

the *Lens Paper*

*The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography,
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JANUARY 2007

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PRESIDENTS CORNER by Stan John

2007 is here at last – what will this New Year bring? 2006 was an active year for the NCPS as always. In addition to 11 great meetings with interesting presentations, we have had three members of our Volunteer Leadership Team retire to be replaced by 3 new members. We have also been on many wonderful photo-shoots and held our best ever annual members show. NCPS members provided 15% of the photos exhibited at the San Diego County fair and won many awards.

One of the most popular portions of our monthly meetings is the time we devote to Member Share. We will start the New Year with a variant of this by devoting the entire January meeting to a ‘Critique’ of our members shared images by Jim Cline. We all learn by seeing the work of others and by learning to see our images as others see them. This is why we encourage everyone to bring their images to the member share sessions and also to express their constructive opinions on the images shown.

There is no single viewpoint for judging images. Each of us, and each of the people who are chosen as exhibit judges, have a different point of reference by which we judge our own and others work. There are two key parts to this: ‘technical excellence’ and ‘artistic excellence’. Of these two I believe artistic excellence is the most difficult to achieve. Many photographers, even professionals, ‘buy’ the technical excellence, taking their film/digital images to professional finishing organizations. But it is entirely up to the individual photographer to produce the artistic elements in their images.

We all belong to the NCPS, and visit exhibits, to improve our skills while having a great time sharing an evening with friends. Most members are ready and willing to share their methods for producing technically excellent images. Many others are ready to share their artistic talents by suggesting ways to improve the images shown during the member share sessions. Let me say it one more time – Participating in the member share sessions by providing your critique of the images shown is one of the most valuable things you can contribute to your fellow members.

Many of our members are excellent photographers. Look back at the list of winners of our member show(s) and at the list of NCPS winners from the county fair(s). You will find many of the same names repeated again and again, thus demonstrating they are not just ‘one lucky shot’ winners. Listen carefully when one of these people comments on your images.

THE 2007 FAIR is coming. Stephen Burns has been selected to replace Donna Cosentino as the manager for the international photo exhibition. Ed Stalder has once again volunteered to head up the NCPS volunteers who will support the exhibition. Our offer to provide volunteers for the fair has been accepted by Stephen, so once again our members will be able to participate in the fairs preparations.

It’s not too soon to be planning your entries for the fair, which will begin June 8th and run through July 4th. The date for image ‘take in’ has not been announced but should be in mid May with registration preceding that. So, we have about 4 months before we must be ready. I’m not ready but I sure hope you are. In 2006 the NCPS contributed about 15% of the images that were selected by the judges for hanging. Overall, there were about 3000 images submitted with about 1000 of those hung, of which about 150 were from the NCPS. That’s a very fine showing but we can do better if everyone starts work now to select their best images and get them ready.

There may be some new rules and categories this year. Stephen has many ideas and will be working to put his own stamp on the exhibition. He is discussing ideas with the Digital Art Guild, PAG, and the Photoshop Users Group. Eight of our members participated in these talks at a meeting held January 4th. Most of the discussion centered on defining new categories for the Digital e-Arts section. Stephen hopes to expand this area and bring the display into the main exhibition hall. We don’t anticipate any significant changes in the photography categories but the 2007 definitions are still in work, with the final version to be turned over to the fair managers by the end of January.

Stephen plans to attend our January meeting to introduce himself as the new manager of the international photography exhibition and to discuss some of his ideas.

MEMBER SHARE by Barbara Swanson

The entire January meeting will be a member critique session, so please bring in up to two of your photos to be critiqued. We will have three panelists, led by Jim Cline, offering comments and suggestions on your photographs. This should be a very instructive session for everyone, as we will all learn what can be improved in a photograph and what elements can make a photograph successful.

Please follow the instructions below to help make the evening run smoothly. If you are bringing prints, please be sure they are large enough so that everyone can see them.

Instructions:

Up to 2 photos per member

Any subject

Digital or print

Prints should be matted but not framed, and between 11x14" and 16x20" final size

Prioritize your images as first and second priority

Digital images must be submitted electronically ahead of time to help our projectionist

Digital images should be named with the number 1 (first priority) or 2 (second priority), followed by your initials. For example, 1BAS and 2BAS.

The topic for February's membershare is Go Crazy/Try Something New!

PHOTO SHOOTS by Al Schlegel

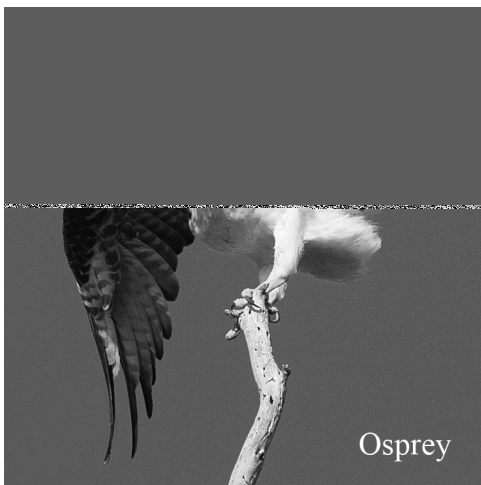
January's Photo Shoot – hosted by Sharon Anthony

Batiquitos Lagoon in Carlsbad

Date: Saturday, January 13, 2007

Time: 11 am – 2 pm

Location: Meet at Nature Center



Directions: Take I-5, exit Poinsettia, go east and turn right (south) on Batiquitos Dr. (2nd stoplight past freeway). Turn right at 1st street, Gabbiano Lane, continue to cul-de-sac, park, walk about 100 yards down trail, Nature Center is on the left.

