

the *Lens Paper*

*The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography,
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JUNE, 2006

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JUNE PROGRAM (June 28, 2006)

by Barbara Royer

Topic: The Great Gray Owls of Northern Minnesota

During the winter of 2005, Great Gray Owls descended upon Northern Minnesota from the boreal forests of Canada in unprecedented numbers. This phenomenon, which occurs periodically, but unpredictably, provided a unique opportunity for observing and photographing North America's largest owl. Images of the Great Gray Owl in this winter habitat will be presented and the challenges faced by the photographer in capturing these images will be discussed.



Neil Solomon was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. His interest in birds started as a ten year old watching Black-capped Chickadees feed on the seeds of giant sunflowers in a neighbor's yard. Some years later, after obtaining a graduate degree in Mechanical Engineering, Neil ended up in San Diego and is still here 30 years later. He dabbled with photography, mostly landscapes, until 2001, when he purchased his first digital SLR. After taking a local bird photography workshop in 2002, he became passionate about photographing birds and is often asked what his favorite bird is to photograph--it is the bird he is photographing at that moment! For Neil, the photographic process is as much about observing the behavior of the birds as it is about pressing the shutter button.

Today, he travels whenever he can, near and far, in search of birds to photograph. His equipment consists of the

Canon 1DMkII body and the Canon 500mm f4, Canon 300mm f2.8, and Canon 100-400mm IS lenses.

You can visit his website at: www.nsolomonphoto.com

PRESIDENTS CORNER by Mike McMahon

As you read this, the San Diego County Fair is in full swing and I'm sure that you're making plans to take it all in...especially the Photo Exhibition. Look for the work of your fellow members to grace the exhibit. Good luck to all of those who entered.

We owe a big 'thanks' to Ed Stalder again this year for his work in coordinating the NCPS volunteers for the Fair. This year, NCPS members helped for four days to receive and process the images, and to assist with judging. Ed did a beautiful job of coordinating the volunteers and serving as our liaison to the coordinator of the Exhibition. Thanks, Ed!

Have you noticed the increase in our photo shoots and workshops? The last few months have seen many events and there are more to come. The Portraiture Workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 17th promises to be a big hit, too. For information on upcoming events, visit our website (www.nc-photo.org).

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the website is now our primary interface to the public. Members and the general public now find it to be the best way to get in touch with us. As a result, we receive very few calls on our phone line/message machine. As an FYI, we plan to drop the phone service when the next billing cycle is up for review.

One of the great unsung heroes of our Society is Nancy Jennings. She has served as our Treasurer for many years and has done a terrific job of handling our finances, greeting members and visitors during our meetings, and helping with the distribution of our newsletter. Please join me in giving Nancy a big smile and a hearty 'thanks' the next time you see her.

Finally, I want to mention that our meetings are now drawing 80 to 100 folks each month. Given that our space is limited, I suggest that you arrive a few minutes early to ensure that you get a good seat.

That's it for this month...good shooting and see you at the meeting.

MEMBER SHARE by Barbara Swanson

This month's membershare is an open topic. Please bring up to two images of any subject to share. As always, you are encouraged to bring recent work. Use this opportunity to show what you are currently working on, or to share a technique.

Because of the size of the room, if you bring a printed image, please have it 8x10 or larger so that everyone can see it. Due to time limitations, we may also have to limit images to members only and hold off showing the work of visitors.

July's topic will be Flash/Fill Flash.

PHOTO SHOOT by Carolyn Taylor

Back by popular demand!!!! We'll visit the Antique Gas and Steam Engine Museum in Vista during their popular Harvest Fair. This unique 55-acre outdoor museum celebrates its 30th birthday this year and it beckons all photographers to enjoy the displays of the early days of American farms and rural life.

Date: June 24

Time: 9 a.m.

Location: 2040 No. Santa Fe Ave. in Vista

Directions: From I-5, travel east on 78, north on Melrose to No. Santa Fe. Right on No. Santa Fe to Museum Way.

Cost: Adults \$8, 65 and older \$7. \$1.00 off Admission coupon on website.

Website: www.agsem.com

Mark your Calendars! We're heading for San Juan Capistrano on AMTRAK to visit the Gallery of Robert Hansen, photograph historic nearby Los Rios Old Town, enjoy a group luncheon, and finish with a shoot inside the "Jewel of the Missions." Here's your opportunity to meet your fellow NCPS photographers and trade hints and tips. Don't miss this one!!

