



# "In Focus"

Newsletter of the  
Morgan Hill Photography Club

<http://www.morganhillphotographyclub.org/>

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Want more?  
Read more  
about the  
various  
lighting  
stations  
on the club's  
website.

## May General Meeting "Shoot-out at the Still Life Corral"

We re-arranged the agenda for this meeting to accommodate three lighting station set-ups, all for indoor photography: studio lighting, flash, and a lightbox. Members and guests not only had an opportunity to learn about how to use each type of lighting, they had a chance to try out each one with their own cameras. One of the great things about this club is the many experienced and talented members who are willing to share their knowledge. A big thank you to **Steve Tyson, Mike Winn, J Johnny, Roy Hovey** and **George Ziegler**



Studio Lighting



Steve Tyson explains the use of studio lighting equipment to interested members



Roy makes a point



John shows the effects of bouncing the light off a green card



A guest tries out her flash



George sets his camera controls



A home-made lightbox



One lightbox: two Cameras



## Club Business

### Executive Board

#### **Susan Brazelton**

President  
Newsletter Editor

#### **Noella Vigeant**

Vice President  
Program Director

#### **Open Position**

Second  
Vice President

#### **Charlotte Fernandes**

Treasurer

#### **Noel Calvi**

Membership Chair  
Marketing Director

#### **Lance Trott**

Commissioner of  
Shoot-outs

#### **George Ziegler**

Critique Chair  
PSA Liaison

#### **Michael Sue**

#### **BrownKorbel**

Photo Diva

#### **Roy Hovey**

Web Master

#### **David Rosas**

**& ???**

Members-at-large

### Logo Items Coming Soon!

Want a hat with the club's logo on it? How about a jacket? A tee shirt?

**Noella Vigeant** has been working with *Make It Mine*, a local embroidery shop to create ways members can show their MHPC colors (black & white). Two logo options will be available: an embroidered sew-on patch, and direct embroidery on hats and apparel. Noella will show an example at the June meeting.

### Gallery Show Committee

Gallery shows are a wonderful way for members to display their photographs to a wide audience, and for the club to promote itself within the local community. The club usually has three gallery shows per year, one each at the Community Center, the Senior Center, and Villa Mira Monte. These gallery shows don't just happen. Each one takes members to do the advance planning, organization, and promotion.

To continue holding gallery shows, we are creating a **Standing Gallery Show Committee**. The committee will consist of five to eight members who will serve starting immediately and continuing through 2011.

**Charlotte Fernandes** has agreed to chair the committee. There is no weekly or monthly commitment required. Meetings are held as needed. You may look at the *Galley Show Guidelines* and *Committee Job Descriptions* on the club's website, or upon request, Susan will email them to you. This is an opportunity to make a contribution to the continued success of the club.

### Special Interest Groups

Four special interest groups will hold initial, organizational meetings on Wednesday, 2 June, from 6:15 to 6:45 in the CRC multi-purpose room. The aim of these meetings is to get the groups started. The members of each group will decide when and where future meetings will be held and what the group hopes to achieve. The four initial special interests groups are:

- Macro Photography
- Photoshop Elements
- Lightroom
- Photographing People

**Any member may start/organize a special interest group.**

### Changes on the Executive Board

**David Rosas** joins the board as a member-at-large. His term will run from June 2010 through May 2011. Due to work obligations, **Pam Porter** had to resign her member-at-large position, so we are looking for someone to finish out her term (through December 2010). If you are interested in attending the board meetings, expressing your opinion, voting on issues, and laughing a lot, please contact Susan. The board meets the second Wednesday of every month from 7 - 9pm at the CRC.

A new position has been added to the board. **Lance Trott** is the new Commissioner of Shoot-outs. Read more about this on page 4.

# Member News

## Welcome

to five new members who joined in May

**Bill Chronistor Maria Hammon Larry Campbell  
Richard Kintscher Justin Gross**

Our 2010 membership now totals 120  
who have paid the full \$20 in dues

### Benefits of Membership

Participation in Gallery Shows

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Mentor Program

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Flickr Theme Projects

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Special Interest Groups

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Biannual Print Critique

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URL Link on MHPC Website

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Listed in the Membership Directory

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Initiate Friendships, Reinforce Camaraderie, Spread Conviviality &

Expand Esprit de Corps with other local photographers

**Look who was at the May meeting.**



Greg



Will checks his monitor



Linda answers a question about her photograph



Christie shows her print



Webmaster Roy



Mary



Barbara



Harold



Noella explains the lighting stations



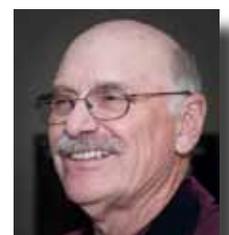
Holly



Eric



Dan



Allan

# Shoot-Outs

## Opt-out Option

**Roy Hovey & Susan Brazelton** often pull photos off Flickr for use on the website and in the newsletter. (Photo credit is always given.) If you do NOT want your photos used on the website or in the newsletter, please contact Roy ([chessnjava@mac.com](mailto:chessnjava@mac.com)) or Susan ([brzltm@garlic.com](mailto:brzltm@garlic.com)).

## Pacific Grove

Nine members drove to Pacific Grove on a Friday afternoon to photograph along this most beautiful stretch of coastline. The sky was clear and blue and the purple ice plant was in full bloom.



