



# **IN** focus!

## **The Camera Club of Hendersonville**

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Newsletter by Ron Anderson

### **July 2011**

#### **July Meeting, Tuesday July 26**

Our July meeting is of course, a Forum. As of today, July 20, I've received about 60 images and the deadline is three days away. I am pretty sure we will be eliminating the #3 ranked images. These of course will be eligible for future forums. Our critic will be Susan Stanton, who is well known in North Carolina. I've pulled some text from her web site biography.

'Susan Stanton was introduced to photography by an art instructor and painter over twenty years ago. She was taught in the conceptual elements of design -- line, shape, value, color, space, texture and composition -- before ever capturing her first image. Having spent years mastering these concepts she now approaches each and every photograph with an artist's eye. Susan refers to herself as a "photo-artist: and to her camera, lenses and tripod as merely tools of her craft.

Susan shoots her subjects in carefully selected lighting conditions to emphasize their natural textures and colors. Her images have been described by Marshal Gordon of Bold Life Magazine as "a wide variety of beautifully composed, hauntingly original nature scenes saturated with deep, textured colors... exposures so painterly that many of her clients insist that's exactly what they are"

Susan's work has been on display at the Biltmore Estate, Grove Arcade Arts & Heritage gallery, Hand in Hand Gallery, Art & Soul Marketplace, Earthworks Gallery, Asheville Area Arts Council, Henderson County Arts Council, Black Mountain Center for the Arts, Gallery B6, Pack Place, National Parks Conservation Association Asheville, Field Office, The Cradle of Forestry in Pisgah National Forest, Transylvania County Arts Council, the NC Arboretum, Woolworth Walk, Bluewood Gallery and Boone's ArtWalk.'

Susan has been our critic previously. She will bring knowledge that enables her to make very constructive suggestions for our members.

#### **June Meeting**

Our June meeting presentations by Judy Tuthill and Ken Weitzen were well received. Judy did a very nice showing of her images set to music. Ken presented a thorough discussion of Macro photography. Thanks much to Judy and to Ken for their efforts. Thanks also to John Ayre who helped put the presentation together for Judy using Pro Show Gold.

#### **Featured Photographer Michael Locicero**

This month we have some of Mike's images. Mike sent me a brief bio sketch.

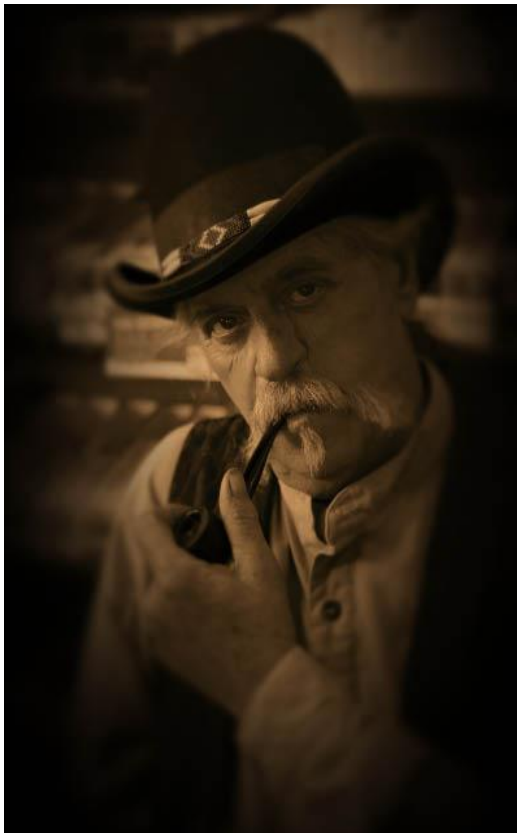
It was during a semester of photography in high school that I wanted to learn more about photography. During my twenty year career in the Air Force, photography was put aside. Upon retiring from military service, my interest was rekindled. I purchased my first SLR. My second career was sales in a photo retail store where I could purchase photo gear below wholesale! Since it was a deal I could not refuse, I upgraded my SLR gear. Wildlife was my main subject until old age crept up on me, limiting my travels and agility. During a seven year period of serious medical problems, mild depression set in and the photoequipment was sold. Upon full recovery I purchased a DSLR and started making photos again. At present my main interest is people since they are near, abundant and easier to pose. Please smile for the camera, thank you!

