



Rossmoor Photography Club News

The President's Corner



"June was Bustin' Out All Over! ..."



I REALLY liked that

song from the Broadway musical "Carousel!"

The June competitions produced some particularly beautiful images, so I've decided going forward to include in each Newsletter, the "Best in Competition" images from the prior month! Why not? We all need something to aspire to ... 😊



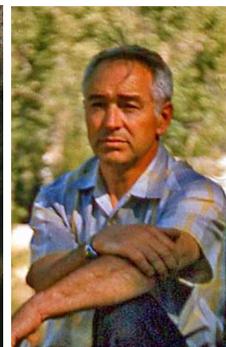
Eric Ahrendt, a Certified Expert in Adobe Lightroom, returned to Rossmoor on June 28th to give us another great presentation on Lightroom ... this time pertaining to how to organize and quickly access the "thousands" (for some folks "tens of thousands") of images we take digitally.

To commemorate our Nation's Independence, John Mentil takes us on a Field trip to Suisun City on *July 4th*, for a bite to eat, and to photograph some great fireworks! Come join the fun!

And on *July 26th* our very own Masters level John Mentil shares with us through examples and insight, how he takes the Award winning photos that he does, in the segment "*How did you ...?*"

Did you know??

It is relatively easy, and inexpensive to scan 35mm slides, film negatives, and old photos into your computer, and edit them to your heart's content! For example, I have an Epson Perfection V500 Photo Scanner that you can buy on eBay (used) for about \$50 that does all three, and quite well. Home All-in-One Inkjet printers also let you easily scan photos into your computer. Check out the before & after from an old photo, and an old 35mm slide!



CALENDAR

July 4th - Field Trip to Suisun City. Join us for a bite to eat and photographing Fireworks for our 4th of July celebration! See details below.

July 5th - Competition Meeting: Pictorial Color and Monochrome Prints, Pictorial Color Projected Images. 6:45 pm for refreshments, 7:00 pm meeting starts at in the Vista Room at the Hillside Clubhouse.

July 12th - Photo Talk - On "Happiness" theme with Allen Nordgren. An informal discussion in preparation for next month's gallery hanging at Gateway. 7:00 pm in the Vista Room at Hillside.

June 19th - Competition Meeting: Travel Prints, Travel and Journalism Projected Images. 6:45 pm for refreshments, 7:00 pm meeting starts in the Vista Room at the Hillside Clubhouse.

July 26th - Program Night - How did you ? See the article below. Gather at 6:45 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm in the **Club Room** at the Creekside Clubhouse.

Aug. 1st - Film Series - Dorothea Lange: Grab a Hunk of Lightning - 7 pm at Peacock theater.

Come Join Us on our next Field Trip on July 4th!

July 4 2017 Field Trip Suisun City Marina

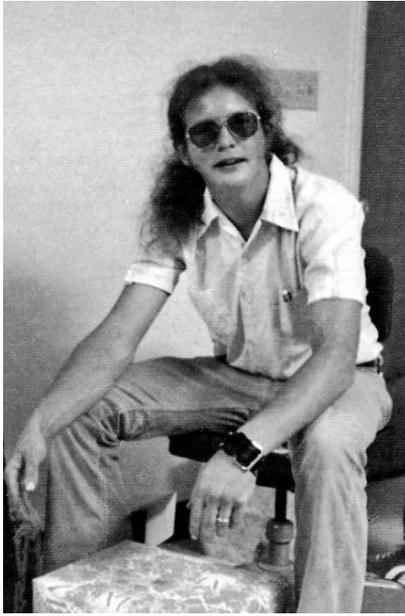
On July 4th we will meet outside the Gateway Clubhouse at 5pm and travel to Suisun City.

Plans will be to have a bite to eat at the Cast Iron Grill and Bar (Castirongrillandbar.com) prior to photographing the fireworks.

Please respond if you wish to go and if you can drive or need a ride to jmentil@gmail.com by JULY 1



Who is he??



