

JANUARY 21, 2010 MGCC MEETING

The Middle Georgia Camera Club meeting was held on January 21, 2010 at 7:30pm at Northminster Presbyterian Church with President Jan Thiese presiding.

Guest Travis Melton was welcomed.

New members Kathy Melton and Tim Sorrells were recognized.

The Club Theme for 2010 is **Fun, Fellowship and Photography.**

The minutes of the November 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Jerry Beasley to approve the minutes. The motion was second and approved by a majority of the members present.

Judy Fouse, Treasurer, reported the 2009 ending balance was \$2095. Now is the time to pay your dues. Membership dues are \$20 for single membership, \$30 for family membership, and \$6 for nametags. Please send dues to Treasurer Judy Fouse, MGCC P.O. Box 26518, Macon, GA 31221 or give them to Judy at our next meeting.

Rick Freeburg, Newsletter Editor, will send out a newsletter around February 1st. The deadline for submitting information for the newsletters will be the 10th of each month.

Jan asked members if they had any ideas for field trips to forward them to Edna Dean, Field Trip Coordinator.

2nd VP Christy Prosser has accepted the position of PSA Print Representative. Alan Thiese will serve as the Club Publicity Chairman.

Charles Martin, 3rd VP, presented awards to the End of the Year Competition Winners who were absent at the Awards Banquet. Jerry Beasley received 2nd place in the Black and White Print Division with "Downtime", 1st place in the Digital General Division with "Under the Gristmill", 2nd place in the Digital Creative Division with "Luna Rose" and 3rd place in the Digital Creative Division with "2008 Lunar Eclipse"

John Froehlich received 3rd place in the Color Prints Division with "Wall of Air".

Charles asked for any suggestions or ideas for the banquet next year.

The Executive Board recommended changes to the By-Laws and Constitution. These were updates on items because the photography competitions at the Cherry Blossom Festival and the Georgia State Fair

have been eliminated. These changes are as follows:

By-Laws Article III Duties of Officers

Reads:

Duties of the **Second Vice Presidents** shall be to serve as Chairman of the Cherry Blossom Festival's Celebration of Photography and Georgia National Fair.

Change to:

Duties of the **Second Vice President** shall be to serve as MGCC Volunteer Coordinator for the Georgia National Fair Photography Competition with the Georgia National Fair Photography Chairman.

A motion to approve the changes was made by Janet Goodman. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority of the members present.

Reads:

Duties of the **Secretary** shall be to record the minutes of all meetings, to maintain a current listing of officers, committee chairmen and members, and be responsible for general correspondence of the club.

Change to:

Duties of the **Secretary** shall be to record the minutes of all regular and Executive Board meetings to maintain a current listing of officers, committee chairmen and members, and be responsible for general correspondence of the club. (ADD) The Secretary will also serve as Membership Chairman.

A motion to approve this change was made by Larry Brown. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority of the members present.

Constitution Article V

Reads:

Officers- The following officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of one calendar year: (1) President, (2) First Vice President, (3) Second Vice President-Cherry Blossom Festival, (4) Second Vice President- Georgia State Fair, (5) Second Vice President- Georgia National Fair, (6) Third Vice President, (7) Secretary, (8) Treasurer.

Change to:

Officers- The following officers shall be elected by the membership for a term of one calendar year: (1) President., (2) First Vice President, (3) Second Vice President- Georgia National Fair, (4) Third Vice President, (5) Secretary, (6) Treasurer.

A motion to approve this change was made by Binks Solomon. The motion carried.

The Executive Board approved a change to the MGCC Procedures for processing New Member Applications Paragraph 5 and following:

Change to read:

The membership Chairperson updates the Membership Roster and provides a copy to all members after verifying that the Treasurer has received the appropriate dues, provides a copy of the membership application to the First Vice President so that they may note the new member's interest for program consideration.

Alan Thiese announced that the [Middle GA Art Association](http://www.middlegeorgiaart.org) will have the 48th annual "Winter Arts Festival", a judged fine arts exhibit open to all artists from February 19 to March 12. If any MGCC members are interested in participating, information is available on the MGCC website (www.mgcc.ws) or at www.middlegeorgiaart.org.

Alan also announced the retirement of Lora Arledge at the GNF. Sandy Kusuda will be the GA Living / Heritage Hall Program Coordinator.

The Eatonton-Putnam Art Foundation will have a photography show and contest. Entries will be accepted February 1 to March 1. For entry details visit their website: www.theplazaartscenter.com. Click "Calendar of Events."

The program for the February 4th meeting is "Up Close and Personal with Nature" presented by Gail Stewart and George Bradfield. Their website is www.thrunatureseyesphotography.com/. Refreshments will be available before the meeting.

John Stokes, PSA Prints Coordinator for 2009, presented the 3rd cycle Print Competition.

[William Haun](#), PSA Digital Images Representative, presented the 3rd cycle Digital Images.

He also explained how to enter the MGCC Cycle Digital Competitions. William has developed our new MGCC website. The Competition Rules and the Digital Cycle Submission Form are available under the "Members' Only" Section. All members are encouraged to update their gallery pages. Members who do not have a gallery page are invited to create one. Check the website for details

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Sandra Brown, Secretary