

Meeting Minutes

Date: February 15, 2012

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

23 members plus 6 guest(s) in attendance giving us a total of 29 in attendance.

Jeanne Marquette (President) opened up the meeting at 7 pm. We started the meeting by discussing the need for people to run for the offices currently held by Jeanne Marquette, Val Somerville and Larry Wilson.

Bob Somerville reported on the **Photo Show Committee**. He said that we have 4 demonstrations scheduled for the show now. They will be done by Troy Olson (Q&A), Jerrie Ahrens (Matte Cutting), John Richardson (HDR) and Larry Wilson (Taking photos through a kaleidoscope). He said he thought Claire had one of the bins with some of the signage needed for the boards. *(note: I check with Claire on 2/18/12 and she does not have it. Said all bins were with Bob & Val)*. More volunteers signed up to help at the photo show.

Val Somerville reported briefly on the **Finance Committee**.

Reviewed photo assignments. The assignment for this month was "snow". Due to a lack of snow, most of the photos were of the recent hoar frost.

Discussed next month's topic, **The Zoo**. Jean showed some websites that show advice on how to take photos at the zoo and recommended that people Google taking photos at the zoo and that they would find a lot of good advice. One website I found was <http://www.digital-photography-school.com/zoo-photography>.

John Richardson gave a demonstration of HDR photography. He discussed the need to auto bracket the shots using a tripod. He shoots in Raw. He uses a software program called Photomatix to merge the files and create the look he desires. He then saves them as a TIF file so that it preserves it in a large size. Once that has been done, he uses Photoshop to fine-tune the image after he first duplicates the layer. This preserves the image as it looked when he first opened it. He uses levels and curves to fine-tune it. He copies this as a duplicate layer and then uses the high pass filter on it making the image gray tones. He then uses layer blending and soft light or hard light merge. He will be demonstrating this more at the photo show.

It was proposed that we should bring examples of our own HDR attempts to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm. A brief board meeting followed.