

Celebrating Senior Shutterbugs

Celebrating Senior Shutterbugs: A Collection of Inspiration A Showcase of Stories and Photos Shared by Our Facebook Community

Are you a senior who loves photography? You might find joy in joining our Facebook page, “**Celebrating Senior Shutterbugs**.” Scroll down to see inspiring photos and heartfelt captions shared by fellow seniors.



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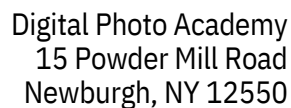
Launched three years ago, "[Celebrating Senior Shutterbugs](#)" started as a small online community. By early 2024, we introduced live workshops, and within just eight months, our Facebook following skyrocketed from 1,300 to over 20,000 members—and it's still growing! Engagement is incredible—some posts receive an average of 37,000 responses!

This overwhelming enthusiasm suggests that seniors deeply value a space where their voices, experiences, and artistic contributions are acknowledged.

Too often, seniors go unheard. But here, their photographs and words receive the recognition they deserve. Our 20,000+ members have made "[Celebrating Senior Shutterbugs](#)" a vibrant community where appreciation and connection thrive.

Below, you'll find some of the most moving images and captions that have resonated with thousands of members—seniors connecting with sincerity, sharing their lives, and celebrating their creativity together.

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 **William Diaz**
February 11 · 🌐

Walking along the edge of the Lake one morning, I found this beautiful plant design and decided to photograph it with the reflection of the sun. As I was getting ready to press the shutter, a drop of dew hit the water and created the ripples in the area where the sun was reflecting... and I smiled with joy from the blessing.

 4.8K 251  351 

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 **Christine Pakosta**
One of the best nature photos I've ever seen!!

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 **Marilyn de la Torre**
WOW 😍

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 **Marjorie Ahlers**
Angel Ambrose this reminded me if you and I had to smile. Happy Valentines Day Angel

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 **Barb Polen Grueser**
Delicate beauty!

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 **Al Risebrow**
Most photographers would walk

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Dave Verbyla · March 5 at 9:18 AM · 🌐

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- 2) Carry an InReach device which allows me text messages where there is no cell service and there is an SOS emergency response button.
- 3) Carry bear spray on my belt. I lived in Alaska for 30 years and have great respect for bears.
- 4) Hike with trekking poles. They can prevent a fall, make uphill hiking easier because the arms as well as legs are working, and make steep descents easier on the knees.

As a newbie, I began wildlife photography in June of 2024.

In October, I wanted to find some goats to photograph.

So I got to the trailhead in the dark and hiked by headlamp up to arrive at the top of the mountain at sunrise.

I spotted 2 rocky mountain goats at eye level, but they were feeding away from me and they were in dark shadows of a northwest facing slope.

So I waited as the sun rose and moved across the sky.

Finally 4 hours later, the slope was bathed in glowing sunlight.

And the goats were now facing me at eye-level!

I made the same climb a week later, hoping to find goats, snow but no such luck. Looking forward to trying again in early June.

Great exercise, even if I do not find goats.

"Napping With Mom"



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A Sharp-shinned Hawk perched on a branch, looking directly at the camera. The hawk has a greyish-blue back, a white underbelly with dark spots, and a dark cap with a white stripe through the eye.

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 **Randy Henderson**
February 10 · 🌐

First post, 65 going on 30, photographer all my life. Sharped-shinned Hawk flew into our local bird feeding station, looking for an easy meal. Nikon Z8 with Nikon 28-400 f 4-8

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 **Russell Stenhouse**
That's insane how crisp that shot is


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 **Mike Kennedy**
An owl.waits to eat more of my chickens! A plastic Hawk i put up kept him from returning.



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 **Bruce Gribben**
My next carving!

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Facebook post interface showing a photo of an Anhinga preening, with 3.5K likes and 195 comments. The post is by George DeCamp, dated February 23 at 4:17 PM. The caption reads: "This is an Anhinga preening. D850, 500pf". The post has 3.5K likes and 195 comments. The comments section shows several replies, including "Love it", "Stunning!!!", "Iconic!", "lovely image!", and "Wow.".

