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Mark your Calendar May 10

Rick Hulbert
Urban Photography

See page 2 2014 PSA Annual Conference

9/27 – 10/3

psa-photo.org/index.php?2014psa-conference

N4C Calendar

May 2014

10- Rick Hulbert Workshop

12 -Board Meeting

7:30pm First Methodist Church 1600 Bancroft, San Leandro

17 - Competitions Judging

Contact Gene Albright for PI location genea.genea@comcast.net
Contact Gene Morita or Joan Field for Print location Gene Morita, etm@lvha.net
Joan Field jfzgf@att.net

June 2014

9 -Board Meeting

7:30pm First Methodist Church 1600 Bancroft, San Leandro

21 - Competitions Judging

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This submission has started a conversation!
Here are two emails that I received about Judging Competitions at Clubs. They are printed in the order that I received them.

Response to "The Judges Preamble I'd Like to Hear" by Joan Field, APSA

Eric's concept of having club participation during the judge's commentary is certainly to be admired. I agree that audience participation would make a more interesting, and perhaps meaningful, meeting.

A few years ago, Peninsula Camera Club tried this approach with the same anticipation the Eric suggests. There were two problems, the latter being the more compelling:

- (1) The judge was not used to this approach and some of them were not quite sure how to handle the audience involvement. This could be overcome with more practice.
- (2) More importantly, from a practical consideration, there simply wasn't enough time to have both the judge and audience input for each image. Peninsula was forced to go back to the regular system. (Peninsula, if I'm stating an error, please correct me.)

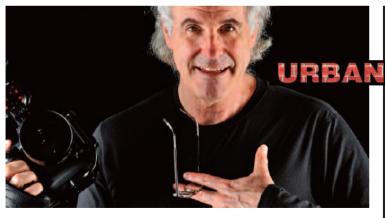
One should be aware that how the judge is used at a camera club is up to the individual club.

Another method is followed by the Santa Clara Camera Club: They have two members plus the judge on a voting machine to get a more rounded approach to choice of winners.

The judge still makes commentary, but there is some minor audience involvement. Then the group of three votes and the votes are totaled.

A Possible Solution

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Urban environments comprise the most diverse target-rich places to photograph anywhere. Most photographs contain a "subject" within a setting or background. The cool reality is that Buildings and Urban Places are both subjects and settings. Think about all of the images you have taken or will take in the future that contain buildings as the featured subject or as backgrounds to a myriad of other photo subjects ... like people, for instance.

This one day intensive series of lectures is designed to improve your photography regardless of whether you consider picture taking a hobby, or you are a serious enthusiast, or a professional photographer. This event is designed to get you to think about concepts in architectural and urban photography that you hadn't thought of or considered before. That is, admittedly, a rather bold statement. However, that is exactly what this experience will achieve.

There are principles for photographing buildings and other man-made structures, and knowing these principles will make you a better photographer. Mastering these principles will allow you to learn how to "break" them in a deliberate, meaningful way.

You will learn how a basic understanding of street photography will assist in your architectural and urban photography. You will discover how the fundamental principles of travel photography will enhance your architectural and urban imaging.

As a bonus, we will not only be covering Image Composition as applied to Architectural, Street, and Urban Travel Photography, Rick will show you his approach to "Extended Dynamic Range Imaging" and "Panorama Photography." Even if you don't choose to pursue these two directions in digital imaging, Rick promises that having an understanding of these two techniques will make you a better traditional "still" photographer.

If you are still not convinced of the value of this workshop, please check out Rick's student testimonial on his website:

http://www.rickhulbertphotography.com/testimonials/

See Next Page for Biography and Registration Form See Page 3 for 3-day optional Workshop Yerba Buena Chapter of PSA presents

RBAN PHOTOGRAPHY

with an Architectural Attitude

Featuring International awardwinning and published Architect, Urban Designer, and Photographer

RICK HULBERT

Saturday, May 10, 9 AM - 5 PM Andrew Carnagie Lecture Hall San Leandro Library 300 Estudillo Avenue, San Leandro Registration Fee PSA Members: \$45, Two from a household \$70 Non PSA Members: \$60; Two from a household: \$90

AGENDA for May 10, 2014

8:30am-9:00am	Registration and Introduction
9:00am-10:30am	Photographing the Constructed Environment
10:30am-10:45am	Break
10:45am-noon	Composition in Urban Photography
Noon – 1:30pm	Lunch break on your own
1:30pm-3:00pm	"Stravel" Photography Street and Travel Photography
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm-4:45pm	Emerging Techniques in Urban Imaging -
	Extended Dynamic Range Imaging & Panoramic Imaging
4:45pm-5:00pm	Conclusion and Wrap-Up



Rick Hulbert is an international award–winning and published architect, urban designer, and photographer. As a photographer, Rick has been named a "Laureate" within the worldwide Nikonians community.

