

April Meeting of the Jefferson County Photo Club

April 10, 2018

Club Business

- The website is now up and running.
- The Berkeley Arts Council is seeking entries for their Photo 18 Fifth Annual Juried Exhibit. Click [here](#) for more information.
- We gave a big congratulations to Alice Newton for getting the best in show prize at the BAC Art and Earth Juried Exhibit. Alice had 2 photos chosen as well as one by Paula Tremba. Congrats!
- Alice attended the Harrisburg Photo Club Workshop which she felt was very valuable. There are other shows upcoming, I will list at the end.

Rip Smith Presents Luminar

- Rip did a presentation on Luminar. He said that Adobe had Photoshop Elements, which was good for someone just starting out and the cost was not very high. This was a great program for beginners. Now that Photoshop and all its products have gone to a subscription, having the full-blown Photoshop may be overkill for some folks. Luminar can be used as a standalone or can be used in conjunction with Lightroom. What is missing is the Image Management Program.
- Rip recommends that your photos should be kept on an external drive so in case your computer crashes, you still have your photos.
- Couple of points to address about Luminar: It doesn't process as fast as other programs; it does have presets (if you like to use those); it likes working from RAW files; it gives you workspace options like the filters, essentials and RAW development.

- The one area that works very well is the Accent AI Filter – it uses contrast/clarity and you can work on different parts of your photo instead the entire photo. This means that you can bring up the contrast/clarity on different areas of your pictures.
- Raw files will give you more room for adjustment.
- Luminar typically runs under \$100.

Next Month's Meeting

Tuesday May 8, 2018 at 7 PM

Next Month's Assignment

“New”

Next Month's Presentation

Large format – by Melanie and Peter

Lastly, I have received some feedback about the way we have structured the agenda's and meetings and would like to proposed the following changes:

The meeting should start off with Club Business and this portion should not last any longer than 10 minutes.

Then we should move straight into the main presentation, especially for those who may have to cut out early. This can run us right up to around 8:00.

Then we can get into photo sharing, monthly assignments, and tech talk.

I would also like to see us start on time/stop on time, so I don't mind being the “facilitator” – the one thing that would run us off track is the before the meeting video tutorials. It would be imperative for

these to start and stop on time, so the rest of the meetings run smooth.

Also, at least during the first hour, try to keep things on topic. If this works for everyone, then I will change the agenda format and go from there.

Thanks!
Kelly Riner
Co-President and Secretary