Mike's images follow below. He does very nice portraits in color and in black and white.

#### **July Photo Hanging**

We will be hanging prints in the library on July 30 from 9AM to noon. Just for this one time, since we are having a show of the best images of the club members, (see below), there is no limit on the age of the prints to be hung. Bring three or four of your best for exhibit. They can even be prints of images that you have sent John Ayre for the show. For new members, prints may be mounted

or mounted and matted. You may use acetate sleeves to protect your prints. A business card sized label containing the title of the photo and the photographer's name may be attached in the corner or below the print. The club will furnish velcro to be used to hang the prints on the carpeted walls of Kaplan Auditorium. Prints will be taken down Saturday August 27 9 AM to noon.



### **Public Photo Presentation**

John Ayre will be presenting a show of the images that we have sent him over the past few months. The first showing will be at 3 PM on July 30, the same day as the hanging. There will be a second showing on August 15 at 6 PM. These showings have been arranged so that our prints will be hanging on the walls of the auditorium at the same time. Both presentations will be open to the public. Come and be an ambassador for the camera club.

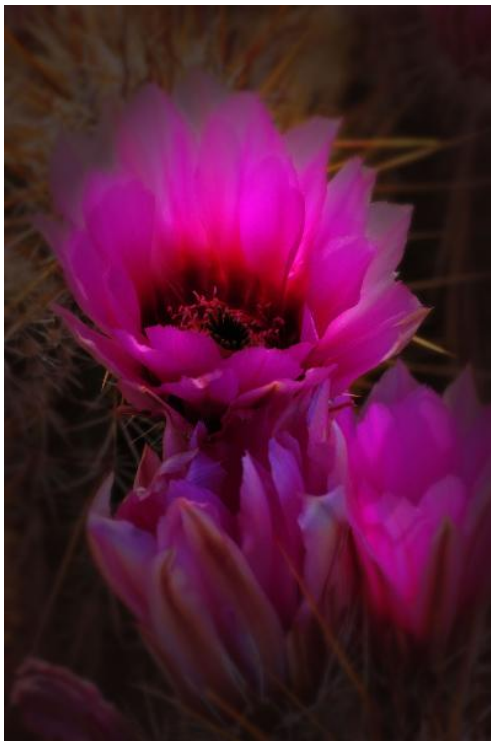
There will be a small panel of club members to field questions from the audience at the end of the showing.



### **Projector**

One of our members has purchased the old projector. As a result of this and the contributions of many of the members, we are "solvent" again. We've paid our meeting room rent for the last six months of the year and our web site hosting fee for another year.

Thanks, all of you who commented on the new projector at the June meeting. I did stick my neck out a bit in selecting and purchasing it. We'll be seeing more of its full potential at future meetings.



Obviously, Mike doesn't take ONLY portrait shots.

### **Critique Group**

Looking at the calendar for August, the critique group will be meeting on August 9 at the Unitarian Universalist Church at Kanuga and Price Roads. It is on the right and just short of the traffic light at Price Road. That light is the first one on Kanuga headed south after you pass the one at Erkwood / State streets. The group meets at 1 PM. If you are interested in hearing suggestions from other members regarding your images, and/or would like to help other members by making suggestions, you might enjoy the group. Bring prints, or bring 4 or 5 of your images on a "thumb drive" flash memory stick.

### **August Meeting**

Our august meeting will feature a presentation by Jack Christfield on some interesting topics. He will discuss Single Lens Reflex cameras vs Point and Shoot, how many pixels are enough, shooting RAW vs JPG images etc.

I will be presenting an introduction to Photoshop Elements 9 preceded by a few thoughts about editing images in general.

### **Photo Shoot July 20**

A number of us met this morning at the trail head to Frying Pan Mountain with Erika Macklin to hike up the trail and photograph lots of wild flowers. It was HOT but we had a good time together. It has taken me three hours to cool down!

### **Membership**

Folks keep joining our club. We are up to 86 presently. I'm sorry to say that I no longer know all of our members by name.