**April 12, 2022 – Carson Valley Photo Club Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

Susie Roaldson

NJ Thompson

Sandy Jonkey

Barb Mower

Sandra Silva

Nancy Hulsey

Joe Clements

Mary Kay Kaluza

Robin Grueninger

Kimberly Burch

Carol Heinricy

Bob Malone

Jim Mitchell

Sheila LeRoy

Susan Jack

Tracy Christenson

Sandra Branton

Joe Polovina

Steve Davis

Nenita Wasserman

Daniel Day

Sheri McGee

Jean Desilets

Connie Peters

Dave Arstein – guest

Lindsay Chichester – guest speaker

Jim Grant – photo contest judge

**Guest Speaker Lindsay Chichester**

Pollinator Month in June. Her program focuses on honey bees. The food supply and food chain for them. Douglas County even has a 4H bee keeping club. There are also other beekeeping clubs.

Wanted to see if the photo club would like to participate?

Does anyone have existing photography of pollinators? If interested in sharing, they would use in their promotional materials and give credit. Digital photography preferred. Send as soon as you can. Bees, butterflies, beetles, bats…

[LIST OF POLLINATORS](https://www.pollinator.org/pollinators)

Want to involve ag groups, photography groups, youth groups. Could put together a photography contest. Put on a show. All to showcase the pollinators. Could be standing exhibit at the venues they will be at. All kinds of events being planned including:

* Pollinator dinner at Dangberg Ranch
* Farmer’s Markets
* Wine Walk
* Float in Carson Day parade – trying to get Kawanis club to help with float
* Teaming up with library on Lego display

Businesses will participate.

Discussing putting in pollinator photos at the Main Street Gallery.

Has 2 apiaries that she can get the club members to participate in to shoot. She has 7 suits in various sizes. Has to be above 55 degrees and not windy. Works best to do 2 groups.

They have 2 planning meetings a month. Final planning meetings May 9 & 23 – all welcome. Need volunteers.

They have a grant to put in a pollinator space in front of their office. Their goal is to work down main street corridor.

Email Lindsay at lchichester@unr.edu or call 775-782-9960

**Club Updates**

Members would like to have a specific photo size for entries so we don’t have the issue of images being too small when being judged.

**CVPC Website Updates**

Barb reviewed the website updates. Members Only link, “Pictures” is the password. Reviewed the Photo Contest Rules.

**Conservancy Show Update**

Cash box – Barb to drop off to Robin who will take with her on Sat morning

Banners – Susie will drop off to Sandy

NJ – will be contact for members in Lori if communication is needed during the weekend and she is not around.

**Friday April 29:**

Set up 2:30-4pm

* Please bring your photos to display.
* Lori Leonard will be there on Friday.
* Sandy Jonkey will bring the grids and banners to hang.

**Sat April 30:**

9am-12pm Michael Chan & Steve Davis

12pm-4pm Jean Desilets & Sheri McGee

* Lori Leonard should be there to lock up

**Sun May 1:**

9am-12pm Robin Grueninger & NJ Thompson

12pm-4pm Constance Peters and Joe Clements

* Lori will show you how to lock up
* Tear down at 3pm
* Photos will need to be picked up at the Conservancy Center and all grids cleaned out by 4pm so that the center can be locked up.
* PLEASE show up PRIOR to 4pm to take your photos home.

You can call NJ Thompson with any questions: 775-901-2502.

**Upcoming Field Trip**

May 14, 2022: Fallon to view Still Water and then the Blue Heron Rookery.  The last 2 field trips have been a great success thanks to Robin Grueninger for her time and efforts to arrange and carryout the trip for those who joined in. Robin will send an email out the week before with details and to see who will be going. Will meet in Fallon at the Walmart at 9am.

**May’s Meeting**

May 10. Joe Clements is going to talk about succulents. How does the club feel about meeting in person? We are going to try to meet at the church.

**July Dinner**

Asked group if they wanted to do a dinner. All want to do that.

**April Photo Contest – Travel Photography**

**Judge:** Jim Grant

Background in photo journalism. In newspaper business for over 30 years. Got his first plastic camera at 5 years old. Had a darkroom in his basement by high school. Did a lot of photo journalism after college in Southern California. Worked for Tahoe Daily Tribune for 20 years. Worked in the Carson Valley for about 10 years. Has been teaching photography at Lake Tahoe Community College for 26 years. He has just retired. Now does Tahoe Photography tours. Belinda Grant, his wife, is also a photographer.

