
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes October 12, 2021

Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM by Martin Evans.

Attendees included Martin Evans, President; Doug Beecher, Vice President; Vicky Eicher, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Charles Krumbein, Past President; Bill Billings, Mike Bachman, David Everette, Lynn & Durwood Felton, Steve Baranoff, Lloyd Chaser, Tom Allen, Beau Robertson, Sid Koerin, Sally Rugg, Cindy Krumbein, Gilpin Brown, Cyane Lowden, Mark Breen, and Steve Retherford

There were no guests in attendance.

Announcements

Martin advised the members that, when traveling, be aware of Covid-19 vaccination requirements. Do your homework, because it can be difficult. Always have your vaccination card or photo of it, and be aware that the Virginia Department of Health has your vaccination information online, which can be saved to your phone as a QR code.

Bill Billings reported that Ron Radcliffe had passed away.

Monthly Challenge

Mike Bachmann presented the submissions for the September Monthly Challenge – “Backlight”. Four members submitted images – Doug Beecher, Mike Bachmann, Mark Breen, and Martin Evans. Mike announced the October Challenge – “Framing”. He also announced a continuous challenge for the rest of the year – the “Alphabet Challenge” – find objects that resemble the letters of the alphabet, to be submitted each month.

Program

David Everette was to present and discuss some of his personal photos, but there was an apparent miscommunication, and he believed he was there to critique photographs. He was unable to share any images from his computer, so the consensus was that he critique the roundtable images, which were submitted by Doug Beecher, and that another date would be found for his presentation. He also talked about the beginnings of the Focus Group Camera Club in 1989.

Discussion Topics

TRUIST AND VEI EXHIBITS

- Martin Evans thanked everyone who participated in the Truist exhibit and reminded all about the scheduling issue that had cropped up regarding the Virginia Eye Institute exhibit. He

reminded everyone who had images at VEI that they must be picked up on October 29th between 7:30 and 9:00 am.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY EXHIBIT

- Martin asked about the availability of Gary Sargent and an assistant to help hang the exhibit. Cindy Krumbein said they are available, but that many volunteers were needed as well.
- Lloyd Chaser mentioned in passing that he had participated as a vendor at the Pumpkin Festival the previous Saturday and that it was his most successful show ever.

MEETING VENUE

- Doug Beecher announced that in-person club meetings will resume in January at River Road Presbyterian Church, and Martin confirmed this. Covid requirements will be determined, but as of now, masks are required inside the church.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Doug outlined the upcoming programs for the year.

CROSSROADS ART GALLERY

- Martin announced that in the membership survey previously sent out regarding the feasibility of the club establishing a long-term relationship with the Crossroads Art Gallery, the NOs were the majority and that, therefore, the club will have no long-term relationship with the gallery for 2023. However, he did say that we have space for May of 2023 for a \$600 fee. David Everette and Lloyd Chaser related their positive experiences with renting walls at the Crossroads gallery.

VIRGINIA MUSEUM GUIDED TOUR OF ANSEL ADAMS EXHIBIT

- Gene Harris updated the members about the tour and gave an October 25 deadline for signing up. Vicky Eicher and Gene explained how payment for the tour would work: participating members should send a check to Vicky, Gene will pay the museum the lump sum for the tour, and Vicky would reimburse him.

Treasurer's Report

Vicky Eicher briefly discussed the Treasurer's Report and said she would send it to all members after the meeting.

Roundtable

Doug Beecher presented neighborhood shots, Mark Breen presented photos around the Montauk lighthouse, Mike Bachmann presented images taken at the Scranton, PA train station with steam locomotives, and Martin Evans presented some "leftover" images from the Backlight challenge.

Member Image Feedback

Martin Evans and Mike Bachmann presented images for critique/feedback from the members.

Further Business

A question was asked as to the status of the upcoming exhibit at the Cultural Arts Center at Glen Allen for January. As far as anyone knew, it was still on, but the dates are not firm yet.

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary