Los Gatos - Saratoga Camera Club Newsletter

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2009 Calendar

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

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

December
7 Competition: Travel and Color -- Slides, Digital Images. Monochrome and Color -- Prints.

21 Program: Annual Awards Potluck Dinner

Program - November 16

The Life of a Wildlife Photographer presented by Suzi Eszterhas

The program will include descriptions of three facets of wildlife photography. First is RESEARCH. Any shoot starts with extensive research into the culture, terrain, animal behavior, weather. The second facet, FIELDWORK benefits from that research, and adds the elements of timing, dangers, habituating shy wildlife, and field equipment issues. Third, is the PRODUCTION AND MANAGEMENT of the photographic results. Suzi will describe her equipment, workflow, marketing, and publishing.

Biography
California based wildlife photographer Suzi Eszterhas spends nine months of the year shooting a wide variety of wildlife in the field. In recent years, she has specialized in documenting family life and has become well known for her unprecedented work with newborn animals. Although Suzi works primarily in Africa, she has undertaken commissions and led instructional photography tours and workshops everywhere from Antarctica and the Arctic to Alaska and Montana.

Her photographs have been published in books, magazines and newspapers all over the world, including Ranger Rick, Smithsonian, Audubon, BBC Wildlife, Scientific American, National Geographic Kids, and Your Big Backyard. Most recently, her iconic picture of an Adelie penguin was featured on the front cover of Time Magazine. A Fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers, she has also just won an award in the prestigious Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition.

Suzi's web site is http://www.suzieszterhas.com/.

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

We have 27 Club members exhibiting this year!

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.
Exhibit postcards are in. Anyone wishing to get some before the Nov. 2 meeting distribution is welcome to pick them up at my house. Just give me a call (Mary Ellen Kaschub (408) 399-0153, mekaschub@comcast.net) and I can leave some on the porch if I'm not home. We will have a good supply this year as the Town ordered extras. 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.

Reminder: Postcards will need to be mailed to allow for extra delivery time as postcards get second-rate treatment at the Post Office thus are slower to be delivered than regular first class mail.

Email invite: This year we will also experiment with an e-vite which you will get first week in November Members can then forward the evite on to your friends, family and others.

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. Please show up and support the Club and our exhibiting photographers. A Town official will speak – probably Mayor Wasserman this year. Betty Toepfer will coordinate the food so wait to hear from her and/or Bambi. The reception food is always generous and well done.

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:
http://photo.net/learn/digital-photography-workflow/color-management/

Thanks for the Refreshments!
Thanks to the following people for providing refreshments for our October meeting: Larry ROSIER, Ari STROD, Peter and Doris VUTZ, Steve STARK, Michael SCHNEIDER, Don SCHREMP.

Of Interest...

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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