Dan, Allan, George, Charlotte, Lance, Steve & Susan  
Missing: Ann & Sandy



## Meet the new Commissioner of Shoot-outs,

**Lance Trott.** Lance is going to schedule additional shoot-outs each month at a variety of locations and times. We'll have multiple opportunities to gather and shoot during the week, in the evenings and in the early mornings. If you have an idea for a shoot-out, contact Lance to get it on the schedule. ([bboating@yahoo.com](mailto:bboating@yahoo.com))



## San Jose Rose Garden

The very next day, nine members met at the Rose Garden in San Jose. The three thousand varieties of roses offered a plethora of photographic opportunities.



Back: Richard, Duane, Steve, Bob, Susan  
Front: David, Charlotte, Pat, Lance

View more photos from these and previous shootouts at:  
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclubshoot-outs/>

# *"Life in Our Valley"*

## Gallery Show

**Morgan Hill House at Villa Mira Monte**

**May 21 - June 26, 2010**

Co-sponsored by the Morgan Hill Historical Society

Please join participating club members at an

**Artists' Reception**

**Friday, 21 May 2010**

**6:30pm - 8:30pm**

*Over 50 photos of local people, places and events,  
created by the following club members*

**Susan Brazelton Noel Calvi Marty Cheek Charlotte Fernandes Walt Gilstrap  
Roy Hovey J Johnny Chuck Kaekel Jan Ralston Lennie Randall Diane Rocha  
Scott Schilling Bob Smith Eric Stetson Bill Strange Karen Swank-Fitch Linda Tarvin  
Lance Trott Noella Vigeant Toby Weiss & John Went**

### **The Hanging Party**



Chuck  
Is it straight?



Noella, Charlotte, Bill  
Hang it over there.  
No over here



Noella & Lance  
tie the knot(s)



Eric ties one on



Bill  
Who hangs photos in  
the bathroom?



Roy  
Where do you want  
the ladder?



On top of the world



Next Gallery Show  
**"Reflections"**

Starts 27 August 2010

## Next Meeting Wednesday, 2 June 2010

Centennial Recreation Senior Center (CRC)  
7pm - 9pm



### “Photojournalism”

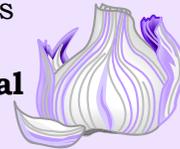
Two professional photojournalists who work for the Morgan Hill Times, **Bill Strange & Laura Schraft** will talk about the profession, what makes a good journalistic photo, how to get your photos published in a newspaper, and how you can use photo journalistic techniques to improve your photos of family events.



Special Interest Groups  
will meet from  
6:15 - 6:45  
See Page 2  
for more details

#### Bonus

Bill has arranged for a group of members to practice what they learn by photographing the **Gilroy Garlic Festival** (with special press passes)



The following photography classes are offered by  
**Gavilan College Community Education**  
[www.gavilance.com](http://www.gavilance.com) (408) 852-2801

# R E S O U R C E S

**Beginning Digital Photography** 2 Monday sessions, 6/21 & 6/28 6 - 9pm  
Learn the top 10 tips for digital photography, including lighting, composition, scene modes, and other settings. Learn basic photo editing, archiving, printing, and sharing processes.

**Portrait Photography** 2 Saturday sessions, 7/17 & 7/24 10am - 1pm  
Learn to pose, compose and capture great images of people.  
Taught by club member, **Noella Vigeant**

**Digital Design W/ Photoshop Elements** 2 Tuesday sessions 6/22 & 6/29 6-9pm  
Discover Photoshop tools to create artwork, collages, flyers, invitations and other projects using your photos.

**Digital SLR Photography** 2 Monday sessions 7/12 & 7/19 6 - 9pm  
Learn about aperture and shutter priority modes, depth of field, lighting, action photography tips & more.

**Photo Re-touching w/ Photoshop Elements** 2 Tuesday sessions 7/13 & 7/20  
A hands-on, project oriented course with tips for editing photos and fixing mistakes.

Javier Gonzalez, owner of **JAGO Frames** in Morgan Hill makes custom frames and mats for very reasonable prices.

He's good. He's fast. He's local.

And he gives a 10% discount to MHPC members

**Call 408-665-5441**

**2010**

# ***Upcoming Events***

**Friday, 21 May**

*“Life in Our Valley”*  
*Artists’ Reception*

Morgan Hill House  
6:30 - 8:30pm

**Friday, 21 May - 27 June**

*“Life in Our Valley”* Gallery Show

Villa Mira Monte

Morgan Hill House Hours

Fridays: Noon - 3pm

Saturdays: 10am - 1pm

**Wednesday, 2 June**

General Meeting 7 - 9pm CRC

“Photojournalism”

Special Interest Groups 6:15 - 6:45

(See page 2 for more details)

**Saturday, 5 June**

Shoot-out at Hakone Japanese Gardens,  
Saratoga

**Wednesday, 7 July**

General Meeting 7 - 9pm CRC

“How to ....”

**Saturday, 10 July**

Shoot-out at Natural Bridges State Park  
Santa Cruz

## **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

November - Shadows

December - People

## **Yahoo Group Forum**

This forum is an important part of the club’s communication network and we encourage every member to join. Just go to the site and click on, “Join This Group.” You need a Yahoo ID to join, and the site will take you through the steps to get one. It’s all free. Postings may include spontaneous shoot-outs, last minute changes to the calendar, photographic events, and valuable resources.

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