



# "IN FOCUS"

Newsletter of the  
Morgan Hill Photography Club

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

## January 2010

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If anyone chooses not to remain a member because of this added cost, we will issue a refund for the \$10 already paid. We hope everyone chooses to stay with the club, but if that is not possible under this change of conditions, we understand.

Wanda shares her print



## NEWS FLASH!

**Dues for 2010 are raised to \$20.**

**The use of the multipurpose room at the senior center is no longer free.**

Although the donations we collected in 2009 were very much appreciated, depending on uncertain donated income does not allow the staff at the Centennial Recreation Center (CRC) to adequately plan their programs. All groups and clubs that use the various rooms at the center will now be charged a fee. For our club the monthly fees will amount to just over \$1000 for the year. Based on an anticipated membership of around one hundred, the executive board unanimously voted to immediately raise the dues to \$20 per member.

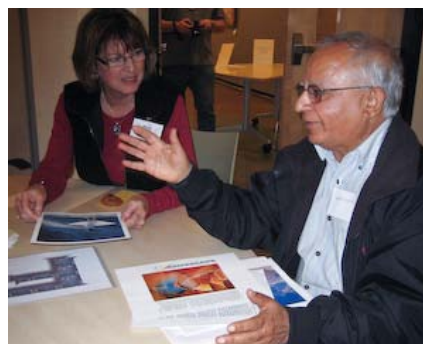
If you already paid your dues (\$10) in December or January, you may pay the additional \$10 at the February meeting or send a check to "Morgan Hill Photography Club"  
17145 Munro Way  
Morgan Hill, CA 95037

### January General Meeting

Every meeting starts with a print sharing session. Everyone is encouraged to bring one print (any size, any subject) to every meeting. This is one of the features that sets us apart from most other clubs: we don't just look at photographs, we talk to each other, ask questions, laugh, and share our experiences



George & Harold smile for the camera



Mary listens to Narinder

## Survey Results

(in order of preference)

LowLight/Night  
Photography

Print Critique

Overview of Photo  
Editing Software

Macro Photography

Travel Photography

Outdoor/Nature  
Photography

Marketing & Selling  
Photos

Composition

Black & White  
Photography

Flash Photography

Portraits

Photo Journalism

Camera Settings

Action/Motion  
Photography

HDR

Workflow & Basic  
Photo Editing

Event Photography

Equipment &  
Accessories

File Formats

## Member Questionnaire

The beginning of the year is a time assess where we are and where we are going. To this end, in January no program is presented. Instead we take the time to gather information about the membership, and determine which program topics are on the “most wanted” list. This way the board can plan programs that best meet the needs and wants of the current members. Below is an incomplete list of the results of the questionnaire members completed at the meeting.

**Is it OK to include your name and contact numbers in a membership directory?**

**Name+Phone+Email = 18   Name+Email = 21   Name+Phone = 0**

**Level of photographic skill & experience:**

**Pro = 3   Advanced = 9   Intermediate = 22   Beginner = 9**

**Type of camera primarily used;**

**DSLR = 32   Point & Shoot = 18   Film SLR = 1**

**(Some checked both DSLR and P&S.)**

**Would you like to serve as a mentor to other members? Yes = 9**

**Would you like to take on a leadership position in the club?**

**Maybe Later = 19**

## Program & Activities Survey

We all then moved to form groups of ten or so people to discuss and vote for the most wanted programs for 2010. Each member received a list of twenty-one possible program topics, and the people at each table were encouraged to discuss the merits of each one and write in additional topics of interest. Each person then checked the ten topics that he/she preferred. The results are listed in the side bar at left.



Please note that the program offered at any particular meeting depends on scheduling an appropriate speaker, and that often times, topics are combined. For instance in 2009, we did not have a program specifically on composition, but principles of composition were covered in the two photo critiques, “Landscape & HDR Photography” and “Macro Photography”.

We also try to include a variety of formats throughout the year, such as “Ask the Panel” and “Show & Tell”. As much as possible, we try to utilize the talents and expertise of our members.



Brant, Lance & Diane  
ponder their choices

# Member News

## Executive Board

**Susan Brazelton**

President  
Newsletter Editor

**Noella Vigeant**

Vice President  
Program Director

**Bill Strange**

Second Vice President

**Charlotte Fernandes**

Treasurer

**Noel Calvi**

Membership Chair  
Marketing Director

**George Ziegler**

Critique Chair  
PSA Liaison

**MichaelSue**

**BrownKorbel**  
Photo Diva

**Roy Hovey**

Web Master

**Lance Trott**

Member-at-large



Roy

Eleven new members joined the club at the January meeting.

## Welcome to

**Russ Hersrud    Maureen Peterson    John Aragon**  
**Kyan Mahzouf    Chip Reynolds    Brant Ruggles**  
**Mack Sacco    Rosemary Rideout**  
**Brad Willems    Arlene Willems    Narinda Dogra**

Our 2010 membership now totals eighty-three, and it's only January.

## Addition to the Executive Board

**Bill Strange** has joined the Executive Board  
as Second Vice President

Bill will assist the president and vice president  
in planning programs and activities

A photoblog is a great way to share your photos (and thoughts) with, well, everyone in cyberspace. A photoblog is a specific type of blog (web+log=blog) that predominately uses photographs to communicate (rather than a lot of text) with the public. Many photoblog sites are free. You just have to set up an account, decide how your site will look (choose a template), and start posting. Several members of the club use Blogspot.

