



“In Focus”

Newsletter of the

Morgan Hill Photography Club

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

**December
2014**



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(\$20)
are now due.**

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End of the Year Club Social

The club's annual end-of-the-year party is a time for members and guests to enjoy food, music, prizes, and each other. No print share at this meeting or a featured photographer. All members were encouraged to bring photos to display, in any form. While a year of Flickr theme photos played across the big screen, everyone enjoyed sharing photos, nibbling on appetizers, listening to music, and talking photography.





More Party Picts "Fun, Friendship & Photography"



"Find & Sign" is a mixer. Members gather signatures of people who fit one of fifteen different descriptions. From all the completed papers, a winner was drawn: **Al Ferla** won, but before he could claim his prize, Michael Sue verified each signature on his list.



Door Prizes included four gallery frames with mats, a gift certificate from B&H, subscriptions to *Outdoor Photographer* & *Popular Photography*, and two photography books.





Member Recognition



Executive Board

George Ziegler
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(Open)
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(Open)
Mike McElvy
Members-at-large

Michael Sue BrownKorbel
Photo Diva

Welcome to New Member

Yvonne Camper

The club's final membership total for 2014 is 180.

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



The Executive Board:

The members of the Executive Board meet once a month to plan programs, organize activities, oversee the focus groups and standing committees, manage the budget, initiate new projects, and make sure the club lives up to its motto of

“Fun, Friendship & Photography.”

Board Changes & Openings for 2015

Nichole Larson has left the board to pursue new adventures. Nichole started the club's Facebook page and will continue to administer it.

Noël Calvi takes over as Marketing Director and Membership Chair (which was her original position on the board).

Ali Adam's term as Member-at-Large has ended, and the position is currently open.

Rodney Myatt is leaving the board due to conflicts with his teaching schedule. Rodney was in charge of getting the room set up for the meetings. This position is currently open.

**Thank you to Nichole, Ali & Rodney
for your good works on the board.**

2014 Gallery Show Participants:

Jeff Bentz, Susan Brazelton, Ken Brown, Michael Sue BrownKorbel, Noel Calvi, Larry Campbell, Hillary Craig, Kirstin Cupello, Barbara Dawson, Al Ferla, Charlotte Fernandes, Luis Franco, David Fredericks, David Fritts, Molly Gaylord, Al Goroszco, Mark Grzan, Roy Hovey, Scott Issacs, Arne Kalma, Archie Kregear, Barbi Kutilek, Jill McElvy, Mike McElvy, Dennis McWilliams, Kyrod Myatt, Rodney Myatt, Lisa Ponce, Lennie Randall, Monique Riso, Diane Rocha, Jerome Sarmiento, Bob Smith, Susan Stillman, Chris Stocker, Dzung Tran, Lance Trott, Jose Vigano, Noella Vigeant, Satu Viitanen, Didi Wake, Lucy Wilson, Richard Wilson, Jack Yovanov & George Ziegler.

Flickr Theme Projects

Thirty-six members participated in the 2014 Flickr Theme Projects, posting over 700 photos. Seven members received recognition (and a lens cap tether) for posting photos all twelve months: **Archie Kregear, Bob Thompson, Luis Franco Sr, Mike Winn, Barbi Kutilek, Susan Brazelton & Noël Calvi.**

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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).

Barbi Kutilek, Roy Hovey, Dominic Godfrey, David Fredericks, Jack Yovanov, Susan Brazelton, George Ziegler, Rodney Myatt, Mark Grzan, Jose Vigano, Rick Rasmussen, & Marty Cheek,

Community Connections

Bob Thompson, Arne Kalma, John Tarvin & David Fredericks were recognized for their on-going slide show presentations at local senior centers. Each one visits two or three facilities a month, sharing their travel adventures.

Focus Group Facilitators

Susan Brazelton (Macro & Night), **George Ziegler** (Lightroom), **Barbi Kutilek** (Wordpress Websites), **Jack Yovanov** (Printing), **David Fredericks** (Video), **Larry Campbell & Noella Vigeant** (People), **Dan Gregg** (Compact Cameras)

Workshop Leaders

Lance Trott & George Ziegler

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

The Gallery Show Committee:

Larry Campbell, Dan Gregg, Lennie Randall, Diane Rocha, Noella Vigeant, Satu Viitanen, Susan Brazelton & George Ziegler (Chair)

The Shoot-out Committee & Shoot-out Leaders:

