Redlands Camera Club Established in 1896 Member of the Photographic Society of America



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**Redlands Camera Club** is a group of amateur, serious-amateur, and professional photographers who are interested in sharing experiences and advancing their skills. Anyone with similar interests is encouraged to attend a meeting: no cost or obligation. We meet at 7:00 pm on the first and third Mondays of every month at **Redlands United Church of Christ**, 168 Bellevue Avenue, Redlands, CA.

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# THE PREZ SEZ...

Shirley Loflin

For those of you who could not attend the Holiday Meeting and Party, you missed a real feast. Robin Grube, our Events Chair, once again surprised us with a beautifully decorated hall, good Christmas Music, and a very tasty punch that disappeared as fast as she made it. Our hats are off to Robin, and thanks again for a job well done.

So now that all the gifts have been opened, the wrappings thrown away, and tens of thousands of calories consumed, it's time for all the New Year's resolutions to be made. There might be a few to consider with regards to our club and photography.

- Use a tripod even if it is inconvenient. It makes you take more time, but the slow-down is productive.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas.
- Exercise your photographic thinking with self-imposed exercises and assignments.
- Clean your cameras, lenses and other equipment often.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas.
- Clean out your camera bag and restock. Ensure that the inside of your case is clean and that all batteries are fresh. Have spares handy.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas.

- If you received a new camera or other major accessory, read the instruction manual thoroughly and keep it handy. When you need to learn a new technique, consult your manual. Often many tips and techniques are illustrated for you.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas.
- Clean out your old photo magazine collection. Clip and save all the great ideas in a categorized photo file.
- Keep an open mind to new ideas. Be versatile in the New Year. You will grow from the process and be a lot happier!

Brian and I thank you for all the positive comments that we have received about our club leadership. You must realize that this does not happen without a lot of good, dedicated help.

Remember that we will soon seek new leaders for our club for the coming year. They will be installed at our Annual Banquet in March. Because time goes quickly, please give consideration now to those around you who may be good candidates in the many roles needed to make it tick.

Our very best wishes to all for lots of good photography and a most prosperous New Year.

Sincerely, Shirley Loflin





### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Brian Loflin

JANUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> PROGRAM Judging Photographic Competitions What Makes A Winner

Brian and Shirley Loflin will bring their many years of experience judging photographic competitions to our club in a presentation that will kick off a series of training sessions for judges from our own club.

This presentation will focus upon those elements that make good competition images and motivate the judges.

They will demonstrate the difference in good competition images and those that have sentiment for the maker.

#### FEBRUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM Exotic Portraits

Many club members have admired the many portraits of women in colorful head dresses that continue to win in our club competitions year after year.

These are the images of Bill Nord, a club member of several years and a member of *San Bernardino Lens and Shutter Club*.

Bill will bring one of his models and demonstrate his secrets of success.

He suggests that members also bring their cameras and participate in what promises to be a fun and instructive evening.

### JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup> PROGRAM Sports Photography

As a contract sports photographer for *Sports Illustrated* and *ESPN Sports* and others, club member Phil Ellsworth has a keen eye for making sports images that capture the peak action, which gives him an edge in a most competitive industry.

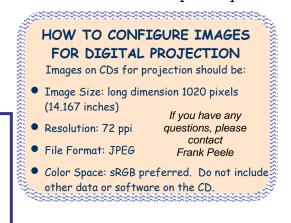
He will bring our club a presentation of images and will discuss how they were made, what opportunities sports photographers must look for, what equipment is required, and the special techniques that keep the work fresh and in demand.

### FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> PROGRAM Members' Night

This is the time where members get to present some of their favorite images.

Members are encouraged to bring up to four of their images, slides, prints or digital images.

Images will be shown to the audience while techniques, challenges, and opportunities will be discussed. This can be a valuable educational experience for all those who participate.



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### NEW MEMBER PROFILES

Judith Sparhawk

#### Welcome to Pam Watkins

Pam Watkins is a recent member of RCC. She has been interested in photography for about two years, and currently shoots with film. However, she is about to switch over to digital photography, as she believes Santa is bringing a digital camera.

She enjoys photographing almost everything, including landscapes and closeups. She is getting a macro lens, which will help in the close-up work.

She looks forward to taking some photo classes.

Pam lives in Beaumont and is a stay-athome-mom to her four year old child.

