martin and John Lubon are going to create a list of airshows that members might be interested in. Anne mentioned a group called COAP that offers some free tutorials regarding airplane photography.
 - All members are encouraged to find such venues and share them with the group.
- ★ **End of Year Party:** *Don't forget!! Our year end party and awards dinner will be held on May 19th. Join us at Aurelio's for pizza and a great time. Please RSVP to Anne or Bud Dyke to let us know if you'll be there. The cost per person will be \$20.*
- ★ **The new Executive Committee/Leadership Team:** We're very excited to announce our new team for the upcoming 2026-2027 season. Please join us in congratulating our new officers and thanking those that are taking on new responsibilities as well as the ones that have signed on to continue contributing in their existing roles. ***Congratulations to all!***
- **President:** Jim Klepac
 - **Vice President/Secretary:** Leonard Flowers
 - **President Emeritus:** Anne Zarzycki
 - **Membership Coordinator/Scorekeeper:** Bud Dyke
 - **Treasurer:** Mike Verdak
 - **Asst. Treasurer:** Bud Dyke
 - **Print Coordinators:** John Lubon/Steve Zasadny
 - **DPI Coordinator:** Phil Chimino
 - **Technical Director & Program Coordinator:** Jack Martin
 - **Facebook Administrators:** Anne Zarzycki/Jack Martin
 - **Webmaster:** Jack Martin
 - **CACCA Liaisons:** John Lubon/Anne Zarzycki
 - **Hospitality Coordinator:** Norma Berry