Mark Grzan (Chair), Ed Honesto, John Hopkins, Barbi Kutilek, Duane Middlebush, Rodney Myatt, Jean Myers, Rick Rasmussen, Sharon Russell, Jose Vigano, Susan Brazelton, Dan Gregg, Roy Hovey, George Ziegler, Lisa Ponce, Lennie Randall, Lance Trott, Jeff Bentz, Al Ferla & Mike McElvy,

How You Can Become a More Active Member in 2015



- Join a Focus Group
 - Start a new Focus Group
 - Participate in a Shoot-out
 - Lead a shoot-out
 - Participate in the Flickr Theme Projects
 - Participate in a Gallery Show
 - Join the Yahoo Forum
 - Like us on Facebook 
 - Contribute an article for this newsletter
 - Volunteer to be a Member-at-Large on the Executive Board
 - Come early to the meetings and help set up
 - Be a program presenter
 - Invite your friends to join the club
 - Join a committee
- (Gallery Show, Shoot-out, Community Connections)
- Wear the club logo when you are out photographing



2014 Monthly Programs in Review

Every meeting included an instructional presentation/program on some aspect of photography. Program Director **Noella Vigeant** scheduled a variety of formats, including guest speakers, panels, and hands-on workshops. Whenever possible, she tapped the talent and expertise of our club members. Over the course of 2014, members and guest speakers shared their time, their techniques, and their creative skills:

January: "In Pursuit of Excellence" by guest speaker **Oliver Klink**



February: "Understanding White Balance"
by **President George Ziegler**

March: "Open Projector"

Eleven members showed their favorite images and explained how, where & why they took them: **Arne Kalma, Chuck Kaekel, Dave Kutilek, Larry Campbell, Lori McIntosh, Paul Sperry, Mark Grzan, Susan Stillman, David Fredericks, Lucy Wilson & Richard Wilson**



April: Print Critique

- New Member Orientation
- Sixth Year Anniversary Celebration
- Guest Commentator **Hal Geren**



May: "Focus on Focus Groups"

Each Focus Group had 10 minutes to share one special technique, tip or strategy.



June: "Shapes & Textures" Fourth Annual Scavenger Hunt



July: "Creating a Compelling Image" by guest speaker **Gary Hart**

August: "Low Light & Night Photography"

- Understanding the Blue Hour by **George Ziegler**
- Reflective Light by **Mark Grzan**
- Creating Silhouettes by **Rodney Myatt**
- Carnival Lights by **Rick Rasmussen**



September: "Photojournalism" by **Marty Cheek & Robert Airoidi**

October: Show & Share Cameras & Accessories

- New Member Orientation
- Members joined one of three break-out groups (Nikon, Canon, All Others) to share tips and learn more about their camera buttons and controls.

November: "The Photographic Print" by **Jack Yovanov**

- Annual Photographic Swap Meet





2014 Shoot-out Review

February:

- Downtown Gilroy
- Light Painting 1



©Lance Trott



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March:

- Light Painting 2
- ACTHA Competitive Trail Ride

April:

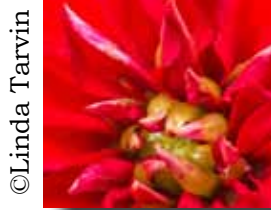
- Macro Photography with Archie & Bonnie
- Spring in Yosemite
- Lunar Eclipse



©Susan Stillman

May:

- Bay Photo Tour
- Casa de Fruta
- Fremont Peak



©Linda Tarvin

June:

- Sunset & Light Painting at Henry Coe SP
- Macro Photography at Johnson Garden Center



©Barbi Kutilek



©George Ziegler

July:

- 4th of July Freedom Fest
- Neutral Density Filter Workshop

August:

- Super Moon Open Shoot-out
- How to Take & Process HDR Images Workshop

September:

- Clos LaChance Winery
- Fort Point & Crissy Field



October

- Fall Colors in the Eastern Sierras
- San Francisco & the Super Moon
- The Golden Gate Bridge from Marshall Beach
- The Pier at Capitola
- Morgan Hill Downtown Safe Halloween



Mark Grzan

November

- Monarch Butterflies in Santa Cruz



©Toby Weiss

December:

- San Francisco Holiday Lights
(Scheduled for 12/23)



©Angela Pechin

See all 4,050+ shoot-out photos on Flickr:

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

flickr Theme Projects

The club offers a variety of opportunities for members to practice the art of photography and improve their skills. The Flickr Theme Projects offer a new challenge every month for those who choose to participate.

The purpose of the Theme Projects is threefold:

- Encourage members to get out and take new photographs
- Extend our photographic comfort zone by photographing subjects we might not have chosen otherwise; or by trying out a new technique or style
- Provide a common arena for sharing our project photos.