**Tracey Morris:** <http://penandview.blogspot.com/>

**Susan Brazelton:** <http://visual-journey.blogspot.com/>

**Noella Vigeant:** <http://noellavigeantphotography.blogspot.com/>

**Barbi Kutilek:** <http://bk4photography.blogspot.com/>

**Jackie Wall:** <http://quaintjackie.blogspot.com/>

**Linda Tarvin:** <http://purplebicycle.blogspot.com/>

## Member Mugs



David



Duane & Jackie



Brad & Arlene



Monica



Marty

## CCC Gallery Show

# *“Images of Nature”*

23 February - 9 April 2010

**The deadline for submitting photographs  
for this show is  
9pm on Monday, 25 January 2010.**

The theme is **“Images of Nature”** and we will be accepting photos of landscapes, plants, and animals (the non-human, non-pet kind).

Full details of submission rules and deadline dates is available on the club’s website, but here are the basics.

- Current members may submit photos.  
(Those who paid \$10 dues in December and January are eligible.)
- 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.

### **Submission Process**

Make a copy (duplicate) of each photograph being submitted and save it as a jpg file with a resolution of 72 ppi.

Email the jpg file(s) and the following information to : [brzltm@garlic.com](mailto:brzltm@garlic.com)

- 1) A title for each photograph
- 2) Your priority for each photo for selection into the show (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th)
- 3) The intended final size of the photo INCLUDING THE FRAME.
- 4) If the work is available for purchase, the selling price.

**Each submitted work must be received by email by  
9pm on Monday, 25 January 2010**

We anticipate (but do not guarantee) that all first and second priority photos will be accepted. The organizing committee will fill in the rest of the sixty openings from the third and fourth priority photos. Participants will be notified by Friday, 29 January 2010 which of their photos have been accepted into the show.

**Javier Gonzalez**, owner of **Jago Frames** in Morgan Hill has an inventory of discontinued, ready-made frames for sale at bargain prices.

Javier also 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 MPHC members.

**Call 408-665-5441**



# 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 or

A shoot-out happens when several people get together to photograph. Any member may plan a shoot-out. Just pick a time and place and promote it in this newsletter, or on the club's Yahoo Forum, or announce it at a meeting. It is that simple. The club has a Flickr site for members to post their shoot-out photos. There is no imposed limit to the number of photos that can be posted, but thirty seems a reasonable limit. Pick out the photos that best represent your shoot-out experience, and post away.

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

On every photo you post to the shoot-out site, please include the name of the shoot-out, the month and year.

Example: Pinnacles, January 2010

On a cold, overcast day ( Saturday, 9 January), eight members drove to Pinnacles National Park, south of Hollister, for a shoot-out, hike and picnic at a photographic jewel of a park.

See more photos from this day on the Flickr shoot-out site (see above)



Susan Charlotte Lance Ron Steve Bob  
by Marty Cheek



Ranger Tammy tells us  
about the park  
by Bob Thompson



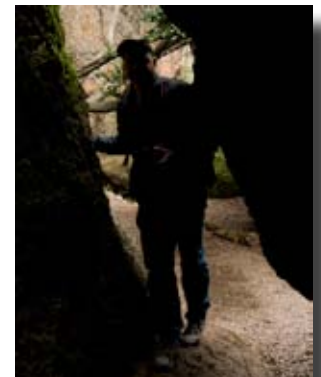
Susan, Bill & Bob  
by Marty Cheek



Bob & Bill shoot a pretty spot



Bob & reflections



Marty enters a cave



Steve composes a shot



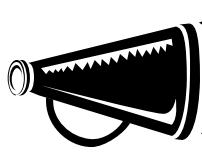
Marty leads the way



Bill & Susan trek up the path  
By Bob Thompson



Ron poses



# ATTENTION

*This is really  
important*

*The February & March meetings  
will be held at the  
Community & Cultural Center (CCC)  
on Monterey & Dunne  
in the Hiram Morgan Hill Room*

The February Program is

## **“How to get the Right Exposure”**

**George Ziegler** will explain the differences among **matrix**, **center weighted** and **spot metering**, and clarify when it is best to use each one. He will explain how and when to use **exposure compensation** to override the camera's exposure setting. And for **Point & Shoot** camera users, he will describe which controls (**icons**) to use to get the best exposure for a variety of different lighting situations.

George will have his camera hooked up to the projector  
so everyone can easily see  
how to navigate the various controls.

### **Yahoo Group Forum**

If you haven't yet joined the club's Yahoo Group Forum, you may be missing out on some important information; including spontaneous shoot-outs, last minute changes to the calendar, photographic events, and valuable resources. This forum is an important part of the club's communication network and we encourage every member to join. You don't even have to be a member of the club. 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. If you have any trouble, email George Ziegler at : [George@gwzphotography.com](mailto:George@gwzphotography.com)

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

# Flickr Theme Projects

## **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/>

**See the complete list of 2010 Flickr themes  
on the calendar page.**

## A sample of January “Reflections”



Photo by  
Pam Prather



Photo by  
Noël Calvi



Photo by  
Diane Rocha



Photo by  
Bob Thompson



Photo by  
Mike Winn



Photo by  
Duane Middlebush



2010

# Calendar of Events



**Wednesday, 3 February**

General Meeting  
"How to Get the Right Exposure"  
Community & Cultural Center (CCC)  
7pm - 9pm



*Please note  
change of  
location*

**Saturday, 6 February**

Shoot-out at Golden Gate Park

**Tuesday, 23 February**

Start of Gallery Show at the CCC  
"Images of Nature"

**Wednesday, 24 February**

Gallery Show Artists' Reception  
6pm - 8pm  
Community & Cultural Center



**Wednesday, 3 March**

General Meeting  
Community & Cultural Center  
7pm - 9pm

**Saturday, 6 March**

Shoot-out at Henry Coe State Park

**Wednesday, 7 April**

General Meeting  
"Print Critique"  
(back home at the)  
Centennial Recreation Center (CRC)  
7pm - 9pm

**Saturday, 10 April**

Shoot-out at Big Basin Redwood State Park

**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