

Southern Exposure

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Message from the President Fun, Fellowship and Photography

Editors Note: Our president was unable to provide a message this month due to club and national fair preparation. We look forward to October's message and meetings.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MGCC MEMBERS!

Alice Asbell

Chief Interests: Digital photography, digital photo editing, composition

Main subjects: landscapes

Camera: Canon point and shoot, Kodak easysshare

Want to learn more about: SLR cameras

David Fortner

Chief Interests: camera knowledge, composition, lighting, digital photography, digital image editing

Main subjects: nature (landscapes, flowers, weather), sports

Camera: Canon 20D, Nikon Coolpix P90

Want to learn more about: composition, DSLRs

Jason Maddox

Chief interests: camera knowledge, film developing and printing, 35mm film cameras

Main subjects: buildings, landscapes, anything that strikes my fancy

Camera: Cannon AE-1

Want to learn more about: shutter speed settings, the best way to utilize my camera

Karen C. Shockley

Karen Wilson

Kent Ruby

Welcome back Weldon Marsh

CLUB BUSINESS

-FIELD TRIP-A TRIP TO STEVE STRODER STUDIOS IS PLANNED ON SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 2 TO 4 PM. DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE NEXT MEETING OR CHECK EDNA DEAN'S WEBSITE AT EDNAEDEAN@AOL.COM.

-THE CLUB HAS APPROVED A PLAN TO PURCHASE A LAPTOP COMPUTER FOR CLUB BUSINESS AS WELL AS PHOTO DISPLAY AT MEETINGS.

-CONTACT ALAN THEISE FOR THOSE PLASTIC SLEVES USED FOR MOUNTED PHOTO PROTECTION BEFORE YOU SEND THEM TO THE FAIR.

-FOR PRINTING AND MOUNTING OF PHOTOGRAPHS, CONTACT IMAGING TECHNOLOGIES. THEY CAN TAKE PRINTS FROM CD'S, MOUNT EDGE TO EDGE, OR APPROPRIATE BACKING, BUT DO NO MATTING. CONTACT PHILIP PAR AT (478) 746-3331. HIS BUSINESS IS LOCATED AT 655 NORTH AVE. IN MACON.

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Here are some tips for shooting pictures for the upcoming national fair:

How to shoot during golden hours

By Yiiee via Photoble.com

1. Check the times of sunrise or sunset in your local area

Don't just assume. Also check the weather forecast. If it's very cloudy or there's a chance of rain, you won't be able to see the golden hour.

2. Arrive early

Don't let the name fool you as sometimes you'd have less an hour to capture the photos in the warm tones. Especially during the winter months. Getting there early means you won't be rushed setting up your gear or adjusting camera settings.

3. Turn off auto white balance

Manually adjust the white balance to create the color mood you desire. Or, you can also experiment with the auto-presets such as 'sunny' or 'daylight'.

4. To light up your subject in the foreground

Set EV (exposure value) to +1, +2 or +3. Alternatively, you can also slow down your shutter speed or use a fill flash.

5. To create a shadow effect with your foreground subject

Set EV to -1, -2 or -3. You can also choose to make your shutter speed faster.

6. Use a tripod

You would produce clearer images and capture more vibrant colors.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 2ND: MEETING 7:30.**
- SEPTEMBER 16TH: MEETING 7:30.
CAMERA GROUPS GATHER AT 7:00.**
- THE MIDDLE GEORGIA ART ASSOCIATION IS DISPLAYING AND SELLING PHOTOGRPHY AND THE THEME IS "CURVES". GLENN GROSSMAN IS THE CURATER OF THE SHOW. THE ASSOCIATION IS LOCATED AT 2330 INGELSIDE AVE. THE WEBSITE IS WWW.MIDDLEGEORGIAART.ORG AND THE SHOW RUNS THRU SEPTEMBER 10TH.**
- SEPTEMBER 9TH-WILLIAM HAUN IS OFFERING AN ADOBE WORKSHOP. CHECK HIS EMAIL ADDRESS WILLIAM.HAUN@GMAIL.COM FOR DETAILS.**
- DON'T FORGET- PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ENTRIES TO THE NATIONAL FAIR. THE FORM MUST BE POSTMARK BY SEPTEMBER 9, 2010**
- AN EXPERIENCED MEMBER OF THE CLUB SUGGESTED THAT WE LOOK AT THE BACKGROUND OF THE JUDGES (THAT INFORMATION IS IN THE NATIONAL FAIR BROCHURE) IN DETERMINING THE TYPE AND STYLE OF PHOTOS WE ENTER. IT MAY HELP INFLUENCE HIS/HER DECISION ON WHAT'S THE BEST.**

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

Georgia National Fair Photography Competition

It is time to get ready for the Georgia National Fair Photography Competition. I hope everyone has been busy taking lots of photographs.

