

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 16, 2016

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started at 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 14 members and 2 guests in attendance.

First up was a discussion of what we want to do for photo assignments and topics for 2017. Lynn Anderson led this discussion with some input by Bob Somerville. Here is the list that club members came up with for the first 6 or 7 months of next year.

1. How to Hack a photo – need presenter
2. Black and white – B&W as topic for one month and photo assignment the next month *(It was agreed that this idea of topic one month and then the next month it will be the assignment where it fits was agreed to by members present at the meeting)*
3. ISO (and other settings) – Take 3 photos using different ISO, Aperture, or Shutter speed settings
4. How to colorize just one portion of a black and white image using Photoshop
5. Bryan Hansel has a class on “Thorough Composition” which discussed a number of other techniques beyond just rule of thirds. He is available in May if we get enough members to sign up for a 2-hour class before/after the meeting. *(This will be discussed further plus see our Facebook page for more details.)*
6. Critiquing – maybe get in David Hyttsten (David’s Photography) or Wayne Mayer (Magic Moments Photography) to do critiques on our photos
7. Lake / Water Sports – assignment only
8. Macro/Micro – Topic
9. Share links at meeting or videos on “How to...” – Jerrie Ahrens has National Geographic video on how to take photos – they demonstrate how they take one of their photos.
10. See if Chris Lommel is willing to speak on a topic

The group then viewed photos on the assignment topic of “product photos”. Three members submitted. Thanks to Jerrie Ahrens, Jean Davids and Larry Wilson for submitting photos.

Our featured photographer was Aaron Schluender. Aaron shared a PowerPoint presentation of photos he has taken. Says he likes taking nature and landscape photos as well as photos for the family business, Schluender Construction. He did a great job. Uses a combination of DSLR camera and cell phone camera. He uses a program called Snap Seed on his camera to edit cell phone photos.

The topic for the month was Product Photography. Jean Davids and Larry Wilson both brought in their DIY Light Tables that were created out of PVC Pipe. Jean had promised to provide some links on some of these types of projects for people to try out. Images of what Jean’s setup look like are shown below. Larry’s is a bit more versatile as he has it configured to connect on various lights and other items. Here are some links:

<http://www.diyphotography.net/how-build-pvc-diy-photo-light-box/>. Here’s another sample one.

<http://digital-photography-school.com/how-to-create-simple-seamless-background-product-shots/>

Here’s a sample that includes some “products” in it: <http://www.wix.com/blog/2015/06/11-tips-for-effective-product-photography/>.



Lynn Anderson asked for volunteers to present as photographer of the month for 2017. The ones who have volunteered are listed below:

- January – Denise & Frank Barger (new members)
- February – Jerrie Ahrens
- March – No meeting – photo show
- April – Darrell Pikkaraine
- May - None to allow Bryan Hansel more time to speak on composition topic
- June – Craig Starr (maybe)

Bob also mentioned it has been confirmed that the date of the **Photo Show will March 18-19th in 2017** at River City Extreme. He asked if we want to replace any of the photo show categories this year. Jean shared the list, which follows. A brief discussion was done but no one could think of the category they would like to swap out. We agreed to leave categories the same for 2017. These are:

- **ACTION/MOTION**
- **ANIMALS/MAMMALS** - 4 Legged Mammals
- **ANIMALS/OTHER** - birds (including swans), insects, fish
- **ARCHITECTURAL/STRUCTURAL** - prominent buildings, bridges, statues
- **BOTANICAL** - flowers, plants and trees
- **CREATIVE TECHNIQUES** - any photo that is not an original capture (includes HDR, computer enhanced & creative photography techniques)
- **REFLECTIONS** - reflection of light or image
- **SUNRISE, SUNSET & NIGHT**
- **NATURAL LANDSCAPE** - no buildings, structures, people, etc
- **LANDSCAPE** - can include minimal objects, structures, people
- **MACRO/CLOSE-UP** - various objects using macro and close-up techniques
- **PEOPLE** - where people are the main focus

Jean mentioned that she will need to start updating documents and the photo show website starting in December so it is all ready for the public to download and reference starting January 1.

Our December meeting topic will be Bob and Val sharing their Alaska photos. Bob said weather prevented it from being as productive as they hoped so if others have Alaska photos to share, please let him know and we can make it more of a group sharing of Alaska images. It's also our annual holiday meeting where we encourage everyone to order meals and it will hopefully be more of a social gathering.

The meeting ended around 8:30 or so.

One more announcement: Jessica Scott, last month's speaker, has opted to not join the club after all so we still need a replacement for Bob Somerville in the position of Agenda Chairperson. Let Bob or Lynn Anderson know if you are interested in doing this job.