Meeting Minutes

Date: June 21, 2023
By: Jean Davids, Secretary/Treasurer

Jean Davids presided over the meeting. There were 11 members in attendance. It was great to see Anthony return. It was discussed that all meeting up until October will be held in the banquet room. That can be subject to change but should be the case.

We had one contributor for our assignment, Flash photos. Larry Wilson was kind enough to share some he had taken a while back and explained his technique for double imaging using a dark room and flash. The subject would move in between flash on a long exposure, I believe.

The topic was Free Editing Programs and was presented by Keven Juliot will present on a number of freeware versions of photography editing programs

Kevin mentioned that his Nikon camera creates very large files so needs an app that can handle that. He also shoots in raw so the app needs to be able to handle that too. Recommends going to YouTube to learn any of the apps as there are plenty of tutorials out there for any of them.

Here are the apps and information (as best as I could take notes) on each of the apps that Kevin discussed.

RawTherapee
- Runs on Windows, Mac and Linux
- Lots of the basic functions needed. Can export raw files that you cannot read with some to a format your other app can read.
- More of a learning curve with this one.
- Open source

Darktable
- More learning curve.
- Plugins available.
- Can do masking.
- Open source.

Paint.net
- No raw, only jpg.
- Windows or mac.
- Can do more creative things with it as it is based on the old windows Paint program.

PhotoPosPro
- Pro or novice interface.
- Was Kevin's favorite but not the one he regularly uses.

Lightzone - Kevin uses this program 95-98% of the time.
- Runs on Windows, Mac or Linux.
- Lots of YouTube videos to learn from.
- Does gradients and has Brush tools.
- Stacks styles that you can apply and opens a new panel to modify the style.
- Can also change opacity of styles.

For Video:
- Davinci Resolve
- Lightworks

For Sound:
- Audacity - https://www.audacityteam.org/
- OBS -https://obsproject.com/
- Soundforge

A free Adobe Illustrator like app is called Inkscape.

Kevin used the following link to do his research for this presentation:
The best free Photoshop alternatives for 2023 that make sense

Thanks for doing a great job on this Kevin. It was greatly appreciated.

Calendar for 2023

July 19
- Assignment: July as a topic (fireworks, picnics, camping, anything that represents July)
- Topic: Photos in the dark - bring camera and play

August 16
- Assignment: Photos in the dark
- Topic: Landscape and Waterfalls – Anthony Hall will present

September 20
- Assignment: Landscape or Waterfall Photos
- Topic: Action Photos (date not firm)

October 18
- Assignment:
- Topic: Camera Raw – presented by Kevin Juliot

November 15
- Assignment:
- Topic:

December 20
- Assignment: Top photos of 2023
- Topic: Holiday party, open discussion