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NEXT MEETING:

Monday, Nov. 8, 7:00 PM

Christ Fellowship Church

Midland Road at the corner of Pee Dee Road

Southern Pines, NC

Program: *An Evening with George Butt*

COMPETITIONS: Scott Duvall

A PRINT competition was held at the October 11th club meeting. In Class B, there were 28 entries from 16 members. There were 29 prints entered by 16 members in Class A. The topic was "Architecture," and the judge was Jerry Blow of Jerry Blow Architectural Photography in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Class B winner was **Debra Regula** with her entry titled "Suspension." Second place went to **Suzanne Kirkman** for a structure at Clingman's Dome. Suzanne also was awarded third place for a print entitled "Standing Tall." Honorable Mentions went to **Marti Derleth** ("Museum Skylight"), **John German** ("Guadi's Chimney Caps") and **Don Hiscott** ("Pisgah Covered Bridge").

In Class A, the winner was **Eric Kniager** for "Rectangles". **Dave Powers** took second place for "North Carolina Museum of Art." Third place went to **Len Barnard** for a print of the "Taubman Museum of Art."

Eric Kniager also was given an Honorable Mention ("Skyway") along with **Gisela Danielson** ("Urban Honeycomb") and **Dave Verchick** ("Museum Series").

The Stoffel Awards for the Class A and B photographers who won the most points in the 2010 competitions will be announced and awarded at the club's Christmas Dinner on December 13. The next club competition will be on February 14, 2011 on the topic of "Transportation."

WORKSHOPS: Bill Matthews

The Fascinating World of LAB with Bob Biamonte

Saturday, November 6, 10:00 AM to Noon

Sandhills Community College, Little Hall, Room 227 (second floor)

LAB is a color space of Photoshop. Some things that are difficult to do in the RGB color space are easy in LAB. This space is terrific when working with landscapes, foliage, canyon and mountain photos, so bring some with you to this workshop. When you need an exact color, you can do it in this space. If you have never worked in LAB color, you will want to take this workshop.

Please sign up by calling or emailing Bob (603-2217 or Bobbymonte@earthlink.net, or contact Bob for more information. Suggestions for workshops are always appreciated. Please pass them on to Bill Matthews, 692-8254 or wmatth@embarqmail.com.

PROGRAMS: Jim Davis

The November 8th program will be "An Evening with You, Your Photos and George Butt." George will discuss and critique the digital images that are submitted. You may submit up to three images for this interactive real time critique. It should be informative, entertaining and fun.

If you did not submit your images by the deadline of Oct. 27, it is still not too late. **Get the images to Jim Davis on CD or flash drive by the time of the meeting and the images will be included if time is available.**

Our December program will be the annual **Christmas** dinner on Monday, Dec. 13 at the Table on the Green restaurant. Every one should plan to come and celebrate the Holidays with this happy occasion. The reservation form is in this newsletter on page 6. The deadline for reservations is Nov. 30. Make your reservation and meal choice so you do not miss out.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Len Barnard**Be Respectful of the Christ Fellowship Church Property!**

At our last meeting, some of our members, rather than parking on the paved surface, parked on the grass resulting in broken and damaged lawn sprinklers. The next day I called Mr. Clary, my contact, as I understood he had been very upset Monday night when he requested the cars to be moved. Upon my return from our Fall Field trip I met with Mr. Clary and Pastor Thyme on Tuesday morning and was very disappointed to learn that this was not the first time that our members have abused Christ Fellowship Church property by parking on their grass and pine straw where they have sprinklers. After some discussion, I paid the Christ Fellowship Church \$50 to cover the cost of damage and repair and promised to take steps to prevent this from happening again. At this price and history I sincerely think they were being gracious to us.

I do not know for sure who the members were, only a description of the two vehicles. However, I hope those two individuals will step forward and pay the SPC their share as the Club has already reimbursed me for the \$50.

Now, how do we insure that this never happens in the future? For next year, I have volunteered to act as parking security, but can we have a volunteer to monitor the parking for November 2010 as I need to be inside preparing for our meeting. Can we also have volunteers to assist me next year? We have had a great relationship with Christ Fellowship for approximately four years. Their church fits our needs and hopefully it is beneficial to all parties so please be respectful of their property.

Jim Davis and I recently visited the Church to determine the number of parking spaces. They have a total of 51 parking spaces, six near the church, 22 in the lot just a few steps back and 23 parking spaces back behind the kindergarten building. I realize the back 23 parking spaces are not as convenient, but if that is a problem, arrive earlier for the meeting. Another idea would be to car pool. There is no reason to park on the grass or pine straw as there are sufficient parking spaces for our attendance. I am attaching a Google map of the church and parking spaces so as to enlighten you as to the location of the additional parking. So **please** only park on the paved surface and not on the grass nor on the pine straw.



MEMBERSHIP: Alison Earl

As of the October 2010 meeting we are at **111** paid members, along with our five honorary members, bringing us to **116!**

NEW MEMBERS: Joining us at the October meeting was returning member **Kelly Peckels** and new member **Jeanmarie Schubach**. We welcome them both.

Jeanmarie Schubach considers herself to be a complete newbie with a new toy! She has a Nikon D5000, a gift after she expressed an interest in photography! Her favorite subjects are landscapes, architecture and kids. She has lived here for nine years, coming from Boise, Idaho, with her focus being a caregiver to her mother,

who passed in February. She is very excited about becoming a part of our club and is looking forward to participating in our events.