He is currently teaching a variety of photography workshops on behalf of the following institutions and organizations:

Vancouver Photo Workshops; The Nikonians Academy; The University of British Columbia; Simon Fraser University; The Vancouver Heritage Foundation Rick has been a frequent lecturer, teacher, and seminar panel participant on four continents. He has been named a Fellow in the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada, which is among the highest honours that can be bestowed upon a member. He is a former President of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia. Notably, Rick is also an Academician in the Royal Canadian Academy of the Arts, one of the youngest members ever to be elected to that august body. As an architect, Richard has won design awards or has had his works published each and every year for the past 35 years.



Directions: From 580 East ... coming from the Peninsula, San Francisco, Oakland: (We assume you can get to 580.)

- Take the Dutton/Estudillo exit. Parallel the freeway for two long blocks.
- Pass one light (Dutton St.) and continue to the second light (Estudillo Ave.)
- Turn right and continue for 5 blocks.
- The library is on the right side of the street a large, tan-colored brick and glass building with a parking lot in the front.

From 580 West ... coming from Tri-Valley area

- Take the Estudillo exit, which goes under the freeway.
- At the stop sign, turn right onto Grand Ave. for 1 short block, to the light (Estudillo Ave.)
- Turn left and continue for 5 blocks.
- The library is on the right side of the street a large, tan-colored brick and glass building with a parking lot in the front.

GREAT NEWS! The new Downtown Parking Garage just opened: Parking is free on all floors on weekends.

122 Estudillo Ave, San Leandro, 1/2 block past library on right. DO NOT USE THE LIBRARY PARKING LOT!

REGISTRATION FORM

Name	Rick Hulbert
Name	
Address	San Leandro Librar
City, State, Zip	
Phone ()E-mail _	
Camera Club or Other Affiliation	
How did you learn about this Seminar?	
# Tickets Before May 7 for PSA members: @ \$45 For tw	wo household members @\$70
Non PSA Members @\$60 For Two household non-PSA	members @ \$90
(Lunch is not included) Door registrations will be \$5 extra.	
Total Enclosed	

Please send registration form and check made out to"Yerba Buena Chapter of PSA" to Marcia Brandt, 3409 Touriga Drive, Pleasanton, CA 94566 For more information, contact Lois Shouse at bobloiss@comcast.net or Sam Berzin at s@berzin.net

Optional Follow-up 3 Day Exclusive Hands-on Workshop... Making Great Urban Images ... Turning Theory into Practice Featuring International award winning and published Architect, Urban Designer, and Photographer, Rick Hulbert May 11-13 Fee: \$795.00 http://www.rickhulbertphotography.com To register and learn more about this follow-up 3-day workshop, click on this link: http://www.rickhulbertphotography.com/san-francisco-making-great-urban-images

After learning the theory of Urban Photography and Image Composition discussed on Saturday May 10, 2014, this is an opportunity to learn how to turn that theory into practice. This Urban Photography Workshop is only open to a maximum of 10 participants to allow for personal interaction between Instructor Rick Hulbert and each attendee.

This workshop builds on the knowledge conveyed on the Day One event and includes 3 additional days of photographic education. May 11-13, 2014. (Mother's Day dinner break optional.)

While the illustrated lectures on May 10th will give you the fundamental information you need, This follow-up 3 Day workshop will devote a significant portion of time to both hands-on photography and daily constructive critiques of your own selected images which is a key part of the learning experience.

There is no requirement for fancy equipment. Any and every brand of camera will work. The principles taught will also apply to point and shoot cameras, new mirrorless cameras and even camera phones.

We will discuss the elementary basics of how people see, how the camera sees, and we will put into practice what was discussed on the May 10th full day event. This knowledge will apply whether you are wanting to document "reality" or you want to create a fine art interpretation of the built environment.

You will learn how to create jaw-dropping images that will be the envy of both your friends and relatives . . . and even potential future clients!

Over the 3 day period, the on site photography sessions will include providing one or more photo opportunities embracing the "Blue

Hour," "Sunrise," the "morning Golden Hour," "mid-day" photography, the "afternoon Golden Hour, "Sunset," "Dusk," and "early Evening Hour" photography. Discussion topics will include Image Pre-Visualization and Image Re-Visualization with the balance of the time spent reviewing images and where desired, a portfolio review will be provided.

We would start at 10am on Sunday, May 11, and conclude on Tuesday, May 13 at 5pm. The details for this follow-on 3 day workshop would be discussed on the first morning and the itinerary would be partially dependent upon weather and attendee interests.

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Since time factors make the full involvement of process spelled out by "The Judges Preamble" could be applied to a limited number of images. The club could choose the most interesting images in advance and ge as these come up to incude member input.

A Judge' Apology

Indeed, there is a great deal of frustration within the audience without the ability to discuss their impressions. Many times the judge does not understand the concept the maker is trying to convey and a great photo gets ignored. Often, a judge gets hung up on one concept such as sharpness or contrast. There is a litany of judging errors, but to err is human.

Judges do the best they can, and not all are equal. Remember, judges are volunteers who are attempting to help at least some camera club members learn something more about photography. The success of judges can often be measured in how often they are invited back to the same club.