This exhibition would not be possible if we did not have so many wonderful volunteers to come and help with the competition judging process. I will be passing around volunteer sheets for everyone to sign up very soon. If you are a new member of the club, I encourage you to come out and help. This is a great opportunity to learn more about photography and how competitions are judged and set up.

We will need volunteers to handle the photographs, put corners on, keep up with the judges' scores, and for the more advanced members of the club, to write comments for the beginner photographs.

Saturday September 25th is the date of the Open and Advanced Judging.

Saturday October 2nd is the date of the Beginner Judging.

Your help is needed make this competition a success.

If you can volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jan Thiese at:
janicemariemaconga@cox.net or

Sandra Brown at:
sandrabrown@cox.net.

Thank you.

Restoring damaged photographs

By Charles Martin

- 1. Scan the photograph into the computer using a scanner. This may be a photograph, slide or negative**
 - a. Scan slides or negatives at a rate of at least 1200 dpi. This will produce a file of approximately 1.5 meg jpg file.**
 - b. Scan prints at rate depending on the size of the photograph. The smaller the photograph the higher the resolution.**
 - c. File sizes of approximately 1.5 meg are best to work with.**
 - d. Make sure the slide, print or negative and the scanner surface are clean as possible.**
- 2. Open the image in an image-editing program (Photoshop, Paint Shop etc.).**
- 3. Look over the image for major damage areas at 100%.**
- 4. Zoom in on the damaged area to at least 300%.**
- 5. Choose the clone tool and set the tool features.**
 - a. Set the clone tool brush, gradients or patterns from the Brush pop-up palette, set the mode (Normal), Opacity and check the Aligned box if not checked.**
 - b. Test the area using the settings. You may have to adjust to suit the area.**
- 6. For large areas that have uniform areas a large brush size is helpful and will save some time. Work in areas with varying colors or shades using smaller brush sizes and less opacity settings (20-30). In dark areas increase opacity to 50-80.**
- 7. Test areas before continuing to assure best results. Undo any areas that are not resulting in best cloning.**
- 8. Zoom out frequently to check results.**
- 9. Choose a clone location and work over the damaged area. Try not to use the tool in the same location for long as this can be seen as a repeating pattern. Move the tool clone location frequently.**
- 10. Once the large damaged areas have been repaired scan over the rest of the image and remove any dust spots using the clone brush. Do not use the Dust and Scratch filter, as this will soften the image.**
- 11. Save the image.**
- 12. If the image needs to be adjusted for color/tone are should be rotated or cropped. Go ahead and do this now.**

Shooting in Middle Georgia

There are many opportunities to take interesting photographs right here in Middle Georgia. Please be aware that this article will focus on a few places that have been featured by many of our Members.

The Auchumpkee Creek Covered Bridge off of U. S. Highway 80 West of Macon . Travel through Roberta and turn right on Allen Road and travel Northwest about 2.5 miles. This Covered Bridge is the closest one to Macon. Of course you can visit all fifteen of the Covered Bridges in Georgia. Please Visit:

<http://www.n-georgia.com/coveredbridges.htm>

The former, now abandoned "Rail Road Coaling Tower" just off of Seventh Street in Macon's Industrial Area.

Downtown Macon with the abundance of old buildings.

High Falls State Park, just a half hour North of Macon off of I-75.

The town of Juliette, Georgia and the former Cotton Mill, now a Motor Cycle Museum. The best place to get a great shot of this building is from the County Park just Northeast of the old mill.

Providence Canyon State Park in Lumpkin, Georgia. The club has conducted two field trips to this location in the past ten years. You may also want to visit this site to learn about all of Georgia's State Parks:

<http://www.gastateparks.org/>

Lumpkin, Georgia is also the location to a reconstructed historic village known as Westville. To learn more about this interesting site please visit: <http://www.westville.org/>

Of course everyone is encouraged to visit the Galleries of the Members of the Middle Georgia Camera Club to see who is shooting various subjects that may be of interest to you. You are encouraged to talk to the various Club Members who have captured images that may be of interest to you.

As indicated above, we in Middle Georgia have an abundance of subjects to capture. The Botanical Gardens in Atlanta also is an interesting place to take many pictures. If you desire to photograph Animals, the Atlanta Zoo is a great place to visit. I would suggest a Spring or Fall Day so that you are most comfortable.

As we all know, timing of the photograph shoot is very important. The hour after Sunrise and the hour just prior to Sunset usually provides the best natural light to capture award winning and also interesting photographs. Anyone with photo shop skills can usually place an interesting sky in their scenic shots.

It has also been said that when we become intent on capturing images of a certain planned subject that you should also turn around and take a picture or two of the scene behind you.

I hope this list helps and please be aware that it is not a complete list.

Submitted by: **Alan Thiese**



VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.MGCC.WS

THE MIDDLE GEORGIA CAMERA CLUB MEETS ON THE FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 AT NORTHMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 565 WIMBISH RD, MACON

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



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