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THE SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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NEXT MEETING

4/11 Portraits Competition (Print)
Pre-register Deadline: 4/3

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 14, 2011; 2pm

COMPETITIONS

6/13 Birds (Digital)
July Sports (Online)
8/8 Just Add Water (Digital)
10/10 Vegetation (Print)

PRESENTATIONS

5/9 Donna Ford, Sports Photography
7/11 Linda Piechota, Seeing Artistically
9/12 Rick Smith, Using Light Effectively
11/14 Todd Pusser, Wildlife Photography

FIELD TRIPS

5/1-3 Winston-Salem

WORKSHOPS

4/30 Archiving Your Digital Images
6/18 Photographing Hummingbirds

PRESIDENT'S NOTES: Jim Davis

Spring is here. We have warmer weather and the trees and flowers are blooming. It is really a great time to be in the Sandhills.

It is also a great time to get out and take some pictures. There are unlimited photo opportunities in our home area. In addition to our scheduled competitions, there are also some exciting opportunities to display and share our images.

The First Health Hospice Foundation has requested that our club take and exhibit photographs of the surrounding pottery area for their Pottery Auction. This is an honor for our club and an excellent chance to exhibit our member's work for a good cause. June White is coordinating this exhibit activity. I encourage everyone to participate. The Artist's League of the Sandhills has once again issued its *Calling All Artists* letter to take part in their "Moore Public Art Program". This is another opportunity for our members to showcase and sell their work. Alison Earl has sent you an email giving information and forms on how to submit your photographs. The deadline is April 24, 2011 so get to shooting.

The opportunity closest to our club is a card project approved by your board. Gary Magee is heading a project to make picture note cards which the club will sell to raise money to help defray the costs of our new laptop computer and digital projector. Members will be requested to submit digital images which will be printed and boxed into sets of note cards. The name of the club and the contributing photographer will be printed on back of each card. This is a chance to share your images and help your club financially.

I hope each member will consider these and other opportunities to share their photographs. I believe it will help you and our club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Verchick

\$ Balance as of 02/28/2011 is \$2,804.98.

\$ Balance as of 03/16/2011 is \$2,784.98



Spring



COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Scott Duvall

At the April 11th meeting, we will hold a PRINT competition for "Portraits" presented by Class B and A entrants. Details of the competition were described in the February 2011 Newsletter (see club website www.sandhillsphtoclub.org for this edition). Entries must be pre-registered with Competition Committee member Gene Lentz at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org by 11:59PM on Sunday, April 3, 2011. When pre-registering, also submit *digital* images of prints being entered to Gene so that after the competition they can be posted on the club website and the winners sent to the local media. Please refer to the Competition Manual on the club website for details on how to prepare and identify prints and how to identify and submit the accompanying digital images. On the night of the competition, prints being entered will be checked in by Competition Committee members in the "refreshment" room of the church before the meeting.

The judge for the April 11th competition is **Tim Sayer** of **Sayer Photography** in Southern Pines. Tim graduated from the College of Charleston. While working in the food and beverage industry, he became interested in photography after a trip to Costa Rica in 2000. He saved his money, took a year off to intensely study photography, and in 2004 established Sayer Photography. His objective was to have a studio committed to providing an exciting option for high-end portraiture and innovative wedding photography that reached beyond the scope of what traditional studio photography normally offers. For the past 6 years, Tim has followed his muse while documenting the lives and businesses of clients throughout the East Coast. He also has been a photographer for PineStraw for several years shooting many of the covers for the magazine. Tim has won several significant awards. In 2010, he was named Wedding Photography Society Photographer of the Year. Throughout his career, he has used his skill and fertile imagination to create images that provide clients with an artful glimpse into themselves and their loved ones.

"Birds" will be the subject of the June 13, 2011 competition. This will be a DIGITAL competition but without the usual Class B and A categories. Instead, Class B and A will be combined and awards given in 2 groups: "Wild Birds" and "Confined Birds". These groups are defined as: "Wild Birds" are in their natural habitat, and "Confined Birds" are live birds in zoos, rescue facilities, or caged, tied or enclosed. Up to 2 entries can be submitted that have been taken within the past 5 years (on or after June 13, 2006). An entry can be made in each group or both in the same group. Entries must follow the DIGITAL competition guidelines listed in the Competition Manual on the club's website (Note that these guidelines will probably be updated by early May to tailor them for the club's new projector). Entries for this competition must be received by Competition Committee member Gene Lentz at competitions@sandhillsphtoclub.org by 11:59PM on Sunday, June 5, 2011.