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February 23 at 4:17 PM · 🌐

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Dave Yuhas
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A FEW OTHER POSTS THAT TRIGGERED THE SOULS OF OTHER SENIORS

3/5/2025 9:18 AM		I think the next ten years will be the best decade of my life. Now retired and age 68, I have time, enough \$, and... Posted by Dave Verbyla	 575	 5,491	 81,773
2/27/2025 12:21 PM		In early October I did a 10 day tour of Michigan's Upper Peninsula and stopped off at Mackinaw City for two extra... Posted by Jim Hammond	 796	 3,350	 74,215
2/27/2025 12:59 AM		My favourite flower, the Gerbera • Posted by Carol Swadling	 168	 4,864	 76,768
2/12/2025 11:22 AM		I live in a small town called Cathlamet. We are half way between Longview Wa, and Longbeach, Wa.. We are on t... Posted by Rene Westbrook	 355	 3,784	 54,257
2/10/2025 7:43 AM		First post, 65 going on 30, photographer all my life. Sharped-shinned Hawk flew into our local bird feeding... Posted by Randy Henderson	 230	 3,200	 77,084
2/11/2025 2:26 PM		Walking along the edge of the Lake one morning, I found this beautiful plant design and decided to photograph it... Posted by William Diaz	 251	 3,239	 52,835
2/23/2025 4:17 PM		This is an Anhinga preening. D850, 500pf Posted by George DeCamp	 195	 2,151	 50,916
2/22/2025 5:50 PM		Hi all! I live in southern CA and photograph mostly wildlife and birds. Okay, that's pretty much ALL I photograph.... Posted by Nicole Wilde	 152	 2,318	 21,900

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SOME POIGNANT CAPTIONS FROM ONE SENIOR TO ANOTHER



Stephen Poffenberger

4h · 🌐



Retired Athlete - it's painful to window shop remembering what used to be possible.



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Larry Fiebert

January 23 · 🌐

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I would describe myself as an avid and serious amateur photographer. Photography helps bring a sense of meaning and satisfaction to my life and I feel energized when taking, editing and sharing my photography. I enjoy street photography and particularly like taking street portraits. Through my photography I try to enter into the world and experience of others, and I attempt to convey to those who view my photos, the vast pool of beauty, creativity, and human connection that the world has to offer. I am still learning and enjoy connecting with other photographers. I am very pleased to be part of this group.

This photo was taken in Turin, Italy several years ago.



Phyllis Shaffer

6h · 🌐

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Hello everyone, so glad I found this group. This beautiful guy showed up last week. Actually, flew into the glass door, he's fine. He flew away after the photo op.



Linda Goldschmidt

13h · 🌐

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Super happy Senior today to find an Eagles nest in Southeast Missouri. The nest is built in a giant Cypress tree and I am assuming the Eagle is keeping some eggs warm.

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Heath Larry

Yesterday at 1:21 AM · 🌐

Hello my fellow senior Shutterbugs, my name is Larry Heath. I bought my first camera at age 47-48, quickly I started buying bigger better cameras larger lens, shooting hand held, I soon found out about arthritis. My mother's wrist and hands were useless by age 45, I did not have a clue about her pain, at age 64, I understand. My question to those who have had to deal with their hands when the gear you're using is impossible to hand hold anymore. With a tripod, all is well until the unexpected shot, that to get right means moving, even the tiniest bit, the placement of the feet, and that causes you not to be able to get what you would have not missed, had your hands been able to work like they "used too". So mono pods, very handy tool, no doubt, but finding a mono pod, that is able to hold 15 lbs, that I could release the stops on the legs, without hurting my hands, and then quickly tighten those stops, tight enough to where it doesn't move. That was years and years of testing every pod I could get my hands on. But inevitably I found the same problem, shots coming from an unexpected direction, requiring any movement of the foot, was almost as frustrating as the tri pod. Pain killers are not the answer with me, liver and kidney disease and addiction, took those out of play. Has anybody come up with something that can keep old hands useable. I would love to hear how others have dealt with this, thanks for letting me bend your ear. All these shots taken in Klamath Falls Or.



