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The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography, Powered by Volunteers! SEPTEMBER 2010

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#### SEPTEMBER PROGRAM (Sept 22, 2010)

#### Kevin M. Connors: Giving Back

Personal projects, especially those that give back, are fantastic ways to further photographic art and craft while offering the photographer riches of the heart that can only come from providing service to others.

The "Veteran: Defending Freedom Project", started by Kevin M. Connors of Coast Highway Photography in March of 2010, is providing dignified portraits of those who've fought for this great country. Currently focusing on World War II and Korean War veterans, Kevin has photographed nearly 50 men and women who have fought and supported America's efforts to defend freedom the world over.

This program will walk you through the process of selecting a personal project, working out logistics, and delivering an artistic vision. You'll be introduced to many of the subjects in the Defending Freedom "Veteran: Project" through their portraits and their incredible stories showing how fulfilling these projects can be to you as a photographer. We'll also discuss how Kevin lights the portraits, prepares and motivates his subjects, and ultimately creates his own custom prints.





#### **Biography**

Award winning photographer Kevin M. Connors has been creating images for over twentyfive years. From his days as a teenager in his basement working traditional in a darkroom, to today using the latest technologies to create fine art prints 60 inches and larger, Kevin has always believed in the concept of realizing artistic vision and furthering craft by being intimately involved in the creation of his art. Rather than relegate certain steps (retouching, artwork, printing) to professional labs, all of his images are hand crafted in his own studio from beginning to end. Kevin uses time-honored traditions and the latest technologies, hand printing on only the finest papers that can last for centuries.

To see more of his work please visit his gallery and studio on Cedros Avenue in beautiful Solana Beach or visit his web site at <u>coasthighwayphoto.com</u>.

Images of the 'Veteran' project can be seen by going to <u>http://www.coasthighwayphoto.c</u> <u>om/index2.php#/featured/</u>.

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**PRESIDENTS CORNER** by Barbara Swanson Every fall we have our annual photography show, which is one of the club activities I look forward to every year. We ask for sponsor support to help us to produce the show and support the club. These yearly sponsors are listed on p. 3 and, depending on the level of support, sometimes send fliers to our members with the newsletter. Some also offer us discounts; ask if you're not sure.

I encourage members to check out our sponsors. If you visit or contact them, please introduce yourself and mention that you are part of NCPS. Our sponsors like to know our members are utilizing their services, and such introductions also help you to build a relationship with them. For many years I have had all of my printing done by one of our local sponsors, and it has worked out well to have gotten to know them.

#### MEMBER SHARE by Gesa Cowell

#### Your Favorite Vacation/Summer Image

Although this year the weather didn't quite play along, summer in San Diego evokes thoughts of crowded beaches and sun, sandcastles and the fair, marathons and baseball, barbeques, free concerts, street fairs and surf competitions, and so much more.... Summer usually also means the beginning of vacation season – either to distant places or close to home. Now it is September and the last days of summer are winding down. This is a great time to go through the photographs we took in the last few months and relive some of these moments.

An image might become a favorite because it captures a special moment. Or maybe the circumstances around taking the image were memorable. The photograph might tell a story, jog a memory, or capture an extraordinary instant in time. It might record a fleeting moment of beauty or a sightseeing adventure.

We would like you to share your summer memories and submit two of your favorite images for September's meeting.

The Member share topic for October will be "Portraits"

# MEMBER NEWS by Nancy Jennings Welcome to our newest member!

Bob Reynolds - San Diego

# SEPTEMBER PHOTO SHOOT

#### Morning Hike in the Mountains

Where:	Palomar State Park		
Date:	Saturday, Sept 18, 2010		
Time:	8:00am - 12:00pm		
Leader:	Dan Nougier		

Spend a few hours hiking through the beautiful forest and mountain meadows of Palomar Mountain State Park located in northern SD County on the west side of Palomar Mountain. The Park is located east of I-15 off Highway 76, up Highway S6, then left on Highway S7 at the junction near the mountaintop. You can get better directions from Google Maps or the Park web site. We will meet at the Silver Crest Picnic Area parking lot, just a short distance from the park entrance. The current plan is to hike a 3.5 mile loop that includes Boucher Lookout and Scott's Cabin site. We will also take a side trip to the Palomar Observatory following the hike for those interested. Cost is \$8 per car to get into the Park. If you want to spend even more time here, I suggest camping Fri and/or Sat (requires reservations, cost \$30). Camping in nearby Cleveland National Forest Observatory Campground is \$15-30; sites are first come, first served. Contact me if you're considering camping. I plan to spend the weekend at the Observatory Campground. For more info check out http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page\_id=637.

For any questions contact Dan Nougier at <u>photoshoots@nc-photo.org</u> or cell: (619) 884-1359.

#### PHOTO OPPORTUNITY by Bob Mandich

The unlimited hydroplane races will be racing the weekend of Sept. 17th to 19th off the west shore of Fiesta Island in Mission Bay. Check the Union Tribune for details.

For a free viewing close to the south turn:

Go to Fiesta Island, drive past the ticket sales area, continue on the road past the pay-for-parking lot and the stands for about 100 yards to a big free parking lot on the right next to the levee.

This will give you a close-up view of the boats with all the spray in the background.

# *the Lens Paper* LOST AND FOUND

A watch was found outside the Ecke Building before the conclusion of our August meeting. If you believe it is yours, please contact Nancy Jennings, Treasurer, at <u>opillusionphoto@aol.com</u>, or call 760-749-4572, or see her at the September meeting. Please be prepared to describe the lost watch.

# It's Important to Speak Up! by Mike McMahon

It's important to let our sponsors know they are appreciated. Each year, their financial support allows us to put on a first-rate Member Show (at no cost to our members). In addition, many of them offer special discounts to NCPS members.

The next time your visit one of our sponsors, speak up. Please let them know you appreciate their support of the NCPS. And consider making our sponsors your first choice for photo products and services

#### SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT by Mike McMahon

**Photo Art of Carlsbad** provides the opportunity to review your image on screen in their office to insure the finished product meets your expectations. You can print your image on canvas or choose from four traditional photo papers. Their custom services include Adobe Photoshop adjustments for color, contrast, saturation, cropping, and adding your signature. Images are printed to your specifications any size up to five feet exclusively using Epson archival products.

Gallery wrap, ready to hang canvas prints are available with your choice of four sizes of stretcher bar up to 2 inches thick with several options for finishing the edges. All canvas receives museum quality protective coating endorsed by Epson. Custom mat cutting and full bleed dry mount service is available using foam core or Gatorboard.

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# September 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, Sept 22, 2010 San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens), 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. - Presentation 7:45 p.m. - Break & Refreshments 8:00 p.m. - Member Share Donations: First-time guests free/returning guests \$3.00

# TO REACH NCPS

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