

Foothills Photography Group's Monthly Newsletter

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Focus on the Foothills



From the President

Greetings FPG'ers!

Thank you, Colby for the 10-minute lesson on Lightroom at last month's meeting. I hope you enjoyed Chuck Murphy's presentation on backyard birds and blooms photography.

Our scheduled guest this month, John Mariana, has had to postpone his visit until July. Our April program will feature Jeff Gulle, instructor at NGTC. Jeff's presentation will be an overview of the software available to photographers for processing images.

I have some good news for you who like to make note cards with your images, or who are thinking about making some. The company that has made thousands of them for me, Printing Center USA in Montana, is giving a 10% discount to our club on note card orders! The offer is good for one order per person for the next year. I will present a slide with all the info at the next meeting, I will also have some samples of my note cards for you to see. (If you aren't able to attend the meeting, no worries. I'll post all the info on FB and I'll also send out a special email to all the members.)

Our critique theme this month is less "critique" and more "show n' tell". Send me your FUNNY/ODD images for everyone to enjoy. If possible, please have them to me by noon on the day of the meeting, April 19th. Thanks.

And a final friendly reminder, we hope all of last year's members will re-up and help us continue making this organization better and better. You may pay your membership dues at the monthly meeting or mail your check to Foothills Photography Group, PO 1872, Clarkesville, GA, 30523.

Look forward to seeing you!

Danny

Hi All!

Sharon here! I want to make this newsletter your newsletter!

Here's this month's Bits and Bobs.

A friendly reminder, the critique theme for April is FUNNY/ODD! Have you made an image that makes you smile or LOL? Show us! Or, maybe it's something odd, very unusual. I have one I'm looking forward to showing you. I hope to see yours. Just email them to Danny and he'll get them to me or Colby for display.

The critique theme for May is FLOWERS 2016, which is my way of saying let's present images of flowers we've made this year.

Tip of the month:

Be Selective. It's easy to take hundreds of photos in a few hours when shooting digitally. But don't just dump your memory card and upload all of the images to Facebook. You should spend some time going through your photos so you can eliminate redundant shots and discard photos that may be out of focus or poorly composed. It's better to post a few dozen great photos by themselves rather than the same good photos hiding among hundreds of not-so-good ones.

Quote of the month:

“A lot of photographers think that if they buy a better camera they'll be able to take better photographs. A better camera won't do a thing for you if you don't have anything in your head or in your heart.” -Arnold Newman

Surveys:

Over the next few weeks I'll be putting random surveys on the Facebook page and Steve will post them on the website. They will be completely anonymous. Some will be fun, some will ask for ideas and some will be just for input on what you'd like from our group. I hope that you take the time to participate.

Help me out!


I need your tips, quotes, articles and ideas. If I don't start getting some submissions, I may have to resort to annoying each of you individually!

Field Trips!

Jasper Lee would love to know where you want to go on a field trip and what you'd like to photograph. Here's one that is coming up:

This sounds like fun! Please let Jasper Lee know if you are interested in going.

FOOTHILLS PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP
Photography Field Trip



Saturday, April 23, 2016, 8:00 am
Alonzo Wade Auto Parts and Wrecker Service, 198 Alonzo Wade Road, Alto, Georgia 30510
Information: jasperlee@windstream.net

The posted name of the site is Alonzo Wade Auto Parts & Wrecker Service but we know it as a junk yard or school bus graveyard. It is comprised of approximately 25 acres of the finest junk motor vehicles northeast Georgia has to offer. Most date from the 1960s but some of the junk, I was told, dates from the 1930s.

More details:

- The navigation system location is: 198 Alonzo Wade Road, Alto, Georgia 30510
- Route to take if traveling South on Hwy 365: just past mile marker 38, turn right onto Crane Mill Road, go about 1,000 feet, and turn right onto Alonzo Wade Road. (Take first right into driveway of house and park your vehicle.)
- We all need to plan to arrive at 8:00 am. (Owners want to go over details with individuals who are participating.)
- Parking is at the first house on the right after turning onto Alonzo Wade Road. We are not to park inside the junk yard itself.
- An entrance fee of \$20 per person is being charged.
- Each individual will be asked to sign a release related to safety and hazards upon arrival.
- Individuals will have full access to the facility. (For safety reasons, the owners have stated that there is to be no climbing in or onto vehicles, damaging vehicles, or removing items from the area.)

Like to Photograph Birds Close-up?

Danny is inviting bird photographers to use his backyard bird blind set up.