Fred O'Hearn

6h · 🌐

Sittin' in the morning sun
I'll be sittin' when the evening comes
Watching the ships roll in
Then I watch 'em roll away again,



Sandra Hilton Wagner

2h · 🌐

Everybody have you heard
he's gonna by me a mockingbird
and if that Mockingbird don't sing
He's gonna by me a diamond ring 🎵 🎵 🎵 🎵
Nortnen Mockingbird
March 10,2025
Lockport, New York

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Maria Ascenza Giacobbe

13h · 🌐

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Last May, I had a most beautiful experience that I want to share. My husband and I were caring for my elderly Mom and we took her out for her first outing after recovering from an illness. We got to see an amazing site with this beautiful female Merganser and her 28 chicks. This is my video tribute. Delaware River, Columbia NJ



Shirley Jones

Brings back memories of hiking around the Mesa area of Arizona back in the late 1990 to early 2000's. Dirt biking in the desert and canyons and hiking/climbing in the mountains. Really miss those days.

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Andy Backus Photography is in **Petoskey, MI.**

Yesterday at 12:50 PM · 🌐

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A beautiful post sunset, this was taken immediately after it went down at Magnus Park a couple nights ago! Even a nice added bonus reflection on the pathway. Hope you have a wonderful day and thanks for sharing!



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March 5 at 9:18 AM · 🌐

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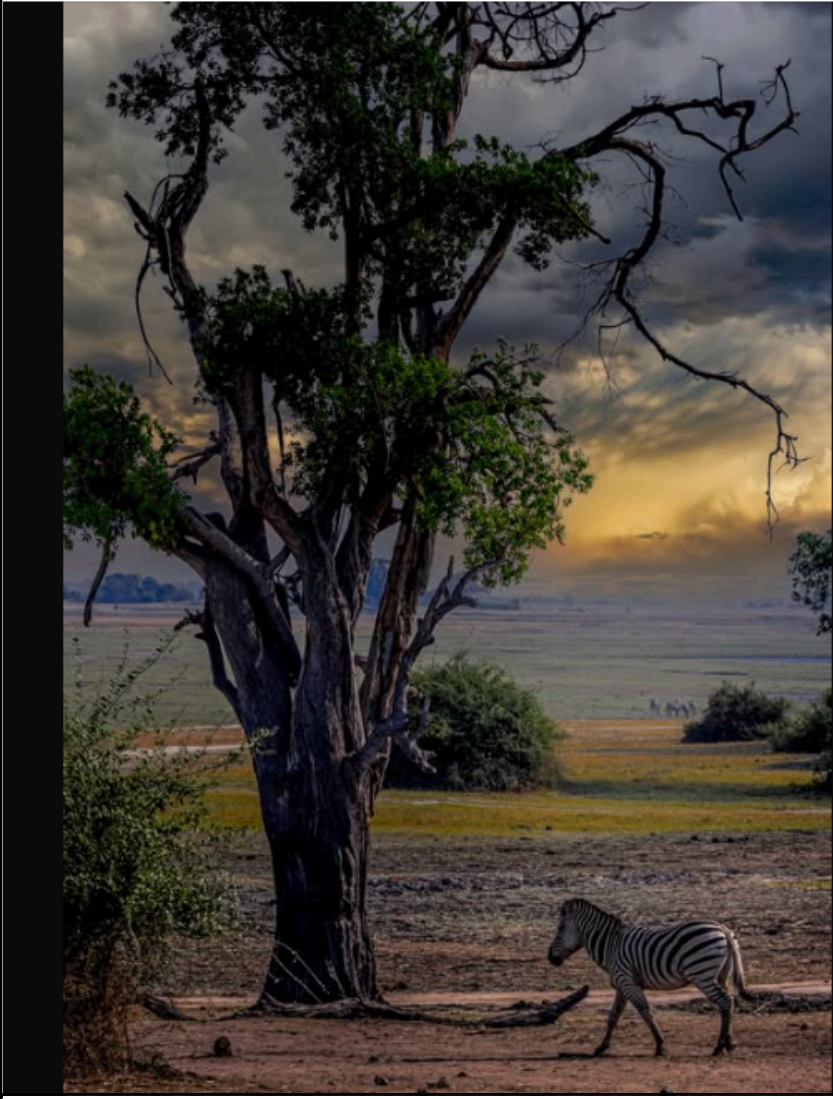
**Rick Priebe**
January 19 at 12:14 PM · 🌐

