

## December 2009

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### December Social

Sixty people attended the club's second annual December Social...and what fun we had: good food, good company, good music, prizes, recognitions, and a year's worth of Flickr photos. This was a fun way to end 2009.



Roy Shoots



Will & John seem surprised



Bob sounds a drum roll & picks a ticket for Scott, the Rafleer



Linda looks pleased



John's drumroll could not be repeated



Kathina & George enjoy a libation



Kermit won a raffle prize; the first time he's ever won anything.



Roy & Dave smile for the camera



David won a mat & frame



Mike & Marty strike a pose



The very photogenic Bob & Annie





# Member Recognition



Eight members were recognized at the social for their 100% Flickr participation in 2009.

**Marty Cheek**, who is usually the first to post each month, had certificates for:

**Susan Brazelton, David Fritts, Roy Hovey, JJohnny, Joan Prather, Don Schneider, and Toby Weiss.**



Twenty-two members displayed one or more photos in one or both of the two gallery shows held in 2009 (Villa Mira Monte in July & August, and the Senior Center in October & November).

**Tracey Morris** presented each with a certificate of participation.

**Scott Schilling John Tarvin Brenda Renzuli David Fritts  
Scott Giannini Barbi Kutilek Susan Brazelton Roy Hovey  
Noella Vigeant Eric Stetson Carol Noble JJohnny  
Marty Cheek Bill Strange Charlotte Fernandes Lance Trott  
Curtis Palm Lennie Randall Christie Brown  
George Ziegler Kathina Szeto & Annie Bennett.**

Eleven members went above and beyond the norm in their contributions to the club's success in 2009. **Roy Hovey** presented each one with a gift of light (clip-on or USB powered).

**Barbi Kutilek**

Presenter ("Macro"), "Ask the Panel", Family Portrait Photographer

**Scott Schilling**

Presenter ("Landscapes & HDR")

**John Tarvin**

Presenter ("Workflow with Lightroom") & Community Projects Chair

**Dave Kutilek**

"Ask the Panel"

**JJohnny**

"Ask the Panel", Senior Portraits Photographer & Gallery Show Chair

**George Ziegler**

"Ask the Panel"

**Rick Kreitz**

Senior Portraits Photographer

**Linda Tarvin**

Senior Portraits Organizer

**Noella Vigeant**

Senior Portraits Poser

**Don Schneider**

Flickr Critique Site Administrator

**Diana Bentz**

Family Portraits Photographer



John & Linda watch the shoot



Allan & Carol  
Senior Center  
Gallery Show



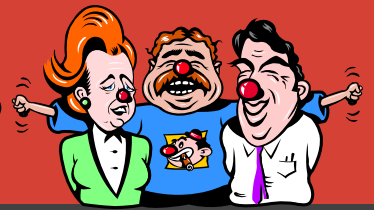
Bill & George  
Villa Mira Monte  
Gallery Show



Rick, Noella & John  
shoot a senior



# Member News



The club has grown over the past twelve months. We started 2009 with 51 members; our 100th member joined in June; and we are ending 2009 with 118 members.

## By the Numbers

- Of the twenty-one people who attended the first club meeting back in April 2008, fourteen returned in May, became charter members, and are still in the club.
- 85 people joined the club in 2008 and of those, 48 rejoined in 2009.
- That means that of the entire 2009 membership, 40% were returning members and 60% were new.
- 40 members participated in the 2009 FLickr theme projects and posted a total of 1,050 photos.
- 30 people participated in the 15 shoot-outs held in 2009, and posted 532 photos on the Flickr Shoot-out site (which was created in August). (See page 5 for a recap of the 2009 shoot-outs.)

## Executive Board

### Susan Brazelton

President  
Newsletter Editor

### Noella Vigeant

Vice President  
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Marketing Director

### George Ziegler

Critique Chair  
PSA Liaison

### MichaelSue BrownKorbel

Photo Diva

### Roy Hovey

Web Master

### Lance Trott

Member-at-large

Four people were added to the membership roster at the social.