The peak times begin in a couple of weeks and goes through April. Call him at [706-499-9901](tel:706-499-9901) or email: dannyoung56@yahoo.com to set up a visit. He will share his Canon equipment with you and give instructions if you wish.

Steve Griswold, our webmaster is always looking for pictures for our website. Let's flood his inbox!

Articles!

Love to write? Tell a photography story? Submit an article to be included in an upcoming newsletter and be featured on our web page. Yes, we'll want pictures, too. (It's a PHOTOGRAPY CLUB!)

Upcoming Programs:

April, 2016

Jeff Gulle

Jeff Gulle will be the presenter in April. He will present an overview of the software available for processing images. Jeff will spend a few minutes talking about how to get the images from camera into the computer. There will be LIVE processing on screen, talk about Photoshop - its primary design use and how photographers can use it. Then we'll ease over into Lightroom, again with live demo. Jeff will discuss the issue of using a standalone program vs. cloud based version. We'll talk about the various programs available for HDR processing and do a demonstration using HDR Efex Pro and discuss some of the myriad of programs for special effects.

A little bit about Jeff Gulle:

After mastering medical photography and covering crime scenes, he eventually ran a highly successful portrait studio before "retiring" to go to work as the photography program director at North Georgia Technical College. Today, he shoots for the love of it, and that certainly shows in his award-winning work, including Photographer of the Year, twice, with the GPPA.

Jeff Gulle joined the NGTC Photography faculty in 2007 and has more than 20 years of occupational experience. He holds an AAS in Commercial Photography, from North Georgia Technical College. He also holds a BA in Liberal Studies from Armstrong Atlantic State University. He is a Certified Professional Photographer, a Photographic Craftsman, a Master Photographer, and an active member of the Professional Photographers Association.

May, 2016

Anne Yarbrough

Photographing Pets and Kids

<http://www.anneyarbroughphotography.com/>

Anne Yarbrough is a professional photographer who shoots just about everything but admits to a preference for pets and kids. Her fresh approach to portraiture is summed up in her advertisement: "...contact me with ideas that suit your vision and we'll go from there." Her presentation to our club will concentrate on making photos of those things that don't sit still: pets and kids.

June, 2016

Tom Query

Tom has been a licensed professional counselor for twenty years. He's also a minister and a great photographer. See his Flickr site here:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/wellspringarts/>

Tom Query is a semi-professional photographer with several national and regional awards.

He has taught several photography courses at the Cedar Heights Center in Clarkesville -- one of which is Emotional Photography. That is the subject of the June program.

"In my personal life - I am a Father, Friend, Psychotherapist, Photographer, Reluctant Minister, and Retired Magician. I have an adult daughter. I am married to my girlfriend for life."

He is a member of Roswell Photographic Society and has been on their board.

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Oradour -- lest we forget -- by John Martin



The French village of Oradour-sur-Glane. Destroyed by the Nazis -- and remains destroyed.

On June 10, 1944, the 4th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment's 1st Battalion led by Adolf Diekmann sealed off the commune, rounded up the citizens and murdered all but several who managed to escape. In all 196 men, 247 women, and 205 children were shot dead or burned alive.

Military tribunals held in the early 50's convicted 20 of the 200 soldiers taking part in the massacre. Twenty served an average of about five years while one served fourteen years before being released. Diekmann was killed in the battle of Normandy.

*"Down this road, on a summer day in 1944...The soldiers came. Nobody lives here now. They stayed only a few hours. When they had gone, the community which had lived for a thousand years...was dead." (Introductory script to the 1974 British documentary series *The World at War*.)*

Oradour is in the west-central area of France. It remains today much as it was left in 1944. The French built a memorial museum near the entrance to the village remains. Kudos to the French for this singular act of reverence, of outrage, and of remembrance.

If you visit France Oradour-sur-Glane is a must. It is an eerie, ghostly place that is fodder for the photographer but, more importantly, it is a memorial. At the entrance is a hand painted sign: *"REMEMBER"*

About the photo: I shot it at 1/250 and f/8.0. In post processing in Lightroom I converted to black and white and then ran the green slider up until I was satisfied with the ghostly effect of the tree.

Just a final note...

Membership dues are being accepted at our April meeting. Stop by and see Barb Johns, she'll be sitting in for the very lucky, vacationing Wendy O'Conner. Come out, renew your membership, have some goodies before we listen and learn. I'll be there, and I hope you will be too!

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See you on Tuesday April 19th! Gathering time starts at 6:30 and our meeting starts at 7:00.