New member here, definitely qualified as a senior shutterbug. I'm 79, and I've been something of a hobbyist for 50 years. I began with a 35mm Minolta SRT in 1974, a year after moving to Colorado. I shot film through the 1970's and 80's before getting married and taking a hiatus from actively pursuing photography.

In 2010 I rediscovered it with a Canon T1i DSLR and I was off again. I'm on my 4th Canon camera now, shooting with the full frame R5 mirrorless, but I spent 8 years with a crop sensor 60D. I shoot RAW and do most of my editing in Lightroom.

This is from my safari trip in 2014, and one of my favorite photographs of all that I've taken over the last 50 years (I am primarily a landscape photographer). I did have to replace the sky in Photoshop, because for much of our trip, we had very blah, hazy, flat grayish skies.

Zebra and Baobab Tree (Chobe National Park, Botswana)



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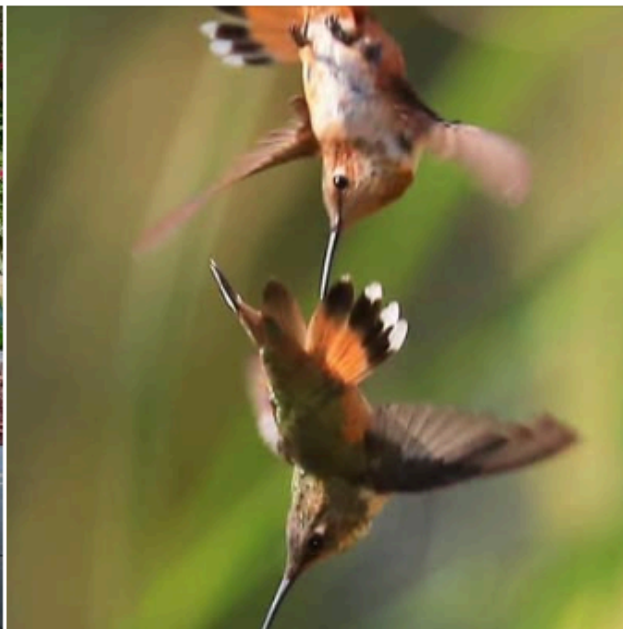
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Thomas P. Guagliardo
January 25 at 10:38 AM · 🌐

In my younger days I would gear up, load the car and travel to capture images. Today I adhere to a simpler philosophy - "if you build it they will come." At 78, traveling for photos consists of walking from inside our home out into our flower garden. I've all the essentials there needed for a productive photo session - comfortable chair, camera with a long lens, attractive flowers, a mug of hot coffee and all the time needed to await whatever "photo opportunities" present themselves. Best part is there are no crowds nor congested roads. Essential support facilities - coffee pot, refrigerator, bathroom - are conveniently located close by. The uniform of the day is PJ's, a bathrobe and slippers. The end result - well, you be the judge.



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**Martha Weaver**
January 26 at 10:03 AM · 🌐

Since my back has said it no longer wants to go for long hikes carrying my big cameras and that I must use a walker for the shorter walks near my senior apartment, I am limited in the photos I take, but they're still there. Just look. Sit still, or walk slowly while you carefully look, and those pictures will just appear right in front of you! And a small camera still takes great pictures now-a-days!



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**Susie Levin Fineberg**
January 23 at 12:58 PM · 🌐

Hi! So ... this 67 year old senior discovered a love for photography during covid and just discovered this group yesterday! Fast forward 3 cameras and too many lenses later and I'm obsessed with wildlife and live local band photography. I am so in awe of the beautiful work I'm seeing posted here and look forward to getting inspiration and learning from all of you!

