

Meeting Minutes

Date: January 15, 2014

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

There were 14 members in attendance. This was a good turnout being it is so close to Christmas. Steve Huss opened the meeting around 7:00 pm.

Assignment for January, Holiday Memories, was held for February to display since Jean Davids was out sick. Steve Fowler and Ken Kvam discussed the February topic of Macro Techniques. Macro photography produces photographs of small items larger than life size or 1 to 1. Most popular size lens is 100 mm macro. Ken shared some of his macro equipment and mentioned his website that discusses it in more detail. The site is <http://aboutmacrophotography.wordpress.com>.

Bob Somerville discussed the 2014 Monticello Photo Show. The dates are confirmed for March 29-30. Bob handed out the volunteer sign-up sheet. If you wanted to volunteer and were not at the meeting, contact Bob. Also, he brought fliers about the show that can be hung or handed out around your community. If you need some to post, contact Bob and he will get fliers to you.

Dee Kotaska did a presentation and demo on cell phone photography demo. Members were asked to bring their iPhones so they could learn hands on. She recommended a website that provides all sorts of accessories for iPhone and iPad accessories. It is <http://photojojo.com/>. If we use this link (<http://photojojo.com/r/54cx>), we can get \$5 off our first order and Dee gets \$5 off her next order as well. She had two handouts that she provided with information for our members. Those have been provided to me to share with all of you and appear. I will include those links on our website. See the what's new page for where they end up. Thanks to Dee for an eye opening presentation. I heard from many members how they were amazed at the flexibility there is for photography just using an iPhone or iPad or other device.

Steve Huss led the discussion regarding the opening we have for Events Committee. Christine Salls decided to leave the club for unknown reasons. No volunteers stepped up at the meeting to replace her so I have been requested to send out an email to all members to see if anyone not in attendance would be willing to step in to replace Christine. We want to also thank Christine for her efforts in the short time she was with us. You can all look for a note from me coming up soon addressing this opening.

Note: Rome Hutchings had a complete setup of wet darkroom equipment, quality enlargers (2) plus much more all for free. I checked in with him and he says "It's mostly gone. There is a Jobo for parts and some beakers. Also has a contact print vacuum box with pump." If interested, check the swap or sale page of our website for more info.

Craig Starr led a discussion about the photo display opportunity that he brought to Jean's attention. He says that Dr. Dill at Corner Oak Dental in Big Lake is very interested in having the photo club display their work in his new office. His artwork budget got used and he has a lot of empty wall space. He is open to discuss all possibilities, a rotating display, photos for sale, a sign crediting the camera club, etc. Craig told him that one of the officers would likely contact him. Here's what I was told came out of the discussion:

Jean Davids will check in with Dr. Dill to see what his ideas of what he wants are for sure. Steve Huss volunteered to help with this but Jean and/or Craig will probably do this since both live in Big Lake where the clinic is.

We need to do a survey via email to see what interest there is among club members to display. You can look for this in your email soon as well.

Need members to indicate:

- -If interested in displaying photos.
- -Length of time willing
 - ...1-3 mo.
 - ...3-6 mo.
 - ...year
- -If display only or for sale.
 - ...Size you could display
 - ...Up to 11x14 framed
 - ...Larger
 - ...Combo of these
- Framed includes canvas mount.

Other related items are to have camera club fliers/cards there too. Discuss how to display and handle direct sales to photographer if they desire. Also, how do we select who gets to display if there are more interested than space allows. Perhaps a rotation of artists work will be the way to go. Size of artwork to be displayed will need to be discussed with Dr. Dill as well.

The gathering broke up around the usual time.