



The Grand Canyon Photography Club

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Rural America

Nancy Schoonover presents photographs of our abandoned country



retirement a few years ago, she decided to pursue it more seriously. She took two photography classes and an independent study at a local college and became fascinated with the subject of the old and abandoned after driving around the countryside in New York and Pennsylvania. It subsequently became her class project for an advanced photography class.



Nancy joined the photo club in 2011 after meeting club president Suzan Richar on a trip to the Low Country of South Carolina and Georgia. She says that the club gives her another outlet for her photography interest and she is very glad she was able to join.

What is it about abandoned places that draws our interest and opens our imaginations? At the August meeting of the Grand Canyon Photography Club, club members will explore the mystery and startling beauty of rural decay as Nancy Schoonover presents a variety of images of the crumbling and abandoned places and objects of yesteryear. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the Gmeiner Art and Cultural Center, Wellsboro, Pa. 16901.

The program will include photography tips, quotes and information about famous photographers of rural America, and images by Nancy and well-known photographers of all kinds of abandoned buildings, vehicles, equipment, and settings. She will also present framed photographs and books on the topic.

A native of Elkland, PA, Nancy currently lives in Elmira, NY with her two dogs and three cats. Nancy states that she has always been interested in photography, but upon her



Images by Nancy Schoonover

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GCPC President's Message

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Once again it is time for our Biennial Members' Show. Wait till you see it! We certainly have a lot of talent in our little club. It will be interesting to see what the public deems the winners.

Summer has certainly been HOT. I'm wondering what people will come up with for the critique theme "RIPE." My tomato plant burned up, so that won't make the ripe classification. I am always amazed how some folks think so far out of the box.

Vacations should produce some great opportunities of all of us. Jan Keck lives that life all year and did a great job with her slide presentation. Nancy Bickham's critique presentation was well done, also. The guest critiques are working out very well.

This month's program by Nancy Schoonover, a fairly new member, is on one of my favorite subjects- old buildings and barns. I'm sure we'll all enjoy it. What makes



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the falling down, ramshackled structure appealing to artists and photographers? When I take a photo or paint a picture of one of these I like to think that I am preserving it in a way.

Suzan Richar
President



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"Life is your art. An open, aware heart is your camera. A oneness with your world is your film. Your bright eyes and easy smile is your museum."

~Ansel Adams



Minutes of July 12, 2011

President Suzan Richar called the meeting to order. Jan Keck introduced many of the night's guests. The rest of the guests introduced themselves.

Suzan spoke briefly about the August show drop-off dates and times. Drop off times are July 29 from 5 pm to 8 pm and July 30 from 9 am to 12 pm. The photographs will be hung July 31st. The opening will be August 7th. Pick-up date will be August 28th.

Prizes will be determined by public vote. There will be a Best of Show, and a First and Second in each category. There will be monetary prizes which will be determined once all images are submitted and the club knows how much we have to work with.

Please be sure to think about which category you are placing your images in. Choose the best category that fits your image. Each participant will mark one entry to be the one that will be hung. Others will be hung at the discretion of the committee depending on space and number of entries. When dropping off entries, members are requested to park out on the street. Please do not park in the library's driveway and turnaround. You may only pull up to the Gmeiner for health reasons.

Please remember we need food for the opening. Finger foods would be ideal. Please have your

food presented nicely on dishes. If you need to bring without a nice dish let Suzan know. There are some dishes that we may use from the Gmeiner.

The Gmeiner usually gives \$25.00 to the club that hosts the opening reception. The group decided to give the money back to the Gmeiner.

Suzan thanked Ann Kamzelski for hosting June's meeting at her house again this year.

Ann will also be hosting an insect shoot at her house again this year, August 28th, 2011. Be there at 6:30 am to take advantage of the best time of day for insect images. The rain date will be the following Saturday.

Suzan thanked Judith Giddings for the wonderful job she has been doing on the newsletter, especially all the wonderful images of the club members at Ann's house for the June photo meeting.

Sharon Connolly mentioned that it was the last chance to write in what you would like to learn at the Member's Choice presentation in September.

Suzan introduced Jan Keck and her topic "Wandering Through the Country."