Eric Ahrent's article is a good starting point for a discussion by each club of how to consider enabling the audience to a greater extent.



Best in Show - First Place
Pictorial Projected Images - Advanced
The Old Corner Station
Raymond Suen, Jr
Peninsula Camera Club

Apr 6 Raphael Shevelev

Dear Amory,

Several members of the Berkeley Camera Club forwarded the piece written on judging by Eric Ahrendt. You might like to know that the procedures described in Mr. Ahrendt's article are almost precisely what I have practiced and advocated for at least twenty-five years. In the years when I presided at the BCC, I found N4C judging so repetitive, the format so restricted, and the educational aspect so limited, that I made a point of well-published inviting first rate professionals, the occasional Pulitzer Prize winner, and professors of art. On those occasions when I "judged," (I prefer "commentated"), I'd begin with this statement: "If your club rules insist that you remain silent and behave like the audience in Plato's Cave, either suspend those rules, or I'm leaving." A good time ensued.

As art is an expression of the individual artist, and as "rules of composition" are the most utterly inane of all, my preference was to make the event into a useful mutual learning seminar, rather than just handing out awards.

As a former academic political scientist, and an adjunct professor of art, I know how institutions resist change. But I'm also an optimist!

Good luck, Raphael

Prints April 2014: 215 Images Eligible, 207 Submitted Color Prints (67 Prints), Judge: Barbara Mallon

Black Necked Stilt at Bolsa Chica Wetlands	Ken Lezin	Rossmoor
2 Fruit Tray	Vinay Gupte	Livermore
3 Hot Wheels all Lined Up and Ready to Roll	Jessica Attiyeh	Rossmoor
4 Lumber Schooner C.A. Thayer at the San Francisco Maritime Nationa	al Historical Park Ceasar R	icasata Livermore

Color Prints, Intermediate Level (13 Prints)

1 Fall in the Canadian Rockies	Richard Finn	Livermore
2 Fall At Oxbow Bend	Carol Scott	Rossmoor
3 Pondering Pond	Cindy Micheli	Livermore
4 Polebending Event Brings Action To Small Town Arena	Carol Scott	Rossmoor
5 Lafayette Gallerie Rotunda Swirls	Daniel Wagner	Contra Costa

Color Prints, Advanced Level (22 Prints)

1 Feathers Take a Lot of Work	Catherine D'Alessio	Marin
2 OOOPS!!	Bilha Sperling	Contra Costa
3 Blowing Sand	Arthur Widener	Fremont
4 Spring Bouquet	Lucy Beck	Contra Costa
5 Last Light of the Day on The Watchman, Zion National Park	Kevin Westerlund	Marin
H Fort Ross In fog	Chris Nelson	Diablo Vallev

Color Prints, Masters Level (21 Prints)

1B Young Apprentice Monk Studying by an open window, Monaster	ry, Myanmar Gene N	Ilorita Ma	rin
2 Garrapata Beach	Jane Postiglione	Co	ntra Costa
3 Hohensalzburg Fortress	Clarence Luckett	Liv	ermore
4 The Old Gate	Ojars Kratins	Ro	ssmoor
5 ENTRY TO THE CHURCH IN SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE IN MORAGA	A CALIFORNIA	Jack Zins	Rossmoor
H Purple tulip awaits the opening	Steve Goodall	Ro	ssmoor

Monochrome Prints (64 Prints), Judge: Barbara Mallon

Monochrome Prints, Basic Level (8 Prints)

1 Nick	Larry McCloskey	Marin
2 Shipwreck	Vinay Gupte	Livermore
3 The Story of the Hummingbird and the Wasp	Richard Finn	Livermore

Monochrome Prints, Intermediate Level (13 Prints)

1 Portrait of a woman	Shane Micheli	Livermore
2 On A Wide Reach.jpeg	Walter Heyman	Peninsula
3 Duet	Mike Green	Marin
4 Point Bonita Lighthouse	Ken Lezin	Rossmoor
5 I've Got My Eves On You	Cindy Micheli	Livermore

Monochrome Prints, Advanced Level (22 Prints)

1B A Chinese Princess	Selden Parmelee	Contra Costa
2 Winter Dreamland	Al Ludwick	Livermore
3 Tranquility	Steve Goodall	Rossmoor
4 Tree	Sharon Strochak	Peninsula
5 Ed Selling Newspapers at Christmas	Eric Ahrendt	Contra Costa
H Bay Bridge & San Francisco	Rick Brandt	Fremont

Monochrome Prints, Masters Level (21 Prints)

1 Bristlecone Pine, White Mountains	Rick Brandt	Peninsula
2 Eagle Landing	Clarence Lucket	t Livermore
3 Our Lives Are Full of Crossings	Ed Mestre	Livermore
4 LEFT AISLE IN THE CHURCH IN SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE, MORAGA	CALIFORNIA	Jack Zins Rossmoor
5 Arches	Ron Winter	Millbrae
H Timeless Beauty	John Gover	Livermore

