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Morgan Hill Photography Club

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

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June Image Share

"Print Share" has been changed to "Image Share," a name that better reflects the many means in which photographers present their images. But what's in a name? The social fun of the share experience remains the same.



Third Annual Scavenger Hunt: "Color & Light"

After a short explanation by **Noella Vigeant** on how the direction of light affects an image, members and guests headed out the doors to find the items on the scavenger list before the sun set. With cameras ready and lists in hand, this ultimate shoot-out had fifty-nine photographers scouring the grounds to find unique interpretations of each item on the list.



Scavenger Hunt 2013

1. Front Light
2. Side Light
3. Silhouette
4. A little Bit of Red
5. Circles
6. Shadow
7. Repetition
8. Alive (non-human)
9. Shiny
10. One Color Only
12. Create a pattern using all members of the group



“Color & Light” Share & Compare

After forty minutes of scavenging around the CRC searching for photographs, groups reconvened in the multi-purpose room to share and compare their finds.



“Color & Light:” The Slide Show

Members who participated in the Scavenger Hunt may submit up to five (5) photographs taken during the meeting for inclusion in a slide show, which will be played at the **July meeting**.

Instructions for Submitting Scavenger Hunt Photos

Each member may submit up to five (5) photos

1. Resize each photo so the longer side is at least 1,200 pixels on the long side
2. JPEG format only
3. Rename the photo with the scavenger list item number and your name.

**For example, if David submitted a Shadow (# 6 on the list) photo, he would re-name the file:
06_DavidRosas.jpg**

4. Send the photos via email to:
ScavengerHunt@morganhillphotographyclub.org

**Deadline for submissions is
Saturday, 28 June 2013**

Show your club spirit
by having the
logo embroidered on
your favorite shirt or
jacket or hat.



Bring your garment to
a meeting and get it
back at the
next meeting

Member News & News for Members

Welcome to New Members

•Carmel de Bertaut •Sarah Gardner •Jerry Lumbard
•Helen Shaw •Ed Shaw •Chris Stocker •Tom Laye

and returning members

•Carol Noble •Julie Riggs

2013 Membership Total: 156 (so far)



Jose Vigano earned a free club logo patch by correctly counting sixteen photographs of **George Ziegler** in the May newsletter. Patches are available at every general meeting for \$5.

Roy Hovey and **Larry Campbell** photographed the Morgan Hill Community Foundation Donor Recognition Gala, held at Clos La Chance Winery. Larry's photo of the award recipients was published in the *Morgan Hill Times*.

©Larry Campbell's shot of Roy shooting the event



Mark Grzan's photo of a Cucumber Beetle was published in the garden section of the *San Jose Mercury News*

John Hopkins has six photographs in a landscape exhibit at Gilroy's Arts Alliance (7341 Monterey St) through 2 July.

Noella Vigeant has four summer photography classes through Gavilan's Community Education:

- Beginning Digital Photography - Fridays (6/21 & 6/28) 6:00PM - 9:00PM
- Portrait Photography - Thursdays (8/8 through 8/29) 6:00PM - 9:00PM
- Getting More Out of Your DSLR 1 - Mondays (6/24 & 7/1) 6:00PM - 9:00PM
- Getting More Out of Your DSLR 2 - Mondays (7/8 & 7/15) 6:00PM - 9:00PM

Register online at: www.GavilanCE.com or call 408-852-2801

The new **Community Connections Committee**, chaired by **Nichole Larson**, is off and running with its first project: presenting photo slide shows at three nursing/convalescent homes in Morgan Hill.



The purpose of the committee is to connect members with organizations that need volunteer photographers, support photography in local schools, provide photographic services to worthy causes, and expand the club's positive presence within the community. If you would like to join this committee, which meets the third Wednesday of the month, contact Nichole at: karatekitty2006@yahoo.com

Morgan Hill Freedom Fest needs two or more volunteers to photograph the Freedom Fest 5K and 1 mile run on July Fourth. These running events precede the famous parade (the 5K is run on the parade route) and start at 7:45AM. This is a great opportunity to become involved in one of the biggest of all community events, and hone your action photography skills. If interested, contact **Barbi Kutilek**: BK@ImagesbyBK.com

For more photographic opportunities, check the new "Opportunities" page on the club's website.