Overall, thought all the images were really good. He judged by the wow factor.

**Judging Comments:**

#1 CV Watcher Sunset – Really great cloud photo. Likes the variations of clouds. Colors are great. Horizon line is low on frame.

#2 Running Stallion – Nice image. Good use of fast shutter speed to stop the action. Likes the reeds in the foreground, give is depth. Image is cropped well, has running room. Sharp image. Maybe try doing some panned actions with horse photography to show motion of movement in action photos.

#3 Valley of Fire Sheep – The light is incredible. Suggestion, he might have cropped a little bit of the top that is kind of bright. The ram would stand out even more.

#4 Oregon Coast Milky Way – This looks like it is not a composite. It is a really nice milky way shot. Silhouette of rocks is nice.

#5 Fast Food – Awesome shot. A peak moment with the salmon skipping across the water, bear lunging. Nice sharp focus. Nice clean background. Good job. Amazing wildlife shot.

#6 3 Part Harmony – This is a fun photo. Technically there is a little clutter that cause some distraction, but overall a fun shot.

#7 Monster Cloud – Nice lenticular clouds. Really shows the scale of the size of the cloud with the foothills. Might crop off a bit of the bottom of the frame.

#8 Angry Looks, Flying Snow – Nice wildlife shot. The snow makes this image look a little flat.

#9 Mist at Sunrise – Loves that golden hour light, makes the cliffs stand out. Not sure what’s going on the right side of the frame, the black stuff, would be good to crop that out. The wave break gives a nice triangle shape in the image.

#10 Mesa Arch Sunrise – Nice shot. Likes the starburst tucked under the cavern. Kind of too bad that the sky is a bit hazy. Maybe a fill flash would be nice.

#11 Black-crowned Night Heron Oahu – This is a really nice shot. Great example of the rule of thirds. The bird really stands out from the greenish pond. The greenery on the left side compliments the pond. The heron and the rock are the same color. Palettes are matching and working together. Nice and sharp. Good angle. Nice job on the heron.

#12 Devil’s Tower – Likes the way the photographer uses the rolling hills to give layers to the picture. Looks a little dark, could be lightened just a little bit. The angle doesn’t give the huge size of the tower. The tress framing the tower is really nice.

#13 Winter’s Journey Mono Basin – Nice blue. Maybe could have tilted the camera up a little bit higher to get some more of the cloud formation. Might have also been nice to have the road a little more to the corner.

#14 Delicate Arch – Loves the framing. Likes how the shadow detail is open on the rock, that works well. The starburst is a little bright. Really nice landscape shot. Lots of depth of field, sharp all the way through. Really likes this picture.

#15 Victoria BC – Can tell the greenery around the frame has been fill flashed. His wife liked it a lot, wonderful way to frame the picture. He thought it was too much, distracting.

#16 Vegas Night Life – Loves reflection photography. This photographer nailed it. All the colors are great on the left side of the frame. You could crop it so that you turn it into a vertical image using the left half.

#17 I Pledge Allegiance – This is a fun shot. Too bad the bear’s face is a bit too high.

#18 Sunset a Cruise Port – Beautiful sunset shot. Gives you that vacation feeling, at the marina. Nice shot of being a tourist. Good job, good cropping.

#19 Empire State Building – Nice cityscape shot. Might have tightened up the frame and accentuate the Empire State Building and not so much the people on the square. The people ad to the city environment. Might crop out the trash cans on the left and maybe the 2 people standing on the right.

First Place: #5 Fast Food – David Morgan

Second Place: #18 Sunset at Cruise Port – Joe Clements

Third Place: #14 Delicate Arch – Carol Heinricy

Honorable Mentions:

#19 Empire State Building – Bob Malone

#3 Valley of Fire Sheep – Tracy Christenson

Winners :

1. Please send a NON-watermarked full resolution jpg to Nancy Hulsey (nancyhulseyphoto@aol.com).
2. Bring an 8"x10" or 8"x12" printed photo of your winning image (which 300 dpi is best to print from) to Robin Grueninger at Marty’s Appliance. NJ will hang at library.

**Contest Reminders:**

Be careful of your photo being too large. Website can only take up to 25mb which is pretty large. Also, you need to properly name your shot before you upload it into dropbox.

Remember we have a deadline for the photos, midnight of the Tuesday a week before the meeting.

Thanks to those for participating! **Next month’s contest (May) is Horses due May 3:**
Wild or domestic, take some time to visit these majestic creatures on the range or private ranch and show their beauty, strength, and mystique.