Hope its okay to share this series of some favorite pics I took this week here in South Florida.

Taken with Nikon Z6ii/Sigma 150-600



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**Jill Meadows**
January 20 at 12:43 PM · 🌐

At 72, and limited mobility, I'm not climbing mountains anymore. Things lower to earth attract me. I love the uniqueness of the UP of Michigan. I moved here from the Detroit area, in 89, never looked back.



 You, Rita De Brabander and 167 others

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**Joan McDaniel**
January 22 at 8:24 AM · 🌐

New to the group....69 year old with a 10 year old standard poodle travel companion. I have a small RV and we like to travel around the country with a camera (and iPhone 😊)

Bodie Ghost Town, California



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68 comments

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**John Romp**
January 4 at 4:30 PM · 🌐

I am new and so wanted to drop some photos here to introduce myself. These are all recent (taken in the last year) and all taken with my iPhone 15 pro max. Hope you enjoy these. And yes I am a senior -73 and have been taking photos as a hobby since middle school. I am focusing on iPhonetography as it is one of the best cameras I have used. And with a few additional add on lenses and a few photo programs on my Mac you really ca't take a bad photo!

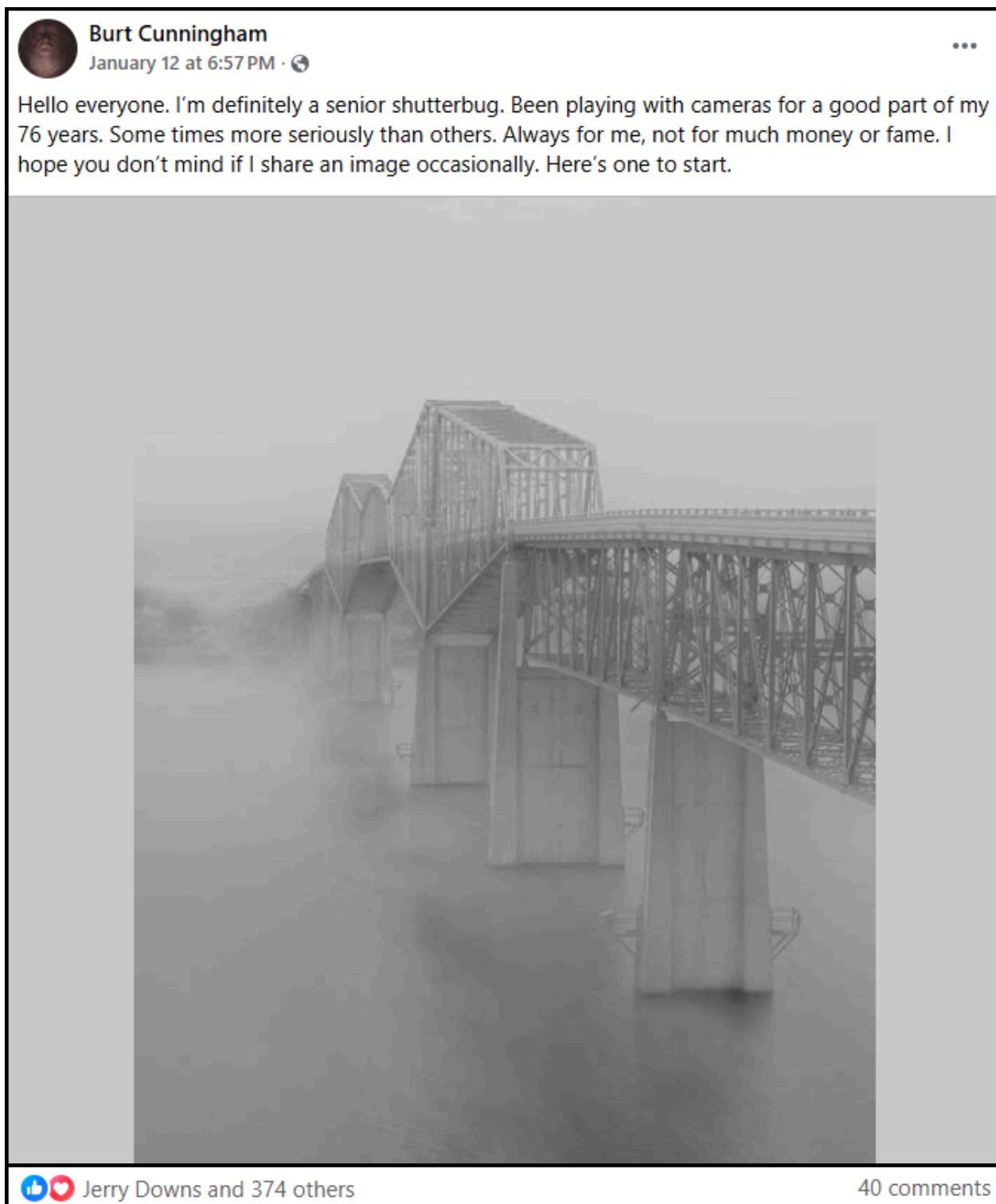


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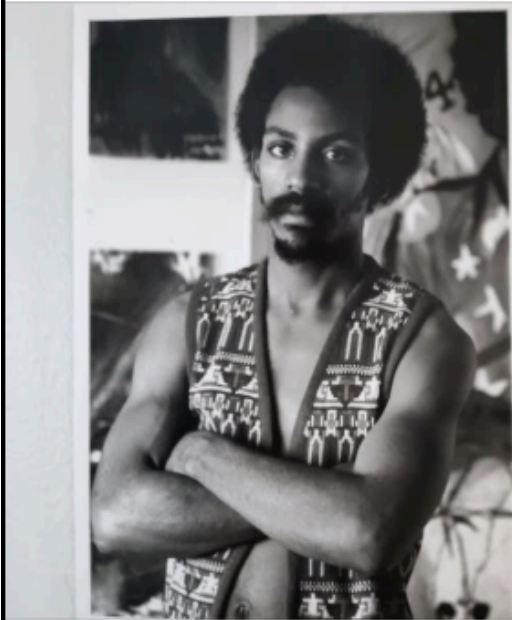


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**Jeff Lawson**
January 22 at 5:40 PM · 🌐

I look back on my photography and think I been during this since I was a teen...I turned pro at 21 and even at my upcoming 82...I still love it. I think maybe I qualify as a senior photographer by now.. I never thought of that back then.



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15 comments

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Aaron White

January 18 at 5:46 PM · 🌐

One of the things I love about being a senior is that I have increasing amounts of patience for waiting until special animals or interesting lighting show up. I was watching this group of River Otters lolling around on a dock here on Vancouver Island, Canada when suddenly they aligned themselves for a nice group portrait. Some photographers stack images; I stack otters.



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**Peder Bolstad**
January 6 at 10:17 PM · 🌐

At 72 (and a half) I assume that I qualify as a "senior." Thanks for allowing me to post! Spent a bit of time at the Cedar Breaks National Monument in Utah last September - this is my favorite shot from that excursion (using a Pentax K-3).



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**Gary Barton**
January 24 at 6:58 PM · 🌐

This past summer, when out shooting in Middle Tennessee, I came upon this old man hoeing in his garden. He was shuffling his feet a few inches at a time, then would lean on his hoe handle to rest. I stopped to talk to him and learned he lived alone, was a veteran and was 94 years old. His face showed the hard years he must have lived. Hope you enjoy.