Nature Prints (39 Prints), Judge: Barbara Mallon

Nature Prints, Basic Level (17 Prints)

1 Red Shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus) nearly hovers as it hunts. Dean McCoy Livermore 2 Mantled Howler Monkey Spanish name: Congo. They eat mostly leaves, fruits and flowers. Their howls can be heard more than 1 km away from the forest. Ceasar Ricasata Livermore

3 Rufous Hummingbird (Selasphorus rufus) Feeds between Showers at UC-Santa Crus Arboretum

4 Envy? Cormorant checking out preening white pelicans.
5 River Otter Swimming (Lutra canadensis)

Al Ludwick
Joe Boone
Marin
Stephen Busch
Contra Costa

H Whooping Crane Catching Fish Paul Pokrywka Millbrae

Nature Prints, Advanced Level (22 Prints)

1 King Penguins lose body heat only through their feet, so immature birds stand in cold water on warm days, South Georgia Island.jpg

Bob Fournier

Peninsula

2 A Bald Eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus) pull a salmon out of the Chilkat River for needed protein to get through the Alaskan winter.

Clarence Luckett

Livermore

3 Portrait Hissing Serval(Felis serval) wards off Danger for Survival-Tarangire, Africa Mary Toalson Millbrae

4 Double Crested Cormorant (Phalacrocorax auritus) catches fish at the Gilbert Riparian Preserve in Arizona

Cathy Cooper Diablo Valley

5 Polar Bear cub (Urus maritimus) sleeps while its mother watches for danger. On sea ice in the Chukchi Sea, Siberia.

Catherine D'Alessio Marin

H Chinese Mandarin Duck, (Aix Galenculata) bathing at Irvine Regional Park Cathy Cooper Diablo Valley

Creative Prints (45 Prints), Judge: Barbara Mallon

Creative Prints, Basic Level (19 Prints)

Contra Costa 1 Entwined 2 Helen Sweet 2 Psychedelic Fog It is whatever you think it is Sean Clinning Livermore 3 Rear Window Warp Mary Sheft Marin 4 Buddy Paul Pokrywka Millbrae 5 red winged black bird hybrid tullip Nelson Solberg Livermore Paul Pokrywka H Storm Millbrae

Creative Prints, Advanced Level (26 Prints)

1B Bag to Bean to Brew to Oops **Bob Cossins** Millbrae 2 Incubation Raymond Suen Peninsula 3 God Bless America! Laura Morita-Yeun Livermore 4 Dreaming of Japan Ojars Kratins Contra Costa 5 A Little Too Close To The Action **Bob Cossins** Millbrae H Early Thaw Ojars Kratins Rossmoor

Pictorial Images, April 2014 Judge: Terry Toomey

Pictorial B: 30 Images

1 Sea Breeze Aging at China Camp John Nygren Marin 2 A House Finch Eating a Plum Blossom Mary Sheft Marin Rae Harrison **3** Age adds character Livermore 4 In Search of the Beyond Jeff Dunn Alameda **5** Low Tide Larry Jones Berkeley **HM** Twig Burst in Red Susan Dunn Alameda

Pictorial I: 29 Images

1 Waiting for a Miracle John Rice Berkelev 2 English Summer Beach Janet Reinstra Contra Costa 3 Park Street Lamp Under Late Afternoon Sky Hans Siebert Alameda 4 Color Curves Trisha Brown Santa Rosa **5** Spinecheek Anemonefish (Premnas biaculeatus) Linda Rutherford Peninsula **HM** Joy! Lucy Beck Contra Costa Pictorial A: 36 Images

1B The Old Corner Station Raymond Suen **Peninsula** 2 The Blue Wall Annie Rivo Marin 3 Wistful Bill Rauch Rossmoor 4 The Hand and the Bubble David Weintraub Alameda Sherry Grivett **5** Sacred Eve Contra Costa **HM** Indian Holi Festival of Colors and Good over Evil - Worlds Happiest Day Jim Harais Santa Rosa

Pictorial M: 30 Images

1 Rufus Hummingbird flashes Gorget Barbara Mallon Livermore 2 Blinding Abstract Flo Hendry Rossmoor 3 Not forgotten Richard Silva Millbrae 4 Twilight at Four Mile Beach Leslie Crandell Contra Costa 5 Lion Cub Stands Tall, Savannah of the Maasai Mara, Kenya Africa Tom Debley Alameda

HM Walking Along the Boulevard next to the City of Arts & Sciences in Valencia, Spain. Ed Mestre Livermore

Travel Images, April 2014 **Judge: Terry Toomey**

Travel B: 29 Images

1B Caregivers waiting outside the Maternity Ward, Embangweni hospital, Malawi Allen Hirsch Alameda Alameda 2 Long day at the market stall, Pisac, Peru Laura Groves

Carol Thomas 3 A woman poses for tourists for a small tip in Havana, Cuba Berkeley 4 Chili Purchase at Grand Central Market Los Angeles, CA Pamela Marcelino Millbrae 5 The famous windmills of Kinderdijk Netherlands on a cloud shrouded day Robert Adler Rossmoor