PROGRAMS

Kathy Green

Our **May 9th**- program will be presented by our own **Donna Ford**. Donna will give a slide show and presentation on "**Sports Photography**". Donna provides a lot of sports photography for the local Pilot Newspaper. She will be teaching us how to improve our sports photos. We will be given information on types of lenses, settings and other techniques she uses. Donna's presentation will be very helpful for our "Sports" competition coming up in July.

On **July 11th**- We have the pleasure of a presentation by another talented club member **Linda Piechota** on "**Seeing Artistically**". Linda is one of our original founding members of the club. She is a gifted painter and photographer. She has entered works in the Moore County Arts Festival and was a winner of the Arts Council competition four times.

MEMBERSHIP:

Pat Murray

At the March meeting we had an attendance of 58, with 11 guests, of which 4 joined after the meeting!

They are: **Susan Angelier, Audrey Pennington, Andrew Rosser, and Kimberly Smith.**

Susan lives in Pinehurst and considers herself a beginner, using a Canon T2i. Her favorite subjects are grandchildren and nature. She is interested in helping out with Hospitality.

Audrey lives in Aberdeen and is interested in Field Trips, helping out with Hospitality and Publicity.

Andrew lives at Fort Bragg.

Kimberly lives in Vass and considers herself an intermediate photographer with a Canon Ditial Rebel. Her favorite subjects are nature, travel and underwater. She moved here 6 months ago from Georgia, and teaches image edition classes online.

Our guests included: Jim and Elaine Ambler, Diane Ceramic, Tommy Deese, Jim and Marilyn Grube, and Norma Shull.

PHOTO EQUIPMENT CLASSIFIEDS:**LENSES for CANON DSLRs**

- Tamron SP AF 17-25mm F/2.8-4 Di with shade (77mm filter size) \$260
- Tamron AF 28-300.. F/3.5-6.3 XR Di with shade (62mm filter size) \$270

Contact Jim Smith at 673-3733 or smithjf@aol.com



If you wish to buy or sell photo equipment, send your ad to *Alison Earl* at theearls@nc.rr.com.

Ads will run for two issues unless you request otherwise.

WORKSHOPS: Bill Matthews**Next Workshop*****Archiving Your Digital Images*** with Art Reetz

Saturday, April 30, 9:00 to 11:00 am.

Burlingame Room, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitors Center

This workshop will cover the best media (CD, DVD, Blu-ray, hard drive, SS, off-site etc.) and suitable data formats (compressed vs. uncompressed) for safely storing your digital images. The presentation will include a discussion of how to minimize your chances of losing your files.

Art Reetz and his wife, Marlene, hail from Yankton, SD and have been residents of Whispering Pines since 1995. Art has an M.S. in physics, taught math in high school and college and worked on aircraft and space nuclear propulsion projects prior to joining NASA HQ in Wash., DC where he managed NASA's high-energy space radiation effects and shielding research program. Later he was the program engineer for the Voyager and Hubble Space Telescope projects and the program manager for the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory. He has been using a computer of one type or another for over 50 years.

For more information please contact Bill Matthews at 692-8254 or wmatth@embarqmail.com. Although is not necessary to sign up, a call or email would be appreciated as an indication of how many plan to come.

Future 2011 Workshops➤ ***Light, Lights, Lighting, Flash, Strobe*** with Dave Verchick & Tom Reedy

Saturday, May 14, 9:00 to 12:00 am.

Burlingame Room, Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitors Center

This workshop will be an introduction to one of the most important things we photographers have to use to make a picture - light! Dave will demystify some of Nikon's iTTL flash lighting secrets and show you how he solves difficult lighting situations with his Nikon equipment while Tom Reedy will be on hand to translate for Cannon shooters with ETTL. Flash Basics/Flash Exposure Modes/Flash Sync/Fill Flash/Positioning/Multiple Flash/Wireless and the Better Beamer will be covered.

