

From Club President.....

A new, exciting development is about to occur. It is an idea that has been floating in the air for some time but it has come to reality through the efforts of a group of five MCC members. A room is to be rented at Square Edge to allow members to work together to improve their knowledge and the quality of their photography. Photographic equipment has and will be donated by some members. But there are two stings in the tail! The rental of the room is \$385 per month and the numbers using the room at any time will need to be limited and will be on the basis of user-pays. The suggestion is that a limited group of (say) 12 people can use the room at most times but others in the club can attend workshops etc. Details to be finalised!

A strange thing happened at the judging meeting in June as the Print of the Night (and two other highly awarded prints) was submitted by Maurice Rose who sadly died a couple of days before the meeting. Despite her sad loss, Edith was absolutely delighted that Maurice's photography was recognised in this way. Our thoughts continue to go out to her and her family and friends.

Warm regards, Richard Brook, President, MCC.

July 2007

Club Meetings:

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of Lido aquatic Centre
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What's Happening??: July 2007

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| Monday
09/07/2007 | 19:30 | Share your small prints on the Small Prints Board.
Enter your prints or slides in the July competition "Farm Animals" and "Open". |
| | 19:45 | Judging of images by Leigh Dome "Monochrome and B/W" and "Open"; |
| | 20:45 | Kevin will talk about photographing children. |
| | 21:00 | Chitchat time with a warm cup of coffee or tea |
| Monday
23/07/2007 | | Annual Dinner together....details will be mentioned in the monthly meeting |

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Monthly competition

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Subject: Farm animals

This month's subject for images is Farm animals. Farm carry the sense of culture and nature of a particular country...so does the farm animals... they are beautiful...all that matter is how you photograph them!

Menu of the Month.....

Note: The results of the monthly competitions will be sent as a separate attachment. Instead there will be a informative column in the Newsletter.

MCC members are having a social night out this month. Make sure most of you join...last year it was fun, this year it should be a "Blast"



Website of the month:

Colin suggested a very nice website.
<http://jzportraits.home.att.net/>
It tells you the secrets of portrait photography.
Have a look.

WANT TO BE PART OF US????

Come, know us and tell us about yourself

If you are a beginner, an amateur or a pro in photography, doesn't matter. If you are interested in photography...MCC is place for you....Meet people with the same interest, learn and help each other to improve....We always welcome a new member!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Steve's Snapshots

Landscape Photography

The shortest day has just been and gone which means that the sun is low in the sky for most of the day and you don't have to get up early for sunrise or to wait long for sunset ... all of these things are perfect for successful landscape photography.

Most of us have travelled past scenery that makes us think ... wow! Often however this will be at a time of the day when the light is not great. Next time this happens try to ascertain which direction the sun will rise / set and how this will affect the scene before your eyes. Will it shine on the scene and bathe it in a golden light, will this happen from the side of where you are standing, and send shadows raking across the landscape, increasing the perception of depth. Will the sun set behind the horizon in front of you when the sky may become a colourful palette and any foreground objects become silhouette possibilities.

Having compiled a list of worthwhile locations, take the time to set out early morning or late afternoon with your camera and tripod and investigate what photographic possibilities are presented. People sometimes say when they see a stunning image "You were lucky to be there then". I find the more times I go out, the "luckier" I get.

Don't be put off by inclement weather, some of the most arresting images are made when a storm is approaching or a cloudburst has just passed. At these times shafts of light can stream through the clouds and spotlight details on the landscape. Just after a period of rain the atmosphere often appears extremely clean and the light has a crystal clear quality as the rain has removed the dust from the atmosphere. Cold mornings have the advantage of starting off in misty conditions. Mist brings numerous possibilities that may be captured including valleys becoming seas of mist while hills/mountains protrude through; aerial perspective where the layers of hills receding into the distance become progressively lighter giving a strong illusion of depth. Mist appears in forests / bushland and as the sun rises and shines through, the shafts of light are greatly exaggerated.

As you can see, this time of year is great for photography, so wrap up warm and have an adventure. Capture a few images, even if you feel nothing stunning presents itself, think of how you can maximize what you have in front of you ... your photography will improve just by doing this. Think about the emotions you feel and how you can best portray these.

Having dealt with what to look for and when, next month we will look at the technical aspects – in short ... I'm here with my camera, now what?

Steve Johnson, LPSNZ

Steve is one of the best photographers we have in our club. He has proved himself with those frequent honours at MCC monthly competitions and the honour he received from PSNZ. Steve has kindly agreed to write a column for our FotoNews, in which he would like to share his expertise with all of us.

If you have any comments or suggestions on this column, please feel free to let editor know.

MCC finds a place in Cyber World!!

Thanks to the efforts of Udo Von Mulert, the MCC website has now been launched. Members and interested others are encouraged to visit the website www.manawatucamera.net.nz

The website has concise information regarding MCC membership, activities and monthly competition rules. You can also download past and recent issues of the Newsletter. The website also offers the possibility for MCC members to upload and showcase their images, leading to greater exposure for their work. How to do that??? Visit the website and go to the section "Our Work", or contact Udo Von Mulert.

Please, find some time and present your work on website. This is an opportunity for the right exposure to your own work.

If you wish to join our mailing list for the newsletter, please send an email to ajayawati@yahoo.com. Please make sure that the subject line states "Subscribe to MCC Fotonews".