This "*Dude*" is a long time resident and active member of the Rossmoor Photography Club!

The first Club member to guess *who* he is wins a 16 X 20 black frame with mat, suitable for hanging in one of our Exhibitions!

Email replies to alnordgren@gmail.com with your answer.

(Only one guess per member allowed ... and **New Rule**, you can only win *once* per year).

Answer to last month's "Mystery Member": It's *Lynn Letteris*, Rossmoor Resident for many years, and longtime Publicity Chair for the Club!



... And the winner is ... *Ken Lezin*, for correctly guessing last month's "Mystery Member," *Lynn Letteris*!

Photography Club Hosted talk on How to Organize your Photos



Eric Ahrendt, a Certified Expert in Adobe Lightroom, returned to show us how to take advantage of the powerful features in the Library Module of Adobe Lightroom to simplify the task of organizing our thousands (YES ... we do all have thousands!) of photos, allowing us more time to develop our images with impact! Thank you, Eric!

Photography Club Hosts talk entitled *"How did you ...?"* on July 26th



Our very own Masters level John Mentil, a landscape and travel photographer, shares with us his process for taking Award winning photographs!

His presentation will be divided into two segments: Production (the Shoot), and Post-Production (the Editing).

In the Shoot, he'll discuss how he determines:

- Location and Subject
- Light and time of day
- Composition: how to work the scene & compose image
- Technical technique: camera, tripod, lens, filters, etc.

In the Editing process, John will discuss his approach for taking an original RAW image through the editing process to the final image. Like many wonderful photographers, John often visualizes the enhancements of photo editing while still shooting the image.

There will be plenty of time for Q & A, so come join us to learn how to take better photos! July 26th at 7:00 pm in the Club Room at the Creekside Complex.

Next Installment in Film Series - August 1st, 7 pm at Peacock Theater *Dorothea Lange - Grab a Hunk of Lightning*



ABOUT THE FILM

"The discrepancy between what I was working on in my portrait frames and what was going on in the street was more than I could assimilate. I set myself a big problem. I would go down there...to see if I could grab a hunk of lightning."

— Dorothea Lange



Dorothea Lange with her camera.

Explore, through her granddaughter's eyes, the life story of Dorothea Lange, the photographer who captured the iconic image "Migrant Mother." Never-seen-before photos, film footage, interviews, family memories, and journals reveal the artist who challenged America to know itself.

Lange's enduring images document five turbulent decades of American history, including the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, World War II Japanese American Internment camps, and early environmentalism. Yet few know the story, struggles, and profound body of work of the woman behind the camera. Award winning cinematographer Dyanna Taylor, Lange's granddaughter, directs and narrates this intimate documentary as it explores Lange's life, probes the nature of her muses—two great men and the camera itself—and her uncompromising vision. Taylor, who learned to see the visual world at her grandmother's feet, weaves Lange's preparations for her career retrospective at New York's MoMA into a universal story of a woman's struggle to live a creative life. [Read more about the film.](#)

Dorothea Lange: Grab a Hunk of Lightning premiered on PBS's *American Masters* in August 2014.

Bon Voyage to long time Club member, Don Hardin

Don Hardin is leaving us for Connecticut at the end of June to be close to his children. For us old timers, we have known Don since forever. Don has been an active competitor most recently in the Print category and active in our exhibits. He has also been a prodigious contributor to our equipment sales program. And most notably, Don has been and is just a nice guy who played an integral part in the success of the club!

On behalf of all the Photography Club members: *Bon Voyage*, Don we will miss you!

The *Crème De La Crème* of June Photos



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Fishing Boats, Newport, Oregon Harbour
John Mentil



© Walter Braun

Unfolding Fern
Walter Braun



© Karl Hoenke

Tiny damselfly freezes & hopes to avoid being a meal for this 8-spotted Skimmer (*Libellula pulchella*)
Karl Hoenke



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