**Carson Valley Photo Club**

**Meeting Notes January 10, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Joe Clements

Barb Mower

Sandra Silva

Tami Force

Robin Grueninger

Connie Peters

Sheila & LeRoy Clement

Susie Roaldson

Sandy Jonkey

Mitch & Vicki Palmer

Tom Monti

Kimberly Burchiel

Connie Peters

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Nancy Hulsey

**New Officers:**

President – Joe Clements

VP – Tom Monti

Secretary – TBD

Treasurer – Robin Grueninger

Past President – Susie Roaldson

**Joe started the meeting**

* Joe Clements introduced himself as Pres,
	+ Tom Monti as VP
	+ Robin Grueninger as Treasurer
	+ Kimberly Burchiel is photo contest capturer.
* Still need a Secretary, Sandra helping out until we find one
* We are going to be needing a new computer that will work with the TV at the church, our tech guy, Bill, will help us out
* Don’t forget to send your dues to Robin! $36 single/$54 for family, send to Robin Grueninger, 836 Foothill Rd, Gardnerville, NV 89460

**Eagles & Ag Update**

* Sandy discussed Eagles & Ag
* Reception is Thursday, JAN. 26 5:30pm-7:30pm at the community center in Gardnerville on Waterloo Ln (across from Lampe Park). This will be the ONLY day the photographers will be displaying their photos!
* Set up starts at 3pm
* If you are just dropping off pieces to display and not attending the reception, come at 4 pm to do so.
* Take down will start at 7:30pm, pick up your photos then
* Sandy is bringing the grids
* Susie Roaldson will be bringing the business cards and club banner.
* Kim is helping to organize, she will let exhibitors know the amount of photos that people can bring. Depends on how many members are displaying.
* Every photo should have your name, contact info and price if you are selling it.
* You can bring photo cards to sell.
* The club can have TWO members manning the booth only. Everyone else needs to purchase a ticket if they want to attend the reception. Spouses also need to purchase tickets if attending. You do not have to have a ticket to display and sell your work at the reception if you are just dropping off your photos and not staying for the reception.
* Framed photos and bins are okay as long as they fit in the allocated space that we have.
* Refer to Kim Steed’s January 6th email for more details
* Any questions, please contact Kim Steed at MTBDIVA@yahoo.com or 408-829-3717
* If you want to go on any of the field trips at Eagles & Ag, that is all reserved through the Chamber of Commerce website.

**Speakers for 2023 Cub Meetings**

Joe looking for help in getting speakers for 2023. We would like to establish a committee to help get speakers.

**February’s Meeting, February 14**

Hopefully we can go back to the church and do a hands-on activity

**March’s Meeting, March 14**

Cindy Marple will be speaking

Board talked about having a cell phone photo contest. Would be fun to see if we could tell the difference between cell phone and DSLR photos.

**Photo Contest**

Theme – Red & Green

#1 Pogonip on the Poinsettia. A little soft, but makes the flakes blurry which is nice.

#2 Cookie Dreams – Good display of the theme. Soft again - intentionally, makes the creaminess stand out. Good enough to eat!

#3 Blossom – Flowers a little soft – which happens when shooting red or pink flowers. Good match with the contest theme.

#4 Christmas Lunch – Stands out. Well set up. Tassel of lettuce over the edge – well thought out. Like colors red & green.

 #5 Finch in the Pine – Fine job. One of the best. Shallow depth of field focuses on branch & finch. Catch light in the eye makes it look real.

#6 Gnome Sweet Gnome – Set up is well done. Great idea. Setting simple, but wonderful.

 #7 Christmas Finches – good background. Shallow depth of field – makes the photo stand out. Good focus. Good photo. Shows the difference of depth of field.

#8 Christmas Cactus on the Snow. He would use diffuse light so there would not be shadows behind it. The photo focus is right on. Shadows can distract – but that might be what the photographer wanted.

#9 Christmas in Minden – Leading lines nice. Probably mid-range aperture opening. Good leading and vanishing lines.

 #10 Minden Park – Likes the shadows of hills & trees – nice. Rule of thirds used. Maybe move over to sideway & create more of a leading line – but you might miss the silhouette of the trees by doing that.

#11 Red Maple Leaves – Would like more diffused light which would give greater contrast & pump up the reds.

#12 Snowy Barn – Red & green well done. Green tree 1/3 the way in – nice. Trees on left hand side points you to the green of trees. The trees on right point you to the red of the barn.

#13 Lunch photo – No comments

**Winners**

First Place: The Finch – Mitch Palmer - Nikon D850 200-500 Nikon lens

Second Place: The Snowy Barn – Vivian Powers

Third Place: Gnome Sweet Gnome – Tom Monti

Honorable Mention #1: Christmas Finches – Vivian Powers

Honorable Mention #2: Christmas Luncheon – Kimberly Burchiel

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place 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 February is **Birds in Flight due Feb 7.**

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**Share the Love**

Need field trip leader and speaker suggesters for this year! Share your knowledge and network!