

Meeting Minutes

Date: December 21, 2016

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started at 7 pm and was presided over by Lynn Anderson, president. There were 18 members and 4 guests in attendance.

First up was a discussion of what we want to do for photo assignments and topics for 2017. It was agreed that we will try to come up with our meeting assignments/topics by discussing as a group to come up with the next couple of month's ideas. In light of this, the following assignments/topics were decided on for some upcoming meetings.

January

- Assignment: winter
- Topic: Bokeh - Bring your camera and tripod so we can all experiment with taking photos using Christmas lights as background for shooting objects and trying different bokeh effects. Claire, Jean and Bob will coordinate bringing in the supplies to take photos but feel free to bring in small objects to use for your own photos.
- Photographer of the Month: Denise & Frank Barger

February

- Assignment: Winter critters
- Topic: Ken Bachofer will speak on the topic of Exposure Compensation. Bring your camera and tripods in to experiment. Will be a combination of teaching and trying.
- Photographer of the Month: Jerrie Ahrens

March

No meeting - attend the Monticello Photo Show instead

April

- Assignment: Exposure Compensation - bring in no more than 6 photos - 3 sets of before/after images (no exposure compensation used and then exposure compensation used).
- Topic: to be determined
- Photographer of the Month: Darrell Pikkaraine

May

- Assignment: to be determined
- Annual Meeting - vote for officers/board members
- Topic: Bryan Hansel - "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. Bob Somerville will be organizing this.
- Pick up your Photo Show Entries - 1 hour prior to meeting others can pick up their photos

Other ideas from last month were this. We will need to come up with either speakers or some way to address these items for later in the 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. Critiquing – maybe get in David Hyttsten (David's Photography) or Wayne Mayer (Magic Moments Photography) to do critiques on our photos
6. Lake / Water Sports – assignment only
7. Macro/Micro – Topic
8. 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.
9. See if Chris Lommel is willing to speak on a topic
10. Liz (Elizabeth Wood I presume) will check at St. Cloud State to see if there are any speakers available there for a meeting
11. One other member (didn't get name written down) was going to check on a photographer they know to see if they could speak as well.

The group then viewed assignment photos taken with cell phone/iPad. Six members submitted. Thanks to all who shared their photos.

Val Somerville told the group that the Monticello Library has asked if there is anyone in our club who would be willing to teach a 1-hour session on introductory photography to teenagers at the library. Sharon Johnson and Claire McGillic showed some interest in participating. They will need to speak to Sarah at the Monticello Public Library to follow up on this. It would be sometime in the summer.

Bob and Val Somerville shared their Alaska photos with the group. They reviewed their Costco book online plus passed it around for the membership to view. Thanks Bob and Val for sharing! Claire McGillic brought in some of her photos of bears from her Alaska trip this past year. Thanks Claire for sharing your images, too. We enjoyed them all.