



"IN FOCUS"

Newsletter of the
Morgan Hill Photography Club

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

**December
2012**



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End of the Year Club Social

Nearly eighty people attended the club's year-end-of-the-year party to enjoy the food, the music, the prizes, the recognitions, and each other. Take a look.



For the decoration volunteers, the party started at 6:00

Festive, huh?

Door prizes included two gallery frames with mats, a landscape photography book, a gift certificates from B&H and Amazon, a table top easel, a subscription to *Outdoor Photographer*, and another to *Popular Photography*. **Bay Photo** donated gift certificates for a photo book and a 16x20 metal print.



With everyone contributing appetizers, there was plenty of party food.



Everyone had an opportunity to be a featured photographer by displaying a portfolio of photographs



More Party Picts

Editor's Note:

As I looked over the photos I took during the December Social, I was so pleased to see a visual account of the many friendships that have formed because of the club. From the beginning, our intent was to create a club that promoted "Fun, Friendship & Photography." I think these photos show how far we have come in achieving that goal. Thank you to everyone for taking the club far beyond my original vision.



OK, these two may have already known each other





Member Recognition



Welcome to New Members

•**Marvin Kulp** •**Barbara Huch** •**David Adams** •**Ali Adams**
•**Chuck Wilson** •**Rick Luyet** •**John Cheng** •**Hoai-An Ton-Nu**

and Returning Member

Andrew Poth

The club's final membership total for 2012 is a record breaking 171
(55 members are new to the club this year.)

The end of the year is a good time to recognize member achievements.

2012 Gallery Show Participants:

**Alex Curtis, Alice Clark, Archie Kregear, Barbi Kutilek, Beth Gardner,
Blair Johnstone, Bob Lasswell, Bob Smith, Bonnie Heinrich,
Brenda Renzulli, Bruce Unger, Charlotte Fernandes, Curt Palm,
Curtis Bierly, David Fredericks, Diane Rocha, Didi Wake,
Erick Stetson, George Ziegler, Jerome Sarmiento, Jose Vigano,
Lance Trott, Larry Campbell, Lennie Randall, Luis Franco,
Luis Franco Sr. Marty Cheek, Michael Sue BrownKorbel,
Molly Gaylord, Nichole Larsen, Noella Vigeant, Peter Kapetanic,
Roy Hovey, Rodney Myatt, Ron Satterlee, Satu Viitanen,
Susan Brazelton & Veronica Gilbert.**

Flickr Theme Projects

Thirty-nine members participated in the 2012 Flickr Theme Projects, posting over 700 photos. Fifteen members received a club logo patch for posting photos every month: **Susan Brazelton, Michael Sue BrownKorbel, Marty Cheek, Roy Hovey, Barbi Kutilek, Dave Kutilek, Duane Middlebusher, Rodney Myatt, Bob Smith, Bob Thompson, Linda Tyson, & Mike Winn.**

Speakers and Panel Members

We have a lot of talent in this club and fortunately, members are willing to share their knowledge and expertise. These members volunteered as program facilitators, presenters and/or panel members (several of them more than once).

**George Ziegler, Noella Vigeant, Michael Sue BrownKorbel,
Rodney Myatt, Larry Campbell, Duane Middlebusher, Dan Gregg,
Barbi Kutilek, Susan Brazelton, Molly Gaylord & Lance Trott.**

Our club is *powered by people* who volunteer their time to create, plan, and organize the many club activities. Thank you to the 2012 members of:

The Gallery Show Committee:

**Larry Campbell, Dan Gregg, Chuck Kaekel, Curt Palm, Lennie Randall,
Diane Rocha, Noella Vigeant, Satu Viitanen, Susan Brazelton & George Ziegler**

2012 Shoot-out Leaders:

**Molly Gaylord, Barbi Kutilek, Jean Myers,
Susan Brazelton, Sharon Russell & George Ziegler.**

Executive Board

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BrownKorbel**

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Barbi Kutilek

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2012 Programs in Review

Every meeting includes an instructional presentation/program on some aspect of photography. Program Director **Noella Vigeant** tries to plan a variety of formats, including guest speakers, panels, and hands-on workshops. Whenever possible, she taps the talent and expertise of our club members. Over the course of 2012, members and guest speakers shared their time, their techniques, and their creative skills:

