

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 18, 2015

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 19 members in attendance.

Our assignment for this month was Architecture. Eight members submitted photos.

Our topic for the month was Lens Calibration and was presented by club member Claire McGillic. She showed images of before and after her lens was calibrated to demonstrate why calibrating lenses is something you should consider if your camera has this capability. Afterward, she gave members an opportunity to work with her calibration setup to calibrate their lenses. Rick Lockhart brought in his calibration setup to allow even more members to calibrate their lenses. Jean Davids brought in the cheaper option so that people saw that you get what you pay for. Hers is just lightweight cardboard and much cheaper, both in price and quality. At least half the members attending took advantage of this opportunity to calibrate their lenses. I was talking to one member who had blown this off in the past as something only the pickiest people would do, until he saw the difference it could make. Now he is convinced it is worth the effort, too. For more information regarding Lens Calibration and how and why it is done, Claire provided this website link: <https://photographylife.com/how-to-calibrate-lenses>. For a list of cameras with this lens calibration capability see the following website: <http://www.reikan.co.uk/focalweb/index.php/why/camera-compatibility/>.

Bob Somerville brought in 3 still life displays for members to use for Still Life Shootout. Members were asked to take photos of each and then they will turn the best shots (1 each) of the 3 displays. The images will be displayed at the December meeting and winners of each display type will be decided at our December holiday meeting.



Sharon Johnson shared with me information regarding a flash diffuser she brought in to use for the shootout. It is a Gary Fong Puffer Plus Flash Diffuser (White). It attached via the flash shoe and diffuses the camera's built in flash. She said it works remarkably well.

Sanford Smith mentioned the Banff Film Festival will be held at Midwest Mountaineering. The link to sign up for this is: <http://www.outdooradventureexpo.com>. It's all part of their Outdoor Adventure Expo held on November 20 – 22, 2015. Admission is free except the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour. Everything in the store is on sale Friday 2–9:30, Saturday 9–6:30, Sunday 10–5. See their website for more details.

Topic: Bob Somerville talked about Bryan Hansel training. He said he met with Bryan Hansel, well published photographer and journalist in Grand Marais, while attending his Lightroom training class. Bob has taken a couple of workshops from him now and says he does an excellent job. It is being arranged for him to come to our February 17, 2016, meeting to speak about Night Photography. The talk at the meeting would last about an hour. He needs a minimum of \$150 to cover motel and gas for the club presentation. He would then offer an outside photography workshop and experience after the meeting from around 9 pm to midnight. This would cost \$50 per person but would require a minimum of

6 people and a maximum of 12. We are hoping for Milky Way shots or other night sky photos. If the stars/sky do not cooperate he has optional light painting etc he can use. If enough people do not sign up from our club, he will advertise and open up to others who follow his photo site. However, the Mora camera club that Dee Kotaska belongs to has requested they be given second chance at attending the class. We need to know if you are interested in this after the meeting class. You will need to pay by no later than our January meeting if you plan to attend because after that it will be opened up to others. We will collect checks to Bryan Hansel by the January meeting and send to him. To learn more about Bryan Hansel's photography and classes he offers you can visit his website at <http://www.bryanhansel.com> or his Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Bryan.Hansel.Photography/>.

Jean Davids brought in her photo album from their vacation to the Grand Canyon, Lake Powell, Monument Valley and Bryce and Zion National Parks. She also answered questions regarding how it was made. She uses Shutterfly primarily because she likes their quality of paper better than Snapfish. They offer various sales periodically and got this book at 40 or 50% off the entire order. It is a 12x12 hardcover book and contained 258 images. Jean said that she took over 2400 photos on this 7-day trip. Many duplicates were taken due to the rainy weather they had the entire week. Just never knew when better photo opportunities would come up. Of those 2400 images, she narrowed down the best of the trip to around 780 images.

The meeting was adjourned around 9:15 pm.

December 16

- Assignment: Silhouettes/shadows
- Topic: Bring in still life images from November meeting to be voted on by members for 'best image'.
- Topic: Q&A
- Annual holiday meeting – bring spouse/significant other/friend and share a meal with all attending. You buy.