**Welcome to**  
**Richard Guerreo Sandra Gaither**  
**Laura Foote & Bob Foote**

## Speaking of dues...

All memberships expire at the end of this month.  
Your 2010 dues of \$10 are now due.

Benefits of membership include:

- Participation in the Flickr Theme Projects
- Mentor Program
- Share photos on the shoot-out Flickr site
- Biannual print critique
- Use of the Flickr Critique site
- Participation in Gallery Shows
- Personal website or blog linked on the club website



Charlotte will be at the door to greet guests and collect dues.

**Please do not post any photos on the club's Flickr sites  
until you have paid your 2010 dues.**

If you must miss the January meeting, you may send a check to  
"Morgan Hill Photography Club" 17145 Munro Way, Morgan Hill 95037

## Portrait Photography Class:

Two Saturdays: 1/09 & 1/23: 10am - 1pm

Gavilan College in Gilroy: Instructor: **Noella Vigeant**

To register go to: <http://gavilan.augusoft.net/> or call 408-852-2801

# A Look Back at 2009



## Programs



**January** - Remember our brainstorming sessions and choosing programs and activities with “Dots”?



**February** - Oliver Klink: “Shooting Wildlife”



**March** - Rosemary Rideout: “Portraits”



**April** - Print Critique with Claudia Peterson and launch of the website by web master Roy Hovey



**May** - “Show & Share”



**June** - “Ask the Panel”



**July** - Paul Dileanis from SJ Camera: “Calibration”



**August** - John Tarvin & Noella Vigeant: “Workflow with Lightroom”



**September** - Scott Schilling: “Landscapes and HDR”



**October** - Print Critique with Claudia Peterson



**November** - Barbi Kutilek: “Macro Photography”

**December** - End of Year Social





# 2009 Shoot-outs



Any member may plan a shoot-out. Just pick a place, decide what time to meet, and advertise it in this newsletter, on the Yahoo Forum, or at a meeting. That's all it takes. If there is a place you'd like to photograph, others would probably like to join you. Invite everyone in the club and make it a shoot-out. Here is a recap of the club shoot-outs held in 2009.

## May



Villa Mira Monte



Wings of History  
(Bob Thompson)



SJ History Museum  
(Roy Hovey)



Garrapata State Park  
(Howard Hall)

## June



World Wide Photo Walk

## July



Parade  
(Jackie Wall)



Fireworks  
(Dave Kutelik)



Stanford  
(JJohnny)

## August



SF Japanese Tea Garden  
(Toby Weiss)



Point Lobos  
(Bill Strange)



Club Bar-B-Q  
(Mike Winn)

## September



Egyptian Museum

## October



San Juan Bautista



Solis Winery  
(David Rosas)

## November



PG Butterfly  
Sanctuary

## December



Uvas Canyon Co Prk  
(Roy Hovey)





# OK That's enough of looking back Let's take a look at what's coming a new logo and some new flickr themes



Did you notice the **new logo** on the first page? With over sixty per cent of the votes, the logo submitted by **Mary Phillips** was the preferred choice. Thank you to all who took the time to design and submit a logo. Members at the social had an opportunity to view a display of



Andrew & Tracey ponder their choice

all seven logos that were submitted and then cast a ballot for their preference. You may now look forward to seeing this logo on hats, jackets, shirts, bags, and new name badges.

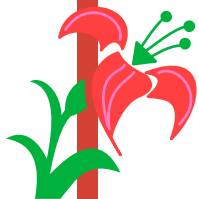
## Flickr: for those who want to know...

Flickr is a photo sharing website on which our club has a group pool. We have a different theme each month and each member may post five photographs based on that month's theme. The purpose of the monthly theme projects is to:

1. encourage members to get out and photograph,
  2. extend our comfort zone by photographing subjects we might not have otherwise chosen,
  3. provide a common arena for sharing and commenting on member photos.
- Anyone may look at the photos, but only club members (current dues paid) may post photos.

