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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, July 12, 7:00 PM

Christ Fellowship Church

Midland Road at the corner of Pee Dee Road

Southern Pines, NC

Program: **Nature Photography with Juan Pons**

COMPETITIONS: **Scott Duvall**

Congratulations to **Marilyn Owen** for graduating from Class B to Class A. Earlier this year, Marilyn's winning photographs increased her total competition points to 15 and moved her into the "Advanced" photographer category. And she keeps on winning...see below.

A digital competition (with an "open" topic) was held on June 14. There were 66 entries from 33 club members. Melissa Southern from Raleigh was the judge.

In Class B, first place was awarded to **Carol Barnard** for "Woodland Spirit." **Brenda Hiscott** took second place with an image entitled, "Bursting with Excitement." **John German** received third place for "Sunset at Caswell." Honorable Mentions went to **Carol Barnard** ("Cool Cool Water"), **Marti Derleth** ("The Beauty of Produce"), and **Pamela Wandry** ("Kissey Face" and "Spring Rain").

In Class A, **Jim Davis** won first place for "Calla Lily." Second place went to **Marilyn Owen** with "Top of the Light." **Chris Christiansen** was awarded third place

("Sword Billed Hummingbird") and an Honorable Mention ("Birth of a Monarch"). Other Honorable Mentions went to **Jim Davis** ("Mill Shoals Falls"), **Jill Margeson** ("Guardian of the Grapes") and **Tom Reedy** ("The Trainer").

This month we are holding an ONLINE competition where club members will be the judges. The subject is "Parks" with photographs of local, state or national parks of any country. Details for this competition are given in the June SPC Newsletter. Entries must be received at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org by 11:59PM on Monday, July 5, 2010. The entries will be posted on the club's website (www.sandhillsphtoclub.org) where members can view them beginning July 13. Members can send their votes for first, second, third, and two Honorable Mentions to me at duvallse@earthlink.net until 11:59PM, July 31, 2010. Every club member in a household can vote, and you can vote for your own entries. The winners will be announced at the club meeting on August 9, 2010.

Also at the August 9th meeting, we will hold a DIGITAL competition on the topic of "Stop Action." Photographs can be of any subject, but they must show that you have stopped the activity, action, or motion. Emphasis should be

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: **Len Barnard**

Once again, I am pleased to inform you about an action taken by your SPC Board. This action is the result of several months of discussion and evaluation by a committee to look into what other photography clubs are doing with regard to outside website links within their club website. In fact I think the original question was raised approximately six months ago back when a vendor requested that we provide a website link to his commercial site from our club website.

After much discussion, a committee was appointed to study the issue and recommend whether links should be provided on our club website. If links were included, what type should be included and what type excluded. In the April SPC Board meeting a motion was presented and passed to include web links that would be a direct benefit to our members. These web links would be limited to sites that provide technical assistance, reference information or other helpful type of information. Commercial vendor links would not be included.

After determining that **Brady Smith** could include the informational website links within our website. It has come down to the next step, to find a coordinator who would be responsible to develop and maintain information on the website links that could be recommended to the Board for inclusion on our website.

So now, to accomplish this step for our photography club, we need to have a volunteer to step up and be this coordinator of this function. I am confident that we can rely on you to help your club advance and continue to be the great photography club that we are. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer for an important activity and become a more active member in your club.

My email is: lbarnard@nc.rr.com, my phone is 673-2135; I hope to hear from you.

on how well the action has been stopped as well as the technical quality of the photograph. Each entrant can submit up to two (2) images taken on or after August 10, 2007. Images being entered must be sent to competitions@sandhillspgphotoclub.org by 11:59PM on Sunday, August 1, 2010. Entries must follow the DIGITAL competition rules and guidelines listed in the Competition Manual on the club's website. Please pay close attention to the size of the images you submit to make sure they meet or exceed the guidelines.

PROGRAMS: Jim Davis

The July program will be presented by Juan Pons and will include two subjects: one on improving our nature photography techniques and one on using live view and video features of recent model DSLR cameras. Several model DSLR cameras now have these features and this part of program should be of interest if you have purchased a new DSLR or are considering buying one in the future. 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/>

Our September program will be presented by Dr. Molly Gwinn from Pinehurst. Molly was the judge for our April club competition. She will present a program on the history of photography entitled "The First 100 Years of Photography." Molly will cover the period 1850 -1950. This includes discussion of early pioneers in photography and how the use of photography has changed over this 100-year period, which includes the Civil War and World Wars I and II. This should provide an interesting insight into photography.

WORKSHOPS: Bill Matthews

Q & A with Dave Verchick - a question and answer session for beginning and intermediate photographers is set for Sunday, **July 25**, 2:00 to 4:00 PM, at the Burlingame Room and Gardens, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center.

Did you ever wonder what "RTFM" means? Or what f-stop should I use? What's an f-stop, anyway? Well, this is your chance to ask all those burning digital photography questions that you have. Sure you can Ask Jeeves or Google, but that is not nearly as much fun or interactive as coming out to the SCC Horticultural Gardens with other SPC members. Dave is sure that if there is a mistake you can make while taking pictures, he has made it and has the picture to prove it, so don't make the same mistakes. Come and learn from his experiences and problem solving abilities.

Dave will open with a very brief overview of some photography basics with photo examples and then jump right into your questions. This should be a lively, informative discussion. Then class will move out to the gardens for some hands-on shooting, so be sure to bring your camera equipment and ***BRING YOUR MANUAL***. You think you know your camera, until you read the manual! Dave will help you decipher it as well.

If you have particular photography questions or problems and you would like to email them to Dave (LeadPhoto@embarqmail.com), he will try to include some example images or setup shots in his response. Even if you don't have any questions, come out and enjoy a Sunday afternoon shoot and you are sure to have a couple before you leave!

