NORTH COUNTY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

NOVEMBER-DECEME

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#### November 2004 Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2004 Quail Botanical Garden, Encinitas Ecke Building Meeting Room Enter Front Gate - Exit Rear Gate Front Gate is Locked at 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Front Gate Opens

6:15 p.m. - Sign-in & Refreshments

6:30 p.m. - Announcements & Member Greeting

6:45 p.m. - Member Share

7:15 p.m. - Break & Refreshments

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Presentation

Donations: First-time guests free/returning guests \$3.00

#### PLEASE REMEMBER

November's meeting will be one week early on November 17th to avoid a conflict with the Thanksgiving Holiday.

December's meeting is the NCPS Holiday Party on the 19th – there is no regular December meeting at Quail Gardens.

#### HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

## NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM by Barbara Royer

Our speaker for November will be Mark Vanderlinden. His topic will be "Favorite Places and Techniques".

Mark is a member of Fallbrook Camera Club. He is a self-taught photographer and has won numerous awards for his images including: (1) Fallbrook Camera Club's Slide of the Year titled "Soft Coral Trees", (2) Fallbrook Camera Club's competition in the Nature Division titled "Sweetups Face" and "Gorman Bloom II", and (3) Fallbrook Camera Club's competition in the Color Division titled "Rawlings Ranch Poppy Bloom" and "Autumn Conway Summit". In the competition for Southern California Association of Camera Clubs Inter-Club, Mark received awards for images titled "Spanish Shawl Nudibranch", "Sweetups Face" and "Gorman Bloom II".

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Mike McMahon

As we head into the holiday season, I'd like to wish you and your family all the best for a Happy

Photography, PC Photo and Imaging, Encinitas Photo Center, and Pixel Photo. We appreciate their support and I encourage you to become familiar with their products and services. In addition, we are happy to enjoy the continued support of the following sponsors: North County Camera, Oceanside Photo and Telescope, Professional Photographic Repair, North Coast Photographic Services, and The Photo Factory. Please thank all of these sponsors when you frequent their locations.

Don't forget that we meet one week early in November to avoid a schedule conflict with Thanksgiving Week. We meet on Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> for our regular meeting at Quail Gardens.

Another date to mark on your calendar is the evening of December 19<sup>th</sup>. The NCPS Holiday Party will be held at the home of Shirley Vann Olsen...thanks, Shirley! Check this newsletter for more information.

Did you make it to the October meeting? In addition to receiving the entries for our Show (thank you to the volunteer crew), we had a very special Member Share. Inspired by the topic suggested by Barbara Royer, members displayed and spoke about "the image that matters most". The images and the stories behind them were truly inspirational. Feedback from the program has been very favorable...we will repeat this Member Share topic in the future, I assure you.

Don't forget to check our website www.nc-photo.org for late breaking news and displays of our members' work.

See you at the Show!

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO BARBARA ROYER AND EMILE KFOURI FOR A MARVELOUS JOB WITH MEMBER SHARE AT OUR OCTOBER MEETING.

#### PHOTO SHOOTS by Carolyn Taylor



About a dozen members braved threatening weather and attended our October 16 photo shoot at the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum's Harvest Fair in Vista. It was truly a rewarding experience to witness the machinery and apparatus used by our ancestors in action!

Here's looking forward to another great year of outings in 2005. Your suggestions for places to go and participation as a leader (point person) for future photo shoots will be appreciated by all. Happy shooting.

## MEMBER SHARE by Emile Kfouri



For November's Member Share, present one or two images that exhibit happiness or festivities.

## NINTH ANNUAL NCPS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION by Carrie Barton and Jeffery R. Brosbe

The images are amazing (as always) and the volunteers are working as you read this to make the reception for our NCPS Ninth Annual Members' Exhibition an evening to remember. The date is November 12<sup>th</sup> - the place is the Solana Beach City Hall at 635 South Highway 101 in Solana Beach (of course). So, do not forget to come and enjoy. It starts at 5:00 p.m. and lasts for 2½ wonderful hours.

