



## Message from the President

March and the beginning of another wonderful season called Spring. Everyone who enjoys photography knows that this is the best time of the year to capture fresh flowers and the beauty that surrounds us all. With that in mind I would like to highlight a wonderful project that will be available to members of our Club.

At the last Club meeting, First Vice President Binks Solomon announced that Historic Macon Foundation is interested in having MGCC members photograph the Sidney Lanier Cottage. They have requested images of both the interior and exterior of the house. These images will be used in a promotional brochure. Anyone interested in participating in this project should email Binks Solomon at [bsfleming@aol.com](mailto:bsfleming@aol.com). Details will be announced at a later date. Shooting is expected to be in the early summer. There may be a call for shooters when flowers are blooming in the spring, which is just around the corner, to take photos of the exterior. Interior photography is not allowed in the house, so this is a privilege not many get.

These types of projects have made our Club a well-respected organization in the Middle Georgia area. You may recall that a few years ago we were selected to take the photographs that were featured in the Historic Macon Foundation Calendar. I would urge you to consider becoming involved in this project.

The Program Vice Presidents, Binks Solomon and Chuck Kulpa have developed an impressive program for 2011. I would urge all members to support their work by attending as many meetings as possible.

The Field Trip arranged by Sharman Ayoub on February 19th to the Ocmulgee Indian Mounds was well attended and generated a lot of interest. I would suggest that everyone check the Club Website, MGCC.WS on a regular basis to see the latest information and plan their photo shoots to take in as many Field Trips as possible.

In order to provide educational experiences for all of the members we have developed a "Camera Focus" opportunity for the second meeting of each month. All members are encouraged to bring their camera and manual and join in the opportunity to learn from each other. These Focus events commence at 7:00 P.M. I know that our new members usually state that they desire to learn more about the exciting hobby of photography when they join.

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## CLUB BUSINESS

**-Dues are now due. Please pay the treasurer at a meeting or mail them to: MGCC P.O. 26518 Macon, GA 31211.**

### **Upcoming Fieldtrips**

**March 4th** --- First Friday

Anyone interested meet 7.30pm on the grass outside the GA Sports Hall of Fame for a stroll up Cherry Street. Social at 9pm, place to be arranged. In a bar.

**March 5th** --- Urban Decay on 7th Street  
Meet 3pm at the old cemetery on 7th and we will move en masse from there. Social for anyone interested at 6pm at Market City downtown on Cherry Street.

**March 18th, 19th\*, 20th** --- Ocmulgee National Monument Lantern Light Tours ---  
7-10pm Cost \$5. Photo lights and sunset from the Great Temple Mound. The moon will be full on the 19th and rising about 7.45pm. This should be the better of the two weekends, weather permitting.

### **PLEASE WELCOME NEW MGCC MEMBERS!**

**Chris Bryson**

**Chief Interest: Digital photography and camera knowledge.**

**Subjects: Nature, macro, landscapes.**

**Camera: Cannon 7D and 3D**

**Want to Learn: Techniques and composition.**

**Nicole Channin**

**Chief Interest: Digital photography editing, camera knowledge.**

**Subjects: Landscapes, nature, portraits, everything.**

**Camera: Nikon D7000**

**Want to Learn: Technical aspects, editing with Lightroom 3**



## **2010 OFFICERS**

**President:**

**Janice Thiese**

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**Binks Solomon  
Charles Kulpa**

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**Open**

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**Charles Martin**

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**Sandra Brown**

**Treasurer:**

**Diana Sullivan**

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS**

**PSA Print Rep:**

**Judy Fouse**

**PSA Digital Rep:**

**William Haun**

**Webmaster:**

**William Haun**

**Newsletter Editor:**

**Rick Freeberg**

**Field Trip Coordinator:**

**Sharman Ayoub**

**Membership:**

**Sandra Brown**

**Publicity:**

**Alan Thiese**

## Calendar of Events

1st Meeting: March 3<sup>rd</sup>: Time-7:00 Viewing of February's topic- Love.