<http://morganhillphotographyclub.org/opportunities-for-photographers/>

Gallery Shows

“Cityscapes & Architecture”
On Exhibit Now through 29 June
at Morgan Hill House



©Cheryl Freedman

Next Gallery Show
“Animals”

30 June - 25 August
at Morgan Hill House



©Jennifer Knerr

Artists’ Reception Friday 12 July



Last year **Gilroy Gardens** started an “Art in the Park” program in which artists were given free access to the park to paint, draw, and photograph. Fifteen club members took advantage of the access to create photographs in the many gardens and petting zoo. The artists’ days were so successful, the park docents remodeled a section of the Red Barn Gift Shop to include an art gallery. The new gallery’s opening show features photographs by MHPC members: **Andrea Bazely, Susan Brazelton, Kevin Cook, Dan Gregg, Sharon Russell, and Toby Weiss.**

The club will return to the park, en mass on Friday, 28 June. See “Shoot-outs” for more info



©Dan Gregg



©Toby Weiss



©Kevin Cook

Last Gallery Show of 2013

Submission Deadline:
Sunday, 1 September 2013

“People”

17 September - 14 November
at the CRC

Shoot-outs

If you have never been on a shoot-out, you have been missing one of the best club opportunities to improve your photography in the company of helpful and congenial people.

Rosicrucian Museum & San Jose Rose Garden



©Roy Hovey

On 31 May, the Point & Shoot Focus Group invited all club members to join them for an afternoon gathering at first the Rosicrucian Museum and then the San Jose Rose Garden. The grounds of the museum have a plethora of Egyptian-inspired objects, statues, hieroglyphics, buildings, and plants. The five and a half acre rose garden features more than 3,500 shrubs, enough to keep a photographer busy for hours, and work up an appetite for dinner.



©Ram Gupta

©The Waiter

Return to Fremont Peak

For the fourth year in a row, **George Ziegler** led a group of night owls to the top of Fremont Peak to photograph the Milky Way and meteors streaking across the sky.



©George Warren Ziegler

Next Shoot-out:

Gilroy Gardens "Art in the Park" Friday, 28 June 9:15AM - 1:00PM

Free access for artists, but you **must pre-register** at: ArtInThePark@GilroyGardens.org

In addition to photographing the Circus Trees, waterfalls, gardens and rides, we will visit the new art gallery which features twenty photographs by MHPC members. Your photos could be included in future exhibits. Lunch at 12:30 at one of the park cafes.

After you register, RSVP to Susan Brazelton: brzlttn@garlic.com

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

Focus Groups Review

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 are self directing, with the members deciding where and when to meet and how they want to pursue their interest. Each group has a facilitator who is the contact person for the group and who coordinates the meetings and activities. If you are interested in joining a Focus Group (must be a member of the club), please contact the facilitator.



©Linda Tyson

Macro Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

Forget the big landscape photos. Become a macro-ite and peer into the intimate landscape of a flower or catch a bee in the act of pollinating. You'll see a different world through a macro lens. No regular meetings, but monthly projects and occasional shoot-outs. Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-macrofocusgroup/>

Compact Cameras (formerly "Point and Shoot Cameras" - Dan Gregg: [dwgdvm@aol.com](mailto:dwgdv@aol.com)

The group decided to change its name to better reflect the many non-DSLR cameras that have hit the market.

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

Meets the Second Thursday of each month.



Photographing People - Noella Vigeant: nvigeant@gmail.com

Learn how to take better family photos and formal portraits. The group sets up difficult lighting situations of bright sun, dappled light, and partial shade in which to practice. Learn how positioning a reflector can add fill light to the face of a person wearing a hat, and how fill flash can add detail. The fall gallery show theme is "People" so joining this group will give you an opportunity to create some great people pictures. To join contact Noella or **Larry Campbell** (Larrycam@pacbell.net)

Lightroom - George Ziegler: George@gwzphotography.com

Lightroom 5 has just come out with a few innovative additions to the develop module. Learn all about them at the monthly meetings. Beginners and advanced users are welcome.

Meets the Third Thursday of each month



iPhoneography - Michael Sue BrownKorbel: mbrowncorbel@yahoo.com

Barbi Kutilek: kutilek@ix.netcom.com

Make the most of your smartphone camera. Learn about apps and accessories, and how to turn your iPhotos into works of art. Meets the Second Wednesday of each month.

View iPhotos on Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1945737@N22/>

Night Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

You never have to be afraid of the dark if you join this group. Magic can happen between sunset and sunrise, and a camera can record what the eye may miss. This month you are invited to join the members of this focus group in "shooting the June moon."

Full Moon "Open" Shoot-out: Photograph the **June Full Moon** from anywhere on Earth (rising or setting) and post your photos on the club shoot-out flick site.

