

Los Gatos - Saratoga Camera Club Newsletter

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2009 Calendar

September


7 **NO MEETING**

21 Program: **Member Critique**
and Post Card Judging

October

5 Competition: Creative and Color -- Slides, Digital Images, and Prints. Monochrome -- Prints.

19 Program: Member 15-Image Presentations
(digital images, film slides, or prints)



Different Directions II

Featuring photographs by
Susan Hillyard
Susan Lysik
gail nichols
Virginia Scott

Louden Nelson Hallway Gallery
301 Center Street, Santa Cruz

September 4 through 29, 2009
Open Monday-Saturday, 9am-9:30pm
(closed Labor Day)

Opening Reception
First Friday, September 4, from 5 to 8 pm

Members' Photography Show - Different Directions II – September 4th through 29th
Featuring Susan Hillyard, Gail Nichols, and Virginia Scott
Louden Nelson Hallway Gallery, 301 Center Street, Santa Cruz
Opening reception Friday, September 4th, 5 to 8 PM.

September 21st Meeting/Program

MEMBER CRITIQUE

Our program for September will be a member critique. This is an opportunity for you to submit three images for critique by members of the club. We all have images that we like, but we are not sure whether to enter them in competition. A little cropping suggestion or just verifying for the maker that this is a great image can be a lot of help. Frequently these same images show up in later competitions as winners. The critique program also helps members understand how difficult the task of judging can be. Each member is invited to submit three images he or she would like discussed. Titles are not read and the name of the maker is not announced. Please assign a number 1, 2, or 3 to these images, as we will critique the number one image of all members before proceeding to number two.

DIGITAL IMAGES: Digital images must be sized and labeled, as they would be for regular club competition. **All images MUST be submitted to Steve Stark by Sept. 16th.** Please be sure to let Steve know the order in which you want these images critiqued.

SLIDES: Please make sure to include your name and a projection dot on the slide mount. There will be three slide trays labeled one thru three. Put the slide you are most interested in discussing in the first tray. Next to the three slide trays will be sign-up

sheets numbered to match the tray slots. Place your slide in the next available slot with the projection dot in the upper-right corner. Write your name on the line matching the slot number.

CRITIQUE GROUPS: Each member will receive a number identifying their critique group. The number of groups depends on the number of members participating.

CRITIQUE: When the first image is projected, the critique moderator will ask for comments from Group 1. Your comments should include the positive aspects of the image, and then any suggestions on how the image can be improved. Please be sure to stick to constructive comments. After comments by Group 1, members belonging to the other groups will be asked for additional comments. If they wish, the maker can then comment before the next image is projected. Group 2 will make the initial comments on the next image. If time allows, all three images submitted by members will be critiqued. If time does not permit discussing the third images, these could just be projected if member so choose.

**7TH ANNUAL LOS GATOS-SARATOGA
CAMERA CLUB EXHIBIT
in the
LOS GATOS TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Theme: *Through the Lens: Photographic Moments*

NOVEMBER 12, 2009 to JANUARY 7, 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 21st	* Postcard Image Selection Date
October 5th	* JPGs for KCAT submitted
October 19th (or November 2nd)	* Postcard Distribution
November 10th	* Master list of images in exhibit
November 12 th (Thursday)	* Installation Drop-off 10:30am to 11am
November 19 th (Thursday):	* Reception, 6 to 8 pm
January 7th	* Take-down and pick up 10:00-10:30 am

Postcard selection will be by club vote. Bring a 4x6-inch photograph pasted to the center of a white sheet of letter-sized paper. Write your name on the back of the sheet of paper **ONLY**. Members will vote for the postcard image at the September 21st meeting and the winner will be announced during or at the end of this meeting.

The Los Gatos TV station **KCAT** will present our images on their station. We will need to submit our images in jpg format by Oct. 5. Specific information to come later.

Postcards will be distributed as soon as they are received from the printer. You may send these out to your family and friends inviting them to the reception and/or to stop by the Los Gatos Town Council Chambers to view our exhibit. The Chambers is open to the public daily, Monday through Friday, from 9am to 4:30pm, unless there is a meeting in the Chambers.

November 10th is the last day that you may send image information to Mary Ellen, mekaschub@comcast.net in order for her to prepare a Master List of the Exhibit. You must

include the TITLE, YOUR NAME AND PRICE, (if photo is for sale). This list is required by the Town of Los Gatos.

Installation on November 12th . All photographs must be brought to the Chambers on November 12th between **10:30 am - 11am** and signed in. Each photograph must be matted, framed and ready to hang by a wire attached to the back of the frame which must not weigh more than 5 pounds.

The space of three brick walls do not show small images well. Minimum framed size is 16 inches by 20 inches. Maximum frame size is 22 inches by 30 inches. (However, a related series of 2 - 11" x 14" framed images may be hung as a group and considered as one entry.) Each photographic entry must be labeled using the label form (available on Club website) and taped (use one small piece of tape only) to the lower front right corner of the glass showing the TITLE of the image, the NAME of the maker, and the PRICE if the image is for sale. Write this same information on a second label, turn the framed photograph over, and firmly tape this note to the outside backing of the framed photograph, in case the label form on the front is lost.

The Reception is Thursday, November 19th, from 6 to 8 pm. Please invite family and friends to attend. Besides family, friends and other attendees, there will be representatives from the Town of Los Gatos as well. More specific information on refreshments will be communicated as the date gets closer.

Take down is January 7th. Please pick up your photographs between **10:00–10:30 am**. If you cannot come by at this time, please let Mary Ellen or Betty know that someone else will be picking up your photographs. **NO PHOTOGRAPHS CAN BE LEFT IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AFTER 10:30 AM.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mary Ellen Kaschub, (408) 399-0153, or email mekaschub@comcast.net or Betty Toepfer (408) 354-0630 or email toepferb@aol.com

Let's have another great show!

Small Study Groups

We are in need of volunteers to lead small groups in any of those topics and if you are interested in sharing your experience please contact me, directly, so I can spread the word. We are always trying to recruit volunteers to lead small group seminars. Education is a major mission of the club, but depends on volunteer leaders to help promote this mission.

It seems that email has not been very successful in moving this mission forward. It is possible that some members do not read the emails, so if any of you know any members who might be willing to help, please chat with them personally and try to get them to share their experience.

Remember, there is tremendous flexibility - seminars can be on any subject any number of sessions (from just 1- to any more), with any number of students, on any schedule.

Thanks,
Michael Schneider

Members interested in taking or leading any courses should contact Michael Schneider at zapperms@comcast.net.

Have you calibrated your monitor lately?

No? Then it's time for you to have your monitor calibrated. It's painless, takes less than 30 minutes, and it's very effective at enabling you to edit your images with "standard" colors brightness and contrast, so that calibrated projectors and printers can render the same image you see on your screen. Using the club's Spider-3 equipment and software, Calibration Chair, Jeff Katz, will come to your computer and perform the service when it's convenient for you. Just phone him at 408-255-7423, or e-mail to jeffrudi@earthlink.net to arrange an appointment. And be prepared to donate \$10 to the club to help cover the cost of the equipment.

Remember: monitors drift as they age. Pro image processors recalibrate every couple of weeks to assure consistent prints. We hobbyists can get by with less frequent calibration. CRTs should be recalibrated every 3-6 months and LCDs should be recalibrated every 6-12 months.

Editor's note:

For a great series on Color Management, visit:

Color Management Primer: by Jay Kinghorn

Part I: Color Management Overview | Part II: Monitor Profiling | Part III: Color Settings | Part IV: Printer Profiling

<http://photo.net/learn/digital-photography-workflow/color-management/>

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