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**FAIRPORT HARBOR PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS
“A CASUAL CONVERSATION WITH MICHAEL DEMETER”**

As part of its ongoing Casual Conversations series, The Fairport Harbor Public Library will host “Forty Years of Photography,” a presentation by professional photographer and instructor Michael Demeter. He will talk about his travel and photography experiences during his 40-year career and show how to take professional quality pictures using your smartphone.

Demeter earned his BA from Hiram College and his MFA in Photography from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Buffalo. He has owned and operated Demeter Photography for over 40 years and has a background in photography for special events, portraits, corporate clients, and fine art.

In addition to maintaining his business, Demeter is also an Adjunct Professor at Lake Erie College, where he teaches digital photography and imaging, along with the occasional black and white darkroom class. He is also on the Advisory Board at A-Tech in Jefferson, Ohio, and enjoys holding seminars at libraries, community centers, and photography clubs.

Demeter’s lifelong love for photography dates back over 40 years when he first saw an 8 x 10 black and white image come to life in a developing tray. Initially inspired by photographers such as Edward Weston, Alfred Stieglitz, Ansel Adams, Imogen Cunningham, and Minor White, photography became his “conduit for creativity.”

Based in Northeast Ohio, Demeter’s work includes many iconic images of Cleveland and vicinity. He also loves travel photography, and gains inspiration for his work through his travels across the U.S. particularly its national parks and the American west. Demeter enjoys capturing images of Americana while travelling the historic Route 66. His latest adventures included attending a Hot Air Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he ascended 3,100 feet in search of an incredible view, and riding a steam engine in Southwest Colorado from Durang to Silverton, an old mining town. Both trips provided memorable and colorful vistas.

While Demeter’s foundation in photography is based on film and the darkroom, with training in 35mm, medium format with a view camera, his latest camera is his iPhone. Demeter considers this to be a backup to his Nikon camera and says his perception has completely changed, from considering the iPhone to be a utilitarian device used primarily for calls and texts to a high-quality camera.

The talk will take place in the library conference room on Saturday, September 19, 2026, from 11 a.m. to noon and is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so reservations are required. Call 440-354-8191 for more information and to reserve your spot.