

Camera South Photography



December 2011



Jeff Byrd

Cover image by Jeff Byrd

President's Notes

January starts a new and exciting year for Camera South! The Board of Governors met last month and have big plans for the Club this year. You'll learn more each month from the newsletter. Also the website is up to date.

Lets make sure everyone participates in all the contest and functions. We are counting points this year and will give awards for "Participation" and "Photographer of the Year" at the next banquet.

Robert Schroeter will be the speaker this month, the topic will be Slideshow made with Adobe Element. Also, time permitting it would be nice to have a show and tell about any Camera gear or software you got for Christmas. So bring it along and also if you need some help with it, I'm sure someone can help you out!

Thank you.
Jeff Byrd



Camera South now has a Facebook page. Everyone is welcome to join and encouraged to invite their friends. We hope this new feature will provide a great place to exchange ideas and information.

January Meeting Moved

The January 5th meeting has been moved to the Communication Arts Building at Springhill College. The building is across from Stuartfield down the Avenue of the Oaks. It is still at 7 pm.

Contest Themes for 2012

Jan. 5th	Meet at SHC, two contests: Texture, Lips
Feb. 2nd	Double Exposure
March 1st	Unusual Perspective
April 5th	Reflection
May 3rd	Local Streetscapes
June 7th	Churches/Graveyards
July 5th-	Sunrise/Sunset
August 2nd	no contest, meet alternative location South Closed
September 6th	Macro
October 4th-	Sports
November 1st	No contest, Banquet
December 6th	Color
January 2013	Long Exposure
February 2013	Flash

Camera South Programs For 2012

Jan. 5th	Photoshop Elements Slideshow by Robert Schroeter. send him photos
Feb. 2nd	Carol Ellis presentation about Mardi Gras
March 1st	
April 5th	Drop Overlays
May 3rd	
June 7th	
July 5th	Macro Photography by Vincent L.
August 2nd	
September 6th	
October 4th	
November 1st	No Program Banquet
December 6th	Wildlife Photography by Jeff J.

One photo out of focus is a mistake, ten photo out of focus are an experimentation, one hundred photo out of focus are a style. ~Author Unknown

Your 2012 Camera South Officers:

President Jeff Byrd
Vice Pres. Jeff Johnston
Secretary Scott Patterson
Treasurer Debbie Kuykendall
Field Trip Chairman..... TBD
Exhibition Chairman..... TBD

Facebook Solution

We had 2 links to Camera South Facebook pages. Stephanie Gillis has started the process to convert from 2 pages to one “group page.” The link is:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/58783905722/>
Please make sure to like/join the group.

February Meeting Presentation

Carol Ellis of The Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library at University of South Alabama has graciously agreed to make a presentation about Mardi Gras at our February 2 meeting at 7:00 p.m. in room 181 of the main library at USA. Thanks to Carol for her generosity and to Terry Hartley for his assistance in helping Camera South arrange this presentation.

Camera South provides members the opportunity to exchange ideas, develop new skills, and learn more about the art of photography.



By Debbie Kuykendall

“Pike’sPeak” by Debbie Kuykendall

December 2011 Club Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Scott Patterson

Karen Cassidy from Blue Velvet Studio informed the club of an Art reception & sale during the LoDaArtWalk being held Friday December 10, 2010 6-9PM at 709 Dauphin St. #2, Mobile, AL and encouraged members to bring photos. Other items being featured include Ornaments, holiday cards, shadowboxes, fine art, collectibles, textiles, crafts, much more. Visit <http://www.bluevelvetstudio.org> to learn more.

Buddy McLaughlin let us know to be on the lookout for a free publication included in the Press Register at the beginning of each month called "Zalea." In December's issue of "Zalea" Dave Snyder had several photos published featuring Fort Conde Inn. The monthly publication also includes activities in and around the Bay area.

Currently the club has an individual and group page on Facebook. Stephanie Gillis recommended and a decision was made by the club to consolidate these into the group page making the management of these sites much more efficient.

Dave Snyder presented three photos edited using new software he is checking out developed by Alien Skin called Snap Art 3. Snap Art turns your photograph into a painting that looks completely handmade. There are hundreds of styles to choose from such as oil paint, watercolor and pencil sketch. Learn more at <http://www.alienskin.com>.

Dave also mentioned Google's new platform called Google+ stating it seems to be more photographer friendly. We only had three submissions in this month's contest – "Sadness", so no award was made, but those who participated (Dave Snyder, Stephanie Gillis, and Jeff Byrd) talked briefly about their photos. Next month's Club's contest will be Texture. Karen Cassidy from Blue Velvet also asked for submissions of "Lips" showing emotion. So the January contest will be unique allowing for two subjects.

Karen's comments concerning lips:

I would say "a selection of the entries will be invited to display at BVS for the Feb. exhibit"

Also it's not required that they show distinct emotion, but for some of the artwork (possibly all, we'll see) there will be interactive sheets where the guests can write down what they think is the emotion expressed.

There will be limitation on space and I usually have ideas about what we are looking for in an exhibit so I don't want to promise that what the Camera South folks make the winner is the same priority as what I'm looking for in an art exhibit.

Kathy Hicks made an announcement about the Fairhope Camera Club about a photo shoot the club is doing of Christmas Lights at Faulkner State, but I don't have details – when, where etc. I talked with Kathy and the Fairhope Camera Club shoot was this past Sunday!

Kathy Hicks provided a presentation of Alabama Coastal Birdfest photos in which she and several members of the club participated including Debbie Kuykendall, Jeff Johnston, Robert Schroeter, Terry Hartley, Larry Dees and Dick Dixon.

We had 23 members present at the meeting and one visitor – Michelle Brinkman

Dues are due in January! \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for families. REMEMBER you must be a paid member in good standing to participate in club functions.



About the Cover:

Duran Duran taken at Bayfest 2011. I really hated to use my image for the cover but the truth is no one sent in any images other than Debbie and hers was too small to make a cover. Come on guys sent me something...

~ Jeff Byrd



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Last Meeting Review December Presentation



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We had a copy from Kathy Hicks of the presentation she made on a cd for Birdfest. It lasted about 30 minutes and was mainly bird photography but had a lot of outdoor photography also. Several of our members were contributing photographers and were labeled with each picture (Robert S., Terry H., Jeff J., Larry Dees, Jerrid, Debbie, Kathy Hicks, Sherry Frost). Kathy was there for some additional input.

Camera South Photography Club

Member Application



Bring to the next Camera South Meeting or Mail to:

Camera South
c/o Debbie Kuykendall
2010 Foxgate Dr.
Mobile AL 36695-9224

Name _____

Phone numbers:

Home _____ Cell _____ work _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ web-site _____

Camera Type _____

Computer processing : Photoshop _____ Corel Other Would like to learn

Special Photography interest _____

Suggestion for programs _____

Who introduced you to Camera South? _____

If you would Present/Teach/Share at a meeting-list the subject _____

Field Trip suggestions _____

Comments/ Suggestions _____

Member Since _____

Permission to make information available to other members? _____

Signature _____

Annual membership fee:
\$25.00 individual
\$20.00 student
\$30.00 family membership.

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