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2007 Tet Parade

Third Annual Field Trip to Vietnamese New Year (Tet) Spring Festival & Parade

Sunday, Feburary 10, 2008
Hosted by Betty Toepfer

Description

Let's get together to photograph/celebrate the 11th Annual Vietnamese Spring Festival and Parade. This colorful parade will feature lion and dragon dances, decorated floats, costume units, musical marching bands, cultural groups and student associations representing many universities and high schools throughout the Bay area. The Vietnamese Spring Parade showcases the Vietnamese heritage and promotes their cultural diversity in the community.

The Vietnamese Festival is a free-admission event that will feature Vietnamese arts and crafts, live performances by famous Vietnamese entertainers, martial art demonstrations, children's games and rides, a talent show, and food booths showcasing authentic Vietnamese cuisine and other multi-cultural fare. This event gives people of all ages, cultures and socio-economic backgrounds an opportunity to enjoy the culture and foods from different countries right in their own neighborhood! This is a fun opportunity for PJ and Human Interest photography.

Location

The Parade is on Market Street between St John's and San Carlos. The Festival is in Parkside Hall, 180 Park Avenue in downtown San Jose.

Logistics

Car Pooling will be coordinated prior to the trip, as needed. Arrive early, between 9-10 am for the best activities and pre-parade photography. There is free parking in the garage on Market Street and St John's Street opposite the parking lot where the pre-parade preparations take place.

We will meet at about 10:00 to 10:15 am at the brick wall next to Market Street on the north side of the parking lot, directly across the street from the main parking garage. We will discuss the plans for the day, make any arrangements for meeting later for lunch, where the best locations are, or whatever info you may need or want to discuss.

The parade begins at 11 am. The Festival is from 10am to 6pm.

For Further Information

Refer to the Vietnamese Spring Festival & Parade web site, our 2007 Tet field trip web page, and our 2006 Tet field trip web page. Any questions please contact Betty at toepferb@aol.com.

Thoughts on Wildlife Photography

Program February 18, 2008
Presented by Munir Koreshi and Oliver Klink

Munir Kureshi and Oliver Klink are wildlife photographers/veterinarian who are very active with gallery exhibitions. The content of this program will be a combination of slides, equipment demo, reference links, and a final slide show with music.

1. Finding Wildlife (see reference sites below)
2. Understanding Wildlife
3. Camera Equipment (see reference below)
4. Planning and visualizing
5. Wildlife Composition

References
Oliver Klink http://www.incredibletravelphotos.com

Finding Wildlife
http://www.naturescapes.net
http://www.dpreview.com (Weekly wildlife posting under Discussion forum/Canon SLR Lens Talk)
http://www.naturephotographermag.com
http://www.outdoorphotographer.com
http://animals.nationalgeographic.com
http://www.nanpa.org (North America Nature Photography Association)

What is DRH or HDR?[1]

By Clark Springman

Well first, it stands for High Dynamic Range. Okay, so what does that mean? It means that when you are taking a photograph with very high contrast of light, where the highlights may "blow out" (be all white with no detail) and the shadows will go black with no detail, you can take three or more bracketed exposures, preferrably in RAW, but can be in JPEG, then open them in an HDR program. The HDR program will merge the images into one photograph with details in the highlights and details in the shadows.

The best part? The FDRTools Basic version is freeware! Here's the website where you can get it:
http://www.fdrtools.com/front_e.php

Be sure to read the tutorials.

And, here is the website of a Popular Photography online magazine article that explains it:
http://www.popphoto.com/photosoftware/3726/hdri-tutorial-master-moving-objects-with-fdrtools.html

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