The workshop will start in the Burlingame Room and, weather permitting, will conclude with a move outside for actual shooting including advice on aiming the Better Beamer. Led by ***Dave-The-Heckler Verchick***, it should be fun and learning for all!

For more information please contact Dave at 246-2080 or d70ave@embarqmail.com. Although it is not necessary to sign up to attend, a call or email would be appreciated as an indication of how many plan to come.

➤ ***Photographing Hummingbirds*** with Susan Campbell

Saturday, June 18, 9:00 to 12:00 noon

Sandhills Community College Horticultural Gardens Visitors Center

This workshop will start with a presentation on hummingbirds by Susan Campbell in the Burlingame Room and then will move outside where Susan, a licensed hummingbird bander, will capture a number of birds, demonstrate banding, and offer numerous opportunities for close-up photography. Bring your camera!

Additional workshops, planned for October and November this year, include ***The Next Photo Revolution?*** with Bill Matthews and Mike Stratil and a ***Photoshop Session*** with Bob Biamonte at a Sandhills Community College computer lab. As always, suggestions for workshop topics are appreciated. Please pass them on to me, Bill Matthews, at 692-8254 or wmatth@embarqmail.com.

Hospitality

Bill Sheppard

Bill would like to THANK all that have participated this year for their part in bringing in refreshments.

He feels this time to get to talk and meet with each other is very important for a club to grow.

April	Alison Earl & Kathy Green	215-0316 585-0190
May	Gene & Joanne Lentz	673-3071
June	Diane McCall & Janice Huff	295-0032 235-0000
July	Tom Greenwood	420-2176
August	Carole Barnard & Pat Davis	673-2133 673-7017
September	Susan Angelier & Jeanmarie Schubach	391-6590 638-9701
October	Don & Brenda Hiscott	295-9544
November	POT LUCK	
December	CHRISTMAS DINNER – NO MEETING	



SPRING FIELD TRIP

Barbara Milson and Suzanne Kirkman

This years Spring Trip will be to Winston-Salem. The dates are Sunday, May 1st thru Tuesday, May 3rd.



We plan to stay at the Brookstown Inn which is a refurbished textile mill built in 1837 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The room rates are \$90.00 per night and the meeting room charge is \$125.00. Continental breakfast is included in the room rate as well as a wine/cheese time each evening and milk/cookies at bedtime. It is an older inn but does have modern amenities such as cable TV and free Wi-Fi. It is a short walk from Old Salem and about 10 minutes from Reynolda Gardens. There is also a restaurant onsite that is open for dinner-it is closed on Sundays.

Monday, we plan to tour Reynolda Gardens and Tuesday, visit Old Salem, but there are other places of interest close by. Korner's Folly is located in Kernersville and might be a good Sunday stop on the way to Winston-Salem. A few other points of interest in the city would be: The Downtown Arts District, Historic Bethabara Park, The Single Sisters House Museum, Reynolda House Museum and the Museum of Anthropology.

We are currently in contact with Chris Almerini from Carolinas Nature Photography Association, who may put on a presentation about Winston-Salem attractions for us Sunday evening.

~BITS AND PIECES~



MFOF – MOORE FOR OUR FUTURE; MOORE COUNTY’S LAND USE PLAN
John R. German, Project Coordinator

Update on Moore For Our Future:

Hello all, I wanted to start out by saying a big thank you for the support your organization has shown the county during the effort to update our county land use plan. A special thanks goes out to **John German** who has been coordinating the files between your Club members and our planning department. Members of the photography club have sent just over 2,600 pictures in the past year to use in all things Moore County Planning! The projects where we have used your Club’s pictures have included a Visual Preference Survey for the Regional Sustainability Symposium co-hosted by the Moore County Chamber of Commerce and Sustainable Sandhills in November 2010, the ongoing work with the county’s Working Lands Protection Plan, and initial work associated with the Land Use Plan update. We have been actively giving credit to the club as a whole and we get several compliments on everyone’s work!

To date we have been very busy gathering and analyzing all different types information useful to a land use plan update. Currently we are working with the Moore County Planning Board to kick-off a citizen based advisory committee to guide the plan update. I hope to have more information to share with your Club in the coming months on how that committee will be formed and offer you all a chance to participate in some way.

