
FOCUS GROUP CAMERA CLUB

Club Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022

Call to order

A meeting of the Focus Group Camera Club was called to order at River Road Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:30 pm. Attendees included Doug Beecher, President; Lloyd Chaser, Vice President; Mark Breen, Treasurer; Gene Harris, Secretary; Mike Bachmann, Beau Robertson, Debbie Roberts, Cyane Lowden, Sallie Rugg, Al Warfield, Linda Warfield, Tom Allen, and Jay Denny.

There were no guests in attendance.

New Member Presentation

As is customary for new members, in order to allow the club members to get to know them better, Jay Denny presented a series of examples of photographs that illustrate his approach to photography, and what inspires him photographically. He talked about his background in photography, and even offered some inspirational quotes from Lewis Hine and Dara McGrath.

Monthly Challenge

There were two monthly challenges for members to participate in this month: “Night Photography” and “Tell A Story.” For “Night Photography,” Jay, Mike, and Debbie offered images. For “Tell A Story,” Mike, Debbie, Cyane, Mark, and Lloyd offered images.

Next month’s challenges: “Close Up” and “Natural Designs.”

Program

Mike Bachmann presented a comprehensive program about focus stacking. He spoke about what focus stacking is, under what conditions you might want to use it, depth of field considerations, sharpness and diffraction, and what software is available to facilitate focus stacking. He finished with a real-time demonstration of focus stacking using a table top set up and a laptop computer.

Lloyd reminded the members that next month’s program will be presented by Mark Breen, who will talk about Adobe Express software and how it can be used to easily create a photography website for displaying photos.

Business Meeting Discussion Topics

TRUIST EXHIBIT

- Because Exhibit Chair Cindy Krumbain was unable to attend the meeting, she gave notes to Cyane Lowden, who summarized them for the members. Her notes included the following: 80 photographs are on display; she appreciates everyone who helped hang the exhibit; the takedown dates are October 29th through November 1st; and she recommends that the club have an opening night for the exhibit next year and more advertising for the event.

- Related to that, Doug reiterated the need for more volunteers for exhibits. Jay agreed to help Doug organize future shows.

CLUB DUES

- Mark reminded those that haven't paid their annual club dues that the dues are payable now.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

- Doug reminded the members that we still need new club members and that the membership drive is ongoing.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Mark Breen reported a balance of \$4659.20.

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

- Doug reminded the members of the upcoming exhibits:
 - o Richmond Public Library (December) – a reminder email from exhibit coordinator Stephen Retherford just went out to the members
 - o Crossroads Art Gallery (May) – club members will need to reach a consensus about participation – Martin Evans is coordinating
 - o Virginia Eye Institute (June) – Gene Harris is coordinating

FIELD TRIPS

- Mark Breen mentioned some possibilities, particularly Governor's Antiques, who have indicated a willingness to cooperate
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Roundtable

Images for the Roundtable were presented by Mike, Mark, Cyane, Lloyd, and Debbie

Image Feedback

- Mark Breen presented a photo of a young guitar player for feedback and critique. Several members offered comments.

Further Business

- Doug reminded members of some upcoming dates to keep in mind:
 - o October 17th, 7 pm – FGCC Board Meeting
 - o Oct 29 – Nov 1 – Truist exhibit takedown
 - o November 8th, 7:30 pm – FGCC Club Meeting
 - o November 14th, 7 pm – FGCC Board Meeting
 - o December, Richmond Public Library Exhibit

Adjournment

There being no further items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Harris, Secretary