NOTE: Not sure how many of you realized at the October meeting, of the five guests we had, **THREE** of them were from the West Coast and beyond! Who would've thought that coming from **Oregon (Carol Leigh)** or **California (Dr. Robert Patton)** you *wouldn't* be the person that traveled the farthest? Brady Smith's mother-in-law from **Alaska (Kathi Duncan)** definitely trumped all. We thank them all for joining us and hope to see them again.

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

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

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

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.

LIBRARY: Gisela Danielson

LIBRARY CLOSE OUT
ALL Library books are going to be
sold at \$2.00 per book!

During the **October** and **November** meetings, our members will be able to purchase any library book for \$2.00. The proceeds will go towards the purchase of a new digital projector.

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

Sept. 30, 2010	Beginning balance	\$4,988.41
Oct. 20, 2010	Ending balance	\$5,406.73

2010 SPC Board Members

President	Len Barnard	673-2135
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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,****Nov. 11, 2:00 PM,****Sandhills
Community
College****Horticultural
Gardens Visitor
Center.****STOFFEL AWARD – COMING SOON**

The Stoffel Award is only a month away. On December 13, at our dinner meeting, it will be presented to the Class A and B top point recipients of our 2010 competitions.

Who was **Bill Stoffel**? Bill Stoffel was an accomplished photographer and a founder of the Sandhills Photography Club in 1983. He taught Creative Photography at Sandhills Community College for 14 years. Stoffel believed opportunities for arresting pictures are everywhere, and his students learned to see the world in new and creative ways. He said a photographer composes a photograph as an artist does a painting, by using the ordinary to create the unusual. He felt interpreting the most commonplace things through light, the use of lines, selective focus and using intangible qualities in his work, were key to good images. He studied with Dr. Helen Manzer, FPSA, from whom he learned never to waste time on the obvious. He also studied with Freeman Patterson, Ernst Haas and John Shaw, all renowned photographers.

In 2002 Bill started the annual award, and upon his death in 2003, the Club named the award the Stoffel Award. Since Bill's death, the award has been sponsored annually by his wife Kaye Stoffel.

Come join us at the December dinner and see who the recipients are, and hear a lot more about Bill Stoffel, founder of our Club.

HOSPITALITY: Bill Sheppard

The refreshments for the November meeting will be POT LUCK. Each member will bring a SMALL BAG or box of their favorite thing and we will all share much like they did on the first THANKSGIVING meal. With love to all, Bill.

PHOTO EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE - Contact Gisela Danielson at 673-0521, gdanielson@nc.rr.com

- Canon 40D SLR with EF-S 17-85mm IS USM lens—\$850
 - Canon 100mm f/2.8 macro USM lens, almost new—\$350
 - Canon 75-300mm f/4-5.6 IS USM telephoto lens, almost new—\$350
- Additional 10% discount if purchased together.

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

Epson Stylus Photo R1800 printer: highly rated printer. Used only a few times. Price is \$200 or best offer. This includes two (2) sets of cartridges.

Please make offer. Call number above or email Bethallison44@yahoo.com

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.

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.*

FALL FIELD TRIP: Dave Powers

I just wanted to thank all of the members who joined Cheryl and me in Asheville, NC, for our Fall Field Trip. It was a great success even though the skies kept changing from bright to overcast. It was a great group and I hope that all who joined us had a great time. To the other members, if you can work it into your schedule for 2011, please try to do so. This club not only has great photographers, they are such great fun to travel with.

Thank you to **Carol Leigh** who gave us a great presentation on “How to Set Yourself Apart as a Photographer” with some great tips and some ideas that I have already started to incorporate into my photography. Not only is Carol a great speaker and a great photographer, she is also a great person to be around. I know that I made a new friend being around her. Thank you, Carol, for joining us. Check out her blogspot entry of October 26 (<http://carolleigh.blogspot.com/>) to get her perspective on traveling with our club members.

Once again, to all who traveled to Asheville, Thank You.

Sandhills Photography Club Holiday Dinner

Table on the Green

Midland Country Club, 2205 Midland Drive, Pinehurst
Monday, December 13, 2010, 6:00 PM

Hot Hors d'Oeuvres

Crab Bundle/Sweet Potatoes
Spring Roll/Chilies Sauce

Salad

Mixed Spring Salad, Balsamic Vinaigrette

Dinner – Choice of:

Filet of Salmon,

Broiled with White Wine Lemon Butter, Capers and Orange Segments

Sautéed Chicken Breast

W/ Champagne Sauce, Wine Shallot Reduction

Pan Seared Filet Mignon

W/Red Wine Shallots and Mushrooms

Served with Potatoes Au Gratin and Sautéed Vegetables

Dessert

Crème Brule
Coffee, Tea

Chicken \$22.00, Salmon \$23.00, Filet 5 oz \$25.00 (price includes tax & gratuity)
Cash Bar throughout the function

Reservation Form

Our Holiday Dinner will be held at the Table on the Green again this year. The cost must be prepaid by cash or check. (If check, make payable to the Sandhills Photography Club). Please complete the form below and mail or deliver to:

Dave Verchick
P.O. Box 763
Southern Pines, NC 28388

Name _____

Name _____

Entrée _____

Entrée _____

Deadline for this reservation and payment is **November 30, 2010.**