

EXPRESSIONS



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NCC Calendar		Events listed in BOLD FACE SMALL CAPS are open to the public. Events listed in plain face are open only to NCC members. Unless noted, all General Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Hospital Auditorium and all Executive Board Meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Sunrise Hospital Rendezvous Room. See map on the last page.	
JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
7	Executive Board Meeting	4	Executive Board Meeting
10	GENERAL MEETING, ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING PROGRAM PRESENTATION -- ROYCE BAIR	8	Beginners Photography SIG Meeting Workshop 1:00 PM, Sunrise Hospital Rendezvous Room. Contact Julie Chadburn for details. 702-362-2663 or va2vegas@cox.net
24	ENTRY ACCEPTANCE: NCC ANNUAL PRINT COMPETITION, 4:00 -- 6:30 PM, SUNRISE HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM	14	GENERAL MEETING. PROGRAM PRESENTATION BY HAL SCHMITT
	GENERAL MEETING: ELECTRONIC IMAGE COMPETITION. CLUB CHALLENGE THEME: EMPHASIS ON THE COLOR RED.	22	Beginner Photoshop Class; Session 2, 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Advance registration required! Contact Harriet Smith. 702-243-3022 or harriet@fortheLoveofAfrica.com
25	ENTRY ACCEPTANCE: NCC ANNUAL PRINT COMPETITION: 2:00 -- 4:00 PM. SUNRISE HOSPITAL RENDEZVOUS ROOM	23	Inter./Adv. Photoshop Class; Session 2. 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Advance registration required! Contact Harriet Smith.
25	Beginner Photoshop Class, Session 1, 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Advance registration required! Contact Harriet Smith 702-243-3022 or harriet@fortheLoveofAfrica.com	28	GENERAL MEETING. PRINT COMPETITION. CLUB CHALLENGE THEME: YOUNG, REALLY YOUNG OR NEW, REALLY NEW.
26	Inter./Adv. Photoshop Class. Session 1, 1:30 - 4:30 PM. Contact Harriet Smith.		
28	FEBRUARY Newsletter Deadline. Contact Linda Hicks publisher@nevadacc.org		

President's Message

by Gary Potts, HNCC

Happy New Year everyone! 2014 is here and a whole year lays before us. This is the time of year we all make or think about "resolutions", so I'm making some Photo Resolutions early. Here's my list:

1. Learn Adobe Creative Cloud and what's going on with it.
2. As a part of #1, download Lightroom 5 and actually use it. I've been a hard-core Photoshop user exclusively for years and years.
3. Work to make the Nevada Camera Club a place where Master and Beginner alike can learn something, enjoy being among other members, and live our motto of "Share What Is Known, Continue To Learn."
4. Take a few memorable images along the way and continue to enter PSA Salons and hopefully achieve the Master PSA distinction.
5. Help in any way I can to insure our forthcoming, new web site is functioning as intended and meeting members' needs.

Think about your personal Photo Resolutions for 2014. Where do you want to focus your efforts in terms of equipment, venues, images, competitions, volunteering, or other aspects of the craft?

Our first meeting of the year on January 10 begins with the Annual Business Meeting. Simply, this is the one time each year that the officers, chairpersons and trustees are introduced and copies of the Constitution and Bylaws and the Annual Financial Report are made available in hard copy for your information. Of course, this short meeting will be followed by our speaker for the evening.

I hope you've been giving thought to images with "an emphasis on the color red" to be ready for the Club Challenge January 24 at the first Electronic Image Competition of the year. It will be exciting to see how broadly you have interpreted this first challenge of the year.

By the way everyone...still looking for that volunteer(s) to step forward and agree to be an assistant to our Monthly Print Competition chair by transporting materials to and from Sunrise and keeping them in between competitions. It's a good way to get involved, so let me know if you can do that for the Club.