HM Somesville Footbridge, Mount Desert Island, Maine Barry Grivett Contra Costa

Travel I: 29 Images

1 Cormorants Are Used For Fishing in China. The Fish Is Pulled From the Bird's Throat

Eileen Johnson Contra Costa

2 A roadside shrine on Highway 9 in northwest Argentina keeps pilgrims safe on their journey to Salta

Matthew Rampton Alameda

3 Work Makes Free - Entrance to Nazi Concentration Camp - Prague CR Don Geri Santa Rosa 4 The Palouse Henriette Brasseur Marin **5** A Costa Rican host cooking Empanadas on a home made stove Hamid Kasmai Rossmoor

HM Vietnamese woman takes rice plants to the field to be planted in Northern Vietnam, February 2014.

Susan Gerber Livermore

Travel A: 33 Images

1 Family Travel, Myanmar Linda Rutherford Peninsula 2 The 400-foot tall Nebraska State Capitol tower in Lincoln can be seen for miles around, and has become widely known as the Penis on the Prairie. Stan Brandes Berkeley 3 Keeping Fit in Assisi, Italy Richard Silva Millbrae 4 Among drying tobacco leaves, farmer samples his handiwork, Vinales, Cuba Jack Florence Santa Rosa 5 Quiet Day in the Village. Rawla Narlai, India Gene Molander Contra Costa **HM** Polar Bear & Tundra Buggies- Manitoba, Canada Mary Toalson Millbrae

Travel M: 25 Images

1 An Old Stairway on the Island of Corsica	Steve Napoli	Berkeley
2 Young Burmese Monks and Puppies	Vicki Rupp	Marin
3 Two Fishermen walking on the low tide mudflat Xia Pu China	Jenny Gu	Peninsula
4 Dining with the dead, Qingming ceremony, Mountain View Cemetery	, Oakland Joe Hearst	Livermore
5 Abandoned House in Southwest Ireland #2	Mary Butler	Marin
HM One of the Signature Signs in Reno, NV.	Steve Napoli	Berkeley

Journalism Images, April 2014 **Judge: Terry Toomey**

Journalism B: 30 Images

1 Clown & bull, Cody Night Rodeo Allen Hirsch Alameda 2 It must be in here somewhere, SF Daniel Wagner Contra Costa 3 El Tatio Geyser Mineral Bath, Chile Linda Rutherford Peninsula 4 [Seq] Rice Harvest Loujean Lamalfa-Prince Santa Rosa

5 No Gain Without Pain at the Inaugural Livermore Half Marathon Race, 29th of March 2014.

Ceasar Ricasata Livermore HM WHERE'S THE BALL - ATP Indian Wells Jim Kerschner Santa Rosa

Journalism I: 35 Images

1 Demonstration of sheep herding at Flock Hill Station, a high country farm in New Zealand.

	Irene Bergamini	Diablo Valley		
2 Motocross training	George Field	Contra Costa		
3 F51 and F22 at EAA Oshkosh Air Show	Paul Pokrywka	Millbrae		
4 Dust storm near Bakersfield causes dangerous driving conditions	Mary Lou Froese	Millbrae		
5 Canine traveler	Grant Kreinberg	Diablo Valley		
HM Many couples were celebrating the length of their relationships at the San Francisco Pride Parade on June 30,				
2013	Matthew Rampton	Alameda		

Journalism A: 44 Images

1 Skateboarder Catches Air Above Big Bowl Lip	Barry Grivett	Contra Costa
2 Young Competitor Reaching for the Top	Barry Grivett	Contra Costa
3 A Walk Thru The Petting Zoo	Henriette Brasseur	Marin
4 Trying to Head the Ball in Soccer sometimes can lead to collisions	Richard Silva	Millbrae
5 It's that time of year again & turkeys are ready to go to work.	Linda Brown	Alameda
HM [Seq] Vietnamese Construction	Susan Gerber	Livermore

Journalism M: 31 Images

1B Boogie Boarder Thrown for 180-degree Wipeout **Sherry Grivett Contra Costa** 2 [Seq] Over 40 League Baserunner Overestimates his Speed Around the Bases David Henneman Santa Rosa 3 Surfer riding wave at Rockaway Beach in Pacifica Cathy Cooper Diablo Valley

4 Roger Moore #5 of the Giants Tee-ball league, in process of throwing the ball to first base to try to take out the hitter. Game was played at Allen Witt Park in Fairfield CA. March the 17th 2014 Alan Moore Diablo Valley 5 Wedding ceremony on the Playa - Burning Man, Black Rock City John Gover Livermore HM Gay Pride Participant Insists the Eyes Have It Lynn Letteris Rossmoor



Best in Show First Place

Journalism Projected Images - Masters Boogie Boarder Thrown for 180-degree Wipeout **Sherry Grivett** Contra Costa Camera Club



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N4C Board Meeting of April 14, 2014

Presiding: President Jim Cutler. The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

Roll call: Roll call was read by N4C Secretary, Jane Postiglione.

