

SONORA PHOTO CLUB 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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Our SPC Bylaws require an “annual report” by the outgoing president and this communication is in response to that requirement.

I had a wonderful time leading the club, in conjunction with Dan Ryan, in 2019. We were able to accomplish quite a few things with the more than 30-person membership. We had a bit of a rocky start as snow got in the way of an early meeting but we persevered and regrouped and the weather eventually improved.

2019 Annual Report

Officers in 2019 were President, Connie Cassinetto; Vice President, Dan Ryan; Treasurer, Barbara Stewart; Secretary, Pat Jennings. Facility Coordinator was Linda Hogue, Education Coordinator was Steve Brooks, and our Website Coordinator was Bill Heiser.

To start the year Dan presented a short survey for members to fill out in order to get feedback on what type of presentations the membership might want for the year. As a result of that survey presentations for the year included Gary Johnson of Gary Johnson Photography with comments on photography in general and on our club competition, Steve Brooks showing us how to combine two images for an HDR look, Kathy Syverson presenting on Focus Stacking, Dan Ryan on Long Exposure photography, and several other interesting and information presentations on various subjects.

During each monthly session we had a critique of one or more member-images presented specifically for critique with the critique coordinated by Connie Cassinetto, Dan Ryan or Kathy Syverson.

At most meetings we also had a slide show presentation by a member. Slide shows were presented by Connie Cassinetto, William Gordon, Nancy Conti, Mel Martin, and Catherine Stanton.

Our “theme of the month” images continued to be popular, with the year’s themes including Action, Simplify, Food, Long Exposure, Water, Form/Shape, Street Images, and Focus stacked images.

New to 2019 was the addition of a photography “quote of the month” taken from various resources. A major accomplishment was the writing and passing of club bylaws, coordinated by Dan Ryan who facilitated a membership committee consisting of

Nancy Conti, Dale Bass, Catherine Stanton, and Dan Childres.

Also new for the year was a photo shoot and workshop, coordinated by Connie Cassinetto, by Gary Hart of Gary Hart Photography in Sacramento, who is a well-known photographer and workshop leader. About 15 people attended this workshop in May at Big Trees State Park. And, Dan Ryan coordinated a Docent Photo Shoot in May in Columbia and a June Father's Day Fly-in Shoot at the Columbia airport.

Another new event was a workshop coordinated and led by Kathy Syverson in July. Kathy brought props and lights and members who attended could experiment with arranging and shooting still life shots.

It was a great year for the club and there were many accomplishments throughout the year.

By Connie Cassinetto, outgoing 2019 President

Kathy Syverson continued to support and coordinate the Raintown Display for members and 10 members participated in hanging work for the year.

Our committee that volunteered to coordinate the Annual Photography Competition did the usual wonderful job, resulting in a very successful competition in October with almost 50 entries. The committee came up with some new and challenging categories and the club members rose to the challenge admirably. Our 2019 committee members were Catherine Stanton, William Gordon and Cheryl Caldereo. Categories included "Starry Night Spectacles," "Creative Altered Reality," and "10,000 Shades of Gray." New to the event in 2019 was that we had no club business and brought food for the reception.