Yet again, I close with a quote from that well-known and iconic photographer Ansel Adams. I find his words to be sage advice. Once upon a time he was quoted as saying "When words become unclear, I shall focus with photographs. When images become inadequate, I shall be content with silence." ●

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Club Challenges Themes 2014

- January**—emphasis on the color **RED**
- February**—young, really young or new, really new
- March**—Reflections
- April**—emphasis on **WATER**
- May**—We're obviously in the desert
- June**—an ODD number of anything
- July**—Body Parts
- August**—Looking UP
- September**—A **PERSON** walking, running, sleeping or eating
- October**—Lots and lots of **CLOUDS**
- November**—My Favorite Landscape

Snapshots from the Publisher

by Linda Hicks, FNCC

January 2014 brings us our newly elected governance for Nevada Camera Club. I thought it might be interesting to get a little background information on our four officers. A favorite image taken by each appears on page one of the newsletter.

In the upper left-hand corner is "Gold Hill Stroll" taken by **Gary Potts** who is starting his second term as president. Gary and his wife, Sarah, have lived in Henderson for just over 10 years, coming to the Las Vegas valley from Indianapolis where he worked for a major pharmaceutical company. He worked as an Adjunct Professor at UNLV for 8 years in his "retirement." They have three married sons and eight grandchildren who live in the Midwest and South.

Gary joined NCC in April 2004. A long-time Nikon guy, he loves to rise early for the best light. Competition is a passion. When at home, much of his early morning time is spent preparing images for submission into PSA-recognized Exhibitions.

The cat, "Oreo" is a favorite image of Vice-President **Gayla Malcolm**, a native Nevadan, born in Reno. She's lived here for 20 years this time but has lived in almost every western state except Alaska and Washington. Gayla joined NCC in November 2009 and most recently chaired the Monthly Print Competitions.

Gayla loves spending time with "like minded fun people, sharing thoughts on how to get a great photo." She uses Canon equipment, acquiring an EOS 7D following the theft of her Rebel T1i. Her laptop was stolen at the same time and with it went a lot of her favorite photos causing her to encourage us all to back up and store picture files a couple of different ways.

Gayla, who works as a bartender at Applebee's and a Lia Sophia jewelry advisor, is married and has three grown children and three handsome grandsons.

Our newly elected secretary, **Julie Chadburn**, contributed the beautiful mum shot on page 1. When she attends NCC meetings, she literally returns to the location of her birth, Sunrise Hospital. Julie has lived in Las Vegas for a total of 36 years. She finished high school in Washington, D.C. and went on to Virginia Tech where she earned a BA in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration. For a time, she worked for the U.S. Senate Press Photographers Gallery before moving back to Las Vegas where she now works for the Clark Country Water Reclamation District.

A Nikon owner, Julie loves shooting landscapes with her husband and friends. "I have most fun photographing when out with others who share my enthusiasm, where we can learn and help each other." Julie has been Beginners Specific Interest Group chair for two years, a job she will continue this year in addition to her duties as NCC secretary.

New to the position of treasurer is **Linda Rybicki** who previously served the club as a trustee. A 9 year resident of Las Vegas, Linda retired from IBM where she was a project manager. During the time she worked for them, she was in Australia doing several assignments and had the opportunity to photograph the koala pictured on page 1.

Linda still enjoys visiting interesting and unusual places to capture photographs with her Canon equipment. She and her husband, Adam, have been married for 35 years.©

Nevada Camera Club Web Site Members Only Section

<http://nevadacc.org/>

Nevada Camera club members will find the following resources in the Members Only section on the Nevada Camera Club web site:

NCC Member Forum

NCC Annual Calendar 2014

Electronic Image Competition Entry Interface

PSA Interclub Competition Entry Interface

NCC E-Notice Subscription Interface

NCC E-Notice Archive

Focal Expressions Newsletter Archive

Access to the Members Only section is restricted to authenticated users. The current User Name and Password combination is shown below.

