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Thank you for the wonderful raffle prizes:

- Casa de Fruta
- Solis Winery
- Best Buy
- BK Collections
- Keebl & Shuchat
- Karen Swank-Fitch

Two positions are open on the Executive Board

- **Program Co-Chair & Member-at-Large**

See Page 3 for details.

3 December Social & Gallery Show Reception

Wow! What a great party Forty people feasted on cookies, egg rolls, chips dips, flapjacks, chocolates, ham, beef, cheese, fruits and vegetables. Everyone pitched in to make it a success by bringing an appetizer to share; providing plates, forks, napkins, cups, or ice; by helping to set-up or clean-up; or by decorating, raffling or flickring.

Just before the party started, Santa made a surprise visit. As soon as he walked through the door, everyone in the room whipped out a camera. He was taken aback a bit by the digital frenzy, but graciously posed for photos.



Ken, Bob, Santa, Mike, Lance & Allan

This was more than just a party. It was a reception to recognize the photographers who submitted photos for our first gallery show. They are:



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| Tracey Morris | Toby Weiss | Roy Hovey |
| J Johnny | Noël Calvi | Susan Brazelton |
| Noella Vigeant | Lance Trott | Karen Swank-Fitch |
| Howard Hall | Jackie Wall | David Fritts |
| Kathina Szeto | Michael Sue BrownKorbel | |

We also took a few moments to recognize the members who have posted photos to our flickr pool every month since joining.

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| Marty Cheek | David Fritts | Don Schneider |
| Susan Brazelton | J Johnny | Toby Weiss |
| Howard Hall | Noella Vigeant | |

From the very first meeting, it was clear that many people were interested in the club because they wanted to learn more about photography. Fortunately, we had in our ranks a number of experts who obligingly offered to share their skills and knowledge in our monthly workshops.

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| George Ziegler | Eric Rice | Noël Clavi |
| Marty Cheek | Michael Sue BrownKorbel | |
| Bob BrownKorbel | | |

Print Sharing

We shared way more than prints at this gathering. In addition to the photos in the gallery show, members set up displays of the many creative ways they use their photos: note cards, calendars, books, portfolios, slide shows and more. We are a very creative bunch.

“Around Town”

was suggested as a

Flickr theme at the club's very first meeting back in April. We thought it was too big of a theme for just one month, so we made it into an eight month project.

It is now time to post those photos of people, places & events in Morgan Hill, San Martin & Gilroy.


2009 Dues are due in January \$10

Flickr

December: “Around Town” - is the last flickr theme for 2008. Here's an opportunity to show off all the photos (well, five anyway) you've taken that highlight people, places and events in Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy; parades, festivals, games, historic buildings, beautiful scenery, backyard bar-b-qs, and more. **Marty Cheek** may appropriate some of the posted photos for his video project. (See page 3 for details on Marty's project.) www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub

2009 Flickr Themes

January - Black & White

February - Still Life

March - Reflections

April - Water

May - Trees

June - Animals

July - People

August - Macro

September - Sunrise/Sunset

October - Three of Anything

November - Night

December - A Different Perspective

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. Know of an event that might interest other members? Post 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

2009 Dues

If you want to continue (or start) your membership in our wonderful club, the 2009 dues of \$10 are due in January. Some of the benefits of membership include:

- Participation in the monthly Flickr Projects
- Participation in gallery shows
- Quarterly Photo Critiques
- Discounts at local retail stores
- Discounted fee for paid events
- Congenial camaraderie & photographic fraternization

You may pay at the January meeting or send a check (made out to Morgan Hill Photography Club) to: 17145 Munro Way, MH, CA 95037

Executive Board

Susan Brazelton
President

Noella Vigeant
Vice President

Ken Brown
Secretary

Kathina Szeto
Treasurer &
Community
Partners Chair

Noël Calvi
Membership Chair

George Ziegler
Competition/
Critique Chair

**Noella Vigeant
and ?????**
Program Co-chairs

**Michael Sue
Brown-Korbel**
Photo Diva

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Member-at-Large

Executive Board Meeting

The complete minutes of the December 10th Executive Board meeting are posted on our Yahoo Group

Executive Board Changes

Two positions are now open

We are in the process of making some changes on the board. **Kathina Szeto** will now be the **Community Partners Chair** (as well as continue as Treasurer). While seeking donations for the super raffle we held at the social, she discovered merchants who wanted to collaborate with our club in ways that would promote their business and our club. **Best Buy** in Gilroy is interested in having members demonstrate camera use to their customers. The **Apple** store will set up private workshops on the use of Aperture and iPhoto. And Kathina is looking into a private tour and photo shoot at **Solis Winery**.

