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The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography, Powered by Volunteers!

SEPTEMBER 2007

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM (Sept. 26, 2007) **Programs by Carrie Barton Forensic Photography- with John Farrell**

Programs Director note: Although this is rather a departure from our usual subject matter, I think it will be very informative and fascinating! And the fact that it is so different is part of why I thought it would be good for us to try! After all, we're here to learn, explore, and broaden our horizons, right?! While I'm sure some of us are into murder mysteries and the like and are looking forward to the behind the scenes, real-life version of CSI, I know there are also a few who are thinking "eeew, I don't want to see a bunch of bloody images!" Well, mostly I'd say don't worry.

I mean, if you're REALLY easily disgusted, then maybe you'd better pass and come at 8:00pm for member share only. But overall this will probably be closer to a "2" on the "Gross Scale" than a "5." And we are very fortunate to have a local expert, John Farrell, volunteer to do the job! So come make him feel welcome, learn some new stuff, and have an interesting evening!

John Farrell is a Forensic Evidence Technician with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department Crime Lab / CSI Unit. Graduating from Fresno State University with а Degree in Criminology John has



been working in forensics since 1992. He has processed thousands of crime scenes, has attended over 600 death investigations, and has testified in court as an expert witness. Using photography to document crime scenes is an essential part of his job duties.

He will share his unusual work with us, including the following:

-Importance of photography as a tool in Forensics.

-Forensic photography techniques / equipment used etc.

-Examples of these techniques in use.

-Difficulties, environment etc.

PRESIDENTS CORNER by Stan John

On September 14th I leave for a three-week tour of China & Tibet. The Far West Ski Association organized the tour and arrangements were made by China Focus Travel, of San Francisco, whose web site is www.chinafocustravel.com. We will fly from Los Angeles to Beijing via Air China. We will also fly from city to city over the vastness of China/Tibet and will stay at nine different hotels in the following cities: Beijing, Lhasa (Tibet), Chengdu, Lijiang, Dali, Kunming, Guilin, Yangshuo, and Shanghai.

Several people have asked me what camera equipment I will take with me. I travel light and will take only my Nikon D80 camera, a Tamron 28 – 300 mm zoom lens and about 32 GB of SD memory cards. Since this is a guided bus and plane tour, with 91 people on it, I will not take a tripod. I have never traveled with such a large group but have toured with groups up to 45 in one bus. There will be many photo opportunities but little chance to dawdle and set up a tripod. Often I try to run ahead of the group to get a few pictures before the crowd closes in on the items of interest. With only one lens and no tripod I can move quickly and hope to capture interesting scenes. Of course I will also carry a spare battery, a charger, and a polarizing filter, etc.

Although I do not expect to use all of my memory cards, I will carry my laptop computer and plan to download each day's shots to its hard drive. I will not reformat the memory cards unless I use all of them. I could copy images from the computers hard drive to DVD's but probably will not do that since it would take about eight DVD's to hold all 32 GB. Note that I will have redundant storage for all my images unless I exceed the total on my memory cards. To avoid confusion, each card is numbered and I will use them in sequence.

With a little luck I will capture at least 2 images suitable for our member show coming up soon. We will return on October 4 with just a few days to register my new images for the show. Remember to check the show schedule for the registration date and get your images ready to deliver for the show at the October general meeting.

MEMBER SHARE by Barbara Swanson

September's membershare topic is your choice. Please bring up to two images to share on any topic that you like.

October's membershare will be different from most. After the take-in of photos for the member show, we will show short presentations by the members. These should be digital presentations on a topic of your choice. How many presentations we have will determine how much time each presentation will have to be shown, but a rough estimate would be 1-2 minutes each.

Decide how many photographs you think you can effectively show in that amount of time (probably in the range of 10-25). In general, fewer photos that are of the best quality have a better impact than more photos.

Please send your photos ahead of time to the projectionist. The best format is to send them as jpg files. You can label each photo with your initials followed by a number in the order you wish them to appear.

November's topic will be "Skies". Skies can have a big impact on a landscape photo or can be the whole subject themselves.

MEMBER SHOW by Carrie Barton 12th Annual Member Show: Coming Soon to City Hall Near You!

Time to start picking out your 1 or 2 favorite images! Can you believe it's already September?! And before you know it, it'll be November, and our images will be up in the Solana Beach City Hall again! As always, entry is open to all members and is free. Entry applications must be in by Oct. 10th, take-in will be at the Oct. 24th meeting, the show will hang from Nov. 1 - 29, and the reception is planned for Nov. 8th. You will find your entry application both on our website (www.nc-photo.org) if you didn't get yours in last month's newsletter. You can either send in the actual filled-out application form or just email all the relevant info. to Jan Thompson (please see the application for all the details). Also, know that this year we are asking people to bring their images prewrapped to the take-in. We are still looking for volunteers. Think about volunteering to help with this event. Contact Carrie Barton at this month's meeting for details.

And one last note here... I have mentioned it at the last few meetings, and I will keep reminding folks as we go along. This will be my last year helping to coordinate the show. If there is to be a member show next year, ultimately someone(s!) need to step forward and take the reins! Sure, you could wait till 2008 to volunteer, but wouldn't it be easier to get in on what we're doing now so you're more familiar with the steps? I would recommend this particularly to new members or members who just want to get to know the membership better. It has been a great way for me to meet people in the club. And when I took this on (with the great & much appreciated help of Jeff Brosbe) about five years ago, I was brand new to the club and knew NOBODY!!! Didn't have a clue about what a member show even was!! But I can't think of a better way to integrate yourself into the club and more into the world of photography! So think on it, and feel free to contact me with any questions (Carrie Barton, ouraydog@cox.net).

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PHOTO SHOOTS by AI Schlegel

September Photo Shoot – hosted by Al Schlegel Balboa Park

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2007, 10am Meet in front of the Botanical Gardens (#17 on map link)

Parking: Check the map on the link below. Do not leave valuables in your car.

Suggest you bring tripods, reflectors, wide angle, and macro lenses for flowers etc. The park opens at 9:30 and parking should be available then. Questions to Al Schlegel 858-755-8838 <<u>aadelmar@pacbell.net</u>> Hope to see you in September! Link to Balboa Park map <u>http://www.balboapark.org/maps/BalboaParkMap.pdf</u>

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members! Orval and Diane Salisbury - Carlsbad

FAREWELL FRIENDS!

This is my last month as your Newsletter person for NCPS. This position has been a great way for me to feel connected to the group while contributing to it. Thanks so much to Ron Nash for volunteering to take on the commitment in the future. If you enjoy it a fraction as much as I have, you will be in for a great ride! Thanks guys....Terri Spath

MEMBER SUBMISSIONS

International award winning photographer and NCPS member Carolyn Guild will have her first solo show in the Badami Gallery at the Kimball Art Center in Park City, Utah. Thirty images will be hung. Guild attributes much of her creative successes to living in, and traveling to inspiring areas. She and her husband live half of the year in the Wasatch Mountains of Utah, the other half in Northern Baja and Southern California. They take trips annually to the mountains of British Columbia, where they ski/snowboard in the winter as well as climb in the summer in remote areas.

Guild's photography will be on display at the Badami Gallery from September 21 to November 25. Congratulations Carolyn!

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SEPTEMBER 2007 Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 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

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