User Name: **Lava-Rock**

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For further information contact Linda Rybicki by phone at 702-821-6221 or by e-mail at: rybickilm@yahoo.com.

Submission deadline for the February issue is January 28, 2014. For more information, contact Linda Hicks, editor, at publisher@nevadacc.org.

Programs

by Mike Chambers

We are looking forward to another great year of programs in 2014. We will have a variety of outstanding speakers who cover topics from nature, auto racing, and travel, creative and photographing people. We will host a Canon Explorer of Light and a college professor. Other programs will have member participation. As usual our programs will be on the second Friday of each month, so please mark your calendar to be there. We love having large crowds since the more people that attend, the more our reputation spreads, and the more likely we are to attract big names in the photo industry.

Our first program of the year on January 10 will be with **Royce Bair**. Royce is an expert at nightscape and Milky Way photography. We have been trying to get Royce for a long time so we are really pleased he has agreed to come do a program for us. His night time photography is some of the best you will ever see and you have probably already seen some of his pictures on the internet or in photo publications. This promises to be a most interesting and educational program and are we excited to start off the year with a bang.

For three decades Royce Bair has been working into the night to create evening landscapes that reveal features not normally seen in the light of day. Using starlight, moonlight, and man-made light, Royce sculpts his terrestrial subjects. In addition, he often adds the heavenly light sources as a key component of his composition. Royce originally used his photography style as a commercial photographer, for companies like IBM and General Motors. More recently, his editorial clients have included National Geographic and The Smithsonian. Royce and his wife, Linda, are the parents of five children and currently reside in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our second program on February 14 will be with a good friend to our club, **Hal Schmitt**, from the LIGHT Photographic Workshops in Los Osos, California. Hal is the owner and an instructor at the LIGHT Photographic Workshops and the sponsor of the California Photo Festival each October. Hal has been very generous to our club in donating passes to the Photo Fest that have been raffled off at our banquet each year. Hal will present the program at our club on Friday night and then do a workshop on Saturday. The Saturday workshop will have limited space and will cost \$25 per member and \$49 per person for non-members. From our past programs with Hal, you know he is one of the best photography instructors we have ever had. Make note on your calendar now and we will have more information at the club meetings and as we get closer to that date. ●

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Monthly Electronic Image Competition By Craig Hicks, MNCC

Now that the New Year is upon us, it's time again for a monthly Electronic Image Competition. We are accepting entries through January 20. The Club Challenge this month is "emphasis on the color RED". It's wise not to wait to the last minute to upload your images in case problems occur. Use the Monthly Electronic Images Competition Entry Interface in the Members Only section of the NCC website, <http://nevadacc.org>

Don't forget, your image will likely look best in the maximum image size, 1920 x 1200 pixels. That being said, an image's "warts" will also be quite visible at that size. ●

Club History

by Beverlin Blakely, FNCC

From Past Newsletters

July 1984--- All members had a standing invitation to any board meeting. For the Executive Board Meeting for August, call **Frank Walters** if you wish to attend.

The Portrait, Fashion and and Nude Group had a swimming pool shoot on July 29. The meeting was held at **Trish** and **Phil Shapiro's** home. They had 6 female and 2 male models. Recommendations for equipment to bring to the shoot included a polarizer and neutral density filters to drop the f-stop requirements. For black and white shooters, have some Panatomic-X film. For color negatives, try Fuji VR 100 at ASA 80 to saturate the colors. For slides either KodaChrome 25 or Agfachrome 64 will do the trick, although Agfa might over do the greens of the water. Bring a portable diffuser.

The first official meeting of the Judging Specific Interest Group was on July 13. **Winston Parker** was the Chairman. On the agenda was a redefinition of the judging criteria for club competitions. This committee was also to select members for the Masters Classification. This also was to help members to become judges and to find out why prints and slides are judged certain ways.

The July Beginners Group was held at 7 PM at the Las Vegas Library in the Charleston Plaza Mall. The meeting dealt with the fascinating and challenging world of Macro Photography.