Present: President & Millbrae N4C Rep, Jim Cutler; Secretary, Jane Postiglione; Treasurer & Webmaster, Teri Schoech; Print Co-Chair, Special Programs Chair, FotoClave Trustee & Chair, Joan Field; PI Chair, EI Coordinator & backup Berkeley N4C Rep, Gene Albright; Judges Chair & PSA Rep, Joe Hearst; Alameda N4C Rep, Terry Toomey; Berkeley Rep, Gene Albright; Contra Costa N4C Rep, Mike Luebke; Diablo Valley N4C Rep, Light & Shadow Rep, Randy Herz; Lynn Oakleaf; Livermore N4C Rep, Al Ludwick & backup Rep Phil Meginness; Marin N4C Rep, Rick Budde; Rossmoor Rep, Allen Gararich.

Not Present: Print Co-Chair Gene Morita; Newsletter Editor, Amory Donaldson; Chinatown Rep, Nelson Wong; Fremont N4C Rep, Bill Stekelberg; Palo Alto N4C Rep, Sue Forbes; Peninsula N4C Rep, Jill Watt; Photochrome N4C Rep, Mary Asturias; and Santa Rosa Rep.

Minutes: March Minutes were approved by the Board.

President:

 President Jim Cutler he booked the new event center at Rossmoor for next year's N4C Annual Award Banquet on February 22, 2015.

Vice President:

• 2014 Vice President role is STILL VACANT! We need a volunteer.

Treasurer:

- Treasurer, Teri Schoech, provided the March Monthly Treasurer's Report showing Total Cash Assets of \$9,351.57
- Teri deposited more dues checks and monies from the Darrel Gulin fundraising Seminar.
- The CD produced \$26.76 of interest earned

Secretary:

• Secretary Jane Postiglione. Minutes only. No other report.

Judges Chair:

 Judges Chair, Joe Hearst, said N4C interclub competition judges for April is Terry Toomey for PI and Barbara Mallon for Prints; May are Joan Field for Prints and Barrie Bieler for PIs; and June TBD.

Print Chairs:

 Gene Morita was not in attendance. Joan Field will create an N4C label for Light & Shadow (LS) and make sure Teri has the label to place on the website.

EI Coordinator:

- EI Coordinator, Gene Albright, said this month there were 381 PIs and 200 Prints submitted.
- A discussion occurred about increasing the number of PIs that can be submitted at the N4C Annual, since N4C added 5 clubs. Various scenarios were discussed. Five places and 2-3 HMs or 6 places with 2 HMs were suggested. Also discussed was limiting a total of 6 winners from each club per division per level, but no final decision was made. President Jim Cutler will write up the options to discuss at the next board meeting.

Foto Fanfare Editor:

• Foto Fanfare Editor, Amory Donaldson was not present.

PSA:

• Joe Hearst submitted (20) N4C images to the PSA Council Challenge.

FotoClave:

 FotoClave Chair Joan Field and Jane Postiglione, Facilities Chair reported they met with Yanta Moore | Convention Services Manager, Hilton Concord | 1970 Diamond Blvd | Concord, CA 94520, any further negotiated down the parking charge and the cost of the dinner menu.

Special Programs Chair:

 Joan Field reported that there were 74 attendees at the Darrel Gulin fundraising seminar and a profit of about \$1400.00 was made. Joan also reminded us of the Yerba Buena Chapter of PSA presentation by Rick Hulbert, on Saturday, May 10, 9 AM - 5 PM at Andrew Carnegie Lecture Hall, San Leandro Library on "Urban Photography."

Webmaster:

• Webmaster, Teri Schoech –will update the website with the new clubs (15 total).

Old Business:

• None.

New Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM. Respectfully submitted by Secretary Jane Postiglione Next Board Meeting:

Next Board Meeting:

Monday evening May 12, 2014



Best in Show First Place

Travel Projected Images - Basic

Caregivers waiting outside the Maternity Ward,

Embangweni hospital, Malawi

Allen Hirsch

Alameda Photographic Society



2014 County Fairs

Contra Costa County Fair May 29 – June 1 http://contracostafair.com/

Solano County Fair http://www.scfair.com/scfair.html

Sonoma County Fair

July 24 – August 10

http://www.sonomacountyfair.com/fair/sonoma-county-fair.php

Alameda County Fair

June 19 – July 7

http://www.alamedacountyfair.com/20

13fair/index.php

San Mateo County Fair
June 7 – June 15
https://sanmateocountyfair.com/

Sonoma - Marin Fair
June 18 – June 22
http://www.sonoma-marinfair.org/entertainment

Santa Clara County Fair
July 31 – August 3
http://thefair.org/index.cfm

Napa County Fair http://www.napacountyfair.org/

Marin County Fair

July 2 – July 4

http://www.marinfair.org/

California State Fair
http://www.calexpo.com/events-by-cal-expo/the-california-state-fair/

Calaveras County Fair & Jumping Frog
Jubilee
May 15 – May 18
http://www.frogtown.org/

Amador County Fair
July 24 - July27
http://amadorcountyfair.com/

Amazing photo opportunities!

