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**Shadows**  
is the flickr  
theme for  
November

*The Shadow  
Knows...*

*The low sun  
is creating  
some long  
shadows  
this month.*

*Can you find  
yours?*



## 5 November 2008 General Meeting Notes

Our club continues to grow beyond expectations. Sixty-two people have thought highly enough of the club to pay five dollars to support it, and an additional twenty-eight people are on the mailing list. I may have given the initial impetus that started the club, but it has now taken on a life and momentum of its own. Photographers have an amazing creative energy that is felt at every meeting.

### Print Sharing

We used the very casual "Scatter" method for sharing our prints. For twenty minutes, we roamed around the room with our photo prints and met with others at random to exchange information and praise each others' photos. Everyone had an opportunity to talk with several photographers. We will continue to try different methods of print sharing. Most members have indicated that they like the opportunity to talk with another photographer and ask questions about his/her print. The main purpose of print sharing is to give members and guests an opportunity to circulate, socialize, and admire photos.



Will Weaver shows off his photo to  
Barbara Dawson

### Poppy Jasper Film Festival

We had hoped to form a collaboration between our club and the PJFF committee that would provide the festival with photographers and give our members an opportunity to photograph a major community event. **Roy Hovey** volunteered to coordinate the efforts and formed a team of six photographers who would cover the three days of films, workshops, and speakers. Alas, it was not to be. The PJFF committee wanted sole rights to all photos taken, and the members of the team felt very strongly that the photographer should retain the copyright to his/her photos. After trying and failing to negotiate a compromise, and after much discussion, the team members decided to pull out of photographing the event. Morgan Hill is well known for its many community events and we hope to establish future collaborations that will benefit both the photographers and the events.

### Gallery Show at the CRC Senior Center

The Gallery Show, "Around Town" at the CRC Senior Center is up and running. The selection committee accepted twenty-four photographs from fourteen club members. The committee was a little surprised that more members did not submit photos, so we took a few minutes during the meeting to complete a survey on why people did not submit photos. (This survey will be repeated on Yahoo for those who missed the meeting.) We have several shows planned for 2009 and we would love to have many more members represented. (Photo at left by Michael Sue BrownKorbel.)





# December Social & Gallery Show Reception

Wednesday, 3 December 2008

7 - 9pm

You should have received an email regarding our fabulous end-of-the-year party. Please sign up to help set-up before or clean-up after the bash, and to bring a non-messy and easy to eat appetizer. Choose from one of the following categories:

•Salty •Sweet •Fruit •Vegetable •Meat & Cheese

If you'd rather contribute a non-food item, we could use:

•100 paper plates (6-8 inch) •100 plastic forks

•50 coffee cups & 50 drink cups •100 festive napkins

Please send an email to Susan with your choice: [brzltm@garlic.com](mailto:brzltm@garlic.com)

(The club will provide coffee, tea, sodas and water.)



This should be a great party, with lots of food, valuable prizes, member recognition & awards, lots of food, music, a walk through the gallery show, lots of food, and a slide show of all the 2008 flickr photos. Family and friends are welcome to celebrate with us.

**RSVP to Susan (778-3862) or email**

## Creative Print Share at the Party

We are trying something new again. Please bring a print to share (or a whole portfolio), or bring samples of other, **creative ways you have used your photos**: books, calendars, note cards, mugs, slide shows or movies. (For the last two, bring your laptop.) We will display the items throughout the evening. Here's a chance to show your creative spirit and maybe get some holiday gift ideas.

## Flickr Projects

Fifty-two members have signed onto our Flickr group pool. Flickr is a photo sharing website. Each month we have a different theme, and members (dues paid) may upload a total of five photos based on that month's theme. The deadline for uploading photos is the Wednesday before the next scheduled general meeting. This gives everyone a week to look at the photos and post comments. Have you posted comments on other members' photos? Please take the time to do so. Everyone appreciates knowing that someone viewed and appreciated their photos. Anyone may look at the club's pool, but only members may upload photos. [www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub](http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub)

**2009  
Flickr  
themes will  
be revealed  
at the  
December  
Social**



## Benefits of Membership

- Participation in the monthly Flickr Theme Projects
- Participation in Gallery Shows
- Discounted fee for pay events
- Quarterly Critiques
- Discounts with local merchants
- Opportunities for fellowship, camaraderie, & esprit de corps. (Priceless)

**Brenda Renzulli is our first 2009 member. She paid both the '08 & '09 dues at the November meeting. We love that kind of support!**

## - Remaining 2008 Flickr Themes -

**November:** *Shadows* - The low sun this time of year should cast some interesting shadows, or use artificial light to create your own.

**December: Around Town** - We've been working on this theme since our very first meeting in April and now it's time to show off our 2008 photos of people, places and/or events in Morgan Hill, San Martin or Gilroy

## - 2009 Flickr Themes -

The voting is over for the 2009 Flickr themes. Twenty-four members voted at the November meeting and another eight voted through Yahoo. We started this process back in August and whittled the fifty-two suggestions down to the final twelve. At their last meeting, the executive board created a 2009 calendar of themes. Want to know what they are? Come to the social where the 2009 Flickr calendar will be revealed.

