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## **NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday, Dec. 13, 6:00PM**

Table on the Green

Midland Country Club

2205 Midland Dr., Pinehurst, NC

Annual Holiday Dinner



## **COMPETITIONS:** Scott Duvall

At the club's Christmas dinner on Monday, Dec. 13, the Competition Committee will honor the club members who earned enough points in the 2010 competitions to graduate from Class B to Class A. We will also announce the winners of the coveted Stoffel Awards for the Class B and Class A photographers who earned the most points in 2010.

Our next competition will be held at the club's meeting on Monday, Feb. 14, 2011. This will be a DIGITAL competition on the topic of "Transportation." Images are limited to cars (including trucks), trains, planes and/or boats as the main theme. Club members can have two entries that have been taken on or after February 14, 2008. Please refer to the

Competition Manual on the club's website ([www.sandhillsphtoclub.org](http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org)) for details on how to submit and identify images for DIGITAL competitions. Entries must be received by Competition Committee member **Gene Lentz** at [competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org](mailto:competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org) by 11:59PM on Sunday, February 6, 2011.

"Portraits" will be the subject of the April 2011 competition. This will be a competition for PRINTS that are black & white, sepia, or in color.

## **WORKSHOPS:** Bill Matthews

**Bob Biamonte's** excellent workshop on the LAB color space was the seventh and last for 2010, and it is time to plan for 2011. I am pleased to report that **Glenn Gilchrist, Mike Stratil, Dave Verchick** and **Bob Biamonte** who gave us great workshops in 2010 have agreed to conduct new workshops in 2011. Various topics are under consideration, and I plan to announce some subjects and dates in the January newsletter. In addition I hope to include one or two guest presenters.

**Getting the Most from Our New Projector, Lens Corrections in Photoshop** and **The Foveon Image Sensor** are high on the list for 2011. As always, suggestions for workshop topics are appreciated. Please pass them on to me at 692-8254 or [wmatth@embarqmail.com](mailto:wmatth@embarqmail.com).

## **PROGRAMS:** Kathy Green

On Jan. 10, Portrait Artist Janice Clewis will be giving a presentation on Portrait Photography with tips and techniques on how to improve our informal portraits. Her work has been displayed in magazines, and she has won awards for her bridal and photojournalism work. We should learn some great information for our upcoming portrait competition. Check out her web site: [www.clewisphoto.com](http://www.clewisphoto.com).

On March 14, we will have Juan Pons with a slide show presentation on Nature Photography. Juan is a professional photographer and lives in Pittsboro, NC. You can learn more about him and his work from his website: <http://wildnaturephoto.com>

## **COMING SOON!**

**The 2010 Stoffel Award winners will be announced on Dec. 13, at our annual Holiday Dinner meeting. At that time you will also hear even more about Bill Stoffel, a founder of the Sandhills Photography Club. The recipients of this year's award will have their point winning images projected. We will be honored to have Kaye Stoffel, Bill's wife, with us to present the awards to SPC winners. We look forward to seeing you on Dec. 13 to congratulate our 2010 winners and share a good time with all present: Jim Smith**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Len Barnard**

During this past year when I sat down to write my "Presidents Message," I have had many thoughts and ideas as to what I should write about. This time it has been very easy and a no-brainer: I must talk about the Sandhills Photography Club Board. You may not be aware that 23 of your fellow members are designated as an active part of the Board in some capacity. This does not include other members that have stepped up and covered for a Board member when they were unable to fulfill their duties for a short time. Presently I can recall at least four other members that have filled in as needed for a total of 27 members that have given of their time to help make this an outstanding club.

First, I want to thank the 2010 Board, which you re-elected for 2011, and I am very proud to say re-elected. The returning elected Board members are **Jim Davis, Dave Verchick** and **Tom Reedy**. **Kathy Green** was newly elected to the Board although she has served as Field Trip Chairperson in 2009 and 2010. I have been so thoroughly blessed to have had these members to work with and guide me if and when I got off track. Their dedication and support takes back seat to no one!

