

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 19, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting started at 7 pm and was presided over by Jean Davids, Secretary. There were 17 members in attendance, 1 of which joined that night.

We started collecting dues before and during the meeting. Dues are \$12 for individual + \$6 for any additional family members. Club board members are free memberships. Dues must be paid by no later the May meeting. If not paid by then, you will start being nagged by Jean Davids to find out if you are rejoining or ending your membership. Please confirm whether you intend to rejoin or not.

We led off the meeting with our speaker for the night, Brian Muckenhirn of North Star Awards & Trophies, located in Buffalo. They are working on a website that, at this time, should be up and running soon, <https://www.uniquelyview.com>. *(Note: as of this writing it is not available yet.)* A copy of a handout they have will be included at the end of these meeting minutes.

They transfer photos to a variety of objects using a process called sublimation, which uses dye ink that goes into the substrate of the object. Brian brought many examples of products he can print on. Here is a list of some of them:

- Stone – matte or shiny and rectangular or round
- Metal – silver finish and others where the color pops more
- Gift boxes
- Clocks
- Key holders
- Ornaments – 2 sided
- Phone cases
- Wine bag
- Wine box holder
- Jewelry – charm bracelets, necklace, earrings
- Flip-flops and slide on sandals
- Pet scarves
- T-shirts – embedded right into the fiber – should be 100% polyester to accept it best. When using a 50/50 blend, it washes out of the cotton portion and looks faded.
- Tiles – this looked really cool. He showed it as a picture frame with a group of printed tiles (8 across and 6 down I think) of a photo. Said it can be mounted as a backsplash, too.
- Small blankets – polyester – ink bonds with polyester fibers so it does not wash out
- Grill set
- Cutting board – image is on the back of glass cutting board.
- Puzzles of various sizes
- Serving trays

The objects are specifically coated to accept the color so you can't just bring in any object to print to. Also, you should keep the object out of direct sun as they can fade due to UV light. Can add your own wording.

Can do 95% or so of the printing in store. If it is very large, they send it out to get printed. Cannot do Raw format files but most other formats can be used for printing. Should be high resolution and 300 dpi to print best. Red is the most difficult color to get right but in those cases they often do a test run.

Had a Q&A afterwards.

It was an interesting presentation and gave us all a good idea of what a variety of objects can look like using our own photos.

Darrell Pikkaraine was our Photographer of the Month. He shared many of his photos and likes to take a variety of different types of photos.

We reviewed the submitted photos for our Exposure Compensation assignment. We had a brief conversation amongst the group about what we learned through this assignment. Most people seemed to enjoy this one.

Jean Davids discussed the upcoming elections and the open slot for president that needed to be filled. First we discussed the president position, which was vacated by Lynn Anderson. Steve Fowler was willing to step in for twice the pay and 3 weeks of vacation (ha ha, zero pay and 3 weeks between each meeting) and was approved by the board. The members present at the meeting unanimously approved him. Thank you for your willingness to serve, Steve. We asked for volunteers to run for the open Board Member at Large position. Jerrie Ahrens had filled this position for this past 2 years. Bob Somerville took it over when Jerrie moved to the Treasurer spot that had been filled by Ken Kvam until he moved. Sharon Johnson was willing to run for spot and we had no other volunteers so we voted on her election at the meeting. Members present at the meeting unanimously elected Sharon. Thanks Sharon for being willing to step up to be on the board.

Jean Davids discussed signups for the upcoming Bryan Hansel class in May. Our newest member, Michael Bolton, expressed interest. I pointed him to our website for more information.

Last up was a discussion about assignments and topics for upcoming meetings. Suggestions previously were:

- How to edit/hack a photo - discuss varieties of ways to change/improve a photo
- Black and white
- How to colorize just one portion of a black and white image using Photoshop
- Macro/Micro photography
- Share links/video on photography techniques and general knowledge
- Lake / Water Sports assignment
- Seek other speakers for a variety of topics

We decided the following for the June and July meetings but still need a photographer of the month for each of those.

June: Assignment – try different composition techniques (as followup to Bryan Hansel’s training in May), Topic – Shooting Macro – Group discussion on macro techniques – bring your equipment in to experiment.

July: Assignment – Macro, Topic – Black & White (bring in laptops and demonstrate ways that you like to convert to B&W – group discussion)

The meeting was adjourned around 9 pm.

Reminder about the May meeting:

May

- Pick up your Photo Show Entries - 1 hour prior to meeting others can pick up their photos
- Assignment: None
- Topic: Bryan Hansel - “Thorough Composition” which discussed a number of other techniques beyond just rule of thirds. Class from 3:30-6:30 pm for those who want. Sign up with Bob Somerville. 3:30 meet at Ellison Park in Monticello behind the hospital. 3 hours session. \$50 per person.

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