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**Larry Fiebert**
January 23 at 12:07 AM · 🌐

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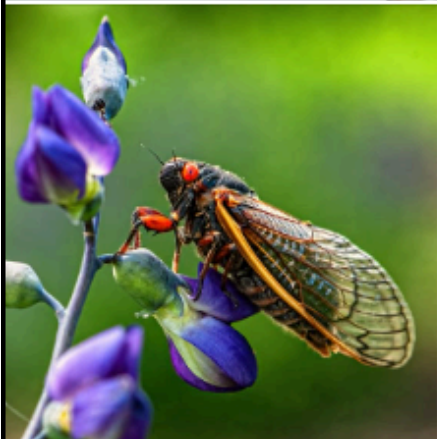
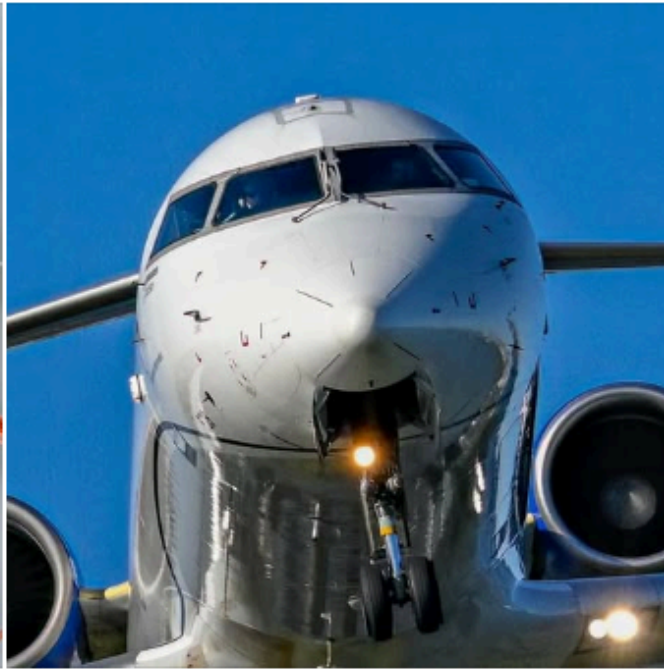
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**Jim Moore**
January 14 at 12:07 PM · 🌐

I'm a 75-year-old former newspaper and newsmagazine photographer and long-time photojournalist. Starting at 15 with a Rolleiflex and getting my first newspaper job two years later--having switched to Nikons--I've been an avid shooter of planes, birds, clouds, landscapes, people, and whatever else life puts in front of my eyes. My go-to camera is the Nikon Z9, with a Sigma 300-600 zoom, though I love my wide angle and macro lenses as well.



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**Kathy Kiracofe**
January 20 at 9:30 PM · 🌐

Thanks for accepting me. I am a 61 year old widow learning how to use my Canon mirrorless camera that was a gift from my husband before he passed. Learning how to use it has given me a hobby that I can enjoy. The camera is nothing special but very special to me (Canon M50 Mk2) as he put a lot of thought and love into finding something I could use and enjoy. I did pick up a 2nd hand M50 to take traveling out of the country as I worry losing or damaging the one he gave me.

I've been trying a variety of photos - from night sky to wildlife and street photography. The learning is almost as fun as taking the photos 😊

I am enjoying all of the beautiful photos in this page. You are all so talented!



