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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, Feb. 8, 7:00 PM

Christ Fellowship Church

Midland Road at the corner of Pee Dee Road

Southern Pines, NC

Program: **Digital Competition - Macro Photography**

PROGRAMS: Jim Davis

The March program will be **Photographing and Experiencing the Cascades**. Scott Ziegler, author of a book on the Cascades in Washington and Oregon entitled, *The Cascades: A Natural Heritage*, will discuss photography related to his published photography book.

The May program will be presented by members **Jim Smith** and **Gary Magee**. The program will include the DVD, titled "Florals, Nature & Wildlife," which was produced with ProShow Producer 4. The show contains 248 slides with pictures submitted by SPC members and a musical sound track. It is intended that this show will be the first of a series called "Through the Lens," produced by SPC Productions.

COMPETITIONS: Scott Duvall

Our first competition of 2010 will take place at the February 8 meeting. The subject is "Macro...the art of taking pictures of subjects close up." This is a DIGITAL competition and entries had to have been received by January 31, 2010. The judge for this event is Vinny Colucci. Many of you know Vinny, and some of you have had the opportunity to travel with him on field trips. Vinny is an award-winning photographer who has been active since 1979 and a shooting professional since 1995. He is a member of Nikon Professional Services, the Carolina Nature Photographers Association, the North American Nature Photography Association and Wimberley Professional Services. He is represented by MyStock, with images appearing in "Nature Photographer" magazine and various other publications.

On April 12, 2010 we will hold a PRINT competition where the subject will be "Black and White Photography." This is a chance to show photographs that are enhanced by using black and white photography. Any subject is acceptable as long as the finished print is black and white. Sepia or other color variations will not be accepted. Each club member is allowed up to two entries that have been taken within three years of April 12, 2010.

Prints must be mounted on core board or rigid poster board and/or matted. Those that are matted must be single matted with plain white or off-white matte material. Prints must be a minimum of 7 inches in both directions and the mount must not exceed 20 x 20 inches.

As with previous PRINT competitions, members will drop off their entries at the sign-in table prior to 7:00 PM on April 12th. However, **new this year** is a mandatory requirement that all entries be registered before midnight on the eighth day before the competition (11:59PM on April 4, 2010 for the April 12th event). To register, the name of the photographer, class being entered, and titles of images to be submitted can be emailed to competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org or mailed to Competition Committee member Gene Lentz at 6117 Seven Lakes

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Len Barnard

If you were not at our January regular meeting, you were only one of a few that did not attend. It was an outstanding program. In fact, because of the large turnout, I understand we had people parking in the streets because they could not find parking places. This caused me concern so I paid a visit to Christ Fellowship in the daylight. They have plenty of parking spaces!

To clarify, if you enter the church from off Midland Road and drive straight back, the first parking area you find is a small parking area intended mostly for handicap people. However there are a couple of regular spaces here. In the next parking area there are spaces for 24 vehicles. Now the parking area that I think most people are not aware of is still straight back behind what I believe to be their Sunday School Rooms. In this area we can park 25 additional vehicles for a total of over 50 vehicles. Therefore since in most case we arrive with two to four people per vehicle there is an abundance of parking spaces available. The one problem with the third parking lot is that there is very limited lighting. So with this we do not need to park on the streets.

West, West End, NC 27376. The purpose of this advanced registration is to give the Competition Committee a more orderly time to prepare for the event.

WORKSHOPS: Bill Matthews

We had a great turnout for *Macro Photography* with **Mike Stratil**, our first workshop for 2010, on Saturday, January 16. See **Workshops** at our web site for a few informal photos.

Our next workshop will be *Photographing Wild Birds* with **Tom Reedy** on Saturday, March 13, 9:30 - 12:00 noon, in the Burlingame Room at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center. This workshop will focus on how to capture good images of birds in the wild. The discussion will be targeted to large wading birds, such as herons, egrets, wood storks and spoonbills. Many of the fundamentals identified in this workshop should apply to most wildlife, not just the large birds. The workshop is meant to be a group participation activity not a “wisdom from the expert” class. Everyone will have an opportunity to talk about the lessons learned from their bird and other wildlife photography. The discussion will include images of birds and other wildlife, both good images and not so good images. We will discuss what we need to do to control the image, including lighting and composition. To capture a good wildlife image, we need to use the correct equipment and we will discuss cameras, lenses, flashes, and other photographic accessories. The last topic will cover what we need to do in the field in order to come home with some really good images. This workshop is intended to be very interactive. We all will be learning from one another, which will help us to become better wildlife photographers. It should be a fun and valuable morning. Tom will have a signup sheet at the February and March meetings and may be contacted for more information at 295-2674 or wreedy1@nc.rr.com.