2nd Meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup> : Time-7:30. Camera Focus groups at 7:00. White Balance talk by Binks Solomon

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### Turn in dates for Cycle Competition

#### PRINT-

1<sup>st</sup> Print Due: March 17<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Print Due: May 19<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Print Due: July 21<sup>st</sup>

Bring prints to meeting on these dates.

#### DIGITAL-

1<sup>st</sup> Digital Photo Due: April 23<sup>rd</sup> by midnight (the Saturday after the second meeting).

2<sup>nd</sup> Digital Photo Due: August 20<sup>th</sup> by midnight (the Saturday after the second meeting).

3<sup>rd</sup> Digital Photo Due: November 5<sup>th</sup> by midnight (the Saturday after the first meeting).

-There are two categories: color and monochrome

-Cost for entering prints is \$2.00 per category. Digital entries is \$1.00.

-Number of images allowed: Three per category.

## **Better Shooting**

Hello!

Just wanted to give you some advanced notice about upcoming Shutterbugs meeting which I hope you will want to attend. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at TUAC (Thomaston-Upson Arts Council) Gallery and Gift Shop, located next to the Ritz Theatre on the courthouse square.

On **Tuesday, March 8th**, David Akoubian will be the featured speaker. David has been photographing for over 30 years and has compiled a large library of images. He does all types of photography and photographic services, but specializes in nature. David has a special love of the outdoors and spends a large amount of his time doing outdoor activities. He has been a Georgia resident for over 40 years but travels whenever possible, photographing wherever he visits.

David has led workshops for various companies/organizations, including the Great American Photography Weekends and the Showcase School.

For more information about David, please visit his website

<http://www.bearwoodsphotography.com/>

Hope to see you at of these meetings.

Visitors are always welcome, and there is no admission fee. Check these websites for more information.

[www.jgaskill.com](http://www.jgaskill.com)

<http://www.betterphoto.com/Premium/Default.aspx?id=224597&mp=V1>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/johnniegaskill>

<http://pikecountytimes.com/johnnie.html>

<http://www.wcgshutterbugs.blogspot.com>



# Exploring Light and Creativity

Announcing a Special FREE Program hosted by the MGCC

Saturday, April 16, 2011

9:30 – 12:00 A.M.

Northminster Presbyterian Church,  
565 Wimbish Road, Macon, Georgia

## Through the Lens of Adam Jones sponsored by Canon

Everyone – High School Students and Older are invited to attend this FREE event. All skill levels will be Welcome. The presentation by Adam Jones will commence at 10:00 A.M.

To learn more about the Middle Georgia Camera Club please visit:  
[MGCC.WS](http://MGCC.WS) or Call (478) 477-6507

To learn more about Adam Jones please visit:  
[adamjonesphoto.com/files/galleries.html](http://adamjonesphoto.com/files/galleries.html)

The purpose of this FREE event is to inspire creativity, excitement, and to answer your questions about digital photography.



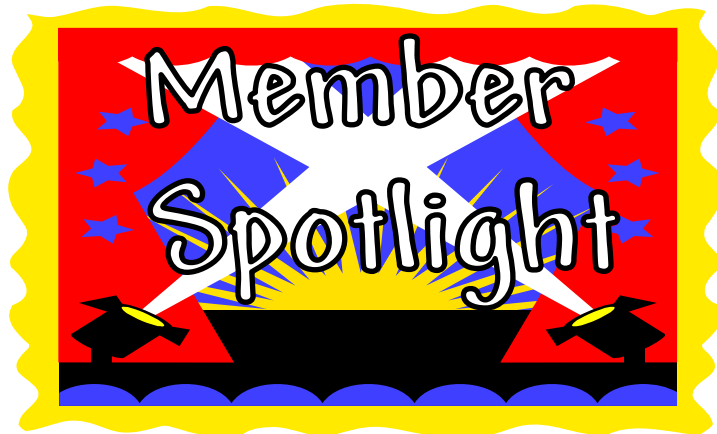
**Adam Jones**

### A Sunday Field Trip

**Adam Jones will conduct a Sunday, April 17, 2011 Field Trip in and around Macon, Georgia from Sunrise to Sunset. If you are interested please send your check in the amount of \$75.00 per person to:**

Middle Georgia Camera Club  
Post Office Box 26518  
Macon, Georgia 31211

Your check is your reservation and must be received no later than March 25, 2011. At least 12 must sign up and no more than 20. Checks will be refunded if 12 do not sign up. After 20 checks are received the additional checks will be returned.