Welcome, Pam.

### Welcome to Bill Jochimsen

Welcome to Bill Jochimsen. He has been seriously interested in photography for the last ten or twelve years. Bill uses 35 mm Minolta equipment and has used vacations as opportunities for travel and group photography. He enjoys landscapes and shooting animals (with his camera). Bill also is an avid gardener, a rock hound, and does lapidary work.

He lives in Yucaipa and retired about a year ago from the County Assessor<sup>1</sup>s office. He does some appraisal work on his own.

Next June he will travel to Minnesota to photograph animals in their natural settings. Hopefully we will see some of those pictures at one of our meetings.

### Welcome to Dayna More

Dayna More just joined RCC in order to learn more, especially since she has changed from film to digital photography in the last three months.

She considers herself a beginner, but has done well photographing her own and other children in black and white, and handtinting the images.

Dayna has lived in Redlands for five years, has worked as a teacher in the past, and currently stays at home to care for her two children, ages 2 and 4 years.

Welcome Dayna!

### Welcome to Josh Brown

Josh Brown recently joined RCC. He has been doing photography for just under one year, using a Nikon N80 camera. He mostly photographs landscapes and architectural subjects. He is now learning portraiture as well.

He currently works as a sales associate, but plans to go to school for photography, toward making his living in the field.

He is one of our younger members, being only 22 years old. He hopes to learn from some of the more seasoned members.

We look forward to seeing some of his work in the future.

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## Exhibits

Rosedith Marx

The next exhibit will be held at *Redlands City Hall* on Thursday, **Jan. 27**<sup>th</sup> between 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

By **Jan. 20**<sup>th</sup>, please e-mail Bob Forsythe at <u>RF@pe.net</u> with your name, the title of each photo you plan to display, and its price (if for sale). This provides Bob the time to print labels for the exhibit.

Also, call Bob **after 3:30 pm** to verify that he has received your e-mail. His number is (951) 787-0391.

I am grateful for Bob's help at the Dec. 18th *Redlands Community Hospital* photo hanging, and for making the labels. This was Bob's first time displaying his photos at the hospital.

#### **Exhibit Schedule for 2005**

For more information contact Rosedith Marx (951) 922-3890 or Bob Forsythe (951) 787-0391 or email<u>RF@PE.NET</u>

| Where   | Date                                 | Labels Due                              |
|---|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Special Exhibit!</b><br>San Bernardino County Museum<br>January 12 – February 19 | Take-in<br>January 9<br>10:00 – 2:00 | Recovery<br>February 20<br>10:00 – 2:00 |
| Redlands City Hall  | January 27                           | January 20                              |
| Redlands Community Hospital   | March 12                             | March 5                                 |
| Redlands City Hall  | April 21                             | April 14                                |
| Redlands Community Hospital   | June 4                               | May 28                                  |
| Redlands City Hall  | July 14                              | July 7                                  |
| Redlands Community Hospital   | August 27                            | August 20                               |
| Redlands City Hall  | October 6                            | September 29                            |
| Redlands Community Hospital   | November 19                          | November 12                             |
| Redlands City Hall  | December 29                          | December 22                             |
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#### Member Exhibit Rules

The work must be yours, a member of RCC. It must be ready to hang using wire eyes & wire; no saw tooth hangers. You may use a frameless presentation, but it must be glazed (glass over the picture). There is a \$3.00 fee for each work hung: cash or check. You <u>may</u> offer the work for sale.

Your name, title of the picture, and sale price (if for sale) must be on the back.

| INTERNET RESOURCES Got some to recommend? Submit them.<br>Mail Order Houses (their on-screen quotes are in italic)       |  |  |  |  |
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| "Archival storage and presentation products"   |  |  |  |  |
| Visual art supplies for graphic arts, etc.   |  |  |  |  |
| B&H Photo - "The Professionals' Source" (NYC)  |  |  |  |  |
| <i>"The world's leading supplier of high quality imaging products"</i> 11 locations, including Hollywood & Santa Ana, CA |  |  |  |  |
| "No sales tax. Free shipping* Everyday low prices" (Irvine, CA)  |  |  |  |  |
| "The best art supplies at the best discounts"  |  |  |  |  |
| "Your resource for imaging solutions"  |  |  |  |  |
| "Your source for the finest picture framing equipment"   |  |  |  |  |
| "All your picture framing needs. All in one place."  |  |  |  |  |
| "Your total creative resource" (Hollywood, CA)   |  |  |  |  |
| "Photo storage and presentation"   |  |  |  |  |
| "The leading resource for archival supplies"   |  |  |  |  |
| "The professional photographer's marketing partner"  |  |  |  |  |
| "We don't just sell; we teach." (Hollywood & Pasadena, CA)   |  |  |  |  |
| "Wholesale to the trade" (Anaheim, N. Hollywood, San Diego, CA)  |  |  |  |  |
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### TIPS & TECHNIQUES

