

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

Member Critique Session with Will Gibson & Susan Coppock Wednesday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

This year the deadline for entering the 2016 San Diego County Fair Exhibition of Photography is Friday, April 15, 2016. So, it is time for our March Member Critique!

The purpose of this critique session is to provide members of NCPS constructive feedback on up to two images that they are considering entering into the competition. The idea is to help YOU get ready to enter the 2016 San Diego County Fair Exhibition of Photography. Will Gibson 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. See Will's work at his website:



<http://willgibsonphotography.zenfolio.com/>

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In addition, the talented Susan Coppock enthusiastically agreed to share her extensive expertise as our second panelist. See Susan's work at: <http://susancoppock.com/>. Thank you to both Will and Susan for the knowledge they bring to the table!

Preparing your images for the photo critique

- 1) Images must be JPG format and no larger than 5MB each.
- 2) 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" near the top of the page.
- 3) Enter your e-mail & 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 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. 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 have your images submitted **24 HOURS BEFORE** the meeting. Any questions, please send them to projectionist@nc-photo.org.

President's Corner

by Kathleen Nash

How do our photos make us feel?

Photography is not about the composition, lighting, or sharpness. It's about how it makes us feel. I have a friend who says that no matter where in the world I happen to be, my photos tend to be about the same subjects. I am attracted to these subjects because of how they make me feel. I bring to the photograph all my past experiences, where I've lived, and people I've known. The photographs we create give each of us an understanding of how they make us feel and how we see the world.

Please take the time to enter the San Diego Fair! You are great photographers! - Deadline is April 15!

Photo Shoot for March

Wildflowers and Hawkwatch

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2016

Time: 8:00 a.m. to dusk

Location: Santa Ysabel / Borrego Springs



Barbara Swanson

This year we will be combining the Borrego Valley Hawkwatch with the Anza Borrego Desert Wildflower shoot. Come join leader Barbara Swanson for both or only part of the day. Swainson's hawks migrate north through Borrego Springs, often stopping near town for the night. The number of birds taking off in the morning to catch a thermal varies (see <http://borregohawkwatch.blogspot.com/>) but from some locations we can be quite close to the hawks. We will meet at Dudley's in Santa Ysabel and leave from there at 8:00 a.m. (Daylight Savings Time). If there are few hawks, we will start our wildflower shoot instead. *(Don't forget to set your clocks ahead at bedtime on Saturday night!)*

We will regroup at the Anza Borrego Desert Visitor center at noon, so if you only want to photograph flowers you can meet us there. Bring lunch to eat at one of the picnic tables; we will be there until at least 1:00 p.m. Call Dan if you have trouble finding us. Often there is wildlife in this area. We will spend the afternoon scouting the best locations, including Henderson Canyon and Di Giorgio, for our late afternoon shoot and will leave shortly after sunset. Just last weekend (March 5) there were many blooming plants that are somewhat small, so bring a macro. Significant rain or high winds postpones the outing. For questions contact Dan Nougier at photoshoots@nc-photo.org or cell 619-884-1359.



Digital Photo Classes

Mike McMahon continues his series of digital photo classes

Carlsbad Senior Center

**799 Pine Ave. Carlsbad,
CA 92008 760-602-4650**

Smartphone Photo Tips - March 16 @ 10:00 a.m. NEW!

Learn helpful tips on how to take better photos with your smartphone. Copying those photos to your home computer and/or a cloud service will be covered. Limited seating...this could be an especially large class.

Picasa Part 3 - Projects - March 16 @ 1:00 p.m.

Picasa is a great tool for making photo slide shows and collages...come see how it's done. The e-mail and export functions of Picasa will also be covered.

Picasa Alert! -- Next week, Google will end support for the beloved free photo software, Picasa. After Tuesday, March 14th, you will not be able to download Picasa or get updates to your copy of Picasa. If you want to update your Picasa software...or download it for the first time...do it NOW!

In May, Google will give details on the closure of the online photo sharing site, Picasa Web Albums. They plan to move all existing PWA albums to the new Google Photos. In fact, if you have already loaded Google Photos and signed in, you may already be seeing your PWA albums. I will teach a class on Google Photos on April 27th at 1:00 p.m. Details at www.googlephotos.blogspot.com.

Travel Photography - March 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

Planning a spring or summer trip? I'll pass along some great tips for bringing home your best travel photos ever. We'll discuss equipment, composition tips, and post-trip photo processing

iPad Part 3 - Tips & Tricks - March 23 @ 1:00 p.m.

Continuing our iPad learning, this class will cover reading eBooks on your iPad, surfing the Internet, and using the iPad for e-mail.

Ask Mike...

Q. *Hey, Mike...if the battery is running low on my smartphone, what can I do to keep it going for as long as possible?*

A. 1) *Reduce the brightness of (or turn off) your screen - the screen is the No. 1 battery sapper!*
2) *Turn off unnecessary features (e.g. Wi-Fi, cellular service, Bluetooth, GPS/Location Services).*
3) *Turn on Airplane Mode - it will kill most of the things listed in item 2 above.*

While listening to music during a flight, Airplane Mode and a turned-off screen will get you many more minutes of music. While reading an eBook, Airplane mode and a very dim screen can get you through another chapter or two. Got a question? Send it to mike.techguy@gmail.com.

February Photo Shoot Wrap-up by Dan Nougier

On Sunday afternoon, February 21, over a dozen members enjoyed a sunny outing at Swami's State Beach in



James David Phenicie

Encinitas. Everyone had a great time and managed to come away with some interesting photos. If you missed the outing, I suggest you plan a trip to Swami's this summer for your own tide pooling explorations. The Point Loma tide pools at the Cabrillo National Monument in San Diego is another excellent location. You'll want to go during a low tide of -1 foot or greater. Tide levels can be obtained at:

https://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions or the local newspaper. Have fun!! - Dan Nougier

Steve Schlesinger



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Judi Works



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Kathy Nash



Do You Have Camera Equipment to Sell?

Bring your item(s) to a regular NCPS meeting and place them on one of the side tables with your name and the price. Too big to carry? Bring a photo!

April Member Share!

Next month we resume our regular **Member Share** feature at the NCPS meeting. April's **Member Share** topic is:

SHADOW

March Meeting

Wednesday, March 23 @ 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 & Greetings

6:45 p.m. - Fair Photo Critique

7:45 p.m. - Break & Refreshments

8:00 p.m. - Fair Photo Critique (continued)

First-time guests Free

Returning guests \$3.00

Annual Membership \$30 (Household \$35)

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