

Meeting Minutes

Date: June 17, 2015

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

Jean Davids started the meeting shortly after 7pm by asking if there were any dues to be paid. There were no members present that still owed dues. Some members will be written off the books while there are still 2 members who have promised that their dues are still forthcoming.

There were 15 members and 3 guests attended the meeting, only 2 guests signed in.

Steve Huss, President of the club, has asked if anyone else would step up to replace him as President. For the past half year, his job has been causing him to miss many of our meetings. He has a new job now and it is causing many of the same issues. For that reason, we addressed filling the position both through our Facebook group page and at the club meeting and in the meeting reminder note. After a little pleading, Lynn Anderson stepped up and volunteered for the position. We greatly appreciate her willingness to do so. The major duty is to preside over meetings and work with Bob Somerville (agenda committee chair) and Jean Davids (secretary) on meeting content that the president presents. Other duties can be found in the bylaws under officer duties. http://monticameraclub.com/documents/2012bylaws_monticamclub.pdf

We shared the Macro/Close-up assignment photos for June. We had several people who submitted photos this month. Many thanks to those who shared their photos

The June event (Friday night, June 26th) is still on weather permitting. Jean Davids is hosting the event from either her deck on the lake or from the public sidewalk circling the lake. From this location, you can view fireworks from across the lake as well as reflections of it on the water. It is first come, first that can join. Jean Davids asked if there were people who were interested in joining her for the Spud Fest Fireworks on her shoreline in Big Lake. All in all, there will be a total of 5 of us out there. Jean sent instructions on how to get there and times. Mosquito repellent and a flashlight are a necessity for this event given it will be dark and near water.

The July light painting event that was to be held at Carol Heesen's place must be cancelled, or at a minimum rescheduled. She is having knee surgery in July so obviously won't be able to handle this event.

Claire McGillic was kind enough to give a more detailed presentation on how to use a rail system for doing Macro photos. She showed us what hers looks like and how it works. Then she shared how she uses Helicon Focus to 'focus stack' the images to create one totally in-focus image out of several. While Lightroom CC and Photoshop CC also have this function, Helicon has a lot more options and settings that can fine-tune your images. See their website for more information at <http://www.heliconsoft.com/heliconsoft-products/helicon-focus/>.

Before breaking into groups to discuss any questions on photo editing using Lightroom or Photoshop programs, Claire McGillic made a proposal that we should consider having a Vice President of the club that could serve in the absence of the President to preside over meetings. It was suggested that this should be discussed at a board meeting to be determined at a yet undetermined time. Jean Davids will do research on by-law proposals that can be discussed at a board meeting and then voted on by the membership before being submitted to the state.

Steve Fowler thought it was worth discussing the differences between stacking photos for HDR photography versus stacking photos for Macro photography. HDR images are stacked for good exposure and Macro images are stacked for good focus.

A very brief Q&A session was held after that with some questions regarding importing/exporting photos into Lightroom.

The meeting broke up around 8:30 pm.

July 15

Assignment: Within 100 feet of your back door

Topic: Lisa Tetzlaff will discuss her recent vacation and share photos.

Links to Macro Tips

<http://www.diyphotography.net/the-comprehensive-guide-to-macro-photography/>

<http://www.slrphotographyguide.com/blog/macro/macro-tips-images.html>

http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk/technique/macro_photography/top-12-macro-photography-tips-2429

http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography/photo-tips/macro-photo-tips/#/solitary-bee-macro_26208_600x450.jpg

<http://digital-photography-school.com/macro-photography-tips-for-compact-digital-camera-users/>

<http://www.nikonusa.com/en/Learn-And-Explore/Article/gfv2vkmu/macro-photography-tips-photographing-insects-and-other-small-creatures.html>

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2014/02/07/77-photography-techniques-tips-and-tricks-for-taking-pictures-of-anything/3/>

<http://www.digitalcameraworld.com/2013/08/16/macro-nature-photography-tips-for-taking-pin-sharp-close-ups-of-flowers-lichen-and-butterflies/>