



March 2009 Newsletter

Carlos Galvan spoke to February **Digital Photography SIG** and general meeting attendees about "The Characteristics of Light," part of his series on "Writing with Light." Carlos, a Wedding & Family photographer, discussed light characteristics of intensity, direction, specularity, temperature, and duration.

We would like to thank Carlos members about the most important lighting.

for taking the time to educate aspect of photography, which is

Carlos Galvan

BeaAnn Kelly
photo



James Sandham has another interesting program planned for March 4th, with JT Thomas' subject of "Finding the Right Photography Workflow." All photographers have a workflow for how they process digital photographs (even if they don't know it). Some workflows are just more detailed than others. This presentation will show you some examples of workflow to make the post processing more fun and easier to use. JT will go into Lightroom and maybe Photoshop to demonstrate some of the points in the presentation.

JT Thomas is a Senior Network Solution Consultant working for Chevron Information Technology Co. in Houston. He is also an accomplished amateur photographer who has given presentations at other photography clubs in the area.

Hope to see more members, visitors, and guests take advantage of this opportunity to learn about facilitating, processing, and managing the entire photography experience. Remember, we gather at 6:30 p.m. for social time and a chance to mix, mingle, meet and greet new members, visitors, and current members. A short business meeting precedes the program, followed by Share & Learn. Remember to send your digital photos to James at jsandham77@gmail.com for inclusion in this popular segment of the meeting.

Also peruse James' page on the club website for additional information: Camera & Lens manufacturers, review sites, photography magazines & newsletters, past Share & Learn, and archives.

Software SIG

Don Marvin leads the **Software SIG** on Tuesday, March 9th, from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Annex Building, room 30, on the second floor. In this month's Software/Internet SIG we will take another look at products developed and released by Google. Many interesting new applications have been added including plug-ins for the Chrome Browser, the announcement of the new Google operating system and additional features added to Google Docs making them more functional and useful. Many companies have changed or are considering changing to Docs for their office processing needs. Is this an indication of the direction the computer field is going? The list of changes made since the last time we looked at Google is almost endless and we will try to look at as many of them as possible. If you have found some interesting Apps that you are using, come tell us about them, better yet be prepared to jump on the computer and show them to the group.

In addition to Google we have time available to look at any questions that you have. Someone may have already had that problem and found a solution or maybe we can try to answer as a group. Please remember that in our SIG there is no such thing as a dumb question.

Have you found an interesting piece of software or learned a useful trick or shortcut? Come and share them with everyone. Bring your laptop if you like. We can always use more computing power in our meeting.

Investors SIG

Larry McKee has the following program planned for the March 11th **Investors SIG**: The objective of the meetings is to provide helpful and interesting investment information to the attendees through presentations, group discussions, web site references, and information exchanges. Hopefully, this information will provide a better knowledge base for making decisions for those who manage their own portfolios or want to have a more meaningful critique with their investment advisors.

The normal agenda at our monthly meetings is as follows:

- Review current information that is affecting the markets and investment outlook
- Present and discuss the current month's topic(s)
- Conduct an open discussion of any special opportunities or cautions that any of the attendees want to share with the group
- Solicit inputs from the attendees regarding future special topics or improvements in the meeting format. Suggestions for guest speakers are welcome

For the Meeting of Thursday, March 11th, 2010:

The special topics for this month will be (1) Preferred dividend stocks
(2) Exchange Traded Funds

These are topics that members of the group have requested. Please refresh your memory of relevant information that may be helpful in the discussions after the presentations.

Future special topics:

- Investing in new or breakthrough technologies
- Types of investment advisors – their pros and cons
- Indexed mutual funds compared to managed mutual funds
- Ideas for the selection of investment candidates

During the month, we maintain an information exchange for useful data regarding current investment developments. Attendees are encouraged to email suggested articles to me at: mckeelarryg@hotmail.com

We do not make recommendations for specific investments. Each recipient of information should decide what to do with the information he or she receives, if anything.