### Yahoo Group

**George Ziegler** keeps the club's Yahoo discussion site up-to-date by posting copies of the newsletter, upcoming events, and helpful resources. Have a question? Ask it on Yahoo. Anyone may read the postings, but only members may post a message and read the files. The address is <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group> If you have any questions about the Yahoo Group page, E-mail George at: [Photomaestro@verizon.com](mailto:Photomaestro@verizon.com)

### 2009 Dues

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the dues for 2009 will be \$10.00/year. George Ziegler explained that this will put enough money in the treasury to cover the costs of printing, publicity, postage, signs, workshops, and most additional costs that occur. We want to keep the dues low so the club is available to all who want to join. Some events may have additional fees for participants.



George Ziegler explains the 2009 dues proposal

Ken Brown tells the members and guests what a great club we have



## Executive Board

**Susan Brazelton**  
President

**Noella Vigeant**  
Vice President

**Ken Brown**  
Secretary

**Kathina Szeto**  
Treasurer

**Noël Calvi**  
Program Chair

**George Ziegler**  
Competition/  
Critique Chair

**Noella Vigeant &  
Kathina Szeto**  
Program Co-chairs

**Michael Sue  
Brown-Korbel**  
Photo Diva

## Executive Board Meeting

The complete minutes of the November 12th Executive Board meeting are posted on our Yahoo Group

## Workshop: Creating Slide Shows & Short Movies

**Michael Sue** and **Bob Brown-Korbel** did a tag team presentation covering the basics of slide shows. Michael Sue talked about the importance of sticking to a central theme, selecting only the best photos for the show, knowing your audience, showing no photo for more than two to three seconds, matching the transitions to the photos, and selecting music that enhances the theme of the show. She showed several examples of slide shows that were created by club members, including **Bob Thompson, George Ziegler, Roy Hovey** and **Dana Young**, and a movie by **Ken Brown**

Bob took the audience on a tour of iLife, an integrated suite of Apple programs that includes iPhoto, iMovie, iTunes, iDVD, and Garage Band. He showed how photos can be moved from iPhoto right into iMovie, how to add special effects and titles, and how musical accompaniment can be created in Garage Band or imported from iTunes. MovieMaker is a program available for PCs



**FYI: Marty Cheek** is known to create photo slide shows and put them on YouTube. He has one there now of photos taken off our Flickr Group. You can find it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sXXLnzi2ql8>

## Marty's New Project

Marty wants to collect photographs, taken by members of the club, of Morgan Hill people and places, and put them into a movie that shows off our community. The movie will be put on YouTube and possibly Morgan Hill Access Television (MHAT - Channel 19). This is a completely voluntary project with no compensation. It is purely a fun way to share our photography with the local community. Participants will be listed in the photo credits at the end of the movie. The deadline for submitting photographs to Marty is 31 December 2008. You may contact Marty at: [martin.cheek@gmail.com](mailto:martin.cheek@gmail.com)

**JAGO Frames** is the first merchant in town to offer our club members a discount. Owner Javier Gonzales will meet all your framing and matting needs at very reasonable prices. Several members of the club have used his services and highly recommend him. His shop is located at 195 San Pedro Avenue, MH, Building E #11. His phone number is 408-782-6365 or 408-607-1632.

## Web Master

**We would like to start a club website in 2009.**

**If you have expertise in this and would like to help set one up and/or run it, please email Susan  
brzlttn@garlic.com**



## Upcoming Class



### Introduction to Digital Photography

A 50+ class offered at the CRC

This is a basic course to introduce the fundamentals of digital photography. Topics include selecting and using a digital camera; transferring photos to a computer; storing, organizing and viewing photos; simple editing; sharing photos with prints, slide shows and on websites.

Jan 8 - Feb 12 Thurs 1 - 3

May 15 - June 18 Thurs 1 - 3

\$30/CRC Member \$25 Non-resident \$35/CRC Member \$30

## The Next Meeting is our Club Social & Gallery Show Reception

**Wednesday, 3 December 2008  
Centennial Recreation Center  
7:00 to 9pm**



Potluck Appetizers

Creative Photo Projects

Recognition & Awards

Prizes

Music

Slide Show of All 2008 Flickr Photos



Bob Brown-Korbel, Anita Mason & Ken Brown share stories instead of photos.



Michael Sue, George & Karen Swank-Fitch discuss all things photographic.

## Member Profiles

### J Johnny



John is a self-taught photographer who enjoys transforming what he sees into unique visions. While comfortable with traditional photographic techniques, he is most inspired when working in montage. He has won awards in local juried competitions and has sold his works. You can learn more about j johnny and view more of his photos at: [www.jjohnny.com](http://www.jjohnny.com)



### Crucifixion

This is a montage of the Crucifix at the back altar in Mission San Juan Bautista.

September 2007

## Roy Hovey



Just last year Roy retired after 33 years as a SJ police, fire & medical dispatcher. He has had a life-long enthusiasm for photography and is mostly self-taught. His main interest is shooting social events for friends and family, and then creating photo books, slide shows and websites. He likes to capture “treasured moments in life” and make people smile when they view his works. He is a Mystery Book reviewer, stays up most of the night, and is passionate about baseball, wine, Jazz, film, theater and chess. That’s a lot of passion.



Here is a group of lovely young ladies at an Indian wedding celebration I shot during the summer - a Garba-Sangeet