Next, I thank the members that have stepped up and said yes to be a Chairperson for the many and various committees that we have. In no special order, **Scott Duvall**, Competition; **June White**, Exhibit; **Kathy Green, Jill Margeson, Dave Powers, Mike Stratil, Susan Capstick, Bill Sheppard, Bill Matthews, Ann Stephens, Gisela Danielson, Jim Smith, Alison Earl, Brady Smith, Jim McGill, Linda Piechota, John German, Donna Ford** and **Ann Stokes** for committees such as Field Trips, Day Trips, Scavenger Hunt, Workshops, Newsletter, Library, PSA Rep. Membership, Web Site Coordinator, Club Photographer and Moore for Our Future Team. What a group that works so hard to insure that you have a great club. I am very proud to have been associated with all of the above for they have made my job very enjoyable.

This past year has been so rewarding and exciting for me and I hope that I have in some way help make this a better Club. I know that I will miss being so involved but we need new ideas. So I solicit each and everyone to take the initiative and tell **Jim Davis** how you would like to help. Each committee needs a back up and that is good way to learn about the Club.

With that I say "**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**" from Carole and me.

***Flash***

Several of our SPC members are also members of the Carolina Nature Photography Association (CNPA) in Raleigh. Their accomplishments or awards are not known by most of our members. In the past I have attempted to acknowledge these special accomplishments or awards at our regular monthly meetings. But with our next meeting being our Christmas Dinner, I did not feel I could easily work that in. Therefore I would like to advise you that **Chris Christiansen** won second place in the Bird Category with his hummingbird photo and **Glenn Gilchrist** won third place in the Creative Category with his landscape image. Congratulations to you both.

**MEMBERSHIP: Alison Earl**

As I'm sitting here writing this newsletter article, I realize it will be my last article as Membership Chair. I have totally enjoyed this position for two years under Don **Hiscott** and **Len Bernard**. It has been a wonderful way to meet people, both through correspondence and at the meetings. My biggest problem is keeping names and faces together...there are WAY too many of you! ☺ I really want to thank **Kathy Green** for her assistance in handing out nametags over the two years. You all seem to come at once and having an extra pair of hands is wonderful. Thank you also to **Donna Ford** and **Pat Murray** for filling in whenever I needed them. They

were awesome! ☺

As I write this we don't have a replacement for the chairperson Membership for 2011. Please give **Jim Davis** a buzz if you are interested. As of the November 2010 meeting we are at **114** paid members, along with our 5 honorary members, bringing us to **119!**

**NEW MEMBERS:** **Wade Vollmer** joined us at Bill Matthews' Workshop in October and **Dean Charles** joined at the November meeting. Both of them had been previous guests. Hopefully more will be coming on them in the near future. Please join me in welcoming them!

I've recently heard from **Stacy Naughton**, who joined us in September. She considers herself a beginner and uses a 12-mp digital camera, with her favorite subjects being landscapes. She hopes to share and learn tips on photography through her membership in our club.

It's that time again! Dues for 2011 are being accepted by our Treasurer, **Dave Verchick**. Please make your checks out to Sandhills Photography Club (*not* Dave! ☺), mark them **DUES 2011** and mail them to: PO Box 763, Southern Pines, NC 28388. Remember the new dues are \$60 for a couple/family and \$45 for a single membership.

The form is **not** necessary if all your information is the same. **IF** any of your information has changed, **EITHER** complete the form and include it with your check **OR** email your new information to **Alison Earl** at [theearls@nc.rr.com](mailto:theearls@nc.rr.com).

It's Membership Time for 2010!!  
2011 MEMBERSHIP COUPON FOR DUES:

Couple: \$60.00 \_\_\_\_\_ Renew  
Single: \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
Student: \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_ New

Name 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

### **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Dave Verchick**

Oct. 30, 2010	Beginning balance	\$5,503.81
Nov. 11, 2010	Ending balance	\$6,423.81