Please register, by emailing or calling Dave (leadphoto@embarqmail.com or 246-2080 with a question and he will be sure to answer it Sunday afternoon July 25, 2:00-4:00 PM in the classroom or out in the gardens taking pictures until dusk.

Additional workshops this year:

- ***Artistic Composition*** with **Mike Stratil**, Saturday, **Sept. 18**, 9:00AM – 12NOON, in the Burlingame Room, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center.

FALL FIELD TRIP: Dave Powers

Our fall field trip will be **Oct 12-14** and we will be taking our cameras to **Asheville, NC** and surrounding areas. Asheville is a beautiful city that offers a variety of exciting photo opportunities at places like Biltmore House, Grove Arcade, Grove Park Inn, Thomas Wolfe home, just to name a few. In the surrounding towns and villages, among the many places to visit are Flat Rock with Carl Sandburg's home, Chimney Rock with spectacular views of Lake Lure, and Hendersonville with the North Carolina Arboretum.

I have made arrangements for lodging at the Holiday Inn Express at 1 Wedgeville Drive in Asheville. They have given us rates of \$89.00 plus tax per night. The hotel is located near the intersection of I-26 and I-40. Please call the hotel to make your own reservations at 828-665-6519. You must identify yourself as a member of the Sandhills Photography Club to get this rate. Reservations may be made until Monday, September 13 to get these rates.

At the June meeting, more than 20 people indicated an interest in this trip. Please call me at 692-2539 or e-mail me at dpowers4@nc.rr.com if you have any questions or suggestions for making this a trip to remember.

- *A Brief History of the Camera, Basic Photography and Resizing & RAW Revisited* with **Bill Matthews**, Saturday, **Oct. 23**, 9:30 –11:30AM in the Burlingame Room, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Center.
- A *Photoshop* topic TBA with **Bob Biamonte**, Saturday, **Nov. 13**, 10:00AM –12NOON in the Sandhills Community College Computer Lab.

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

EXHIBITS: June White

Campbell House Exhibit

Sept. 3 - 26, 2010

Attached to this month's newsletter is the information you will need to submit photographs to the Campbell House for the September exhibit. This year the Campbell House is asking for names of the photographer, title of the piece and price to be given to them by Aug. 20 so labels placed next to the photographs will be ready when the prints are delivered. All instructions are on the attached form (see page 5) along with other essential information.

Please be sure to have the appropriate wires on your photographs for hanging. NO saw tooth hangers or single loop piece will be accepted. Please print the form and refer to it as you prepare your pieces. If you have questions call or email me.

MEMBERSHIP: Alison Earl



As of the June 2010 meeting, we are at **98** paid members, along with our five honorary members, bringing us to **103**! By our count we had 50 members, four guests and Melissa Southern (55 total) at our June digital contest!

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

The Library is underutilized and so is the Librarian! Please check out our website <http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/>, go to Library and open the drawer. The index will give you a quick description of all our library books.

You may borrow books and/or DVDs/CDs. Place your order via email, 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.

PHOTO EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIED

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.
- 1 Kodak Ektagraphic III AM carousel slide projector with 100-150 mm f/3.5 lens. \$35.00 or best offer.
- 1 Kodak 700 carousel slide projector with 5-inch f/3.5 lens and spare DEK-DFW projection lamp. \$20.00 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. Ads run for two issues unless you request otherwise.*

HAPPY'S TRAVELS: Jill Margeson

Happy thanks you for all the calls concerning his broken leg/foot. He might require a little Gorilla Glue touch up in the future, but for now he is just fine. You can see (below) he has been through France with the Duvalls and with the Wheelers in Japan. See the friend he met at Brookgreen Garden while on the spring field trip? There's more on the website at <http://www.sandhillsphtoclub.org/happytravels.html>. Call June White at 692-6385 or Jill Margeson at 673-1497 if you want to take Happy on your next trip.

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

April 30, 2010	Beginning balance	\$5144.88
	Deposits	35.08
	Debits	82.52
May 28, 2010	Ending balance	\$5097.44

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Thursday, July 15, 2:00 PM,
Sandhills Community College
Horticultural Gardens Visitor
Center.

2010 SPC Board Members

President	Len Barnard	673-2135
Vice President	Jim Davis	673-7017
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Field Trips	Kathy Green (Spring)	525-0190
	Dave Powers (Fall)	692-2539
Day Trips	Mike Stratil	949-6518
Scavenger Hunt	Jill Margeson	673-1497

Through the Lens
by Sandhills Photography Club
September 3 – 26, 2010
Exhibit at the Campbell House
482 East Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines, NC

Deliver photographs to Campbell House August 31 between 9:00 and 10:00 AM.

Each member may bring **one to three photographs** for the exhibition. The images should be 8 x 10 or larger, current, and not formerly exhibited in this area. **All items must be nicely matted and framed, wired and ready to hang.** No saw tooth hangers or single loop pieces will be accepted.

Attach a small card to the back upper left stating the title, price and your name. **Consider preparing a small card with a sentence or paragraph describing the subject, place, and way image was taken or printed and attach it to back of the photo.**

Bring the listing of your titles and price with your name at the top to the drop-off desk when you deliver your photos to the gallery. (form attached). **When pricing your photographs, take into consideration that the Campbell House retains 35 percent commission. Price accordingly.**

Pick up photographs on Sept 27.

Email junecwhite@embarqmail.com with the photographer's name/title of piece/price by Aug 20th so labels can be made ahead of time.

Cut off

Listing form to hand in at Campbell House

Photographer's Name _____

Title 1 _____

Title 2 _____

Title 3 _____