On Saturday, 22 June the moon will rise at 7:56PM (at the horizon) with a sunset at 8:35PM
This is the recommended night to photograph it)

On Sunday, 23 June the moon will rise at 8:54PM (at the horizon) with a sunset at 8:35PM
See night photos at: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-night-focusgroup/>

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YAHOO! GROUPS

We encourage every member to join the club's Yahoo Forum. Just go to the site and click on "Join" You will need a Yahoo ID, and the site will take you through the steps to get one. It's all free. If you're not a part of the Yahoo Group, you've missed workshop notifications, opportunities for photographers, equipment for sale, shoot-out invitations, and a warning regarding photo contests.

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



facebook

Like us on Facebook

Nichole Larsen launched the club's Facebook page last year. Check in for links to timely articles, happenings, quotes, and information about photography and photographers. As a member, you are welcome to share and post photography related articles and information.

Be careful what you post. This site is open to the world.

<https://www.facebook.com/MorganHillPhotographyClub>

Flickr Theme Projects

June - Symmetry

flickr Since the first month of the club's existence, members have posted photographic interpretations of a designated theme to a special Flickr site. The themes, chosen by the members, are meant to inspire a broadening of techniques, subject matter, and skills. Some members pull photos out of their archives, but we encourage you to take new photographs to post each month.

2013 Themes

June - Symmetry

July - Abstract

August - Bridges

September - Fog

October - Mountains

November - Cars

December - Panorama



©Luis Franco



©Rodney Myatt



©Mike Bellew

Next Meeting

Wednesday, 3 July
7:00PM

Centennial Recreation Center
(Multi-purpose Room)



Lighting Expert, **Norman Hughey** will demonstrate a series of lighting situations, starting with simple natural light, then adding flash, and on to the use of more sophisticated strobes, panels, and reflectors



- Free Special Event -

We have arranged for **Ken Sklute**, a Canon Explorer of Light to give a special presentation on **“Seeing the Unseen.”**



It can be difficult to create and bring to life what your mind sees and imagines. Many of us feel creatively stifled at times and find it difficult to see beyond our line of sight. Then again at times we have a very clear image but need the inspiration, knowledge and tools to create it. It can be difficult to break the barriers needed to take us beyond our comfort zone. Come learn with Ken and push yourself to reach the goals in your photography you've been meaning to explore but haven't until now.

Ken Sklute has been honored as one of Canon's Explorers of Light, a designation shared by only sixty top photographers worldwide. Ken has enjoyed a diverse career photographing people, professional sports, architecture, weddings and landscapes. Ken spends much of his time photographing, teaching and lecturing both Nationally and Internationally.

Wednesday, 31 July 7:00PM - 9:00PM
Morgan Hill Community & Cultural Center

This event is open to the general public and **admission is free** compliments of Canon, Inc. & the Morgan Hill Photography Club



Our August program will feature **Hal Schmitt**, a former Navy Top Gun pilot and instructor, who is now owner and workshop leader at Light Photographic Workshops in Los Osos, CA. Hal took what he learned as a fighter pilot, applied it to photography, and became a top gun photographer, teacher, and workshop leader. You will be engaged, entertained, and enlightened.

The Answer Is on the Website

The website has a new look and new features. Have you forgotten the date of the next shoot-out? Want to know the Flickr themes for the rest of the year? Interested in joining a Focus Group, but don't know whom to contact? The answers to all these questions and more can be found on the club's website.

<http://www.morganhillphotographyclub.org>



You don't have to be on the board to attend one of its meetings.

All club members are always welcome.

The board meets the second Wednesday of the month from 7:00PM - 9:00PM at the CRC

"Photography takes an instant out of time, altering life by holding it still."

Dorothea Lange

Who posted this "Symmetry" photo on Flickr?

First member to reply to this editor with the correct answer wins a club logo patch



San Jose Museum of Art

Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage

June 6, 2013 through September 8, 2013

Abraham Lincoln's hat and gloves. Sigmund Freud's couch. Emily Dickinson's only surviving dress. Elvis Presley's 1957 Harley Davidson. These are just some of the revealing personal possessions of notable historical figures that Annie Leibovitz photographed on a journey through the United States and Great Britain between 2009 and 2011. The photographs featured in this nationally touring exhibition vividly demonstrate Leibovitz's curiosity and fascination with the world around her.

For a complete calendar of meetings, shoot-outs and events, check the calendar on the website.

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