

July 2011

People and Happening:

Judge Training Day Seven club members (Udo, Steve J, Jenny H, Sue W, Iain G, Robert and Colin) travelled to Taupo on Saturday 18th of June to learn about the art of assessing images. Our representation was about 25% of the attendance. Those who decide to continue the process further may eventually become PSNZ accredited assessors.

Club Vacancy. The position of Print Secretary needs filling. The job entails collecting prints on judging nights. From there the prints are logged in the database and then given to the person judging them. On the night, the print secretary is responsible for hanging the prints for viewing. A previous print secretary says that the position involves about four hours per month. If you are interested in volunteering, see Steve or Udo. The advantage of the job is that you get a sneak preview of the next month's entries.

Field Trip Co-ordinator – The position has been filled by Lyndon Ingram. We thank him for this, and look forward to some outings, perhaps when the depths of winter have passed.

Help for newcomers may well be coming.

A Buddy System is proposed to give new club members an introduction to the workings of the club. The club website www.manawatucamera.net.nz has a rundown on the proposal.

Mid Winter Dinner.

This event is traditionally held in July. It is proposed that it be held on Monday 25th at India Tonite in George St.

If you are interested/ wish to give feedback on the proposal email Udo from the club website link. There will also be sign up sheet at club night for you to add your name.

From Lyndon Ingram

I have come across a really useful monthly magazine called **Photo Plus**. This is a magazine specifically written for Canon camera users, but, is independent of Canon. However, it would be really informative for all photographers. Like many photo magazines, it has a number of “how to” type articles, e.g. How to photograph a day at the motor racing, or flowers, night shoots, create cool Black & Whites etc, etc. The point of difference is that it shows you the settings on your Canon DSLR as well as reminding us of good old-fashioned, tried and true techniques. It is available from Terrace End Books, but maybe, from other bookstores.



Up coming Events.

Central Regional Convention. In 2011 it will be hosted by the Stratford Camera Club. October 7th-9th. The theme will be “Expect the Unexpected”. Expect, in their words for it to be “a bit weird, a bit wacky- it’s what we do in Taranaki”. There will be speakers, workshops and outings. More details to follow, the flyer promises.

Southern Regional Convention. Hosted by the Dunedin Photographic Society between the 28th and 30th of October. “Definitely Dunedin”- City of Contrasts will also feature speakers, workshops, and judging by the audio-visual on their website some awesome field trips. Visit www.dps.org.nz to find out more.

Digital Projected Images These are images that are viewed on a screen using a data projector. This medium is becoming more and more popular and there are now competitions in this format. PSNZ honours can be awarded for projected images of sufficient quality.

The Manawatu Camera Club is looking at introducing competitions for digital projected images to stand alongside print images in club competitions. This is envisaged to start in 2012 with the committee, post the AGM to amend the rules relating to competitions.

Audio-visual presentations are becoming increasingly popular. There are many software packages that blend images and music to produce compelling artworks. There is a possibility that the club will hold an evening later this year devoted to viewing audio-visuals created by club members. The demonstrations at last month's technical club night will have shown examples of what is possible.

From the Club meeting on June 27th. The meeting featured presentations on two programmes that can be used to put together digital slideshows that can be shown on either computer or through a data projector. Sue introduced us to **Fotomagico** through a show she put together featuring images from her trip to Tanzania. She followed up by introducing some of the features the programme that can be used to put together a presentation. The cost is about \$130.

<http://www.boinx.com/fotomagico/overview/>



A wild image that shouts autumn. Where are we?

Lightroom is an image editing programme that is being used increasingly by professional photographers. Frans has introduced the programme at club technical nights and a number of members have purchased it through **Computercare**. Lightroom besides being an image editor, amongst other useful features, is able to produce slideshows. The latest version (Lightroom 3) has the ability to export slideshows with music. This is an advance on the second version. Though not as "clever" as Fotomagico, if you are in the market for an excellent image editor, the ability to also produce image shows is a bonus. The cost from Computercare is about \$230.

Looking Ahead. "Elegance" is the theme for set subject submissions to be handed in on July 11th.

How about entering the digital projected image section of July's judging night. The club's website www.manawatucamera.net.nz has details. Look under the competitions drop down menu.



Elegance?