

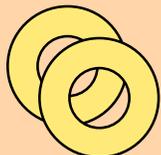
# MORGAN HILL PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

## -Newsletter-

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**Circles**

is  
the theme for  
the  
May  
flickr  
project



**“Around Town”  
is our  
year-long  
flickr theme.**

**See all flickr  
themes  
through  
December on  
page 3.**

### Meeting Notes 5/7/08

Twenty-eight people attended our second meeting, held at the CRC. Our first activity of the evening was a “Gallery Walk” to view the many photo prints that members brought. This was our first opportunity to mix, mingle, share and get to know each other.

### Announcements

- The club has use of the CRC multi-purpose room through August, which is great because this room fits our needs perfectly.
- Susan Fent, Director of the CRC Senior Center, offered to include selected photos in the CRC’s rotating art displays.
- The first “Shoot-out” (Roses & More) is scheduled for Saturday morning, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Villa Mira Monte, 17860 Monterey Road starting whenever you want to get there.

Any member can organize a shoot-out.

### Discussion of the flickr Project

Most people indicated they liked the flickr project and wanted to continue with it each month. The issue of copyright protection was brought up. According to Eric Rice, there is little protection for photos that are put online. By joining flickr, you give flickr the right to use your photos as they wish, and anyone can download a photo off of flickr. To protect your rights, you can print your name on your photos before uploading them, and upload small files that cannot be made into large prints.

## “Circles” is the flickr theme for May

Each member may upload **5 ‘circle’ photos** to our flickr group. The deadline for uploading “Circles” is Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Comments should be posted by Tuesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. **Only positive and supportive comments are allowed.** This is not a contest or critique session. It is just a forum for sharing.

Please note: You may upload as many photos as you want to your personal photo stream, but only five theme photos should be sent to the club’s group pool.

**If you have problems or questions with flickr,**

**please contact Eric Rice: (650) 796-0395 [ericrice@gmail.com](mailto:ericrice@gmail.com)**

### Questionnaire Results

Everyone who attended was asked to fill out a questionnaire. The answers will be tallied and analyzed by those who indicated they would like a leadership role in the club. The results should go a long way in determining the focus of the club and the types of activities that will be planned. Those who indicated a leadership role will meet and form the initial executive board of our fledgling club.

To join the Yahoo Discussion Group go to [www.yahogroups.com](http://www.yahogroups.com) and enter MHphotoclub in the search box.

Anyone may plan a shoot-out. If there is someplace you would like to photograph, maybe others would also. Just send the time and place details to Susan [brzlttn@garlic.com](mailto:brzlttn@garlic.com)



Tracey & Toby at the shoot-out

### **Yahoo Discussion Group**

George Ziegler explained how questions can be asked and answered through our group on Yahoo. Once you join the group, you can post questions that can be read by all members of the group. Someone will have an answer for you, or know where you can find it. Within our membership is a reservoir of information, so take advantage by joining the Yahoo forum. You can choose to receive all the messages as they are posted, or you can choose to read the messages only when you visit the website.

If you want more information, or have questions regarding the Yahoo group, email George Ziegler: [PhotoMaestro@verizon.net](mailto:PhotoMaestro@verizon.net)

### **Structure of Future Meetings**

- The consensus was that every meeting should include an educational component, possibly starting with some instruction on using flickr and the Yahoo Group.
- Most everyone indicated they liked the gallery walk to view each other's prints, but wanted an opportunity to speak with individual photographers and ask questions about his/her print.

### **Camera Break-out Sessions**

The last twenty minutes of the meeting, members broke into groups based on their primary camera. Three groups were formed: Nikon, Canon, and All Others. Within each group, camera models were described, lenses compared, and resources shared.

### **Thank you**

- Thank you to the people who helped set up and run this meeting: **Judy Kinker, Donna Weisblat, Noël Calvi, Kathina Szeto, and Noella Vigeant.**
- Several people brought refreshments to share. I'm sorry, I don't know who, but thank you
- Somebody left money on one of the tables. During the camera break-out session I asked everyone still in the room about it. Since no one claimed it, I assume it was left on purpose as a donation to the club. Thank you to our generous donor. This is the start of the club treasury.