**My name is Charles “Chuck” Kulpa and I was born in small town halfway between Buffalo, New York and Erie, Pennsylvania. There were always cameras around the house but I was the first one to move into a traditional Single Lens Reflex Camera.**

**My first recollection of photography was my dad and his polaroid cameras and the sixty second self developing film including the stinky chemical sticks that had to be rubbed on the pictures to protect them from fading. Black and white ruled the day at this point in the early sixties. There were always some 120 mm film cameras around from the Brownie box type cameras to a Yashica Model A range finder. The first SLR was my dads Polaroid SX-70 in the early seventies.**

**I was hooked in high school photography after learning how to develop and print and mount my own black and white pictures. After graduation I joined the military as an Aerospace Photographic Systems Technician repairing and maintaining bomb spotting and radar recoding cameras. My job also lead me into photo processing of motion picture film from the radar recording cameras.**

**My other photography related career positions included high speed (slow motion) filming of air bag deployments for General Motors and a part time job at Target in the photo kiosk section running a Gretag photo processing machine.**

**I gladly accepted a position as a photographer for Auto Trader Magazine in Cincinnati and traveled around the city with an early version Kodak digital camera that didn't even have a display. So I had to get it right the first time. This was an easy way to get thousands of photographs published including several cover shots. While this was the most fun I ever had at a job, I could have become a starving artist very fast.**

**Since then photography has taken a back seat to my other careers but about a year ago I picked up a DSLR and I have the bug again. So I joined the middle Georgia Camera Club where I hope I can learn a lot from the talented people there and maybe even pass along some of the things I have learned along the way.**

**PS. Nikon Rules!  
Chuck**



# Photo Opportunities this Month

**March 8-10** - Shen Yen Performing Arts. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Center, Atlanta. Pure excellence and grandeur of classical Chinese dance and music inspired by the myths, legends and divine beauty of 5,000 years of traditional Chinese Culture. (770) 916-2800. [www.cobbenergycenter.com](http://www.cobbenergycenter.com).

**March 17** - St. Patrick's Day Parade. Savannah. The second largest parade in the world, with 350 units-including bands, military units, and the Budweiser Clydesdales. (912) 233-4804. [www.savannahsaintpatricksdays.com](http://www.savannahsaintpatricksdays.com).

**March 18-27** - International Cherry Blossom Festival. Right here in Macon. Parade, music, arts and crafts, hot air balloons and those pretty trees. (478) 751-7429. [www.cherryblossom.com](http://www.cherryblossom.com).

**March 25-26** - 90th Annual Standard Flower Show. Thomasville Garden Center. A luncheon and fashion show will precede the opening of the show on Friday. (229) 225-9711. [www.thomasvillagega.com](http://www.thomasvillagega.com).

**March 31-April 3** - Fargo Yargo Colonial Market Faire. Winder. Interact with living historians demonstrating life in the 1790s frontier Georgia, when knee breeches and tri-corn hats were still in fashion. See 18th-century craftsman demonstration their trades, plus frontier camps, Native America warriors, militia units, games, trading post, and weapons. (770) 867-0818. [www.fylhs.com](http://www.fylhs.com).

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With these statements in mind I would encourage all of our more experienced members to participate in these "Camera Focus" events at every possible opportunity.

I would urge everyone to take every opportunity possible to shoot Macon's Cherry Blossom Events during the period of March 18 –27th.

Please remember that the deadline for the turn-in for First Cycle Prints is March 17th. Should you need more information about this In-Club Competition please visit the Members Page on the Club Website or contact Judy Fouse. A special Thanks to Judy for an informative program on "Prints" at the last meeting in February.

Please do not forget the Club Mantra for 2011 –

***More Fun, Fellowship and Photography***

**Jan**

Visit our website at: [www.MGCC.ws](http://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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