Date: July 15

Time: AMTRAK train #763 leaves Solana Beach station at 6:48 and Oceanside station at 7:55 a.m. and arrives in SJC at 8:30. Return times are 1:40, 3:15 and 4:18.

Cost: under \$20 for AMTRAK with Senior or AAA discount; lunch and mission admission are optional.

IMPORTANT: A picture ID is necessary for boarding AMTRAK. Tickets can be purchased on line or at any AMTRAK station ahead of time or the day of departure, but not on board.

Website: www.sanjuancapistrano.net

MEMBER PROFILE by Carol Moon

A native of California, Carol Moon lives with her husband, Dan, and her 97-year-old mother, LuVerne, in Oceanside. She moved to Oceanside from Torrance where she had been active and competed in the South Bay Camera Club and S4C (Council of Camera Clubs) winning many ribbons, awards, and medals. She

took photography classes through South Bay and Torrance Adult Schools.



Among other jobs, Carol worked for Northrop for 6 years. Prior to moving to Oceanside she worked 15 years as Office Manager for Carter Services, a plumbing and appliance repair service. She graduated from CSU Dominguez Hills with a B.A. in English. While there she was introduced to black & white photography and loved making her own prints. Her real passion for photography began at that time.

Carol exhibited her photographs at the Torrance Library, won awards at the Los Angeles County Fair, Gardena Artist's Association, and in many local shows and competitions. As a member of the Torrance Artist's Guild, Carol won awards in their monthly competitions and yearly shows, once winning the "Popular Choice Award" for her photograph "Fractured Flowers"—and because photographs rarely win in art shows—it was quite an honor. For years numerous newspapers carried a black and white portrait of Dr. Cathleen Brown next to her "Parenting" articles that was taken by Carol.

As a member of the Fallbrook Camera Club, Carol along with other members is currently exhibited in the Photo Arts Building in Balboa Park. She recently had a display of her photographs at the Oceanside Mission Branch Library. Carol has been competing in one thing or another all of her life. She played fast pitch softball, soccer, volleyball, and tennis as an adult. Now she is competing less and is "Press Correspondent" taking photographs and writing newspaper articles for various groups she belongs to. She also enjoys photographing her family when they get together.

Carol enjoys photojournalism, nature, and travel photography. (Unfortunately, she traveled through most of the more than 50 countries she visited before she found her passion for photography.) Canon has always been the camera of choice. She has a T50, two APS—an EOS IX and a Elph 2, an EOS 10S (her favorite) with a lot of lenses, and a new digital S3 IS that she just bought to take on the "Train to Tecate" trip. However, to Carol, the message of the photo is what's important—not the camera or whether it's shot with film or digital.

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Jennings

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 Isabella Breasted - Encinitas

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PC Photo & Imaging

Have you had a chance to see the gallery at PC Photo & Imaging yet? Owners Jim Belderer and Lyn Allred invite you to drop by and see the beautiful enlargements for yourself.

Located in the Trader Joe's shopping center at the corner of El Camino Real and Encinitas Boulevards, this full-service photo lab serves both professional and amateur photographers. Of special note is their expertise in wall-size enlargements (up to 44 x 120 inches). These incredible prints can be delivered on photo luster, art paper, or canvas. And don't think that you need special equipment to take advantage of these large prints. The experienced staff produces these beautiful enlargements from both film and digital images. Even a 6 MB image can deliver a stunning enlargement.

PC Photo & Imaging is a full-service lab. Services include film processing, prints/enlargements, high-resolution scanning, and restoration work. Bring in your JPG or raw image file and let them offer suggestions on how to maximize its potential.

Visit their website (www.pc-photo.net) to learn more about their offerings. In fact, you can even upload your images through the site. Professional photographers may want to take advantage of special services for event photography.

Jim and Lyn will make it even easier for you to try their services...they are happy to extend a 10% discount to NCPS members. So drop by and enjoy the gallery atmosphere and see what the good folks at PC Photo & Imaging can do for you.



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JUNE 2006 Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

Quail Botanical Garden, Encinitas

Ecke Building Meeting Room

Enter Front Gate - **Exit Rear Gate**

Front Gate is Locked at 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Front Gate Opens

6:15 p.m. - Sign-in & Refreshments

6:30 p.m. - Announcements & Member Greeting

6:45 p.m. - Member Share

7:15 p.m. - Break & Refreshments

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Presentation

Donations: First-time guests free/returning guests \$3.00

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