A very special thanks to **Mary Ann Mikitaroff** for setting up and furnishing refreshments for the meetings.

A big thanks to the judges, **Lee Bernhardt**, **Fred Allred** and **Johan Van de Stadt** for the Fifth Annual Print Competition and congratulations to the Best of Show winners, **Sol Goldberg** and **Tim Fogliani**.

Tim Fogliani had an exhibit of prints at the Million Dollar Courthouse in Pioche from July 9 -14. ©

Special Competitions & PSA Happenings

By Joan Goddard, FNCC

Entries will be accepted on January 24 and 25 at Sunrise Hopsital for the Nevada Camera Club Annual Print Competition. This event is open to everyone, not just our members. It is a great opportunity for us to get friends and family involved in photography. All of the Annual Print Competition Exhibition entries will display in the lobby of the Lloyd D. George United States Courthouse from February 10, 2014 until April 15. Rules and entry forms may be found in the December 2013 issue of *Focal Expressions* and the Nevada Camera Club web site Annual Competition page, <http://nevadacc.org/annual.html>.

Submissions are currently being accepted for Round 2 of both the Nature Division and the Photojournalism Division of the PSA Interclub Competitions. Submit your image files using the PSA Interclub Competition Entry Interface in the Members Only section of the NCC website.

Six images have just been selected for Round 2 in the Open Division of the PSA Interclub Competition. They are:

Amber 3 by **Malcolm Jenkin**

Vacant Reflected Boatslips by **Rita Maroun**

Up by **Diana Petersen**

Sunset Ride by **Gary Potts**

Alms by **Douglas Walsh**

Preening by **Susan Webb**

Congratulations to **Hal du Pont** for receiving a First Place Award in Round 1 of the Photojournalism competition, group B. Hal's image, "The Last Launch," received the only perfect 15 point score in the round. Honorable Mention awards were won by **Susan Webb** for "Costa Concordia Salvage Operation" and **Larry Strumwasser** for "Torah Reading" in the "Human Interest" section. Images by **Julie Chadburn** and **Nitin Engineer**, as well as a second image from **Hal du Pont**, rounded out our submissions.©



The Last Launch

First Place in Rd. 1, Photojournalism
PSA Interclub Competition, Group B
Hal du Pont

PSA Interclub Competitions 2013-2014 Schedule

Round	Submit Start	Submit End
Nature 2	12/25/2013	1/7/2014
Photojournalism 2	12/25/2013	1/7/2014
Creative 2	1/8/2014	1/21/2014
Open Category 3	2/5/2014	2/18/2014
Photojournalism 3	2/2/2014	2/25/2014
Creative 3	3/12/2014	3/25/2014
Nature 3	3/26/2014	4/ 8/2014
Open Category 4	4/9/2014	4/22/2014
Photojournalism 4	4/23/2014	5/6/2014

Community Liaison

By Alison Chambers

Happy New Year from your Community Liaison!

We had a very successful raffle at the Annual Awards Banquet in December. I'd like to start recognizing all of the great companies and individuals who donated gifts. Companies have only a certain amount of sponsorship dollars to give away each year. We are fortunate to have an established club which is easily recognized by many of these companies. Please continue to give these companies your business and when you can, let them know how much we appreciate their gifts for our raffle.

On a special note, **Cody Brothers** is a photographer from New Mexico who donated a beautiful 12x36 black and white mounted print for our raffle. He currently has an exhibit entitled "Nevada Reflections: The Silver State in Black & White" in the Big Springs Gallery at the Springs Preserve only until January 20, 2014. Hours are listed as 10 AM - 4 PM daily. The exhibit is described as "illustrat[ing] the past, present and future of water-resource challenges in Southern Nevada and beyond, capturing the Silver State's rugged landscapes—and fragile resources."

