

## April 21, 2022 Sonora Library Minutes



After a bit of social time (thanks, Barbara, for appetizers!), the meeting was called to order promptly at 6pm.

**Members present:** Connie Cassinetta, Nancy Conti, Carolyn Elkins, Bill Heiser, Pat Jennings, David Kenney, Barbara Stewart, Kathy Syverson, Jan Alcalde

### **APRIL PHOTO THEME: Weather**

Submitted images were shown; questions and discussion followed.

### **PHOTO SLIDESHOW - Connie Cassinetta**

Connie showed a "Flowers" slide show in celebration of spring and in coordination with Kathy's presentation on macro photography. The presentation included music and inspirational text.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT - Kathy Syverson**

Kathy reported that Carolyn Elkin has joined the club, bringing our current membership number to 22. Our membership is down from previous years, but will hopefully grow as we actively seek new members. The club treasury currently stands at \$830.38, not including Carolyn's membership dues.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**Macro/Close-up Photography:** Kathy Syverson did a detailed presentation on macro/close-up photography. It included information on equipment options, lighting, composition, lens choices, depth-of-field considerations, inside vs. outside macro considerations, table top set up, color temperature, and more. She also had some of her equipment available for members to check out.

**Library Photo Display:** Kathy Syverson announced that the club is invited to hang work in the Sonora Library from May 3 through August 1. Several members expressed an interest in participating in the show, and Kathy distributed the library's required artist release and waiver to them. She will need a list of images from participants by April 28 or 29 so she can make labels for photos to be included. Participants must get their work to her before the show or preferably to the library on May 3 and help with hanging. In addition to the library show, members can also show work at the Adventist Anticoagulation Clinic. We have use of the Clinic's walls from July through September, allowing one photographer to show his/her work for each of those three months. Members interested in this opportunity should contact Kathy.

**Connie Cassinetta:** Creating Vintage Photos using Photoscape X: Connie introduced the members to a powerful free photo processing program called Photoscape X that runs on both Macs and PCs. She likes to use the program to create vintage treatments as well as frames, and she shared examples of "vintaged" images made with the program. A "Pro" version is also available for a fee. <http://x.photoscape.org>

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Website changes:** Changes are in store for the club's website. Connie, Bill, and Kathy have been discussing how to make the site easier to maintain. It is imperative that we have more than one person who can manage and maintain the site. We will be changing to a new website provider, and our new site will be non-interactive and more "static." This means that members will no longer post Theme of the Month nor Photographer of the Month images to the site, thus eliminating those activities. In lieu of TOM, a gallery of member images will be posted on the new site that will be updated annually. Connie suggested as an alternate option to POM that a 10-minute "How I Got That

Shot" item be added to regular meetings that would allow a member to elaborate information about a specific image in depth. Bill, Connie, Kathy, and Mel will proceed to make these website changes, as our current provider contract comes to an end in July.

**Theme of Month:** There will be **NO meeting in May**, as Connie will be gone and no one has stepped up to conduct the meeting. The following themes were suggested for the remainder of the year:

**June: Vintage (moved from May)**

**July: Macro/Close-up**

**August: f/16**

**September: Unique Perspective**

**October: Animals (wild and domesticated)**

**November: 3 Colors (primary subject)**

**December: no theme...holiday party???**

**Slideshow Presentations for rest of year through November:** Members volunteered to create slideshows of their work. Connie reminded the members of the original concept behind these presentations. They should be about 6 minutes in length, with discussion to follow for a total of about 10 minutes. They provide members with the chance to show a body of work of his/her preferred subject and to learn/employ slide show software. She listed PowerPoint, Lightroom, Adobe Creative Cloud (Spark), and FotoMagico (Bionx). Completed slideshows should be saved to a flash drive so they can be presented from Connie's computer.

**June: Kathy Scutt**

**July: Cheryl Calderaro**

**August: Barbara Stewart**

**September: Carolyn Elkin**

**October:**

**November:**

**Zoom meetings and if/how to do:** While Zoom meetings are not challenging to conduct, "hybrid" meetings combining in-person and on-line technologies are very onerous to pull off. Because of this, meetings will only be in-person, unless COVID resurgences require a return to Zoom-only meetings.

**Membership Input:** Pat asked about having field trips. Members may organize formal field trips or suggest more casual outings. For casual outings, members can email the group and suggest a meeting place and time for any one interested. Kathy will look into a private tour of the Knight Foundry in Sutter Creek.

Carolyn shared that she is leading a 3-week Kenya photo trip next January. She hopes to have 12 people, including herself, on the safari, distributed among 4 vehicles. The trip includes meals and lodging, which represents a great value at the cost of about \$5300 per person, not including airfare and visa costs. Interested members are encouraged to contact her.

**PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES:** FOAC Dachshund Derby May 1

**NEXT MEETING:** There will be **NO MAY MEETING**. The next meeting will be June 16 at the Sonora Library, 5:30-6pm social time, 6pm meeting.