Graphics SIG

Thursday March 18th, Alex Dumestra, Leader

This month we will cover a few non-photographic uses of **Graphics** editors (of course, we'll also hit some of the more basic uses in photo editing). We will also take another look at slide show creation.

Some questions arose last month about how to most easily place text on photographs. PaintShop Pro has full-featured text capabilities but the questioner was looking for something a bit simpler. We will take a quick look at the free Photo Organizer program, Picasa, and at some of the editing features that it provides.

A subject we haven't looked at in months concerns drawing lines, both straight and curved, with an editor. We will also combine text and curves by showing how to make text that follows flows along a curve rather than just lying there flat.

If any of this triggers questions you might have on the subject or if you have questions unrelated to the above, please drop me an e-mail and I will attempt to come up with an answer. 7 – 9 p.m., Rm 30, Annex Building.

Windows SIG

Tuesday Mar 23, Sam Sanderson, Leader

At the **Windows SIG** there will be a discussion of Windows features aimed at beginner and intermediate level users. The primary subject matter will be driven by the specific questions from the attendees.

Past meetings have covered a wide range of subjects including copy-paste, system configuration, HD television, virus detection and removal, setting up home networks, choosing the best ISP to use, and all MS Office products.

As always, I'm sure there will be lively discussion about everyone's new challenges brought on by our favorite operating system. Come and join in on the fun! 7 – 9 p.m., Rm. 30, Annex Building.

Genealogy SIG

Thursday March 25, Betty Hesketh and Alex Dumestre, Leaders

Lynna Kay Shuffield, our guest speaker on Feb.25th, drew a very large audience of members and many visitors. Ms. Shuffield's programs have become very popular genealogy presentations. She showed us some of her favorite military internet sites ... some out of the ordinary military databases to help you with researching the veterans in your family. Thanks, Lynna Kay, for your informative contributions to the 1960 PCUG.

We are a group of computer users with a special interest in family research. Be sure to visit our genealogy web pages for the latest SIG happenings and research information. www.1960pcug.org/gensig

Members who would like to sign up for our genealogy newsletter, please e-mail Betty at bhesketh1@gmail.com.

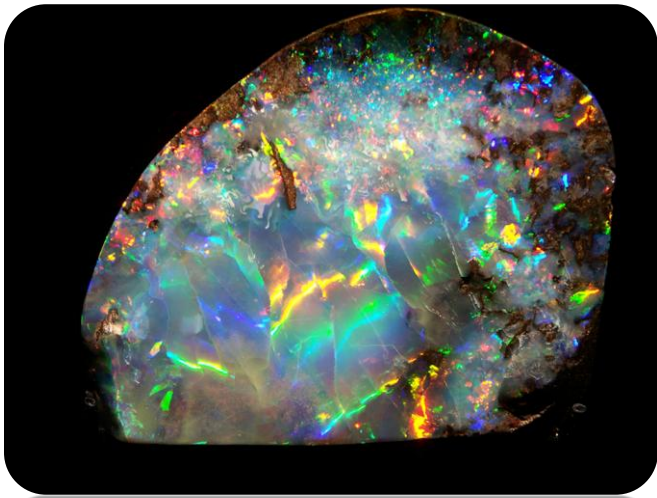
NOTE: Our next scheduled bus trip to Clayton Library is Wednesday, March 10, 2010. Notify Bill Nation if you would like to join us.

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Board Meeting

All members are invited to attend the monthly Board Meetings now being held in Room 30 of the Annex Building from 7-9 p.m. Note new location. We no longer meet at Denny's. We encourage you to attend March 16th to become involved and an active participant in the 1960 PCUG. New ideas and suggestions are always welcome.

Subdivision Newsletters

I would like member feedback regarding the appearance or omission of the 1960 PCUG monthly schedule in your neighborhood or subdivision newsletter. This is the only way I am made aware that my monthly submissions are included in these publications. Please email me or inform me at a meeting regarding the club announcements in your newsletter.

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