

Meeting Minutes

Camera Club - Meeting Agenda for 1/16/2013

Date: January 16, 2013

By Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

There were 15 members in attendance.

Steve Huss (President) arrived late so Jean Davids opened up the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Committee Reports.

Bob Somerville gave a brief report about the photo show as well as handed out a signup sheet for volunteers for various activities. He also had flyers for members to distribute to local businesses announcing the photo show to the public. He reminded members that they can bring in their photo entries before the February meeting (from 6-7pm) for free and will be able to pick up their photos at a meeting after the show for free so no postage will be required by club members. This date will be announced later but probably will be in May or June after the photos are picked up from their 6 locations where they have been on display. If you cannot drop your photo off with Bob at the February meeting, call and arrange a time with him to drop them off but remember they are due by no later than March 1. Non-members can also drop off their photos the night of the meeting but MUST include postage and envelope if they want them returned. He asked for anyone willing to do presentations should let him know and very soon. Topics so far are being done by Troy (Photo Q&A), Larry Wilson (Antique Cameras) and Steve Huss (Photoshop Techniques).

Prior to the assignment display, Arne Myrabo led a discussion on doing critiques for assignment photos. A review of "Giving a good photo critique" was done. Refer to the online article: <http://www.pixiq.com/article/doing-a-photo-critique>. Other relevant links include the following:

Attracting better feedback: <http://www.pixiq.com/article/get-better-feedback>

Dealing with negative critique: <http://www.pixiq.com/article/dealing-with-negative-critique>

How to deliver a useful photo critique: <http://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-deliver-a-useful-photo-critique>

It was concluded that if members want critiques of their photos done, they will need to speak up and request them. Please review the information above so that you will know how to provide useful critique for others. A summary of the information to consider is: Look, Interpretation, Technical Points, Artistic Points, Good Points, Points Worth Improving and Overall impression. Another list to consider is: Make Sure The Photographer WANTS A Critique, Be Honest, Realize Your View Of The World Is Incomplete, Educate Yourself, Examine And Highlight and Delivering The Critique. All of these items are discussed in the links above.

After this brief discussion, the assignment for January, "The Holidays", was presented. Most people declined to have their photos critiqued on this batch of photos.

A very brief discussion of the February assignment was done. The assignment will be “Bulb/time exposures”.

Jean Davids mentioned the upcoming Winterfest on Saturday, February 2nd, at the Sherburne Refuge. It will feature Live Owls. She also had copies of the Winterfest flyer as well as the 2013 schedule of events for the Sherburne Refuge for members to take. Copies of these will be put on the website [Links](#) page under “Places to Go”.

Steve Fowler presented “Bits, Bytes and Pixels”. Talked briefly about autobracketing and exposure compensation. Spoke of the new technology of mirrorless DSLR cameras. Arne Myrabo mentioned that he has one, an Olympus OMD camera, and he loves it. Steve mentioned that currently there is a limit on most brands with their lenses available for these models. Arne says there is a good selection with his model. These new camera have some of the following qualities: lighter weight, touch screens like iPhones, external microphones, audio, auto scene, internal HDR capability, various built in filters, can send images wirelessly to other sources, can do white balance in camera, 3D panorama and stills, selective color and face recognition that follows the face to keep focus.

The assignment for our February 20th meeting will be Bulb/time exposures with a discussion of Architectural details, which will be the April assignment. In addition, Sanford Smith will do his presentation on glass cutting/framing/matting.

March - No meeting - attend the Monticello Photo Show at River City Extreme on March 23-24.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 pm. A meeting of the Photo Show committee began immediately after.

A Photo Show Committee Meeting led by Bob Somerville followed the regular meeting.