Be sure and check entry dates, requirements, and deadlines for entering your photos in their contests!

FFF Articles Wanted ...



Do you have extra
Photographic Equipment
just sitting around
collecting dust?

Want a few extra bucks to buy the latest camera, lenses, and accessories? Then send me all the info with a couple of photos, I'll put it in the FanFare, and, before you know it, it will be Shopping Time again!!!

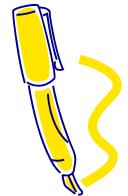
Have you been on a **Wonderful Trip** to someplace amazing?



Near or Far it doesn't matter, send me the story and somephotos and we'll all enjoy your adventure!

If you have any Great Tips to share ... Tips for beginners and all the way up are always welcome!

Email all the information to me at fotofanfarenewsletter@yahoo.com



Another Great Tip from Euclid!

A Lightroom alternative. Try darktable

http://www.darktable.org/



N4C 2013 INTERCLUB COMPETITIONSCHEDULE Competition categories for each month including Color & Monochrome in Print and

Pictorial in Projected Images.

M is Monochrome in Projected Images

N is Nature
C is Creative
T is Travel
J is Journalism
S is Sequence

Go to http://n4c.org/definitions/ for N4C Competition Definitions including excellent example photographs.

Photo Fun Events!

Always double check - events change!

January

Ano Nuevo for Elephant Seals Golden Gate Kennel Dog Show – San Francisco Napa Valley Mustard Festival PBR Rodeo – Sacramento

February

Chinese New Year – San Francisco & Oakland Hawaiian Chiefton Tall Ship – Jack London Square – Oakland

Monster Trucks - Oakland Coliseum

March

Body Art Show – Cow Palace – San Francisco St. Patrick's Day Festival – Dublin

April

Cinderella Bicycle Challenge – Pleasanton John Muir Birthday & Earth Day Tartan Day Scottish Festival – Ardenwood Farms – Fremont Woodland Scottish Games

Cherry Blossom Festival –San Francisco Auburn Wild West Stampede - Auburn

May

17th Wetlands Birding FREE – www.msvd.org Rowell Ranch Rodeo – Hayward Fire Truck Day – Ardenwood Farms – Fremont Art on Main – Walnut Creek San Ramon Wind & Art Festival Benicia Glass Artists' Open House Hawaiian Festival – Pleasanton Music at noon – Tuesdays – Todos Santos Park – Concord

Bay to Breakers – San Francisco Carnaval San Francisco AMA Motorcycle Showdown – Infineon Raceway Calaveras Frog Jump Jubilee

June

14th Wetlands Birding FREE – www.msvd.org Sonoma Marin Fair - Petaluma Italian Street Painting Festival - San Rafael Russian River Rodeo - Duncan Mills Livermore Rodeo Sand Castle / Sculpture Contest – Crab Cove Pirates Festival – Vallejo
Gay Pride Parade – San Francisco
Danville Fine Arts Fair
Alameda County Fair – Pleasanton
Solano County Fair – Vallejo
Crawdad Festival – Isleton
Pista Sa Nayon Independence Day Festival – Filipino
Festival – Vallejo
Sonoma Historic MotorSports Festival – Infineon
Raceway
Nascar – Infineon Raceway
Contra Costa County Fair – Antioch
California Rodeo - Salinas

July

Contraptor's Rally- Mare Island
Marin County Fair - San Rafael
Civil War Days - Duncan Mills
NHRA Drag Races –Infineon
Benicia Jazz & Fine Arts Festival
PRCA Rodeo – Santa Rosa
Anything 4th of July
Berkeley Kite Festival
Crucible's Fine Art Fire Festival - Oakland
Gilroy Garlic Festival
California State Fair – Cal Expo
CCPRA Rodeo – Merced

August

Sonoma County Fair - Santa Rosa (July-August)
Nostalgia Days Rod and Kustom Car Show - Novato
Japanese Festival – Concord
Indy Car Races – Infineon
Air Show – Santa Rosa
Martinez Car, Truck, Bike Show
Oakland Chinatown Street Fest
Art in the Park - Martinez
Cajun/Zydeco Festival – Ardenwood Farms –Fremont
Body Art Expo – Cow Palace – San Francisco
Art & Soul Festival – Oakland
Sausalito Art Festival - Sausalito (August-September)

September

Sausalito Art Festival - Sausalito (August-September) International Dragon Boat Races-Treasure Island Walnut Festival – Walnut Creek Balloon Races – Reno Folsom Street Leather & Fetish Fair – San Francisco Mutt Strut – Martinez Delta Blues Festival – Antioch

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Pittsburg Seafood Festival Dragon Boat Races - Treasure Island Italian Chalk Festival – Martinez Oktoberfest – Clayton Scottish Games - Pleasanton Live Horse Racing returns to Golden Gate Fields

October

Pumpkin Festival – Half Moon Bay Pleasant Hill Art, Wine, & Jazz Fest Fall Crafts Festival - Danville Gathering of the Ohlone Peoples – Coyote Hills Park Dixon Lambtown Fair Grand National Rodeo – San Francisco Fleet Week – San Francisco Oktober Fest - Concord

November

Hawaiian Festival - Pleasanton Cat Show - Pleasanton



Holiday Frolic – Martinez Ice Skating - Walnut Creek, San Francisco Benicia Glass Artists' Open House Dicken's Fair – Cow Palace – San Francisco

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EVENTS!!!