This will be primarily a bird Photo Shoot, but if you prefer.....bring your landscape lens.

There will be a low tide, and at this time of year we will have a chance to see: Great & Snowy Egrets, Great Blue Herons, Ospreys, Red-tail Hawks, White-tailed Kites, Northern Harriers, American White Pelicans, California Brown Pelicans, Migrating Ducks, and Shore Birds.

Bring your longest lens, wear comfortable shoes, hat, and sun screen. Bring water and lunch; there are places on the trail or at the Nature Center we can have a group lunch. If it rains, we will have to reschedule.

If you have questions contact: Sharon Anthony at

www.anthonysk33@aol.com

Phone: 760-632-8382

Map Locator for Batiquitos Lagoon,

www.batiquitosfoundation.org - Nature Center phone: 760-931-0800

February's Photo Shoot – hosted by Bob Cameron
Huntington Estate – February 10, 2007

There are now three new venues at the Huntington Estate that most of the NCPS members have not yet seen. The first of these is a glass and steel building reminiscent of a Victorian conservatory. Inside the Conservatory are three biospheres representing a steamy jungle, a mist covered mountaintop and a desert. The second new venue presents the lake, bridges and plants of the Chinese Garden. The Chinese Garden's teahouse complex will be constructed in late spring. The third new venue is the Children's Garden. For those members that feel that photographers can learn some pointers about composition from old master artist, there will be a traveling exhibition of John Constable. Not a few art historians believe that Constable is the greatest landscape artist of all time.

The admission fee for the Huntington is \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors age 65+. It is the Huntington policy that cameras and tripods are allowed throughout the gardens but tripods and flash cannot be used for photos taken inside the art galleries or other buildings. There will be a tripod sitter (probably the leader) for those members that wish to photograph the beautiful artifacts inside the buildings.

Members who plan to carpool should rendezvous at 8:30 am in the Batiquitos Park and Ride parking lot. This parking lot is near the intersection of La Costa Avenue and Highway 5. The Huntington is about 100 miles from Batiquitos Park and Drive and the trip will take about 2 hours. Since the Huntington opens at 10:30 am, we should arrive near opening time. Before departing, maps will be handed out. In addition, information will be given on such important issues as the initial Huntington meeting place and where the gang will eat lunch.

If a prospective participant has some questions about this outing, please contact the leader via e-mail (rcamero3@san.rr.com) and/or by telephone: 858-456-3862. Additional information can be obtained at the <http://www.huntington.org/>

Specific directions will follow in the next newsletter.

Finally, rain cancels this event.

NEW MEMBERS by Nancy Jennings

Welcome to our newest members!

- Howard Dreskin – Carlsbad
- Bill and Sharon Moody - San Diego
- Kris Moore – Fallbrook
- Wayne Richard - San Diego
- Richard and Barbara Stephens - Del Mar

INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT

1/1/2006-12/31/2006 by Nancy Jennings

Beginning Balance 1/1/06 \$4438.93

INCOME

Dues	\$3205.00
Guest Fees	54.00
Del Mar Fair – Volunteers	1115.44
Sponsors	2300.00
Miscellaneous	540.00

EXPENSES

Rent - Quail Gardens	\$910.00
Newsletter / Other Printing	1109.75
Refreshments / Supplies	714.67
Pacific Bell	125.70
Photo Shoots and Workshops	600.00
Postage	890.13
Annual Exhibit Expenses	902.51
Speaker / Judge Expenses	520.00
Miscellaneous	495.79

Ending Balance 12/31/06 \$5384.82

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jacque Thye was a finalist in the Photographer's Forum recent contest and is featured in the "Best of Photography Annual". There were over 20,000 entries worldwide.

 Kat Larsen's *Matador* image (our Viewer's Choice Winner at this year's Member Show) has won an Honorable Mention in the October Monthly Contest at the Museum of Computer Art. Congratulations, Kat!

See her image "hanging" in this online gallery at www.moca.virtual.museum/index.asp (click on Contest of the Month - October).

OTHER NOTEWORTHY ITEMS

From February 10 until April 22, the San Diego Museum of Art (SDMA) will be the first West Coast venue to host **Annie Liebovitz: A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005**. This large scale retrospective contains approximately 200 photographs from the legendary photographer, including powerful personal images.

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JANUARY 2007 Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2007
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**

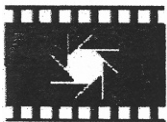
TO REACH NCPS

Web Site: www.nc-photo.org

VOLUNTEER LEADERSHIP TEAM

President	Stan John	To contact an individual Team Member go to our Web Site and click on CONTACTS and then on the person you wish to contact.
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