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub/>

## The 2010 Flickr Themes



- January - Reflections
- February - Black & White
- March - Barns
- April - Water
- May - Flowers
- June - Patterns & Lines
- July - Action
- August - Beach Scenes
- September - Signs
- October - Structures (not buildings)
- November - Shadows
- December - People



# Let's continue to look ahead

## More Shoot-Outs

**Lance Trott** has scheduled a shoot-out for the Saturday following every general meeting. Check the Yahoo Forum for carpool information and meeting times (see below). **We are not limited to just these shoot-outs.** Remember, any member may organize a shoot-out. Pick a time and place and invite the club by posting the information on the Yahoo Forum, send it to this editor for inclusion in the newsletter, and/or announce it at a meeting. It's that easy.

### 2010 Shoot-Outs

- 9 January - Pinnacles National Monument
- 6 February - Golden Gate Park, San Francisco
- 6 March - Henry Coe State Park, Morgan Hill
- 10 April - Big Basin Redwood State Park
- 8 May - Rose Garden, San Jose
- 5 June - Hokone Japanese Gardens, Saratoga
- 10 July - Natural Bridges State Park, Santa Cruz
- 7 August - Henry Cowell Redwoods State Park
- 11 September - Mount Madonna County Park
- 9 October - Villa Montalvo, Saratoga
- 6 November - Vasona Lake County Park, Los Gatos
- 4 December - Don Edwards SF Bay National Wildlife Refuge

The club has a special Flickr site just for club-sponsored shoot-out photos. With this site members may post and view more photos than we could possibly include in the newsletter or on the website. A "club-sponsored" shoot-out is one which is organized by a club member; open to all members; promoted on the Yahoo group forum, at a meeting, and/or in the newsletter; and had at least two members participate. Anyone may look at the site, but only shoot-out participants who are members may post photos.

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclubshoot-outs/>

### Yahoo Group Forum

For the latest information on time and place for a shoot-out, check the Yahoo Forum.

This is also the best place to connect with members if you have a question or a resource you'd like to share.

<http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/MHphotoclub/>

# More Looking Forward...

## Three Gallery Shows in 2010

### Next Meeting

**Wednesday, 6 January 2010**

**CRC Senior Center**

**7pm - 9pm**

**This is the meeting that will help set the agendas for 2010.**

**Bring your ideas for programs, activities, & shoot-outs**

**Also please bring a photo print for sharing**



### Flash Forward

**The February and March meetings will be held at the**

**Community Center**

**(Hiram Morgan Hill Room)**

**on the corner of**

**Monterey & Dunne**



CCC Gallery Show

## *“Images of Nature”*

**Rescheduled to February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

The Gallery Show at the Community Center (CCC), originally scheduled for April 2010, has been re-scheduled to open February 22. This doesn't give us much time to pull the show together, but we can do it. Since this is a big show (we can display sixty photos), members may submit up to four photographs. Photo submissions will be due the last week in January. The theme for this show is “Images of Nature” and we will be accepting photos of landscapes, plants, and animals (the non-human kind)

Full details on submission rules and deadline dates will be sent out in the next week or so, but here is enough to get you started.

- Only current members may submit photos.
- Minimum print size is 8x10
- Theme is “Images of Nature” (landscapes, plants and animals)
- Photo must be framed with a wire across the back. (Mat is optional.)
- \$1 fee per photo in the show will be charged to cover expenses.
- Photos that have been displayed in previous club shows are not eligible.

### **Villa Mira Monte Gallery Show**

*“Scenes of South Valley”*

Late Spring

### **2010 Senior Center Gallery Show**

*Theme to be Announced*

August 27<sup>th</sup> - October 14<sup>th</sup>

*I hope to see you at the  
January meeting,  
Susan*