January: Brainstorming Workshop for 2012 (Remember Dots?)
& **Unveiling of the new website.**



February: Shutter Speed Practice Stations

- How Slow Can You Go?
- Steady Your Shot
- Rear Sync Flash
- Long Exposure Special Effects



March: "HDR Photography"
• Guest Speaker **Scott Schilling**



April: Print Critique
• Fourth Year Anniversary Celebration
• Guest Commentator **Betty Toepfer**



May: Focus Group Review

- Macro Photography
- Point & Shoot Cameras
- Photographing People
- Night Photography
- Lightroom
- iPhoneography



June: "Elements of Composition" Scavenger Hunt



July: "All About Printing"
• Bay Photo Guest Speakers
Debbie Thomas & Steve Kertz



August: "Photographing People"

- Members of the Photographing People Focus Group



September: "What's in My Bag"
• Night Photography
• Landscape Photography
• Photographing Events
• Travel Photography



October: Print Critique

- Guest Commentator **Virginia Scott**



November: "Environmental Photography"
• Guest Speaker **Ralph Schardt**



2012 Shoot-out Review

January:

- Monterey Bay Aquarium



February:

- Morgan Hill @Night



March:

- Uvas Canyon County Park
- San Jose @Night



April:

- Anderson Lake County Park (P&S cameras only)
- Nola's Iris Garden



May:

- Don Edwards Wildlife Refuge
- San Francisco @Night



July:

- DeYoung Museum
- 4th of July Celebrations
- Morgan Hill Farmers' Market
- Fremont Peak I



August:

- Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor
- Fremont Peak II



September:

- Gilroy Gardens Art in the Park
- Renaissance Faire



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2012 Shoot-out Review (cont.)

October:

- Fremont Peak III
- Morgan Hill Safe Halloween



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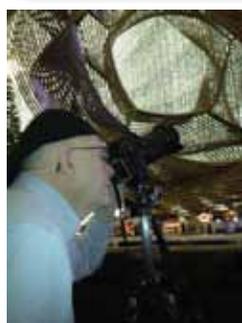
December:

- San Francisco Holiday Lights

George Ziegler led the excursion to San Francisco to photograph the holiday lights. (Many of the buildings are outlined in lights during December.) Starting at Treasure Island, we photographed the marvelous sunset over the city skyline and then explored more of the island in search of a good view of the east span of the Bay Bridge. After driving back into the city, we reconvened in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency, which was resplendent in lights. After dinner at Gott's, we found the perfect vantage point (thanks to **Barbara Dawson's** suggestion) to photograph the Ferry Building Tower.

See all 2,466 shoot-out photos on Flickr:

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



**We may have one more
2012 shoot-out in
Big Sur.
Check the
Yahoo Forum for the
announcement,
date & time.**

2012 Gallery Shows

The first gallery show of 2012 was held at the Community & Cultural Center (CCC) from 28 January through 25 February. The theme, **“Transportation”** included photos of trains, planes, automobiles and horses.

Displayed in Morgan Hill House, the second show, **“Garden Party”** included forty creations that showed a world inside a garden, including, plants (duh!), statues, critters, pots and vases.

The seventeen members who submitted photos for the third gallery show, held at the Centennial Recreation Senior Center (CRC), showed their interest in **“Sports,”** by including photos of surfers, runners, swimmers, ball players and a jockey.

Four gallery shows are scheduled for 2013. So that each show is unique, accepted photographs must interpret the theme chosen by the gallery show committee.

2013 Gallery Shows

February at the CCC: “Water”

May at Morgan Hill House: “Cityscapes & Architecture”

July at Morgan Hill House: “Animals”

October at the CRC: “People”

Part of the social fabric of the club are the Artists’ Receptions, hosted by the photographers in each show. Please consider submitting photos for one or more 2013 shows.

At the November meeting members cast their votes for the 2013 Flickr themes. More than 4,000 photos have been posted since the first project in April 2008. The five photos that members

2013 Flickr Themes

may post each month are not necessarily their best-ever photographs. They are the ones that best represent the theme. The theme projects are a good way to connect with other members by viewing and commenting on posted photos.

