

# Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2017

By: Jean Davids, Secretary Monticello Camera Club

The meeting began shortly after 7 pm and was presided over by Steve Fowler. There were 11 members in attendance. This includes our member Claire McGillic who has been undergoing cancer treatments and had not been able to attend since our February meeting. It was great having her back again.

Our assignment for this month was Macro Photography. We had 6 members share their photos. Thank you all for sharing your great images with us.

Our topic for the month was Black & White. We were to bring in laptops and demonstrate ways that you like to convert to B&W and have a group discussion. Steve Fowler led off the discussion by defining black and white as “the absence of color”.

Jean shared some videos that she found on YouTube. Here’s a list of them that she found of interest.

- The first was more of an artistic impression technique that wasn’t as popular with the group watching. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FS3KiwKr65Q>
- The second was more informative. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdJ5rM\\_MGIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdJ5rM_MGIU)
- This was one that I had viewed prior to the meeting and found helpful but didn’t get the chance to share it at the meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCagifgeNuw>
- Here’s another video that seems worth watching. It addresses how to convert to black & white in Lightroom. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fU0tqOyIGNM>
- Here’s one more that might be worth viewing. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=db6-sNBYBVk>

Rick Lockhart mentioned that he is now using a new editing program that he really likes. It’s called Affinity Photo. It costs \$49.99 and there are no subscriptions. You can view more about the program at their website: <https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/>

Cindy Mendel mentioned that Minnesota Make-a-Wish is having their annual sunflower event at the O’Keefe Farm in Cold Spring August 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a wine and beer tasting and appetizers. Here are the links to point you to the full information about this great opportunity.

- <http://mn.wish.org/news-and-events/calendar-of-events/2017/2017-wish-upon-a-sunflower-kickoff>
- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wish-upon-a-sunflowers-grand-wine-beer-tasting-event-for-make-a-wish-2017-tickets-32010448112>

*Note: There is a copy of the flyer for this event on the next page.*

There was no photographer of the month for this month.

The meeting adjourned around 8:30 pm.

# Wish Upon A Sunflower

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## Wine and Beer Tasting Kickoff Event

Help us kick off Wish Upon A Sunflower by joining us for a wine and beer tasting with delicious appetizers! You'll also have the opportunity to hear a wish story and experience the beauty of the 2.5 acre field of sunflowers at the O'Keefe Farm. You will receive a bouquet of sunflowers.

August 4, 2017

5 - 8 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$45 each

**Register at:** <http://bit.ly/2pa9YzS>

*Please purchase your tickets by Friday, July 28, 2017*

## Sunflower Sales

Stop by the O'Keefe Farm to purchase beautiful, hand-picked bouquets of sunflowers. Bouquets of five flowers will be sold for \$10 each.

August 5 - 8, 2017

12 - 7 p.m.

100% of all proceeds from these events will help wishes come true for Minnesota children diagnosed with life-threatening medical conditions.

### O'Keefe Farm on Grand Lake

21096 Fowler Road

Cold Spring, MN 56320

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Here's what is on the calendar for the rest of the year. If you have any ideas for topics/speakers for the months we haven't gotten them assigned yet, please share them with our group. Also, if you would be willing to share your photography as photographer of the month, please let us know this too.

### **August**

- Assignment: Black & White
- Topic: Summer Landscape
- Photographer of the Month: Cindy Mendel

### **September**

- Assignment: Summer Landscape
- Topic: Minimalism
- Photographer of the Month: Heather Reinhart

### **October**

- Assignment: Minimalism
- Topic: to be determined
- Photographer of the Month:

### **November**

- Assignment: to be determined
- Topic: to be determined
- Photographer of the Month:

### **December**

- Assignment: to be determined
- Topic: Holiday informal & eat
- Topic: to be determined
- Spouses/significant others are encouraged to attend. Plan on eating at the meeting. It's our way of saying Thank You to River City Extreme for allowing us meeting space.