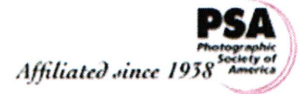




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President's Message

Hi everyone!

Hope you enjoyed getting together on January 26, 2024, for our Annual Awards Dinner and Installation at Lake Marie Valley Club as much as I did! It was so fun to see you all and sample the variety of food and drinks everyone brought. And what would the atmosphere have been like without the thousands of frogs serenading potential mates. Wow. We only had to talk a little louder to be heard over them.

We installed our 2024 officers: Jeanne Sparks, president; Elaine Calvert, vice president; Alan Upshaw, treasurer; and Frank Tromp, secretary. Also installed were the board members-at-large: Nyla James, Flavio Parigi, Dian Thomsen, Jim McKinniss, Penni Powell, and Harold Litwiler.

I thoroughly enjoyed giving out our annual awards. We have so many talented photographers with impactful images and resolute members doing volunteer work to keep the club thriving with four meetings every month, occasional board meetings, a Year End Project, and numerous field trips! You all are impressive!

Thanks to Harold Litwiler for recruiting Mack Davis to select the Top 10 images in Color and Top 10 images in Monochrome out of the 93 images that placed or were given honorable mention awards in 2023. Thanks to Greg Doudna for working with Mack and making and presenting the slide show of all the images as well as making certificates for all the award winners! He does a lot of essential work behind the scenes.