Two donor names were omitted from our listing of those who provided gifts for our raffle. Thank you, **Hal du Pont** and **JarieLyn Robbins**. ☺

Beginners Specific Interest Group

by Julie Chadburn, MNCC

I am excited about the Beginners Group programs this year. We are going to try some different things, including more hands on in the workshops. We will also hold the New Member Orientation every other month on Electronic Image Competition months. Unfortunately, we won't have one in January so I will have new member orientation packets made available at the January meetings to assist the new members.

Did you get a new camera for Christmas? Are you new to digital photography? There are some great resources available for helping you get started. First, look to our local camera stores for classes. B&C Camera frequently offers classes. You can get information on their classes at <https://store.bandccamera.com/index.php?cpage=classes>. Another great resource is YouTube. Type in "How to Use a Nikon" (or whatever your particular camera is) in the search, and some great tutorials will pop up for you to watch. I use YouTube a lot to learn new Photoshop techniques, how to shoot certain items, all things photo related. I hope you take advantage of the resources available to get you stated!

The first Beginners Group meeting is Saturday, February 8 at 1 PM in the Rendezvous Room at Sunrise Hospital. The workshop will be on Composition. **Bring your cameras!** ☺

Education

by Harriet Smith, FNCC

I hope everyone had a fabulous New Year and are looking forward to an educational and rewarding year ahead. Our club is blessed with so much talent willing to share their knowledge with us.

Dates are now posted in the Annual Calendar on the NCC web site for the Photoshop classes being offered this year. Each month I will do one Beginner and one Intermediate/Advanced class. The Beginner classes will always be held on Saturday and the Intermediate/Advanced class will always be held on Sunday. Session one will be January 25 for the Beginners Photoshop Class and January 26 for the Intermediate/Advanced Photoshop Class.

The classes are held in my home and are limited to 13 people so reserve your spot early by emailing me at Harriet@fortheLoveofAfrica.com. You must have some version of Adobe Photoshop loaded on your laptop computer and bring your power source. I provide plenty of outlets to insure your computer stays fully charged.

The classes run 3 hours from 1:30 to 4:30 PM but I always remind everyone to arrive 15 minutes early to get set-up and download the information I provide for each class. These are hands on classes and work in front of a large pull-down screen. I do my best to keep everyone current. I do stop to help anyone who needs additional direction.

Photoshop is very complex but once you learn all the fundamentals, it is an amazing program and one you will become very comfortable using. We will review and repeat many of the same tools using different exercises until they become second nature. I am always happy to work one-on-one with those who may need extra help. All you have to do is call me and arrange a time to come over. ☺



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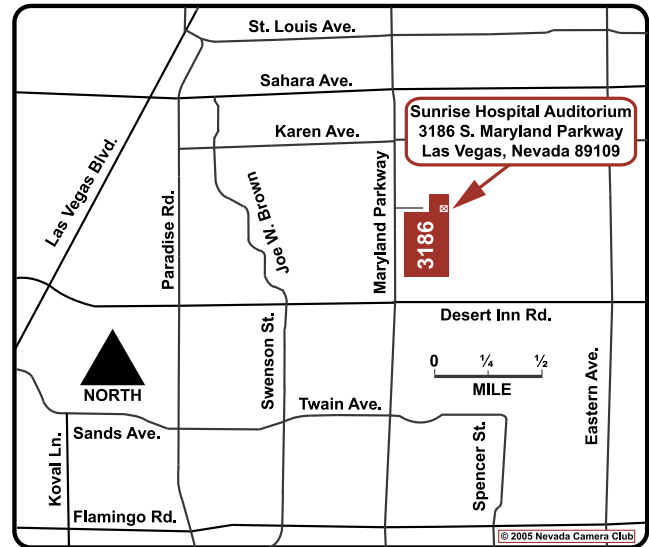
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Annual dues: \$36 for adults, \$24 for juniors (under 18) or seniors (63 and over). Dues are prorated for persons joining after January. Members automatically receive Focal Expressions. For further membership information call Susan Bouet, 702-538-5611.

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