Lightroom 3 with **Glenn Gilchrist** is set for Saturday, May 15, 9:00 AM, in the Burlingame Room at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center. Glenn has spent many hours working with the Lightroom 3 Beta and will share his experience with us. The expected LR3 release is this spring or summer and the Beta version is available free until then. Glenn's Lightroom Workshop last year was very well received, and we look forward to learning the new features of LR3 with him this spring. More details to follow.

Additional Workshops currently being planned for this year include:

- *Flower Photography at the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens* in July or August, a joint effort with the Sandhills Community College Horticultural Society, will be open to the public.
- *Artistic Composition with Mike Stratil* (September date TBD).
- *Basic Photography, Resizing & RAW Revisited* with Bill Matthews (Fall date TBD).
- A *Photoshop* topic in an SCC Computer lab with Bob Biamonte (Fall date TBD).

Suggestions for workshops are always appreciated. Please pass them on to Bill Matthews, 692-8254 or wmatth@embarqmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP: Alison Earl

As of the end of the January meeting we are at **76** paid members, along with our five (5) honorary members! By our count we had **71** people at our January meeting with Melissa Southern, which included members and guests! Thanks again to **Pat Murray** who helped out with the nametags and headcount!

We have several new members: **Paula Taggart, John and Jennifer German, Dennis Kolean, Janice Huff, Diane McCall, Kea McKibben, Pem McGirt, and Beth Allison**. Here are the ones I've heard from so far:

Paula Taggart joined in December and considers her photography expertise to be low. She currently has a Sony camera and her favorite subjects are old barns, covered bridges, and farm scenes. She is hoping to learn more about taking pictures through our club. She has lived in Seven Lakes for 25 years, moving from Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

John and Jennifer German joined in January. John is an experienced beginner, having taken Stoffel's course in the late 80's. Jennifer considers herself a beginner. John has a Canon D20 and Jennifer has a Cannon Point and

EXHIBITIONS: June White

Many thanks for those who submitted the information about their photographs for the Palustris Festival. This is the web site for those who will want to attend the events in March:

<http://www.palustrisfestival.com/>

On March 1st, you are to deliver your photographs to the Hastings Gallery in the Boyd Library on the Sandhills Community College from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. For those who were not able to pick up the correct size clear bags for your photograph at the January meeting, a supply will be available when you make your delivery. Extra bags of all sizes will be available at time of delivery.

Please feel free to contact club member **Lois Pollard** or Denise Baker at her office 695-3879 or bakerd@sandhills.edu if you have any questions.

Shoot. They enjoyed taking pictures of wildlife and their travels. They hope to improve their abilities to take photos and possibly work better with digital photo programs. Both are natives to this area.

Pem McGirt joined at the January meeting and considers himself an amateur, but trying to get better! His cameras are Canon EOS 5D and 7D, and a Sony Handycam HDR-HC7. He likes to take pictures of landscapes, wildlife, sports, urban, people, etc. He'd like to gain some photographic skill and knowledge and enjoy the camaraderie of the club. He has lived in this area 12 years, moving from Palos Verdes Estates, in California BUT he is a North Carolina native. He is a MAC person!

Diane McCall has been taking pictures forever and has many blown up and hanging in her home. She has taken classes with Dave Nichols and at the college with Laura Gingerich. Her current camera is a Nikon 3000 DSLR and she also has a Kodak point and shoot. Her favorite subjects are scenery and anything with a lot of texture. She is hoping to gain a knowledge and application from our club, along with more about editing and composition and close-ups. She has lived in this area for 16 years, moving from Mahopac, New York, and is originally from just south of Buffalo.

Beth Allison considers herself slightly more than a beginner, with a Canon SLR Digital 50D. She likes taking pictures of pets and kids, but likes shooting just about anything, including flowers, trees, landscaping, waterfalls, insects, birds, etc. She hopes to meet other photographers and make new friends and to learn more about photography, short cuts, helpful hints and equipment. She is relatively new to the area (8 years), coming from the Washington, DC area (Annandale, VA). She is a two-time cancer survivor and now in remission for the second time (9 months since her stem cell transplant). She is rather shy, but has a deep passion for photography. She is a retired CO from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority in DC Reagan National and Dulles International Airports AND recently remarried (Dec. 6th)!

