
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes September 14, 2021

Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, September 14. Attendees included Martin Evan, President; Doug Beecher, Vice President; Vicky Eicher, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Mike Bachmann, Beau Robertson, Debbie Roberts, Charlie Stout, Gilpin Brown, Lynn Felton, Frank Feigert, Cyane Lowden, Charles and Cindy Krumbein, Steve Baranoff, and Sallie Rugg.

There were no guests in attendance.

Program

The program consisted of a presentation of photographs taken by club members who participated in the Summer 2021 Challenge – “Summer Themes”. Members who presented images were: Martin Evans (Out of the Comfort Zone/Experimentation), Mike Bachmann (Simplicity, Snapshots, Pep Ventosa Technique), Doug Beecher (Backyard Items in Black & White), Charlie Stout (Bluebird Family in Backyard), Gilpin Brown (Landscapes), Cyane Lowden (Dark Night of the Soul), Beau Robertson (Documenting Monument Avenue), and Frank Feigert (Lee Statue)

Mike Bachmann announced the September 2021 challenge – Backlight

Discussion Topics

CROSSROADS ART GALLERY EXHIBIT SPACE

- Martin Evans related how he had spoken with a representative of the Crossroads Art Gallery, who had previously doubled their asking price for our club’s exhibit there to \$1500. He said they can offer a compromise of a \$600 fee for half the space as before. He said the dates available are May 8, 2023 through June 30, 2023. They also can rent us a long-term exhibit space at approximately \$240 per month if desired. A survey will be sent to members shortly to ascertain their opinions about these options.

OCTOBER, DECEMBER, JANUARY EXHIBITS

- Martin expressed the need for volunteers to put up these shows. He also mentioned the previous Suntrust (now Truist) exhibit list that he had recently emailed to the members, and that members who wish to exhibit at Truist in October should update or add to the list using the same format/template for information about the pieces they wish to exhibit.
- Lynn Felton also reminded us that we have an exhibit in November at Virginia Eye Institute that she will chair, and that space is limited – 1 image per member, first come, first serve.

Board of Directors Report

The Board of Directors report mentioned the Treasurer’s report, which was previously circulated, and the list of the current board members, with Charles Krumbein in the position of Past President in place

of Tim O'Hare. Martin reminded members that Tim had resigned from the club because of the time commitment he had taken on as president of his Homeowners Association. The report also listed the club's upcoming exhibit schedule.

Roundtable

There were no roundtable images submitted for this meeting.

Further Business

Doug Beecher briefly ran through the list of upcoming programs for the year, and reminded members to sign up for the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts club tour of the upcoming Ansel Adams exhibit.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary