

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 15, 2011

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

19 members in attendance

Collected dues.

Reviewed assignment photos.

John Richardson showed us his favorite books that he has learned photography and related items. These include the following:

Camera/Flash

- **The Digital Photography** by Scott Kelby (http://www.amazon.com/Digital-Photography-Book-Scott-Kelby/dp/032147404X/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1308365601&sr=1-1)
- **Nikon Creative Lighting System** by Dennis Thomas Fallgren (http://www.amazon.com/Nikon-Creative-Lighting-System-Digital/dp/0470454059/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1308365716&sr=1-2-fkmr0) or (http://www.amazon.com/Nikon-Creative-Lighting-System-Flashes/dp/1933952415/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1308365755&sr=1-1-fkmr0)
- **Understanding Exposure** by Brian Peterson (** most recommended**) (http://www.amazon.com/Understanding-Exposure-3rd-Photographs-Camera/dp/0817439390/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1308365806&sr=1-1)
- **Hot Shoe Diaries** by Joe McNally (http://www.amazon.com/Hot-Shoe-Diaries-Light-Flashes/dp/0321580141/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1308365775&sr=1-3-fkmr0)

Composition

- **Photographic Composition** by Tom Grill and Mark Scanlon (http://www.amazon.com/Photographic-Composition-Tom-Grill/dp/0817454276/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1308365265&sr=1-1)
- **The Photographic Eye** by Michael Freeman (http://www.amazon.com/Photographers-Eye-Composition-Design-Digital/dp/0240809343/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1308365315&sr=1-1)
- **Photographing the World Around You** by Freeman Patterson (http://www.amazon.com/Photographing-World-Around-You-Photography/dp/1550135902/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1308365380&sr=1-1)

Photoshop

1. **Exquisite Expressions Elements 9** by Jim Krause (http://www.amazon.com/Ex3-Exquisite-Expressions-Photoshop-Elements/dp/0470578009/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1308365223&sr=1-1)

2. **How to Cheat in Elements 9** by David Asch & Steve Caplin (<http://www.amazon.com/How-Cheat-Photoshop-Elements-Discover/dp/0240522389>)
3. **A World in HDR** by Trey Ratcliff (has a website with related files - <http://www.stuckincustoms.com/>) (http://www.amazon.com/World-HDR-Trey-Ratcliff/dp/0321679946/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1308365030&sr=1-1-spell)
4. **The Adobe Photoshop CS4 Book for Digital Photographers** by Scott Kelby (<http://www.amazon.com/Adobe-Photoshop-Book-Digital-Photographers/dp/0321580095>)
5. **100% Photoshop** by Steve Caplin (<http://www.amazon.com/100-Photoshop-stunning-artwork-photographs/dp/0240814258>)

Had a discussion of our favorite spots for photography.

Minnesota:

- **Minnesota Zoo** – Carol H mentioned her idea of shooting the “50 faces of the zoo”. (<http://www.mnzoo.org/>)
- **North Shore** – Bob & Val S. (<http://www.northshorevisitor.com/activities/index.html>)
- **The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary** – early in June there are very young bear cubs, July & August you can see older ones in the trees while adults feed. It’s about a 4 hour drive from Monticello. Can see 20-40 bears most times visiting. Denny S. (<http://www.americanbear.org/>)
- **Ely – wolf center** – on Sunday nights at 7 pm you can see them feed the wolves and take photos. Carol H. (<http://www.wolf.org/wolves/index.asp>)
- **Wildlife Science Center** – just north of Minneapolis (www.wildlifesciencecenter.org) - Arne M. – has a variety of wildlife and raptors.
- **Munsinger/Clemens Gardens** in St. Cloud – Jean D. (<http://www.ci.stcloud.mn.us/Park/Gardens/Default.aspx>)
- **Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** – Jean D. (<http://www.arboretum.umn.edu/>)
- **Como Zoo/Como Conservatory** – Carol H. (<http://www.comozooconservatory.org/>)
- **Albertville Friendly City Days Parade** – John H. – held from 1:30-4:00 pm each year (<http://www.albertvilleroyalty.org/>)
- **BMX Dirt Biking** – Carol H asked about this. Near Barros, track outside of Elk River. (Jean found this website that might be helpful: <http://www.ababmx.com/index.php?page=default/tracks&search=Minnesota>.)
- **Water Falls - Minneopa Falls** (http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/minneopa/index.html), **Minnehaha Falls** in Minneapolis (<http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=4&parkid=252>), **Amnicon Falls** outside of Superior/Bayfield (<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/amnicon/>)
- **Quarry Park** in St. Cloud – Jean D. (<http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/Recreation/CountyParks/QuarryParkandNaturePreserve>)
- **Coon Rapids Dam Regional Park** – Jean D. (http://www.anokacountyparks.com/parks/coon_rapids_dam_regional_park/about.html)
- **Wabasha Eagle Center and Wabasha area** in general in the winter to see the eagles gathered there for the winter. Carol H & Jean D. (<http://www.wabashamn.org/things-to-do/>)

- **Appleton MN area – Lac Qui Parle State Park**
(http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/lac_qui_parle/index.html) , Minnesota River Valley which is part of the National Scenic Byway (<http://www.mnrivervalley.com/>). This website shows a variety of notable items to view including white pelicans. This link points to other areas of interest around Appleton.
http://www.appletonmn.com/index.asp?Type=B_LIST&SEC={5854B2ED-363E-4489-8DE0-41851AA46B55}) The only alkaline wetland in Minnesota, named Salt Lake, is here. This 312-acre body of shallow water is in the Salt Lake Wildlife Management Area in Lac qui Parle County (<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/volunteer/marapr05/mpsaltlake.html>). – Jean D.
- **Rosseau** – Scandinavian Festival and lots of beaver dams – Carol H & Bob & Val S.
(<http://www.city.roseau.mn.us/>)
- **Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge**
(<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/profiles/index.cfm?id=32510>)
- **Thief River Falls** (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thief_River_Falls,_Minnesota)
- **Tamarack State Park** – can walk through the bogs – found the Tamarack State Wildlife Management Area (<http://www.stateparks.com/tamarack.html>) or the Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge (<http://www.stateparks.com/tamarac.html>)
- **Schell's Brewery** in New Ulm – has a Dutch windmill – Carol H.
(<http://www.schellsbrewery.com/home.php>)
- **Downtown Minneapolis** – bike trails along the river, Ford Dam, Lock & Dam, Stone Arch Bridge (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/visitors/>)
- **View of Minneapolis skyline** from the 26th Street Pedestrian Overpass – Ken K. wasn't sure of the exact location. I found this link which discusses the best photographic locations. (<http://www.city-data.com/forum/minneapolis-st-paul/1193997-best-place-skyline-photos-tc.html>) – another idea was from near Lake of the Isles???
- **Taylor's Falls** – Minneapolis – Jean D.
(http://www.virtualtourist.com/travel/North_America/United_States_of_America/Minnesota/Taylor's_Falls-814512/TravelGuide-Taylor's_Falls.html)

Other states:

- **Antelope Canyon** – Bob & Val S.
- **Finger Lakes Region in NY** (<http://www.fingerlakes.com/>) in New York State – Jean D. – includes Taughannock Falls (<http://www.taughannock.com/>) and Watkins Glen State Park (<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/142/details.aspx>) and Letchworth State Park, known as the Grand Canyon of the East (<http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/79/details.aspx>)