

Welcome

to the
Rossmoor Photography Club

Our club is 50 years old (almost as old as Rossmoor itself) and continues to provide an outlet for all residents who have an interest in photography. The ***New Member Welcome Guide*** is an abbreviated version of our member handbook.

If you need more information, please see our web site.

www.rossmoorphotographyclub.org

A membership list and contact information can be printed out from our web site.

It can be found under the heading:

Organization/Files and Document Download

Rossmoor Photography Club Handbook is available under the **Organization** tag on our web site and is downloadable.

Membership

All Rossmoor residents and photographers living within 30 miles of Rossmoor are eligible for membership.

Activities & Programs

Exhibits

Gateway Gallery, Creekside Gallery, and Event Center Gallery

Competitions

Projected Images, Print Competitions and Best of the Year Competition

Events

Members can participate in Film Night, Guest Speakers Evening, and Photo Talk Evening. Field Trips are held several times a year. Members also enjoy our Fifth Wednesday of the month Pot Luck evening and our Annual Banquet in December.

Meetings

Photography Club Meetings are usually held every Wednesday evening.

- * **First and Third Wednesdays** are Projected Images and Print Competitions evenings.
- * **Second Wednesday** includes educational programs, discussions of various aspects of the print genre, and organization of quarterly exhibits at the Gateway Club House.
- * **Fourth Wednesday** is dedicated to a variety of photography subjects.
- * **Fifth Wednesday** of the Month Potluck is a gathering for fun, dinner and camaraderie coordinated by the Hospitality Committee.

Contact Information

Mailing List

New members should sign up to be on our mailing list to receive our newsletter and for announcements of events.

Sign up at one of our meetings or send a request email to

RossmoorPhotographyClub@gmail.com.

Web Site

The web master maintains the club website: www.rossmoorphotographyclub.org

The site provides members broad and up to date information on all aspects of the club activities. Members use the web site to enter their images for the First and Third Wednesday of the month Projected Images and Prints Competitions. The newsletter, roster, and member libraries are also available on the web site. Members are encouraged to make recommendations to the web master for possible additions to the web site.

Newsletter, *In Focus*

We publish an on-line monthly newsletter, *In Focus*. The current issue is available through a link on the web site home page.

In Focus is a convenient resource to find out what is going on in the Photography Club.

Mentoring

All new members have the opportunity to request a mentor who will answer questions about the club's programs and activities. The mentor is also able to give the new member guidance on using the club web site. The membership chairperson coordinates the introduction of the mentor to the new member.

Exhibiting Opportunities

The club presents print exhibits at Gateway (Fireside Room), Creekside and the Event Center in Rossmoor. Members are invited to display their prints at any of these venues. Members are notified of the exhibits by e-mail and newsletter. Contact information can be found on the club web site or in the club newsletter. Application forms for Creekside and the Event Center are available at the **Photography Club** mail box at **Gateway Club House**.

Gateway Club House Exhibits

Gateway exhibits are in color, theme based, and changed three times a year. Each theme topic is presented and discussed the month before the exhibit change on the second Wednesday evening of the month.

Creekside Gallery

Creekside Gallery displays black and white mounted prints in black frames. Eleven pieces are hung quarterly. The exhibit is not juried and, is a "first come, first served" event. Members who are new to the gallery are given first priority.

Event Center

Our club displays framed prints at the Event Center. New work is hung quarterly. The number of prints hung varies from exhibit to exhibit. The exhibit is not juried and, is a "first come, first served" event.

Annual Banquet Prints Exhibit

Prints that have been shown in gallery shows or competitions during the year are displayed. Each participant may choose two framed prints for display which have been exhibited at **Gateway** during the calendar year.

Social Events

Join the lively photography conversation from 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM at the first and third Wednesday projected images and print competition.

Hospitality Committee

The hospitality committee coordinates refreshments (cookies, coffee and snacks) at our first and third Wednesday night Projected Images and Print Competitions. All members who attend are asked to provide cookies one evening a year.

The fifth Wednesday of the month Pot Luck is coordinated by the Hospitality Committee.

Banquet

At the end of the club year an annual banquet is held as not only a social occasion but also to: install officers for the coming year, exhibit selected prints from those shown during the year at Gateway, recognize the awards for the "Best of the Year" images of Wednesday evening's Projected Images and Prints competitions, and announce promotions of participating members of Projected Images and Prints Competitions. Traditionally, the banquet is held on the first Wednesday in December.

Competitions

Rules

Rossmoor Photography Club competitions comply with the competition rules which have been agreed upon by members of **N4C, Northern California Council of Camera Clubs**. Copies of the "N4C Interclub Competition Rules" and "**N4C Interclub Competition Division Definitions**" are available at club meetings and are posted on the **N4C** website, www.N4C.org under the Competitions heading. Competition Rules are also found in the club handbook and web site under **Organization**, and then **Download**.

Monthly Competitions

Projected Images and Print Competitions **are held the first and third Wednesday** evenings from January to mid - November. Judges place the submitted work in the following categories: Nature, Creative, Journalism, Pictorial, Travel and Monochrome.

Best of the Year Competition

An annual competition is held in each level and category. Each competitor may submit up to 5 digital images in each category that were submitted in a competition during the current year. The deadline for digital submissions is generally the second Wednesday in November and the judging is generally held on the third Wednesday in November. This schedule is adjusted to conform to the banquet schedule (traditionally) of the first

Wednesday in December. A slide show of the winning images is shown during the banquet.

Education

Periodically the club presents educational programs and classes. Programs are free but there is generally a charge for classes. Members are given a discount. These programs are on a variety of topics related to photography, and speakers are announced in e-mails, the monthly newsletter and in the Rossmoor paper. Generally the programs will be of interest to both beginning and advanced photographers. Contact our Program Chair for more information. Photography classes on cameras, the mechanics of photography, and photo editing programs such as Photoshop and Light Room, etc. are held locally at Del Valle (next door to Rossmoor) by Acalanes Adult Education. Classes are also taught at Walnut Creek Civic Arts in central Walnut Creek and Mt. Diablo Adult Education, Pleasant Hill. Our programs are directed toward beginning to advanced photographers.

Film Series

The Photography Club sponsors bi-monthly films at the Peacock Theater. The films have photography related themes, and range from biographies of great photographers to feature films. The entire Rossmoor community is invited to these showings. The films are usually on the first Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM on alternate months. Announcements of each showing are included in e-mails, the monthly newsletter and notices in the Rossmoor newspaper.

Field Trips

Field trips are arranged by the Field Trip Chair to provide photography opportunities and socializing. Most of these are day trips and within the Bay Area. Trips are announced at Wednesday night meetings, in our newsletter, on the web site and the Rossmoor News.

Publicity

Results of the club competitions appear in the Rossmoor News along with sample photographs of the winning entries and general information about the club. Other announcements of club activities appear in the paper as well. Look for them to acquaint yourself with winning entries in competition as well as learning more about your fellow club members.

Volunteers

Rossmoor Photography Club offers many activities and programs for its members. As is true with other organizations, volunteer member help is necessary to make these happen. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity (particularly for new members) to meet fellow photography lovers, expand your horizons or indulge in a special interest or talent. Your contribution enriches everyone's club experience. Please contact the President at the meetings, or by e-mail.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!