Since Kathina is taking on a new board position, she will no longer be the **program co-chair**, so we are looking for someone to fill that spot and work with **Noella Vigeant** on planning the monthly workshops

We would also like to add a new position to the board: **member-at-large**. The person who fills this position would be full member of the board, but with no designated duties except attendance at the monthly board meetings (the second Wednesday of the month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.) The board would like this to be a six month commitment.

**Don't wait
or you might miss out
on this most excellent
opportunity.**

We think this new configuration will better reflect the membership as a whole, expand the club's profile in the community, and continue our evolution toward the best photography club in the

world. **Which position would you like to have?** Don't wait or you might miss out on this most excellent opportunity to be on the club's leadership team. Be the first to send an email to Susan (brzltn@garlic.com) before anyone beats you to it.



Marty's Project

Marty Cheek 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 your photography with the local community. Participants will be listed in the 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

December Social & Gallery Show Reception



1 Susan, Santa, Kathina & Noella



2. The Brown/BrownKorbel Clan
Wanda, Michael Sue, Bob & Ken



3. Anita, Barbara & Harold



4. Photo Project Displays



5. Roy

Photo Credits

Howard Hall - 1

Michael Sue
BrownKorbel
7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14
& the photo on page 1

Roy Hovey
4, 5 & 6

Toby Weiss
2, 3, 6+, 10, 13 & 15



6+ Mike



6. Howard & Noël



7. Allan & Scott



8. Craig, Tracey & Pam



9. John, Toby & Marty



**10. Lance & Toby
Susan, Kathina & George**



11. Noella & John



12. Sam & Craig



13. Kathina & Noël



14. Lance, David & Craig



15. Marty, Tracey, Michael Sue & David

Fun & Useful Online Photo Tools

(Compliments of *Popular Photography* & *Noella Vigeant*)

Adobe for Nothing

www.photoshop.com/express

You can edit your photos with Adobe's technology without buying Photoshop or Elements. Just use Adobe's free Photoshop Express. You can store and share images, and edit what you upload to Facebook, Flickr and other sharing sites

Picasa

www.picasa.google.com

Store and edit photos and create movies and slide shows.

Yodio

www.yodio.com

Add your voice to your pictures and create audio postcards, narrated photo albums, and advertisements that you can publish online, embed in your blog, or email to friends.

Media College

www.mediacollege.com/photography

Media College has beginner-level tutorials on everything from the basics of your camera to picture composition.

Photo Talk Radio

www.phototalkradio.com

Get photography advice by calling this internet talk show devoted solely to photography. Tune in every Saturday from 8 to 9 a.m. (PST) to hear live discussions on photography news and techniques, or to ask questions of the show's two hosts. You can go to the website to download a recorded version at no cost.

Photoshop Advice

www.photoshopsupport.com

This site includes free tutorials on how to create a web template, fix underexposed photos, wrap text around objects, and make silhouettes like those in the iPod commercials.

Nature Photo Critiques

www.naturephotographers.net/image_critique

Amateurs and pros alike post their photos in seven different galleries and offer up their opinions of each others' work.

Adobe Tutorials

www.adobe.com/designcenter/video_workshop/

You'll find tutorials on just about all Adobe programs, including Photoshop, Elements, and Lightroom.

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 Site

What would you like to see on our club website?

Bring your ideas to the January meeting.

We hope to have a club website up & running by early spring.

Important Notice

The February 4th meeting will be held at the Community Center on Monterey and Dunne.

Print Sharing

Please bring a photo print to the January 7th meeting.

The first 30 minutes of every meeting is set aside for members and guests to informally share photos.

The print may be any size, any subject, matted and framed, or not.

The main purpose of the print sharing time is to provide an opportunity for members and guests to meet, mix, mingle and talk photography.

“Decisions are made by those who show up.”
Jed Bartlett
The West Wing

Have Fun with Your Photos

Don't let your photos gather digital dust. Here are some interesting ways to share your images.

(Compliments of *Macworld*)

MushyGushy

www.mushygushy.com

Mushy Gushy offers funny, animated cards featuring the head of your choice. Simply upload a photo, then use the online tools to frame the head and add your message. What fun!

National Geographic

www.macworls.com/3790

Every day the photo editor of NG picks a dozen user-submitted images to feature on its website. A select few make it into the magazine. Be sure to read the detailed submission guidelines before uploading your image.

Parody Motivator Generator

www.macworld.com/3787

Here you will find the tools to create paraodies of those motivational posters that cover the walls of every classroom, using your own photos. Upload your photo, add your own text, and the generator will design an 11X14 poster. Download the result to your own computer or order a printed copy for \$13.

Next Meeting

**Wednesday, 7 January 2009
7 - 9 at the CRC**

- Brainstorming Sessions -

This will be a chance to express all those ideas you have for future workshops, shoot-outs, guest speakers, print sharing, and all the additional club activities you'd like to see happen.

This will be a fun, creative meeting of our photographic minds.

The February Meeting ★
will be held
at the Community Center
(Monterey & Dunne)