It's time to get your Flickr on!

The photos posted to Flickr are not necessarily your best-ever photos. They should be the ones that best reflect the theme. All members are encouraged to look at and comment on the posted photos. It is interesting to see how different photographers interpret the various themes.

December Theme: "Through a Window"



©Jim Burzo



©Roy Hovey



©Linda Tyson



©Luis Franco Sr

Members are encouraged to **take and post new photos for each theme.**

2015 Flickr Themes

View all 5,690 theme photos at:
<http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhphotoclub/>

- January - **Wood**
- February - **Doors**
- March - **Macro**
- April - **Stormy Weather**
- May - **Fences**
- June - **Animals**

- July - **Reflections**
- August - **Rocks**
- September - **Cityscapes**
- October - **People**
- November - **Silhouettes**
- December - **Autumn**



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2015 Gallery Shows

“On the Water’s Edge”

12 January - 27 February

Community & Cultural Center

Artists’ Reception

TBD



©Roy Hovey

Future 2015 Gallery Shows

“95037”

May - June at Morgan Hill House

“California State Parks”

July - August at Morgan Hill House

“Let’s Eat”

October - November at the Centennial Recreation Center



Second Critique Assignment

Extended to 31 December 2014

Every two months, members are challenged with a photographic assignment. Those who choose to accept the assignment may post up to three of their photos to a designated Flickr site under the following conditions:

- The photos must be taken during the assignment period.
(approximately 8 weeks)
- Each person posting a photo is expected to give and receive constructive feedback.

**For every photo you post,
you must give feed back to at least one other posted photo.**

The purpose of the critique assignments is to help members improve their photography by taking new photos; trying new techniques; exploring different subjects; and giving and receiving effective feedback.

“Backlight”

Assignment period:

13 October - **31 December**

https://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc_critique_assignments/

Any subject is acceptable as long as the light is coming from behind said subject. Natural light and/or studio light may be used. People, landscapes, and animals make good backlit subjects, But don't limit yourself to what you've seen others do. Make your own magic. With backlight you can create a glowing aura, a sun burst, or a high-key image.



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 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.

Macro Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

No regular meetings, just occasional practice shoots
Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-macrofocusgroup/>

Compact Cameras - Dan Gregg: dwgdvm@aol.com

Meets the Second Thursday every other month.
Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1605480@N21/>

Photographing People - Noella Vigeant: nvigeant@gmail.com

Practice sessions once or twice a month at various locations.
To join contact Noella or **Larry Campbell** (Larrycam@pacbell.net)

Lightroom - George Ziegler: George@gwzphotography.com

Beginners and advanced users are welcome.
Meets the Third Thursday of each month

iPhoneography - Michael Sue BrownKorbel: mbrownkorbel@yahoo.com

No regular meetings, but members may post photos on Flickr.
Flickr Site: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1945737@N22/>

Night Photography - Susan Brazelton: brzltn@garlic.com

No regular meetings, but plenty of sunset, moon rises, and after dark shoots.
Flickr site: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/mhpc-night-focusgroup/>



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All members of this group are encouraged to post their recent night photos, from shoot-outs; or your own, personal photo sessions.
Let everyone see what you do after dark.

Designing Your Wordpress Website - Jean Myers dosriosjean@gmail.com

Meets the third Wednesday of every month. . Newbies are welcome.
With Jean Myers as the new facilitator, this group will re-start in January.
Exact date will be posted on Yahoo.

Videography - David Fredericks: david@dosgatos.net

Meets the third Tuesday of every month.

Printing - Jack Yovanov: jack@yoracing.com

Meets the first Monday of every month at the Morgan Hill Library at 7:00pm.



**Focus Groups are for members only.
To join or continue your membership in a focus group,
2014 dues must be paid.**

**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



2015 Dues (\$20) are now due

We ask that all renewing members pay by 31 January. If you must miss the January meeting, please send a \$20 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 7 January 2015
CRC Multipurpose Room

The Photographer's Trilogy: Shutter Speed, Aperture & ISO” by George Ziegler

Enhance your understanding of how these three settings work together to control exposure, motion and depth of field.
Learn how to operate these elements both together and separately to create the photograph you envision.

Bring your camera

to follow along as George takes you on a tour
of the Photographer's Trilogy

“The best images are the ones that retain their strength and impact over the years, regardless of the number of times they are viewed.”

Anne Geddes

“Twelve significant photographs in any one year is a good crop.”

Ansel Adams

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/>

A complete calendar of club meetings and activities is on the website:

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