- **January - Old Houses**
- **February - Sunset**
- **March - Beach/Ocean**
- **April - Water**
- **May - Gardens**
- **June - Symmetry**
- **July - Abstract**
- **August - Bridges**
- **September - Fog**
- **October - Mountains**
- **November - Cars**
- **December - Panoramas**

December 2012 Theme: “Music”



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Focus Groups

Focus Groups have become an integral feature of the club. They allow members to delve more deeply into a specific aspect of photography and to work in a small group with other members who have the same interest. Once established, Focus Groups become self-directed,

with the members deciding where and when to meet and how they want to pursue their subject. Each group has a facilitator who is the contact person for the group and coordinates the meetings and activities. If you are a member of the club and interested in joining a Focus Group, please contact the facilitator. Each month a different Focus Group will be featured

Macro Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-macrofocusgroup/>

Point & Shoot Cameras - Dan Gregg: dwgdvm@me.com

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1605480@N21/>

Lightroom - George Ziegler: George@gwzphotography.com

iPhoneography - Michael Sue BrownKorbel: mbrownkorbel@yahoo.com

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/1945737@N22/>

Night Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-night-focusgroup/>

★ ★ **New Focus Group: Photoshop** Starting in January ★ ★

Photographing People - Noella vigeant: nvigeant@gmail.com

- Larry Campbell: Larrycam@pacbell.net

On a rainy December 1st, fourteen members met in the cafeteria of Paradise Valley School and set up several stations to practice shooting with a variety of backgrounds and lighting equipment. According to Larry, "I think that part of this exercise was not only using the gear but packing and setting it up. Details like power cords and threaded adaptors for flash heads are important and can easily be overlooked." It was a very productive meeting.



©Larry Campbell



©Roy Hovey

**A Few of the
Many Benefits of
Membership**

Participation in
Gallery Shows

Flickr Theme
Projects

Membership in
Focus Groups

Biannual Print
Critique

URL Link on
MHPC Website

Membership
Directory

Post photos on the
club's Flickr sites

**Fun
Friendship
&
Photography**



2013 Dues (\$20) are now due

We ask that all returning members pay by 31 January. If you must miss the January meeting, please send a check & a **completed membership application*** to
"Morgan Hill Photography Club"
17145 Munro Way,
Morgan Hill 95037

**You can download the application off the home page of the club website.*

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 2 January 2013
CRC 7PM

"Show, Share & Sell"

A panel of 4 members will present how to use the internet to promote yourself & your photographs.
including...

- Social Media (Facebook, Pinterest, Instagram) - Nichole Larsen
- Blogging (Web + Log = Blog) - Tracey Morris
- Selling (Smugmug, Shutterbug Storefront) - Noella Vigeant
- Personal Websites - George Ziegler

2013 Galley Show

"Water"

Submission Deadline: Sunday, 30 December

2013 dues must be paid before submitting your photos.
(See box above)

"Exhibition Rules" which includes instructions on how to submit your photos has been emailed to all members. If you didn't save it or can't find it, the document can be downloaded off the home page of the club website

Yahoo Group Forum

We encourage every member to join the Yahoo Forum. Just go to the site and click on, "Join" 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, upcoming events, valuable resources, and possible solutions to your photographic dilemmas.

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

Looking into the Future...

Thursday, 20 December 2012

Lightroom Focus Group

7:00PM

CANCELLED

Sunday, 30 December 2012

CCC Gallery Show Submission Deadline

Wednesday, 2 January 2013

General Meeting: "Show, Share & Sell"

CRC 7PM

Friday, 4 January 2013

iPhoneography Shoot-out

San Francisco - All Day

Wednesday, 9 January 2013

iPhoneography Focus Group

CRC 5:30PM

Wednesday, 9 January 2013

Executive Board Meeting

CRC 7PM

Wednesday, 10 January 2013

P&S Focus Group Meeting

7:00PM

Friday, 1 February

"Water" Gallery Show Opens

Runs through 28 February 2013

Thursday, 7 February 2013

"Water" Artists' Reception

CCC 6:00 - 8:00PM



Check the Yahoo Forum
for last minute changes & additions
to the calendar

May the Holidays be the Best that you can Imagine
& May the New Year Bring you
Health, Happiness & Prosperity