 Jerry Downs and 116 others

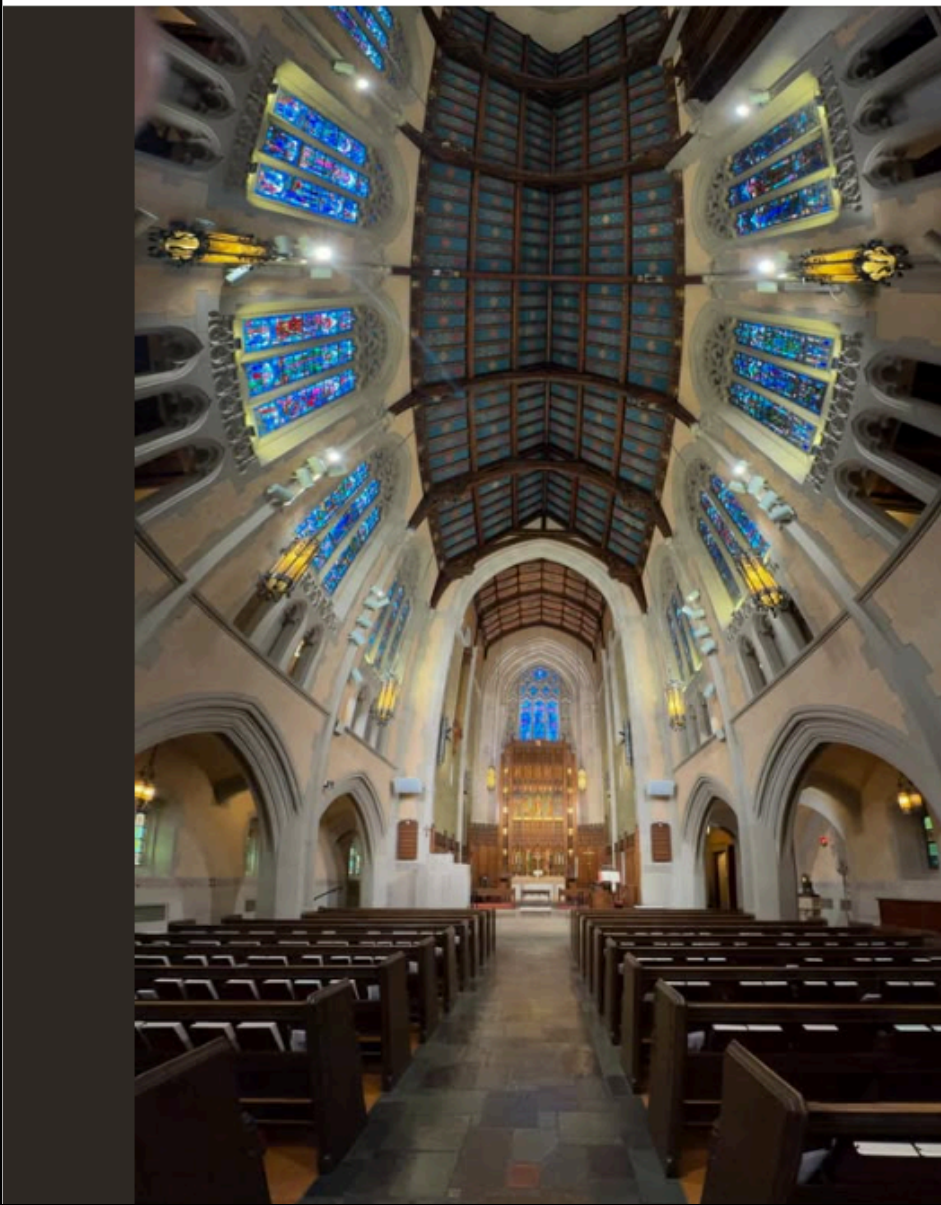
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**Bill Buchanan**
January 13 at 9:39 PM · 🌐

I'm new to this group. I'm 84 years old and have had a camera in my hand since I was 12 years old. I started with Nikon and Hasselblad and moved up to Nikon digital and switched over to Canon in 2007. Recently I got into Canon EOS R7 and Olympus OM1MKII. I've become very proficient with an iPhone 14 Pro Max. Here's my latest iPhone shot. This was a vertical panorama processed in Lightroom Mobil and some tweaks in Topax Photo AI



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Jim Davenport

January 11 at 5:28 PM · 🌐

Thanks for the add. I am 83 years old and have been a photographer for over 50 years. I have reached the point in life where I can shoot what I want and don't have to please anyone but me. I do enjoy sharing my knowledge and experience with others, especially beginners. I do offer some one on one tutoring on a local face to face basis. I have been shooting Canon since my first SLR--a Canon FTb--in 1972. I currently shoot with a Canon R mirrorless. I am having fun being able to use all my old lenses of different mounts on the R with the appropriate adapter. This photo was taken with my Canon R with a Canon 24mm f2.8 FD mount lens from the 1970's with the FD-RF adapter..



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Al Lozano

January 14 at 12:12 PM · 🌐

Hello, everybody. I'm 73 years old and i live in Silver City, New Mexico. This photo has been very good to me this fall. I sold two copies of it in area shows and received two awards. Thanks for having me.



Jerry Downs and 770 others

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