Los Gatos - Saratoga Camera Club Newsletter

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2009 Calendar

October

5 Competition: Creative and Color -- Slides, Digital Images, and Prints. Monochrome -- Prints.

19 Program: Member 15-Image Presentations (digital images, film slides, or prints)

November

2 Competition: Nature and Color -- Slides, Digital Images, and Prints.

16 Program: The Life of a Wildlife Photographer presented by Suzi Eszterhas

John Bujak

Program October 19, 2009

Member 15-Image Presentations

Overview

Any member may submit up to 15 related images for presentation to the entire Club. Here's your opportunity to delve into a photographic subject in detail and share it with us. This annual event highlights the diverse, creative, and excellent photography being done by members of our Club. It is always a stimulating and entertaining evening.

Details

1. Please indicate your intention to give a presentation by e-mailing Virginia at vmorganscott@comcast.net.
2. Each presentation includes a maximum of 15 digital images, film slides, or prints (absolutely no more than 15).
3. Although it is an interesting challenge try to have exactly 15 images including the title and ending image, using less than 15 is acceptable.
4. Images must be related by story line or subject or technique. For example, "Memorial Day at Roaring Camp" or "Macro Flowers" or "Experiments in Night Photography".
5. You may add verbal commentary or music.
6. Each presentation will be allotted time, about 5-10 minutes, more or less depending on the total number of submissions.
7. Bring film slides and prints on the night of the program.
8. Digital presentations must be submitted to Virginia Scott by **October 15th**.
   * Digital file sizes and format must follow our usual rules for digital entries.
   * The file names should start with 01 through 15 to indicate the order you want them viewed. Examples: 01-TitleSlideName, 02-FirstSlideName, 15-EndingSlideName
   * Put the files in a folder titled 'Slideshow Title-Your Name' and put the folder on a CD.

* Mail or hand deliver the CD to Virginia Scott at 116 Allegro Drive, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060, **by October 15**.

Here are other examples of past program topics.

* Aerial Shots of Planes
* Africa
* Baboon interaction
* Birds
* Butterflies
* Canyon de Chelly
* Carnival in Trinidad & Tobago
* Children
* Civil War Battles
* Colorful Mexican buldings
* Digital Manipulation
* Fancy Cars
* Fire camp at Vasona
* Flowers
* Fort Ross
* Icelandic buildings
* Icelandic people, animals, and waterfalls
* Japan 50 years prior
* Kilimanjaro Climb
* Lassen National Park
* Mendocino
* Mexican Pyramids
* Moroccan Sahara
* New Guinea
* New Orleans 12 years prior
* Old Rusted Cars
* Pink
* Portraits of people and animals
* Reflections
* Rennaisance Faire
* Rodeos
* San Jose Civic Center
* Santa Cruz landfill
* Signs
* South Beach, Florida
* Stone & Sand & Sea & Sky
* Surf City
* Tide Pools
* Vacations
* Wind Machines
* Women at Work

Uwe Schmalenbach - guest speaker
The Los Gatos Elks Lodge is kicking off it's new Tuesday Night Dinner format on October 6th with a guest speaker. Uwe Schmalenbach of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Camera Club will be the inaugural guest speaker. Mr. Schmalenbach will give a slide show of photos he took while on "Safari in Africa". Uwe has informed us that he has lots of pictures of animals to share with us.

Please join the Elks for "Dinner and a Movie" on October 6th
Refreshments: 6:00 PM / No Host
Dinner: 6:30 PM
Speaker: 7:30 PM or after dessert is served.

All members of the Los Gatos-Saratoga Camera Club and their guests are cordially invited to attend the dinner as guests of the Los Gatos Elks Lodge # 1857.

The cost of the meal is $8.00.
Please call with your reservations no later than 3:00 PM on Monday, October the 5th.
Lodge phone number is 408-395-1857.
E-mail is elkslodge105@comcast.net.
Web site link is http://www.elks.org/lodges/home.cfm?LodgeNumber=1857

7TH ANNUAL LOS GATOS-SARATOGA
CAMERA CLUB EXHIBIT
in the
LOS GATOS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Theme*: Through the Lens: Photographic Moments*
NOVEMBER 12, 2009 to JANUARY 7, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 10th	* Master list of images in exhibit
November 12th (Thursday)	* Installation Drop-off 10:30am to 11am
November 19th (Thursday):	* Reception, 6 to 8 pm
January 7th	* Take-down and pick up 10:00-10:30 am

The Los Gatos TV station **KCAT** will present our images on their station.

Postcards will be distributed as soon as they are received from the printer. You may send these out to your family and friends inviting them to the reception and/or to stop by the Los Gatos Town Council Chambers to view our exhibit. The Chambers is open to the public daily, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 4:30pm, unless there is a meeting in the Chambers.

November 10th is the last day that you may send image information to Mary Ellen, mekaschub@comcast.net in order for her to prepare a Master List of the Exhibit. You must include the TITLE, YOUR NAME AND PRICE, (if photo is for sale). This list is required by the Town of Los Gatos.

Installation on November 12th . All photographs must be brought to the Chambers on November 12th between **10:30 am - 11am** and signed in. Each photograph must be matted, framed and ready to hang by a wire attached to the back of the frame which must not weigh more than 5 pounds.