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Connolly
Secretary



A Note About the Cover Photo:

Nancy Schoonover's colorful image of hydrangeas was taken on Martha's Vineyard, where the climate and soil turn the flowers beautiful shades of blue and pink.

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A Few Summer Images



©Ken Meyer



©Paul Bozzo



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©Mia Lisa Anderson



©Bill Giddings



July Critique Theme:
“Colorful” or Images From the June Photo Shoot



©Ann Kamzelski



©Jan Keck



Creature from the Deep ©Karin Meyer



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Mystery Macro

We are looking for people to submit their mystery macros, the more mysterious the better.
To submit your mystery, email the mystery image and solution to the address below.



No one correctly guessed last month's mystery, the center of a Southern Magnolia, contributed by Ann Kamzelski



Check out this month's Mystery Macro and send your guess to wgiddings@epix.net



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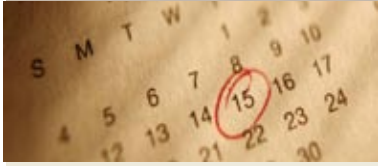


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Treasurer's Report for July 2011

Beginning Balance	\$2778.19
Cash IN	- 0 -
Cash OUT	- 0 -
Ending Balance	\$2778.19

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Thompson, Treasurer*



GCPC Calendar of Events

Mini-solo Shows at the Native Bagel, Central Avenue, Wellsboro: August: Bruce Dart.

The Warehouse Theatre: Photos by several club members on a theme of music. *Thanks to all who contributed.*

August 9, 2011: (7 p.m., 2nd Tuesday) Monthly meeting of Grand Canyon Photo Club, Gmeiner Center: Nancy Schoonover, *Rural America: Photographing Our Abandoned Country*. Theme: *Ripe*; Guest Critique, Chelsea Wagner

September 13, 2011: (7 p.m., 2nd Tuesday) Monthly meeting of Grand Canyon Photo Club, Gmeiner Center: Sharon Connolly, *Members' Choice*. Theme: *Golden*; Guest critique, Sarah Wagaman

October 11, 2011: (7 p.m., 2nd Tuesday) Monthly meeting of Grand Canyon Photo Club, Gmeiner Center: Byron Sands, *The Science of Digital Photography*. Theme: *Crisp*; Guest critique, David Ralph

November 8, 2011: (7 p.m., 2nd Tuesday) Monthly meeting of Grand Canyon Photo Club, Gmeiner Center: Wolfram Jobst, *Oman - Now and Then*. Theme: *Snowy*; Guest critique, Ken Meyer

December 13, 2011: (7 p.m., 2nd Tuesday) Monthly meeting of Grand Canyon Photo Club, Gmeiner Center: *Annual Holiday Party*. Theme: *Favorite shots*

Please contact Bruce Dart at bdphoto@ptd.net if you are interested in displaying your photos at the Native Bagel.



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*Join us for an insect shoot
at Ann Kamzelski's house
August 28 at 6:30 am.*

Rain date: the following Saturday



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Wellsboro, PA 16901

August 9 Meeting At a Glance

Nancy Schoonover: *Rural America*

Guest Critique by Chelsea Wagner
Theme: *Ripe*

Refreshments this month: Sharon Connolly

Beverages: Dan Schmidt

Setup: Sharon Connolly



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Check Out These Sites

National Geographic Photography

Since 1888, National Geographic Society has been motivating people to love the planet. This link offers the users with fabulous images taken by experienced photographers. The site is full of important facts and figures related to all kinds of photography, especially on wildlife and nature. National Geographic is the source for pictures, photo tips, free desktop wallpapers of places, animals, nature, underwater, travel, and more, as well as photographer bios.

<http://photography.nationalgeographic.com/photography>

Resize It

Resize-It is an easy-to-use web-based tool that enables users to to resize, crop and edit their pictures anytime they want. It's simple, for sure, but it does what it says.

<http://www.resize.it/>

Popular Photography

Popular Photography Magazine: Digital Camera Reviews, Phtogrpahy Tips, Buying Guide. A good section of "how-to" is included to solve user issues and problems related to photography.

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