

September 10, 2024 – Carson Valley Photo Club Meeting Notes

The Photo club held their September meeting last night. Our speaker was Brian Fitzgerald, President of the Carson Valley Art Council. Brian explained how The Arts Council is working with Virginia City and Carson City to try all kinds of art (performance and decorative) and establish the three areas as a tourist destination for all kinds of art. He explained what they are doing and was letting us know about his plans.

We then discussed the upcoming field trips. The first is this Saturday when we travel to the Bridgeport area to photograph the Chemung Mine and the ghost town of Masonic. Be at the Gardnerville Walmart at 8:00am to regroup rides and depart.

The second field trip is to the Sutro Tunnel on October the 26th. We will be at the tunnel from 1:00 to 3:00. Stay tuned for more details.

Our other event is the photo show on September 27-29 at the River Fork Ranch. This will be similar to the event held in April. More information will be coming out.

We then the photo themes for next year. Joe and Kim Burchiel worked on this and came up with following and the Board approved it:

January: Capture that “Get Down Feeling” We want you to shoot from a ground level perspective with a plane of focus leading up to a person, animal or your landscape.

February: Share with us your vision of Black & White Photography.

March: Stormy or Dramatic Weather. Capture the mood and feelings of “Stormy Weather”.

April: Waterscapes - Lakes, Waterfalls, Rivers, etc.

May: Fibonacci Spiral - Nature shows us myriads of examples of the Fibonacci Sequence. Think of a pine cone, or a pineapple. Or think of the “Golden Rectangle” as used by Leonardo da Vinci

June: Doors - Your best pictures of Doors (old or new). Barns or mine adits.

July: Panning Photos - Make your picture show motion by moving your camera with the subject. (Sports Photography).

August: Flash Photography. Share with us your images taken with a Flash.

September: Choose your images of “Geologic Features”, such as “Half Dome”, or “Devils Post Pile”

October: High Dynamic Range - Some Cameras can do this in the camera. You may use software to achieve HDR for you picture.

November: “Golden Hour”. When sunlight turns magical. (Dawn or Dusk). Capture your pictures then.

December: Your Best of 2025

The photo contest was judged by Joe Clement with the subject of "Night shots". Joe was very impressed by the quality of the photos and wanted to award 6 first place photos. He made the difficult choices and the winners are:

First Place- Tracy Christiansen "Star trails under tree"

Second place (tie)- – Kim Burchiel – "Stargazing with Friends"

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Third place - Andi Parsons "Blue Lake Milky Way"

Honorable Mention -Lori Mogab "Music of the Night"

Honorable Mention – Sarah Danta "The Glittering Riverwalk"