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The Camera Club of Hendersonville

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Just picture this...by Kaye Morel

As I sit before my computer on St Patrick's Day, the wearing of the green day, it is everything but green and keen around here. Both Dennis and I are enduring bad colds, sore throats, and aching bodies.

Some of the camera club buffs are up in Asheville on a field trip of photographing the city skyline, the architectural beauty in the downtown area. We at least hope some made it, as the weather is cold and blustery, not real conducive to that type of outing. Most likely the only thing green there today, (besides some of the garments and hairdo's) are most likely the cold winds raking at their fingertips while they are hanging onto their cameras. Sounds bad huh? not really, we wish we could have been among them; learning new ways in which to shoot "verticals, angles, learning new ideas and getting fantastic photos, lots of skyline with beautiful little white clouds that are busy sweeping over the city. But we have to be home and try and get rid of our colds. Don't want to pass that on to any of you.

Speaking of field trips, There is a three day, two night trip coming up April 20-21, & 22nd out of Gatlinburg Tenn. We have room left if anyone wishes to go. I have made up packets for those already registered. Erika, Judy and I have made trail plans, which have been written up as well, for the first day out. We will meet for a picnic and traverse the BIG CREEK area. This time of year it should garner us many spring flowers,

golden mushrooms, sweeping creeks, massive rocks, beautiful waterfalls and so much more. Erika has hiked all of these trails many times and will be our guide. She is very familiar with all the trails and all of the little secrets they try and hide. Its fun to watch Erika talk about the trails, as she gets so excited when just relating all the information; just imagine how excited she will make you feel when once your on the trails as well.

If you are still interested in joining us, please call me and I can get the information out to you again, in case you missed it the first time. Right now we have 12 people signed up. The more the merrier.

Hop into spring with an interesting trip into and around the Smokey Mountains. Capture the sights, and the beauty that abounds. Enjoy the fresh warm air and the smell of spring flowers. Come join us, all it takes right now is a call. 685-7203 or denniskaye@bellsouth.net



Steeple and Trees

Harold Metz

Photos this month are from the Saturday Photo Shoot in Asheville.



Street Guy

Evelyn Anderson

Thanks

Thank you, Kaye for your words this month. Yes, there were 6 of us who braved the weather on Saturday the 17th. Present were Peter and Sandy Jones, Harold Metz, Judy Tuthill and Evelyn and I. Barry indicated that he went up early in the day and took some pics, but we didn't run into him. He would be the 7th club member who participated. Since we met in front of the Thomas Wolfe Memorial, we decided to warm up a bit by going inside and taking the tour. It is the buy of the century, \$1 per person. After the tour accompanied by a guide with stories of the Wolfe family, we walked a couple of blocks to see a building that caught our attention. It turned out to be the First Baptist Church of Asheville. It is quite a photogenic

building and with the clouds and the wind all we had to do is wait a few minutes for the clouds to be in the right place for a picture of the steeple.

The Home Show was in progress on Saturday so parking was a bit hard to find. We all managed though. Peter and Sandy Jones had parked near the Wolfe Memorial as had Harold Metz, so we drove over to Grove Arcade and walked through it over to the Basilica where we took photos inside and out. Harold had to leave and the rest of us decided to skip Pizza and have dinner at the Ichi Ban, a Japanese restaurant at Biltmore Station, just North of the old railroad station. We had a great time.

Photoshop Class

What started out as a special interest group for the club ended up being a Photoshop for Beginners class. We've met three times and this instructor (Ron) has nearly run out of things to show the three most interested students who decided to tough it out; Dave Cooley, Barry Lawrence and Jere Osmer. Next time we will have just a few more tools to look at, and then we will let the students bring images to work on. It has been fun and a great learning experience for the instructor.

If enough of you are interested, we might repeat the class. It works best with no more than three students, but we can do more in more by splitting into two sessions. We've met once a month during the week midway between club meetings.

You will find our class notes on our web site under "Tips". Three sets of notes will be there. The 4th has yet to be finalized.

When is a Photograph Not a Photograph?

One of our members, Syd Self brought up an interesting question at our last meeting. How much manipulation with image editors will be allowed in our Forums? That is, when does the manipulation cause the image to cease to be a

photograph and to be art? It is a good question that has been discussed by many clubs and organizations. One news photographer lost his job because he manipulated a photo in Iraq to add more smoke to the sky in an image of damage in the city. (Quite honestly, his cloning was rather inept and totally obvious). At any rate, most people agree that news photos must not be manipulated in any way that will alter the viewer's perception of the news being reported.

How about publications like National Geographic? Is it OK to enhance an image there? I suspect most people would reply with a resounding NO! We might base the decision for a travel adventure on the images in National Geographic. If what we see is not what we saw in photos, we might be disappointed at the least and angry at worst.

Well then, what will the rules be for our club. Conistee Falls club has a competition annually and they have a separate category for "altered Images". From what I understand, the rules are not entirely clear as to what constitutes altering. It is not a simple question. Is adjusting the tonal range of an image alteration? How about increasing the color saturation? Cropping? Cloning out a distracting item in the image? Correcting color balance? Combining two images as for example to add a pretty blue sky with clouds to an image that had a totally overcast sky?

Many photographers would argue that some of these steps simply make up in part for the lack of range of image sensors. Like film, they can only record a brightness range far short of what the human eye can see. Some alterations make the photo look more like what the photographer saw with his own eyes when he took the photo.

At any rate, we will be putting together a committee to study this question and make recommendations to the club. Unfortunately, probably my fault, the committee has not met yet and probably it would be rushing things to expect them to meet and report at our March

meeting. We have a number of people who have agreed to be on the committee, and they will meet soon.



Store

Harold Metz

Wild Flowers

If photographing wild flowers is your bag, remember that the season has begun. One good place for Trout Lillies now and Trillium and May Apples later, is the Wildlife Education Center. At the far end of the parking lot is a trail along the Davison River and near that is a fairly large field of flowers to photograph. Bring your tripod if you have the type that will let you get your camera close to the ground. A macro lens or supplementary close up lenses would be a good idea. Another good place is the Holmes Educational Forest on Crab Creek Road.

The trail from the parking area down to Pearsons Falls South of Saluda on 176 is also a good place. The parking area had a great display of several different varieties of Trillium last Spring. We also found a wild Iris along the trail. I haven't gone flower hunting in the Dupont State Forest, but I suspect that would be a good place too. While you are at flower pictures, don't forget your own garden. I have great fun taking pictures of the first flowers of the season and Emailing them to friends in Michigan where there might still be a couple feet of snow!

March Meeting

Richard Bernabe will be our speaker on Tuesday March 27. This is a change. Our previously scheduled speaker will be undergoing surgery that day, so of course he had to cancel. He has been rescheduled for our June meeting. Look at Richard Bernabe’s web site:

www.richardbernabe.com

He has a great variety of photos in his galleries. His topic for the meeting will be “Southern Lights”. I’m sure it will be enjoyable for us all.

Included here some more photos from Asheville.



Dancing Statues

Sandy Jones



Basilica

Ron Anderson



Wolfe Shoes

Peter Jones



Art Store- Land Ho

Judy Tuthill