

Jefferson County Photography Club

Minutes

June 14, 2022

Attendance: Mike Ebert, Alice Newton, Toni Visconti, Mary Jo Bennett, Melanie Brownsmith, Mike Keefe, John Kracke, Doug Allmond, Heide Dorsey, Timothy Boyd and Ellen Hardesty

Treasurer's Report: \$1041.07

John Kracke reviewed our two recent successful exhibits. The media coverage by the Journal was outstanding.

Mike Keefe mentioned that David Etheridge of Shepherdstown is interested in getting a group of photographers together who are interested in discussing Photography. This is more of an on-line group and not a club. This is associated with Shepherd University.

Mary Jo Bennett will check to see if the Charles Town library is interested in letting us display our images. Mike Keefe will check with the staff at Shepherd's new library.

Photo Ops: -

- Lavender fields in Knoxville, MD
- June 25,26 Planing Mill
- June 25 Street Fair in Shepherdstown.

NOTE: If you know of some event coming up that you think would make a good photo opportunity, contact John Kracke or make a post to the Photo Club Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Jefferson-County-Photography-Club-WV-111018252313927/>.

John Kracke led a discussion of how we can participate in the community.

1. Women's Resource Center – take head shots for resumes
2. Ranson Community gardens
3. Interviews – Community Ministries
4. Thursday evenings feeding the homeless
5. Volunteer at newspapers to take photos of a few events. The paper would write the articles. (We would need press passes – John will check with local papers).
6. Melanie Brownsmith mentioned that there are Artist's grants normally available. Contact the Jefferson Arts Council.

Eleven ideas for using photography to give back to the community:

<https://www.diyphotography.net/here-are-11-great-ideas-for-using-your-photography-to-give-back-to-the-community/>

Toni Vosconti, a well known Photographer who once resided in our area and now residing in Oregon has volunteered to give an iPhone demonstration from Oregon later in the year via Zoom. Toni does a majority of her photography with the iPhone and has won various competitions with her work.

Next month Doug Allmond will be giving a Topaz AI Sharpen demo. If you have any photos that you think need a little shove in the focus or just to sharpen them without any major user input, then this demo is one you want to see. It is free to anyone attending the July Meeting.

Members shared what they had learned since the last meeting. Ellen Hardesty found an article in Popphoto.com on "Best Cameras under \$1000 in 2022

This month's assignment of panning produced some great photos. Great Job.

Club members decided on "Assignments" for the year. They are as follows Subjects with "lines" have already been completed:

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| February | Happy |
| March | Still Life |
| April | Architecture |
| May | Abstract |
| June | Panning |
| July | Pick a location – Stand in one spot and make 10 unique photos. You cannot move your feet (for this one we can stay in one place but can move our feet within a few feet of our position to turn around). |
| August | Reflections |
| September | Shallow depth of field |
| October | Still life |
| November | Decapitate heads. Photos of hands, feet or body gestures can be more interesting than faces. So take photos of your subjects without including their faces/heads in the shots. |
| December | ABC Project. Photograph something that looks like a letter of the alphabet. Create a collage that spells your last name or "Welcome". |

July Assignment: Pick a spot, stand in that spot and take 10 unique photos. You can turn around.