The space of three brick walls do not show small images well. Minimum framed size is 16 inches by 20 inches. Maximum frame size is 22 inches by 30 inches. (However, a related series of 2 - 11" x 14" framed images may be hung as a group and considered as one entry.) Each photographic entry must be labeled using the label form (available on Club website) and taped (use one small piece of tape only) to the lower front right corner of the glass showing the TITLE of the image, the NAME of the maker, and the PRICE if the image is for sale. Write this same information on a second label, turn the framed photograph over, and firmly tape this note to the outside backing of the framed photograph, in case the label form on the front is lost.

The Reception is Thursday, November 19th, from **6 to 8 pm**. Please invite family and friends to attend. Besides family, friends and other attendees, there will be representatives from the Town of Los Gatos as well. More specific information on refreshments will be communicated as the date gets closer.

Take down is January 7th. Please pick up your photographs between **10:00–10:30** am. If you cannot come by at this time, please let Mary Ellen or Betty know that someone else will by picking up your photographs. NO PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE LEFT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AFTER 10:30 AM.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mary Ellen Kaschub, (408) 399-0153, or email mekaschub@comcast.net or Betty Toepfer (408) 354-0630 or email toepferb@aol.com

Let's have another great show!

Small Study Groups

We are in need of volunteers to lead small groups in any of those topics and if you are interested in sharing your experience please contact me, directly, so I can spread the word. We are always trying to recruit volunteers to lead small group seminars.
Education is a major mission of the club, but depends on volunteer leaders to help promote this mission.

It seems that email has not been very successful in moving this mission forward. It is possible that some members do not read the emails, so if any of you know any members who might be willing to help, please chat with them personally and try to get them to share their experience.

Remember, there is tremendous flexibility - seminars can be on any subject any number of sessions (from just 1- to any more),with any number of students, on any schedule.
Thanks,
Michael Schneider

Members interested in taking or leading any courses should contact Michael Schneider at zapperms@comcast.net.

Have you calibrated your monitor lately?

No? Then it's time for you to have your monitor calibrated. It's painless, takes less than 30 minutes, and it's very effective at enabling you to edit your images with "standard" colors brightness and contrast, so that calibrated projectors and printers can render the same image you see on your screen. Using the club's Spider-3 equipment and software, Calibration Chair, Jeff Katz, will come to your computer and perform the service when it's convenient for you. Just phone him at 408-255-7423, or e-mail to jeffrudi@earthlink.net to arrange an appointment. And be prepared to donate $10 to the club to help cover the cost of the equipment.

Remember: monitors drift as they age. Pro image processors recalibrate every couple of weeks to assure consistent prints. We hobbyists can get by with less frequent calibration. CRTs should be recalibrated every 3-6 months and LCDs should be recalibrated every 6-12 months.

Editor's note:
For a great series on Color Management, visit:
Color Management Primer: by Jay Kinghorn
Part I: Color Management Overview | Part II: Monitor Profiling | Part III: Color Settings | Part IV: Printer Profiling
http://photo.net/learn/digital-photography-workflow/color-management/

Thanks for the Refreshments!

Thanks to the following people for providing refreshments for our September meeting:
Mel RABEDEAU, Ronnie RABEDEAU, Helen RILEY

Of Interest...

Palo Alto Camera Club Annual Photographic Arts Lecture : **Brian Taylor**
Wed Oct 28, 2009 - 7:30 pm
Palo Alto Art Center (Auditorium)
1313 Newell Rd
Free, open to the public
http://www.pacamera.com/events/AnnualLecture_Taylor.html

In this digital age of electronic photography, BrianTaylor savors the tactile pleasures of making art by hand. He believes that certain works of art created by a human touch can contain a resonance of that touch– a discernible aura.

Brian explores alternative processes, printing photographs on watercolor paper and also creates handmade books springing from his love of texture in art. Taylor states, “My images are inspired by the surrealism and poetic moments of living in our fast-paced, modern world. I am interested in how daily life in the early 21st Century presents us with incredible experiences in such regularity that we no longer differentiate between what is natural and what is colored with implausibility, humor, and irony.”

Brian’s lecture will present a lively visual overview of his several bodies of work created over three decades. You can visit his website at briantaylorphotography.com for a glimpse of some of his imagery.

Brian Taylor is known for his innovative explorations of alternative photographic processes including non-silver printing techniques, mixed media, and hand made books. He has been a recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Polaroid Corporation. His work has been exhibited nationally and abroad in numerous solo and group shows and is included in the permanent collections of the Bibliotheque Nationale, Paris; the Victoria and Albert Museum, London; the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art; the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; and the International Museum of Photography at the George Eastman House, Rochester, NY. His work has been published in American Photographer, Photo Asia, and most recently, Exploring Color Photography.

Born in Tucson, Arizona, Brian received his B.A. Degree in Visual Arts from the University of California at San Diego, an M.A. from Stanford University and his M.F.A. from the University of New Mexico. Brian is currently a Professor of Art and Design at San Jose State University in California.

The San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

151 Third Street (between Mission + Howard)
San Francisco CA 94103
Tel: 415.357.4000
http://www.sfmoma.org/

THE PROVOKE ERA: Postwar Japanese Photography
September 12 - December 20, 2009

PHOTOGRAPHY NOW: China, Japan, Korea
September 12 - December 20, 2009

PICTURING MODERNITY The Photography Collection
Ongoing
These photographs from the mid-1800s to the present capture key moments in the development of the medium. The current rotation features a group of pictures by Helen Levitt (1913-2009), in memory of the artist.

RICHARD AVEDON Photographs 1946-2004
July 11 - November 29, 2009

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