

News and Events of the North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography, Powered by Volunteers!

# NCPS Member Critique Session with Ernie Cowan & Susan Coppock Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.



March is our Member Critique Session with the purpose of giving everyone at NCPS the opportunity to receive constructive feedback on up to two images. The idea is to help **YOU** get ready to enter the 2015 San Diego County Fair Exhibition of Photography.

Ernie Cowan is back and will join us as a popular panelist offering comments and suggestions on how to improve your images and best prepare for the exhibition. Catch up with Ernie on his Facebook page at https://www.facebook. com/ernie.cowan.



In addition, Susan Coppock enthusiastically agreed to share her extensive expertise as our second panelist. You can see Susan's work at http://susancoppock.com/.

Thank you to both Ernie and Susan for the knowledge they bring to the table!

The Member Critique Session will take the place of our regular monthly 'Member Share'.

#### Preparing your images for the photo critique:

 Images must be JPEG format, maximum size 5MB each
File names must start with your name or initials and number one or two (for example: cb1 & cb2).

#### Submitting your images for the photo critique:

- 1. Log in to the NCPS web site at: http://www.nc-photo.org
- 2. Click on "Members Login" box near the top of the page.
- 3. Enter your e-mail and password, then click "Log In."
- 4. Click on the "Member Share" tab.

5. Click on the "Upload Photo #1" button and wait for the selection window to open.

6. Select your first "JPEG" photo file from your computer and click "Open."

7. You'll see a download progress bar as your photo is transmitted.

8. Repeat steps 5-7 for your second photo using "Upload Photo #2"

9. You should receive an immediate e-mail confirmation for each photo submitted. You can click on the link in these messages to get a visual confirmation that the photo was received in good order.

If you want to change a submission before the deadline, repeat steps 5-7 using "Upload Photo #X" to submit the replacement photo. The upload will overwrite your original submission and replace it with the new photo.

Make sure to submit your images at least 24 hours BEFORE the meeting. Any questions, please send them to projectionist@nc-photo.org.

Please welcome our new NCPS member, Oscar Afsahi from Encinitas.

# The President's Corner

### by Steve Schlesinger

Entries for the 2015 San Diego County Fair "Exhibition of Photography" are now open. This is the largest photo show in the county each year. If you have never entered, I encourage you to do so. For myself, entering competitions raises the quality of my photography. It makes me look at my work more critically, asking myself the types of questions that the judges will ask when they view the entries.

When reviewing my own work I see too many instances where I say to myself, "What was I thinking?" And those experiences make me think harder before I click. Just because it doesn't cost anything to click, all those awful to so-so images we capture, fill up our cards, take time to download, and review and fill up our disks. Before you click, ask yourself, "Would I spend \$18 to enter this in the San Diego County Fair?" Just asking this question will make you a better photographer.

Entries close April 17 at midnight. Go to http://www.sdfair.com/pdf/2015/exhibits/departments/photo-inst\_2015.pdf to find competition information, entry instructions and more.

# Let's get ready for our third annual "Member Destination Presentations!"

The meeting of June 24, 2015 will be a night for members to shine and share a body of work from one of their favorite photographic locations! Where is your secret place to photograph? A place you return to again and again in search of that spectacular image? Here is a chance to tell others about it and share your experiences!

We are looking for <u>one more</u> presenter to complete our night of *Destination Locations*! Members are encouraged to present a 20-minute talk featuring their favorite place to photograph. The presentation may include a PowerPoint show, handouts, prints, props, visual aids, and any links introducing club members to the location. In addition, you can write an article for the North County Photographic Society website where more images and information can be displayed so that members can refer to if they are interested in more information (*available but not required*).

What do you say? Ready to tell fellow club members about your FAVORITE location? Contact Sandy Zelasko at programs@nc-photo.org with your ideas now and reserve your space to shine!

### **SPRING WILDFLOWER SHOOT**

The mountains of Julian, and maybe the desert Date: Saturday, April 11, 2015 Time: 11:30 a.m. until exhaustion Location: Meet at Dudleys in Santa Ysabel



Come join us to look for wildflowers on Saturday, April 11. Depending on where the blooms are, we will either stay in the mountains around Julian or head into the high desert. Bring good walking or hiking shoes, as we may need to walk a bit if we stay in the mountains.

We will meet at Dudley's Bakery in Santa Ysabel at 11:30 a.m. and will spend most of the day hunting down the flowers. Bring lunch, water and layers.

Here's a suggestion - arrive early and get a great sandwich from Dudley's. Moderate rain will cancel the outing. More details to follow on the website.

#### **Digital Photo Classes**

#### Instructor, NCPS member Mike McMahon www.mikemctechguy.com

#### Carlsbad Senior Center 760-602-4650

Safe Computing	March 18 @ 10 a.m.
Backup Strategies	March 18 @ 1 p.m.
Picasa - Projects	March 25 @ 10 a.m.
Picasa - Q & A	March 25 @ 1:00 p.m.
Free! No reservations necessary	

#### Lightroom Workshop for NCPS

Sunday, April 12.....1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Encinitas Library - PC Lab

#### Video Editing Made Easy (\$59)

Saturday, May 2.....1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. George's Camera, Kearney Mesa 858-633-1510

#### Photo Books Made Easy (\$45)

GOLD

George's Camera 7475 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.,

3837 30th Street

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Saturday, May 9......10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Oceanside Photo & Telescope 760-722-3348

#### Our NCPS members thank these sponsors for supporting our Annual Photo Exhibition. Please show your appreciation by visiting them!



### Postcard Project - Call for Images!

This is a call for images to be included on a new promotional postcard that will be used to encourage club membership in 2015. Depending on the postcard format, we may use up to five or six images. If you are interested in participating, a maximum of one image per member should be e-mailed to Sandy Zelasko at programs@nc-photo.org no later than midnight on Friday, March 20, 2015.

Please use the following guidelines: Max file size of 5MB, pixel dimensions no greater than 1200 pixels (or 4 inches on the longest side at 300ppi). Please be sure to size your image appropriately and send as an attached jpg. Images not sized correctly will not be considered. The Volunteer Leadership Team (VLT) will make the final decision regarding the images chosen. Now get ready and send your best shot!

### WEEKDAY PHOTO SHOOT Date: Friday, March 20, 2015 Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: Safari Park, 15500 San Pasqual Valley Rd., Escondido

Celebrate Spring this year at the *Butterfly Jungle* at the Safari Park. From March 14 to April 12 the Park offers the opportunity to walk among thousands of butterflies. This is a very popular event. We are going early on a Friday to ensure we can get in the door. For more info on the park in general go to their web site: http://www.sdzsafaripark.org/. Entrance to the Park, last time I checked, was \$46 plus \$12 for parking. Please e-mail me if you care to carpool to save on parking. Plus, I have free passes for the first 2 people to e-mail me that they are going. Questions? Contact Dan Nougier at photoshoots@nc-photo.org or cell 619-884-1359.



## **March Meeting** Wednesday, March 25 @ 6:30 p.m.

San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens) 230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024 Meet in the Ecke Building Meeting Room

Enter at the Front Gate - Exit at the Rear Gate Only The Front Gate is Locked at 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Front Gate Opens 6:30 p.m. - Announcements 6:45 p.m. - Presentation 7:45 p.m. - Break & Refreshments 8:00 p.m. - Member Share 8:45 p.m. - Meeting Adjourns

First-time guests Free Returning guests \$3.00

# Volunteer Leadership Team (VLT)

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