Please keep up the great work, we appreciate the pictures greatly and look forward to working with your Club more in the next phases of our planning efforts! Should you have any additional photos that you would like to send us please contact John German (jojegerman@embarqmail.com). If you have any questions about the planning related work we are doing here at the Moore County Planning and Community Development Department please contact me directly at (jrust@moorecountync.gov) or 910-947-5010.

Best Regards,
Jeremy Rust
Long-Range Planner
Moore County Planning and Community Development Department

THE FIRSTHEALTH HOSPICE FOUNDATION
June White

The Sandhills Photography Club
has been asked to join with
The FirstHealth Hospice Foundation

in their fundraising event, ***The Pottery Auction***, scheduled for early October 2011. This will be the first time an outside group has been invited to participate in their function. Details about this event are in the March newsletter.

If you are interested in participating, please let me know through email or a phone call. I will send you a list of this year’s pottery participate. If you need ideas about places and things to photograph, please contact me. Remember, there is more out there than pottery and potters.

TO ALL WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHERS

By Tom Reedy



So where are we going next? Everyone seems eager for another field trip. We have new lenses and camera bodies that need to be exercised. Juan Pons has educated us on what it takes to capture good wildlife images.

I would like to suggest the Waccatee Zoo near Myrtle Beach. It is not much of a zoo, but it does have a small egret rookery (10 to 15 nests?). Several of us visited it last year and we got some good images of birds in nests and in flight.

The best light at the zoo is from 7:30 to 10 AM. The zoo does not open until 10 AM. We made a special arrangement with the zoo to enter when the staff gets there about 7:30 AM or 8:00 AM. We left Pinehurst around 5:15 AM. Yes, that is pretty early, but the lighting requires getting there early. We shot until around 11 AM. We left, stopped for lunch, and were home mid-afternoon. The weather was lovely and it was a pleasant day.

From mid-April through mid-May the rookery is at peak activity. I would suggest that we shoot for Thursday, April 28, and/or Thursday, May 5. The rookery is small and the shooting location can only accommodate about 6 photographers with tripods. If we have more than 6, we will have to shoot on multiple days. I think the zoo would be happy to have us.

A 400 mm or longer lens (with tripod) is

required for good, sharp shots of the nesting birds with young. Birds in flight are constantly going overhead and can be captured with an 80-200 zoom (or longer).

I have included four images from last year's trip. Three were shot with my 500 mm lens. The bird directly overhead was shot with my 100-400 zoom.

Please let me know if you might be interested. I will send an email out as soon as I know if we have sufficient interest to start planning this trip. Zoo admission is \$8 as I recall.

Tom
wreedy1@nc.rr.com



Hurry, Hurry! Now is the time to get your Club Patches and Sportswear!

We are having a club fund raiser at the meeting in April!!!!

Kathy Green, Vice President

Our **Club Logo Patches** will be available at the next meeting for \$8.00 each. You can send a check to Kathy Green or you can bring a check or cash to the meeting to purchase your patches. They look great on clothing and camera bags!



Also we will be taking orders at the meeting for **Hoodies** (Sweatshirts with Hoods and a full zipper front.) With the club logo patch embroidered on the front. These will sell for \$30.00 each with 10 colors to choose from.



Polo Shirts (29 colors available) with the club logo patch embroidered on the front. These will sell for \$30.00 each.

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You will need to bring **cash or check** to the meeting for your clothing orders since I will be placing the order on Tuesday after the club meeting. This is a great way to help our club and get wonderful, nice quality, fun items to wear. Examples will be at the meeting so that you can try them on and check the sizes out. Or you can send your check with your order **before the meeting, along with the ORDER FORM on the next page to:**

Kathy Green
 2113 Seven Lakes South
 West End, NC 27376
 Ph-910-585-0190

ORDER FORM

SANDHILLS PHOTOGRAPY CLUB Date

Name Phone #

Item	Size	Color	Quantity	Purchase Price
Hoodie	 	 	 	\$30.00
Polo Shirt	 	 	 	\$30.00
Ball Cap	 	 	 	\$12.00
Patches	 	 	 	\$8.00
Item	Size	Color	Quantity	Price
TOTAL	 	 		\$

Signature

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