Janice Huff considers herself a beginner, using a Panasonic Lumix at this time. Before she upgrades her camera, she'd like to know what things she should concentrate on for her new equipment. She loves to take pictures of animals and scenery and is hoping to learn more about photography techniques and equipment through her membership in SPC. She has lived in this area for five and a half years, moving from the Minneapolis, MN area. Please join me in welcoming them all.

It's Membership Renewal Time for 2010!!
2010 MEMBERSHIP COUPON FOR DUES:

Couple/Family: \$45.00 _____ Renew
Single: \$35.00 _____ New
Student: \$20.00 _____

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Make checks payable to Sandhills Photography Club
and mail to: Sandhills Photography Club
Treasurer
P.O. Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388

The strength of an organization depends upon the active support of its membership. Please indicate your area of interest by checking one or more of the following committees:

- Christmas Party
- Competitions
- Exhibitions
- Field Trips
- Hospitality
- Meeting Set-up
- Meeting Take-down
- Membership
- Newsletter
- Programs
- Publicity
- Telephone
- Website
- Workshops

Don't forget your dues for

2010! If there are any questions as to whether you have paid or not, please contact Treasurer **Dave Verchick** @ 246-2080 or d70ave@embarqmail.com or Membership Chair **Alison Earl** @ 215-0316 or theearls@nc.rr.com. Thank you.

NOTICE: If you have any changes to your information (address, email, phone, etc) **PLEASE** let me know and I will let the rest of the board know. I keep a roster of all members and their information. Email me at theearls@nc.rr.com or call at home (910) 215-0316. Thanks!

LIBRARY: Gisela Danielson

RESULTS of the ONLINE MEMBERSHIP SURVEY: The "overwhelming" response from six members indicated a tie, three for keeping and three for closing our library. The library will be open thru 2010!

Our members that are fairly new to photography will find a wealth of educational books and DVDs. Scott Kelby's DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY BOOK #1, #2, and #3 are outstanding.

You may borrow books and/or DVD/CDs. Place your order via email to: gdanielson@nc.rr.com or call me, 673-0521. Your order will be ready for pick-up at the next SPC meeting and is due the following month.

Donations of gently used and **recent** photography related books and CD/DVDs are always appreciated.

REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS: Bill Sheppard

The following are refreshment providers for the next two months:

February **Scott & Ethel Duvall**

March **Carol Smetana & Joan Herrman**

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

**Thursday, Feb.11, 2:00 PM,
Sandhills Community College
Horticultural Gardens
Visitor's Center.**

SPC WEBSITE:

www.sandhillsphtoclub.org

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FOR SALE - Contact Tom Reedy at 295-2674

Two Tripod Heads -- Excellent Condition

- Manfrotto/Bogen Super (Maxi) Ball Head (3038) \$80;
- Manfrotto/Bogen Compact Pro 3D Pan/Tilt Head (3410) \$90;

Both together \$150.

FOR SALE - Contact Beth Allison at 910-246-6378

Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer and three ink cartridges of each color. Highly rated printer. Used only a few times. Please make offer. Call number above or email Bethallison44@yahoo.com

FOR SALE – Contact Bill Newton at 692-7113 or 692-2110

Epson P-4000 80GB multimedia storage drive (external hard drive) w/great carrying bag \$380. Call number above or email Newtonw@mac.com

FOR SALE – Contact DON HISCOTT at 295-9544

Three lenses: all Nikon mount (auto Focus) and in excellent condition.

- Nikon ED 18-35mm f3.5-4.5 focuses to 0.33m. Sells new for over \$500. \$250. Internal focus.
- Tamron XR 18-200mm f3.5-6.3 macro \$225.
- Tamron XR 28-300mm f3.5-6.3 macro \$225.

Also Giottos MT8160 tripod \$175; Bogen #3030 Pan/Tilt Head \$25; Tripod & Head together \$185.

WANTED TO BUY: An inexpensive, basic digital camera, call Lisa Varney, @ 207/671-9133.

If you wish to buy or sell photo equipment, send your ad to **Ann Stephens** at astephens95@nc.rr.com. Ads run for two issues unless you request otherwise.

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Verchick**Monthly Financial Report Regular Account**

Nov. 30, 2009	Starting balance	\$6,799.83
	Expenses	2,860.55
	Income	1,275.10
Dec. 31, 2009	Final balance	\$5,214.38

Expenses: Christmas dinner and competition computer

Income: 2010 dues, dinner receipts, interest

2010 SPC Board Members

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