## **Roses and More Shoot-out**

Even though it was a hot morning with a blazing sun, seven members participated in the first club Shoot-out, which was held at the grounds of the Morgan Hill House on Monterey Road on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. **David Rosas, David Fritts, Toby Weis, Tracey Morris, Noël Calvi, Celise Elkassed and Susan Brazelton** photographed among the beds of roses, Bearded Iris, poppies and other beautiful blooms. After a couple hours of shooting, several shooters re-met for downtown bagels. At the next meeting we will have a slide show of many of the photos taken.

## Executive Board Meets

On Monday, 19 May 2008, seven club members met at **BookSmart** to analyze the results of the questionnaires, determine a focus for the club, and set up its initial infrastructure. The board consists of:

President: **Susan Brazelton**

Vice President: **Noella Vigeant & Donna Weisblat**

Secretary: **Ken Brown**

Treasurers: **Kathina Szeto & Donna Weisblat**

Membership Chair: **Noël Calvi**

Critique & Competition Chair: **George Ziegler**

Program Chairs: **Kathina & Noella**

Board Members without a specific job as yet: **Anita Mason,**

**Jackie Wall & Michael Sue Brown-Korbel**

### Future flickr Themes

June

Natural Landscapes

July

Red, White & Blue

August

Abstracts

September

Architecture & Cityscapes

October

Action

November

Shadows

December

Around Town

- **Questionnaires** - After looking over the results of the questionnaires, the board found that the interests of the majority of the members pointed toward learning more about photography; sharing photos, experiences and expertise; and developing a social network. To this end, it was decided that the overall focus of the group would be social and fun, and that every meeting would include instruction and the sharing of a print. In addition to the regular monthly meetings, shoot-outs and other activities will be planned.

- **Workshops** – Workshops that are more in-depth than the tutorials built into the meetings, will be offered on an irregular basis. These may involve an additional fee.

- **Competitions** - Many members indicated an interest in photo competitions. After a lengthy discussion, the board decided to plan quarterly photo critiques and/or competitions. Members could submit photos in various categories and an impartial person would be brought in to critique and/or judge the photos. This would be at a time separate from the regular meetings and may include a fee.

- **Dues** - Speaking of fees, the board will present a motion at the June meeting to charge each member \$5.00 (annual) in dues. A checking account will be created to cover the costs of advertising, printing and incidental expenses. We will re-evaluate the dues in December. To keep the dues low, other activities may have a fee for those who participate. Guests are always welcome at the meetings.

- **Membership Roster** – The membership roster, which includes contact numbers and addresses, is for members only. Only emails directly pertaining to club business will be sent to the entire membership and must go through **Susan Brazelton**.

- **Liability Waiver** – All members will be asked to sign a liability waiver.

## Club Newsletter

We need a snappy name for our newsletter. Something photographic, but not too cutesy. If you have any suggestions, please send 'em on.

Members may, and are encouraged to submit items for the newsletter by the Monday following the monthly meeting. Items might include:

- Photo Tips
- Upcoming events, workshops, classes and exhibits (especially if a member is involved)
- Helpful websites
- Technical Information
- Recommended Resources
- Unique Uses of Photography
- Descriptions of photo adventures
- Recognition of members

Send items to Susan at [brzlttn@garlic.com](mailto:brzlttn@garlic.com)

### Photography Tip #1

On digital cameras, use the white balance setting as a warming or cooling filter. The preset for tungsten (light bulb) will act as a bluish, cooling filter in daylight, while the setting for cloudy (cloud icon) will work as a warming filter. (*Popular Photography Magazine*)

### Photography Tip #2

Both *Popular Photography* and *Outdoor Photographer* are excellent resources. They include product reviews, how-to articles, tech tips, advertisements for schools and workshops, and of course, lots and lots of photographs.

**- Next Meeting -  
Wednesday, 4 June 2008  
Centennial Recreation Center  
7:00pm**

On the agenda:

- A Round-robin sharing of photo prints  
(Each member brings one.)
- A flickr tutorial by **Eric Rice**
- A Yahoo Groups Tutorial by **George Ziegler**

Be there or be

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Online Printing  
Company  
[www.mpix.com](http://www.mpix.com)

Many Instructional  
Articles  
[www.photography.com](http://www.photography.com)

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does not  
bring a  
photo print  
to the June  
meeting,  
will be fined  
\$1.

You don't want to  
mess with **Ken  
Brown**, so it would  
be best to bring that  
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