Know of any Special Events, Fairs, Sporting Matches, Garden Shows, Music Extravaganzas, etc, etc, etc going on in your area or around the Bay Area? Let us all in on the Event and I'll spread the news!!! Email me at

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Best in Show First Place

Creative Prints - Advanced Bag to Bean to Brew to Oops **Bob Cossins** Millbrae Camera Club

Color Prints - Masters **Best in Show First Place**

Young Apprentice Monk Studying by an open window, Monastery, Myanmar Gene Morita Marin Photo Club



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Best in Show First Place

Monochrome Prints - Advanced

A Chinese Princess

Selden Parmelee

Contra Costa Camera Club

To view all the beautiful photographs and all the other winning photographs, go to the N4C web site at http://n4c.photoclubservices.com/Default.aspx



I like these photographs!!!



My first reaction was: Ahhh!

Fifth Place

Nature Prints - Advanced
Polar Bear cub (Urus maritimus) sleeps while its mother
watches for danger. On sea ice in the Chukchi Sea, Siberia.
Catherine d'Alessio
Marin Photo Club





Second Place

Pictorial Projected Images - Intermediate

English Summer Beach

Janet Reinstra

Contra Costa Camera Club



Honorable Mention

Travel Projected Images - Basic

Somesville Footbridge, Mount Desert Island,

Maine

Barry Grivett

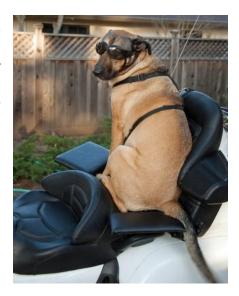
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Fifth Place Journalism Projected Images - Intermediate Canine traveler Grant Kreinberg Diablo Valley Camera Club



Second Place

Travel Projected Images - Masters Young Burmese Monks and Puppies Vicki Rupp Marin Photo Club



I enjoyed viewing all of them, but these evoked the Ahhhh! reaction from me.

Northern California Council of Camera Clubs Check out these web sites:

N4C

http://www.n4c.org http://n4c.photoclubservices.com

PSA

http://www.psa-photo.org

Yerba Buena Chapter of PSA

http://www.psa-yerbabuenachapter.org/Home Page.html

Camera Club Name Abbreviations:

AL	Alameda Photographic Society	http://3011933.photoclubservices.com/
BK	Berkeley Camera Club	http://www.berkeleycameraclub.org/
CC	Contra Costa Camera Club	http://contracostacc.homestead.com/
CT	Chinatown Photographic Society	http://chinatownphoto.org/wordpress/en/
DV	Diablo Valley Camera Club	http://3013855.photoclubservices.com/
FPS	Fremont Photographic Society	http://fremont.photoclubservices.com/
LS	Light & Shadow Camera Club	http://light-and-shadow.org/
LV	Livermore Valley Camera Club	http://www.livermorevalleycameraclub.com/
MR	Marin Photography Club	http://www.marinphotoclub.com/
ML	Millbrae Camera Club	http://www.millbraecameraclub.org/
PA	Palo Alto Camera Club	http://www.pacamera.com/
PE	Peninsula Camera Club	http://www.peninsulacameraclub.com/
PH	Photochrome Camera Club of San Francisco	http://photochrome.org/Photochrome Club
RO	Rossmoor Camera Club	http://rossmoorcameraclub.photoclubservices.com/
SR	Santa Rosa Photographic Society	http://www.santarosaphotographicsociety.org/

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Welcome Light & Shadow Camera Club from the San Jose area!!! Welcome to N4C! http://light-and-shadow.org/



Dates you might want to remember in May!

1 – May Day – Dance around your May Pole

2 – Teacher Week – Thanks to our Teachers that we can read this!

3 – National Pet Week – Thank your Pet for its Love!

5 – Cinco de Mayo – A day to celebrate your inner Hispanicness

5 – Children's Day – Celebrate your inner Child too!

6 - Nurses Day - Thank a Nurse for their Care

7 - Law Enforcement Week - Thank them for Protecting us

10 - Peace Day - Perhaps if we all think about Peace, it can happen!

11- Happy Mother's Day to all you Mothers out there!

13 – National Stamp Out Hunger Day – Feed someone who's hungry

15 - EMT Week - Thank an EMT or Paramedic for helping you out

17 - Armed Forces Day - Thank them for their Service!

26 – Memorial Day – Thank them for your Freedom and their Sacrifice