

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 17, 2022

By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

We had 8 of 17 members attend our meeting which was led by Heather Reinhart.

There were only 2 of 4 people who went to Montissippi Park that shared photos. Thanks to Darrell and Jean for sharing.

The topic for this meeting was Symmetry. Jean shared two of three videos that she had found on the topic.

Videos presented were:

- CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPOSITION TIPS - Symmetry With Lines, Shapes & Reflections - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1nWJHK242Q>
- Symmetry Photography - 75 Ideas Compilation - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGdu_JZNAo8
- Symmetry Photography - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hx1we1vIHtM&t=217s> (not shown at meeting but a good video)

Next months assignment is on Symmetry and the topic will be Mike Shaw presenting Astrophotography Image Stacking and Multi-Image Blending - Why and How!

We discussed what to present for November. Steve Fowler suggested Soft Focus and he is willing to present the topic. The members present agreed. That means that the rest of the year is planned out. Now to figure out next year...

We briefly discussed ideas for getting out club out into the public eye more. Swap show like we did a year or two ago or a photo show of our work were ideas. We still agree that we should find a way to work with Monti Arts.

One kind of topic suggested would be to emulate work that Jordon Matter Photography does.

<https://www.facebook.com/JordanMatterPhotography> He shoots photos of models in urban settings. Not sure if this will work or not but it was suggested.

Another idea was to check into the Twin Cities Area Council of Camera Clubs (now call The Camera Council) - <https://cameracouncil.org>. This council and its affiliated clubs promote continuing education and fellowship for those interested in all aspects of photography. Our member clubs offer a diverse range of programs, field trips, competitions and social interaction. Activities include:

- Learning new photography techniques
- Learning from speakers at meetings
- Going on group outings
- Entering competitions
- Exhibit opportunities
- Friendship – making new friends who share the same passion
- And more!

I will look into it again and see if it could help our club or not. I know there was a fee to be a member of this group.

Another idea was to invite other clubs to share in the next two months of meetings where we have speakers scheduled. Both the Clearwater and Sherburne Refuge photo clubs are having trouble with members attending meetings right now. I am a member (Jean) of both clubs and we all agreed to send an invite to these clubs so then can attend these two meetings for free. If anyone wants to join our club they can but it also gives them a chance to see how our club operates and maybe that can help them. Larry was kind enough to make up an excellent poster that I will send to the leads of those two clubs to let them know that they are invited.

2022 Calendar for remainder of the year:

September 21

- Assignment: Symmetry photos
- Topic: Mike Shaw presenting on how to stack astrophotography photos

October 19

- Assignment: stacked photos
- Topic: Travel Photography - Matthew/Sarah Breiter

November 16

- Assignment:
- Topic: Soft Focus - presented by Steve Fowler

December 21

- Assignment: Top photos of 2022
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion