

Camera South Photography

Recapping Last Months Meeting

Kodak, Art of Composition...

The basic fundamental of photography is to know how to compose a great photo. All of us can get lucky now and then but to consistently take award winning photos, you must know the basics of composition. The video we watched at last months meeting went over this in detail and although it was old, the fundamentals are still the same.

- 1) Simplicity - Keep it simple and unique
- 2) Rule of thirds - Tick-tack-toe - offset your subject
- 3) Lines - Watch your lines and how they flow
- 4) Balance - Makes fore more interesting shots
- 5) Framing - Look before you shoot. Think vertical and horizontal
- 6) Mergers - Keep trees out of heads

Camera South 2-07-08 Meeting Minutes

Terry Hartley called the meeting to order. Permanent name tags should be ready by the March meeting.

Photography workshops: Complete information to be sent out by email Dave Snyder :

March 8 in Baton Rouge, LA, photography workshop, nature photography, \$79 per person for day Nikonian in Atlanta June 5, 6, 7, & 8 \$179 and up Mehrdad Vaghefi - Destin, March 2 weekend Calloway Gardens Rocky Mountain Scenic Photography Workshop, April 7-13 New ballet -- Feb. 28, dress rehearsal, 9am full performance Feb 29. The ballet will be held at the Civic Center Theater. Complete information will be sent out in a bulletin.

Tolly Tollefsen and Keith Neicaise will critique photos for those interested.



Winning Photo for Chocolate by Robert Schroeter

Phillips and Dave Snyder.

Catalogs and brochures are available for those interested.

Tolly Tollefsen presented the first part of the program: DVD on Composition (20 min). Questions and discussion.

Keith Neicaise: "slide" presentation of photographs

There were 32 present at the meeting.

Refreshments were provided by Terry Hartley, Keith Neicaise, Ina Lovelace, Alisa LaPorte, Angela Patrick, Terri Baker, Richard Crowther, Ron

Monthly Contests

March: Blur

March Special - Mardi Gras

April: Fish

May: Fantasy

NANPA 14th annual summit and trade show will be at Destin Florida Feb. 27 to March 2, 2008
If anybody is interested here is a link to it.

http://www.resourcenter.net/Scripts/4Disapi3.dll/4DCGI/events/154.html?Action=Conference_Detail&ConfID_W=154?

February Contest Winners:

Chocolate (19)

1st Robert Schroeter

2nd Kim French

3rd Tim Jones

HM Kim French

Nutcracker Ballet (20)

1st Tim Jones

2nd Mehrdad Vaghefi

3rd Mehrdad Vaghefi

HM Jeff Byrd

All Contest winners need to please submit your winning photos for publication in the newsletter. newsletter@camerasouth.org



Jeff Byrd Honorable Mention Ballet Photo



Jeff Byrd



Keith Necaize

The creative act lasts but a brief moment, a lightning instant of give-and-take, just long enough for you to level the camera and to trap the fleeting prey in your little box.

~Henri Cartier Bresson

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Treasury Report:

Camera South Treasurer, Debbie Kuykendall notes that we have \$6,806.31 in the bank and continues to encourage everyone who wants to maintain membership, please bring your check or cash with you to the next meeting or mail with information sheet (posted online) to Camera South-2010 Foxgate Drive, Mobile, AL 36695-9224.



Photo by Richard Crowther

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Bulletin Board:

March Photo Contest - Blur
Special Contest - Mardi Gras
All members are urged to participate.

If you have the time, I strongly recommend you to stop by the Five Rivers Resource Center on the Causeway and see Terry's photography which is on display through Feb. 29. I was there on Saturday and I was very impressed.


Below is the link to the center.
<http://www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/5rivers/>

And this link will give info on Terry's display.
<http://www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/5rivers/events/#Hartley>

Thanks,
Mehrdad Vaghefi

FOCAL MONTHLY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Focal Press is pleased to announce the start of a monthly photography contest at www.focalpress.com

 **Buying a Nikon
doesn't make you
a photographer.
It makes you a
Nikon owner.
~Author Unknown**

March 6th Meeting Plans



Alan Sealls WKRG Chief Meteorologist

WKRG Chief Meteorologist, Alan Sealls will be our special guest at the March 6th Meeting. Alan is a photography enthusiast and would like to discuss Weather Photography. He has a power point presentation and will share some interesting tips on what to look for when shooting the weather.

This discussion should make for a really cool meeting so I hope everyone can be there for Alan's presentation.

For the past few meetings we've seen chairs running short so you'll want to get there early.

If you have any special weather photos you'd like to ask questions about, please feel free to bring them.

Alan will be visiting us between news programs which means he may be running late and may have to leave early.

If the weather is bad, Alan may not be able to make it at all, so let's all pray for good weather and be prepared for a really great camera south meeting.

See you March 6th in Room 181 of the USA Library at 7pm

Alan using his special tool to control the weather. He brought out the sun on the campus of Spring Hill College last Friday during the 6 pm Newscast, Live from the SHC Campus.



After our February meeting, Keith Necaise and I were cleaning up the meeting room getting ready to leave when we struck up a conversation on some possible future speakers. I'm not sure how the conversation got around to Keith saying "always have your camera with you", but truer words have never been said.

On Friday morning February 15th I left my office in Mobile at 6:00 a.m.

in order to get to one of our job-sites at Thomas Hospital by 7:00.

As I came through the Wallace tunnel at about 6:15 I immediately noticed one of the most beautiful sunrises I have ever seen. Of course my camera was safe and sound in my bedroom closet. All the way across the Bay way I was cursing myself for not "always having my camera with me". I could have taken the ten



minutes or so to stop and reel off a few shots, but that's hard to do when "I don't always have my camera with me". To add insult to injury, as soon as we arrived at Thomas, one of my employees who were following me in our delivery truck said "did you see that sunrise on the Bay way"? I was fit to be tied by now. Folks, "always have your camera with you". Even if it's a point and shoot camera, you never know when all the elements will come together for that one great shot!

I look forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting!

Regards,

Terry Hartley



L to R- Dave Snyder, Alisa LaPorte, Debbie Kuykendall, Ron Phillips

An exhibition of some of Debbie Kuykendall's photos were presented with a wine and cheese reception on February 17th at Redeemer Episcopal Church.

Gail Chrysee who works at the Art Instructional Center for the City of Mobile was in charge of the showing. Club members attending the reception are pictured to the left.

Submit something for the next newsletter

If you find a photography related website or article that you think would be interesting to the entire group, please share it. Anything that can help us become better photographers or that you think would be interesting to others in the group.

Please send it to newsletter@camerasouth.org

If you have a cool photo that you think would be good to share, please include those as well. 72dpi 800px on the long side would be appreciated.