

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 19, 2014

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Jean Davids, secretary of the club, led the meeting in the absence of Steve Huss, president. We had 13 members attend the meeting.

We started the meeting by displaying the assignment photos, depth of field, submitted by 6 members. Next month's assignment will be "Seasonal – fall, winter, holidays.

Next we discussed photo show categories. Discussion was held regarding the decision to drop the black & white category from the show and to substitute in a new one. The discussion went back and forth as to why we would drop black and white versus other categories. Basically members of the committee decided that black and white was almost more of a creative category in that the majority of photos are taken in color and then edited to be black and white. We discussed differences between existing categories and why they exist. Also asked for other ideas for what we could do for a replacement category. Bob Somerville, Craig Starr and Jean Davids (all part of the Photo Show Committee) explained what some of the ideas they had bounced around. Ultimately it was decided that "reflections" would be our new photo show category replacing black and white. This means that the categories for 2015 will be:

Action/Motion, Animals/Mammals, Animals/Other, Architectural/Structural, Botanical, Creative Techniques, Landscape, Macro/Close-up, Natural Landscape, People, Reflections, Sunrise/Sunset & Night

After that we had an open discussion of meeting agenda planning which included assignment ideas and topics we would like to cover. Here is a list of some of the ideas that were discussed:

- Heather Reinhart volunteered to do a presentation on baby photography, group said yes.
- Lenses – hands on discussion by members of what lenses they have and how they use them.
- Light painting - hands on outdoors at meeting. Would include spinning lit steel wool and other effects.
- Rain drops – effects using water or raindrops
- Lightroom/Photoshop – Q&A and general information also – bring in laptops and ask/demonstrate various ways of doing things people want to learn.
- Tin Type – new member Lynn Anderson knows someone who using a large camera to take photos that are printed to tin type material. Could involve both a presentation and in-house demo for those interested afterwards.
- Drone photography – Jean Davids will see if she can find people who could present and Jerrie Ahrens volunteered to see if the person she knows of that won in the Bertram Lake Photo Contest that had done an aerial (drone) photo would be willing to talk on the subject. Jean Davids' husband also uses one but does so more on the flying angle versus talking on the photography aspects. There are other possibilities too. If any other members know of people who could talk on this subject, please contact Bob Somerville or Jean Davids.
- Flash photography – manual use of a single external flash unit – controlling the amount of light, types of light, etc. Possibly John Richardson present or Steve Huss??

After that we briefly discussed the holiday meeting to be held on December 17th. We asked the members if we want to do like last year and invite our spouse plus guest/significant other. The group agreed they liked the option to do so. This meeting will be a dinner meeting where menus will be available to all attending. We encourage attendance and ordering dinner/drinks. It's our way to show the establishment our support for their willingness to let us meet there for free. As

part of the meeting, bring in your cameras and we can split into groups to talk about our cameras and share information/questions that we may have or we can just socialize.

December 17

- Share a meal/drink with members and your guest/spouse/significant other
- Present Assignment for December - Seasonal - winter, fall, holidays
- Discuss Assignment for January - Snow
- Group camera/photography/gear Q&A. Bring your camera and split into groups with others to discuss any of your camera/photo/gear questions - or just socialize

After the meeting, members from the Agenda Committee met to decide the 2015 Agenda and Topics. These will be updated on the calendar page of the website and notes from the meeting will be included on the meeting minutes page.