

OPEN SPACES



"Fall Color" by Jeff Chemelewski

Capturing and Celebrating Barrington's Natural Beauty

BADC INTRODUCES THE BARRINGTON AREA DIGITAL
PHOTO GALLERY (BADPG.ORG)



"Sandhill Crane Cuddle" by Stephen Barten

THE BARRINGTON AREA Development Council (BADC) has played an invaluable role in shaping life in our area. Founded in 1966, BADC was a catalyst in the formation of (among many other nonprofits) the Barrington Area Council of Governments and Citizens for Conservation—two vital organizations that have achieved milestones of open space preservation and conservation.

BADC has spent the year organizing and putting together a photo gallery with participation from area photographers whose work was juried for selection. The goal of the project is to promote awareness and appreciation of the natural beauty of the Barrington area to the public for free. These images reflect important land and conservation decisions set in motion over 50 years ago. Today's rural character, as captured in the beautiful photography, truly sets the Barrington area apart.

"The gallery allows us to celebrate the good decisions of the past that helped preserve our open spaces," Bob Lee said. Lee was instrumental in bringing about the gallery after a call from staff at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital's Integrative Health and Medicine Center. Knowing Lee's avocation as a photographer, they reached out to him for images for use within the center. The vision for a comprehensive online gallery resulted from this initial project.

"We hope this wonderful digital imagery that is available online encourages people to get out and enjoy our parks and preserves, as well as to think about how to protect our open spaces for the next 50 years," Lee said. 

Enter Your Images for BADPG Consideration

The Barrington Area Development Council has created showcase of the Barrington area's natural beauty for all to enjoy. Available online, the images submitted by photographers were limited to all four seasons and flora, fauna, and open space landscapes. A jury made the final selections which are grouped in the gallery by category. For now, BADC is not calling for images with buildings, roads, or fences.

Photographers who wish to submit images are invited to from November 1 until January 31, 2022. Send your images to Bob Lee at boblee@the-badc.org.