#### Using Graduated Neutral-Density Filters

Members are encouraged to submit Tips and Techniques (150 - 300 words) that may benefit other club members. See Photogram Submissions box for deadline and submission information. Editor may provide items from outside sources.

Film and consumer-grade digital sensors can capture a range of about five f-stops from black to white, and about three f-stops of good color and detail. Our eyes can see about eleven f-stops. So when we look at a scene, our brain lets us accommodate the entire range of exposures. But some scenes can't be captured in your camera because they exceed these ranges. That's where graduated-density filters come in. They can compress the range of f-stops going to your film or digital sensor.

Don't make the mistake of trying to average the high and low exposure ranges. This typically causes one or the other areas of the scene to become blown out or under-exposed.

Graduated-density filters come in varying degrees of density. They typically come in 1-stop, 2-stop, and 3-stop increments. Having at least the first two will allow you to "stack" them to create the 3-stop density when needed.

On the right are some tips when using these filters:

#### • Hide the transition from dark to clear. Dark evergreen trees work well. Position the filter accurately. Use your camera's depth-of-fieldpreview button to stop down the lens. You will see the transition better than when the lens is wide open. Slide and/or rotate the filter to hide the transition in the scene.

- Choose the right strength filter(s). Use your spot meter to identify the proper exposure for your midtones. Set the camera manually. Then use the spot meter on the highlights and shadows to determine the full range of exposure in the scene. Decide which you want to keep (highlights or shadows), then attach the appropriate graduated density filter(s) to bring the over-exposed portion of the exposure into an acceptable range.
- Choose the right width of transition. Some filters change from dark to clear very sharply, some transition gradually. The width of the transition from dark to clear will be very different based on the lens you use, so you will need to select the appropriate filter. A wide-angle lens can use a filter with a more gradual transition.

### Field Trips...

Phil Ellsworth, Melanie Ladonga, and James Whitehill

For 2005, many great field trips are ahead for the *Redlands Camera Club*! Every month we will coordinate a field trip grabbing different interests for all to enjoy.

Two big field trips during the year that will involve a few days stay are also in our sights.

- A trip to San Diego to catch the *San Diego Zoo Safari* tour in the spring to see the animals with their newborns.
- A trip to South Eastern Utah to tour *Zion National Park* and *Bryce Canyon*.

Here's to the new year of photos!

Melanie Ladonga

- Some ideas for the field trips in 2005:
- Joshua Tree
- Fairmount Park in Riverside
- Balboa Park San Diego
- Devil's Punchbowl
- Ft. Tejon
- Renaissance Fair
- Mt. Rubideaux
- Kimberley Crest
- Smiley Park at night
- Salton Sea
- Mono Lake
- Lytle Creek
- Orange Empire Railroad
- Huntington Library
- Grand Street, LA
- Santa Monica Pier
- March Field Museum (airplanes)

### PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES THIS MONTH...

Can't make a field trip? Go on your own, or with other members!

| Jan. 14 - 17 | Morro Bay Winter Bird Festival<br><u>www.morro<sup>-</sup>bay.net/</u> | Morro Bay, CA | See & hear Moose Peterson<br>and Mark Herzog |
|--------------|--|---------------|--|
| Jan. 21 – 23 | 56 <sup>th</sup> Annual Grand National Roadster Show                   | Pomona        | 10:00 am – 8:00 pm                           |
|              | <u>www.hotrodhotline.com/</u>  | Fairplex      | \$15 Adults                                  |

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#### SHARE YOUR WORK

Members are encouraged to submit up to 2 images per month for inclusion on a space-available basis. Submitted images must be 300 ppi JPEG, no larger than 5"x 5" (will probably be reduced for publication). Editor will make every effort to display as many members' images as possible. See Photogram Submissions box for deadline and submission information.



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