### **2010 SPC Board Members**

President	Len Barnard	673-2135
Vice President	Jim Davis	673-7017
Secretary	Tom Reedy	295-2674
Treasurer	Dave Verchick	246-2080
Past President	Don Hiscott	295-9544
Programs	Jim Davis	673-7017
Competition	Scott Duvall	673-1501
Exhibitions	June White	692-6385
Hospitality	Bill Sheppard	944-1219
Publicity	Susan Capstick	295-1832
Workshops	Bill Matthews	692-8254
Newsletter	Ann Stephens	673-2091
Library	Gisela Danielson	673-0521
PSA Rep	Jim Smith	673-4744
Membership	Alison Earl	215-0316
Website	Brady Smith	947-3946
Club Photographer	Jim McGill	295-6686
Field Trips	Kathy Green (Spring)	525-0190
	Dave Powers (Fall)	692-2539
Day Trips	Mike Stratil	949-6518
Scavenger Hunt	Jill Margeson	673-1497

**NEXT BOARD**  
**MEETING:**  
**Thursday,**  
**Dec. 16, 2:00 PM,**  
**Sandhills**  
**Community**  
**College**  
**Horticultural**  
**Gardens Visitor**  
**Center.**

**FALL FIELD TRIP FOLLOW-UP: June White**

For those who attended the fall trip to Asheville, you had the opportunity to hear our speaker, Carol Leigh, discuss ways of *Setting Yourself Apart as A Photographer*. In that session and on her handout Carol commented that, "We all see differently. The beauty of photographers is that each of us sees in our own unique way. The challenge is to cultivate our uniqueness, which can be done only by being more disciplined, more focused, and by always having a project we're working on."

Need something motivating for the coming winter months? Consider an online course with Carol Leigh. No, I haven't been paid to put this in our newsletter. Carol doesn't know I am raving about her again. It is just a shame to let opportunity pass you by. I am talking about a great macro class, or a chance to learn about combining layers with some montage instruction. Remember from the Campbell House show Gisela's bottles on canvas, the passion flowers, the yellow pine pollen, Jill's hummingbirds and forest abstract? All were using skills learned during one of Carol's classes.

With a project for you in mind, take a look at a list of workshops and classes for 2011: <http://www.carolleigh.net/>

If you have questions about her courses please feel free to speak to some of her students, **Brenda Hiscott, Gisela Danielson, Jill Margeson, Chris Christiansen, Donna Ford, Glenn Gilchrist** and **June White**. Or call Carol at (541) 563-3834.

**PHOTO EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIED**

**FOR SALE – Contact Wanda Kennedy at 910-992-6110 or [kennwj@embarqmail.com](mailto:kennwj@embarqmail.com)**

- Canon SLR Rebel XSi (450D) 12.2MP w/3" LCD screen, 2 lenses (18-55mm IS lens and 75-300 lens), 2 rechargeable batteries, remote control, UV Filter, Polarized Filter, 2GB SD Card and Canon Rebel case. \$950
- Panasonic Lumix FZ35 12.1MP 18x Optical Zoom (black) Point and Shoot Camera w/2GB SD Card, UV Protector, and a Lowepro case. Shoots in Auto Intelligence, and also shoots HD Video. \$350
- Kodak Easy Share M853, 8.1MP 3x Optical Zoom (red) Point and Shoot Camera w/2GB SD card and red Lowepro case. \$150

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**FOR SALE - Contact Gisela Danielson at 673-0521, [gdanielson@nc.rr.com](mailto:gdanielson@nc.rr.com)**

CANON LENSES (gently used)

- Canon EF-S 17-85mm IS USM lens—\$225 (compare to \$450 new)
- Canon 100mm f/2.8 macro USM lens—\$320 (compare to \$519 new)
- Canon 75-300mm f/4-5.6 IS USM telephoto lens—\$225 (compare to \$460 new)

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**FOR SALE - Contact Beth Allison at 910-638-5657**

- Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer: highly rated printer. Used only a few times. Price is **\$150** or best offer. This includes two (2) sets of cartridges.

Please make offer. Call number above or email [Bethallison44@yahoo.com](mailto:Bethallison44@yahoo.com)

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The Sandhills Photography Club is offering the following equipment for sale:

- One pair Optimus wireless speakers with transmitter, Radio Shack #40-1372. \$18.00 or best offer.

Please contact **Bill Matthews** (692-8254) for more information.

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