Thank you to all the volunteers who did such great work. and to all our members who shared their wonderful images. Because of you, the NCPS Ninth Annual Members' Exhibition is not only the best yet, but it is a roaring success.

BRAVO!

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PICK UP YOUR IMAGES ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>, BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 4:00 P.M. IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE DO SO YOURSELF, SEND A FRIEND WITH A NOTE OF AUTHORIZATION. MANY THANKS.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY** by Shirley Vann Olsen

Members and their guests are invited to the NCPS Holiday Party on Sunday, December 19, commencing at 5:00 p.m. The party will be held at the home of Jeff and Shirley Olsen. Come celebrate the Holidays!

Please bring either a sweet or savory goodie for 8-10 people and BYOB. NCPS will provide non-alcoholic beverages.

We encourage you to join in the Holiday gift exchange by bringing an image of your choice, photo note cards, or anything appropriate as long as it's your own work. This is optional, but it is a wonderful way to share our passion and our work.

## MEMBER PROFILE: Shirley Vann Olsen

Because Shirley Vann Olsen is a very visually-oriented learner, she has always been drawn to "taking pictures". Yet, it wasn't until her point-and-shoot camera was stolen that she became more serious about photography. So, in 1999, she invested in her first SLR camera and began to read a lot about photography from aperture to zoom.

In 2002, Shirley began a formal study program of photography through UCSD extension. The two Black and White classes exposed her to a whole new world. She loved (and still does) the *magic* of the darkroom! Every so often she sets up equipment purchased second-hand to make her own

prints at home. She is also learning about her new "Holga" plastic camera. "Taping it up for light leaks is just as exciting as pressing the shutter button!", she says.



Shirley loves to make images of people. Children are especially beautiful in their unguarded, free moments; curious, natural, pure, and innocent. She is currently compiling a portfolio of B/W and Color images entitled *Children* for the Portfolio class at Palomar College.

Foreign travel also intrigues her. She enjoys the adventurous journey as much as the final destination. A solo train ride from Hong Kong to Beijing to meet a new Chinese friend, lush hikes through the rain forests of Costa Rica to swing from the vines, abseiling into Waitomo Caves of New Zealand to see the glow worms ... all of which ... and then some ... are captured on film to carry home.

Shirley's *spare* time finds her teaching Spanish to high school students. After fifteen years, she can still say that she loves teaching, albeit trying to motivate high school students can be challenging. "Perhaps some day I'll find myself teaching classes at a junior college", she says.

As for now, Shirley continues to grow in her photographic hobby with the help and guidance of so many great and experienced photographers that she has meet along the way, hoping to some day turn around and impart the same knowledge and creativity to another.

# NCPS MEMBER, JIM CLINE'S PHOTO TOURS EXPANDS OFFERINGS

Jim Cline's Photo Tours have expanded to include trips to Guatemala this Nov 7 - 16, and to Peru in May, 2005. The Peru trip will be led by Karl Grobl. Jim's Mexico trips continue with one to the Yucatan in January, 2005, one to Colonial Mexico in February, 2005, and two trips to Baja California in March and April, 2005. For details, visit Jim's website at www.JimCline.com or call (858) 350-1314.

#### PHOTO EXHIBITIONS



Thirty images from Mexico by fellow NCPS member, Sharon Anthony, are being exhibited at Fiesta Imports, Artisan's Market & Gallery, from Dec. 2 through January 15. The images include wonderful cultural portraits and archeological remains from the southern states of Oaxaca and Chiapas. The Artist's Reception is Dec 2 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Fiesta Imports is located in the La Costa Towne Center at 7720 E. El Camino Real in La Costa.

#### **NEW MEMBERS**

NCPS welcomes the following new members: Bruce Brayton of Oceanside, Dawn Douglas of Del Mar, Max Lamkin of Carlsbad, Nancy Telford of Encinitas, and Willis Warnick of Cardiff.

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