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DIGI WORLD

by Mike Epstein

The next Digi Lab, scheduled for April 14 at 1:30 PM in the photo classroom, will be presented by Jim Lenthall. This month's discussion will be on **panorama photography**.

With each new version of Photoshop and Photoshop Elements, it has become easier to create panoramas. These panoramas can be only a couple of images stitched together to mimic wide-angle shots or 14 to 20 images combined to create large panoramas.

In this presentation, we will discuss the techniques for taking these photographs, stitching them together in Photoshop and Elements, and finally processing, printing and mounting them. With the Camera Club's 4800 printer, almost any length panorama is possible. We will also show how to create a new, unique form of panorama, the Pannollage. This presentation is directed towards the intermediate to advanced photographer.

Thanks to Tom Johnston, our "morning" supervisor. Seems like he's there every morning, six days a week! I know he's not, but I have never been in when he wasn't sitting at a computer doing interesting stuff.

Welcome New Members

Helen Lute
Mansour Hajilou
Maya Off
Mary Syer
Jan MacKenzie
Todd Glen

What's Coming Next

Board Meeting: Friday, April 3, 9AM. Photo Classroom, CH 4

Digi Comm Mtg: Friday, April 3, 11:00 AM, Photo Classroom, CH 4.

Showcase: Monday, April 13, 7 PM, CH 3, DR 2, Refreshments follow.

Digi Sig: Tuesday, April 14, 1:30-3:30PM, Photo Classroom, CH4

Digital Critique: Monday, April 27, 7 PM CH 3 DR 2

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Prez Sez . . .

By Pat Wilkinson

Hello everyone! It's been another wonderful month with lots of activity going on in the club. Thanks to everyone who offered their time and expertise to make these events so successful. We hope all of you will put the future happenings on your calendar and come and join us. We recently held our first Print Critique of the year, and the entries were numerous and excellent. Please check out the website to see the winners.

Slide Show Competition – On Monday, June 8, 2009 we will hold our first Annual Digital Slide Show Competition in CH3, Dining Room 2 at 7:00 PM. The evening will feature shows of up to six-minutes in length from the club's most innovative photographers. Members are asked to submit their shows (shows should not include the maker's name in the show itself) by disc or jump drive to Alan Pollack. The Competition Committee will choose up to 12 of the shows submitted for competition. Judged by the audience, the results will be tallied right after the series of shows, and prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place. Should make for a fun evening. For more information, please call Alan Pollack – 462-9525 or Pat Wilkinson – 598-9138. Thanks to Tom Getz for making this happen!

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SHOWCASE

**Monday, April 13, 2009
7 PM, Clubhouse 3**

This Showcase will feature two excellent presenters, Dick Sherman and Julius Siddon.

Dick Sherman - Africa

Dick and Jan Sherman's "Dinosaur Productions" presents "A Journey thru East Africa" The journey covered 3300 miles in 6 weeks thru 5 Countries. No hotels on this trip, but 6 weeks of sleeping in tents and buying food and supplies from the various villages we passed thru. The daily experiences far outnumbered the inconveniences that we encountered.

Julius Siddon - Crop Dusting

Club member, Julius Siddon, will present a slide show covering his experiences as a Crop Duster Pilot in the Mississippi Delta, Nicaragua and California. He flies both over, under and even through power lines. If you can stay awake for the entire presentation, you are not only guaranteed to be entertained, but you will be able to pass yourself off as a Crop Duster Pilot if you wish! Refreshments will follow the program.

MEET THE MAKERS

The theme of the April "Meet the Makers" display on the Clubhouse 4 classroom walls is ALTERED REALITY. According to the Print Critique Rules of January 2009, "If an image has been digitally modified and results in an image that could not possibly have existed but with a base photograph(s) evident, it will be considered as Altered Reality." Come and see the display throughout April and into May. The next theme, beginning May 12, will be SPORTS. Start your photographing and printing and be ready to display your work!

March Print Critique

By Don Hill

Thanks to all who submitted prints for our first Print Critique of the year. The winners were: Color Pictorial: 1st, Aaron Kozlov; 2nd, Bob Sandell; 3rd, Jim Lemthall. Monochrome: 1st, Jim Lemthall; 2nd, Tom Johnston; 3rd, Don Hill. Altered Reality: 1st, Pat Wilkinson; 2nd, Art Goren; 3rd, Tom Johnston. Print competitions are not just fun, as I explained last month in my lecture on "How To Take Better Pictures". They also help a member learn what makes a great picture. Try it. Put a favorite picture into competition, and then watch as it is shown in context of other prints. Would you like to start and just not sure where to begin? Give me a call, we will provide guidance so you can gain confidence and be ready next time. Our next Print Critique is Saturday, June 13th.

Every few years we have new officers overseeing our programs, like this 2nd VP. If it wasn't for the same members stepping forward year after year doing most of the work, our Critiques will fade away. At this time, I would like to thank all those who work so hard making our competition run so smooth.

Photo Studio

Our Photo Studio (old storage room) should be painted and ready for setup by the end of March. Several members have agreed to inventory existing equipment and provide a wish list of equipment we will need to find or purchase.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Our next **Digi Critique** is Monday, April 27. The categories are **Pictorial, Monochrome and Altered Reality**. Please check the rules on our website. We had a wonderful turnout in March and we hope more members will join in this time.

Coming up in May is our first **Informal Critique** allowing members to submit 3 images for critiquing by Member Judges. Makers will remain anonymous and have a great opportunity to hear what near-professionals think of their photography. More on this soon and we hope you'll join in the fun.

In Memorium

Billie Ann Sinclair

Questions to the Prez: A member writes: "If I got a newer, bigger, better camera, can I take better pictures?"

Prez Sez: "I don't know. If you got a newer, bigger, better computer, could you write a better letter?"

Websites of Interest:

- <http://www.istockphoto.com>
- <http://www.blurb.com/>
- <http://www.findsounds.com/>
- Tutorials**
- <http://www.photoshopessentials.com>

Prez Sez

I want to make a special mention about our club member, Ted Miller, who is fast becoming known as the Village Photographer. On his own, and this includes many, many hours of his time, he has begun photographing different events in and around Laguna Woods Village. Ted is everywhere it seems, from the Klown Kollege Classes, to Lawn Bowling to the Art Studio Classes. He then edits and uploads these photographs to a Picasa Website, notifies the presidents of the clubs so they can share the pictures, download or order prints. All of this he does for the joy of photographing and bringing people and their pictures together and he publicizes the LH Camera Club also. Ted is an example of giving to the community his love of photography and his expertise. Thank you Ted.

Also starting in April are the Senior Games of which the Camera Club is the official photographer. Our contributing photographers are: Mike Epstein, Dave Frisone, Jerry Goldman, Craig Harris, Don Hill, Ira Joss, Ted Miller, Alan Pollock, Lawrie Bau, Bob Weiner (Video Club), and Pat Wilkinson. Burt Goldstein, who will not only be out and about with his camera, he will be producing the video show for the Closing Ceremonies. A huge and much appreciated undertaking by all athletics and residents of the Village. Please feel free to email me at: pjwcrafts@comline.com. Thanks, and have a great month & fun with your camera – remember 'Get Out and Shoot'.



Best of Show
Digital Evaluations 3/23/09
"Kings" Jim Lemthall



Best of Show
March 2009 Print Competition
"Flamingos" Jim Lemthall



Camera Club meeting
featuring Don Hill.
"How to take better pictures"