

Carson Valley Photo Club-Dec 9,2025 Minutes

The meeting was started by everyone enjoying a potluck dinner. Attendance was approximately 40 members and guests.

After dinner, Tom provided the following information:

2026 dues will be due Jan 1st. \$36 for an individual and \$54 for couples. Mail checks to Wendy Whyman, 1529 Circle Dr, Gardnerville, NV 89410.

Information was provided about Douglas County 4H looking for someone to teach about digital Photography. If interested, contact Monica Dett at monica.datt@yahoo.com

NJ Thompson provided information on an Ian Ruether "The Lake" display at the Haldan Gallery in South Lake Tahoe. Only there until December 11.

Mike Miller from Prism Galley, then provided information on Full Frame vs. 8x10 printing. Full Frame photos have an aspect ratio of 2:3 which is based on 35mm film size. 8x10 pictures came from the old days of large format cameras and is 4:5 ratio. If you send him a photo taken in full frame and desire an 8x10 print, it must be cropped.

The Eagles and Agriculture event will be held February 5-8, 2026. More information to come. This is an exciting event where the club displays photos and tours of the area will be available for photographers.

Anyone who would like to organize a field trip is welcome to set one up. Let the board know, and we will inform the membership.

We have 5 speakers line up for 2026. Anyone that can solicit a speaker feel free to contact the board for available dates.

The photo contest subjects for 2026 have been established and are as follows:

All photos should evoke some sort of emotion as displayed through the artistic expression.

Due January 6 - Food Plating: Your capture of foods, it could be a rib-eye steak from "Duke's", a "Big Mac", or something you've cooked up. Make your "Whopper" look tasty.

Due February 3 – Long Exposure – Use that manual setting to capture an exposure over time for dramatic effects.

Due March 3 - Photographing of Hands: could be old, young, working with a tool of some sort, a romantic gesture or poise, sports, a show of compassion, stoking a campfire in the dark, playing a musical instrument, etc. etc. The photo should evoke some sort of emotion as displayed through the artistic expression of the hands.

Due April 7 - It's a "Winter Wonderland"

Due May 5 - Horses: Wild or domestic

Due June 2 - Flowers / Plants/ Gardens

Due July 7 - Planes, Trains, Automobiles: Picture of any vehicle for transportation

Due August 4 - Patriotic Photos: Fourth of July celebrations

Due September 1 - Photo of asymmetry: Using the "Dutch Angle" like Mission Bell Tower that Alfred Hitchcock used in "Vertigo", or the house that Tim Burton used in "Beetlejuice".

Due October 6 - An act of compassion or service: a fireman working a fire, a waiter or waitress with an arm full of dishes to be delivered to a table, pushing someone in a wheelchair, catching what someone is doing in an animal shelter with abandoned animals, old people playing a card game at a rest home,you get the idea.

Due November 3 - Patterns or texture with fall color.

December will be your best photo of the year. Bring your best picture of the year to our last meeting of the year. Print at a maximum size of 11" x 14", no frames. First prize \$75, second prize \$50, third prize \$25.

A verbal vote was conducted to reelect the slate of: Tom Monti for President, Andi Parsons as Vice President, Wendy Whyman as Treasurer and Kim Steed as Secretary. The vote passed unanimously.

The December photo contest featured 19 wonderful photos. Ballots were tallied and the voting results were :

1st place – David Broady

2nd Place – Deb Lockett

3rd place – Susie Roaldson