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*After so much forward motion...*

# It's Time to Take a Look Back



Picnic en Blanc – Martha Lemmond

## Can you believe it's June already?

As the 2018-19 season comes to a close, and my term as club President nears its end, I find myself reflecting on what a whirlwind these past couple of years have been. So much growth. So many changes. So much excitement. And, not a small amount of turbulence. All this forward motion has come at a dizzying pace and it's time to take a moment to look back. It's been a wild ride, but I am immensely grateful to have all of you – your talent, inspiration, and camaraderie – riding shotgun to share in this amazing experience. It's quite fitting that we devote much of our calendar this month to looking in the rear view mirror; reflecting on what's behind us as we look forward to what lies ahead.

## Coming up this Month:

### **Smartphone Photography User Group:**

Tuesday, June 4, 7-9pm, Medford Leas, Maple Room

We had more folks engage last month and hope to see even more of you next week. This month's theme is **Abstract**, encompassing a broad range of interpretations and concepts. It can be a simple geometric composition or a more complex double exposure technique you have seen in previous meetings. Try and arrive early to submit your images to Kevin as well as give your prints to Jeff for display and critique.

On the agenda:

- Tech Talk - "Foldable Phones" - What happened to Samsung's Galaxy X? Would you ever buy one?
- Whats Appening? - Rich Lewis introduces the Camera+2 app.
- Feedback/Critique on the themed images for both digital and prints.

Do you have an idea for open discussion? Bring it up at the meeting or email it to [foneartstudio@icloud.com](mailto:foneartstudio@icloud.com).

**Presentation Program:** Thursday, June 13, 7pm

### **Behind the Lens**

#### ***Looking Back at the Year's Most Compelling Images***

Members, selected by their peers, talk about how they created the most impactful images from our competitions. From planning to capture to post-processing, learn what went into the making of these notable photographs.

### **Swap Meet**

#### ***Looking Back at all the Stuff you've Accumulated***

You're invited to rummage through your closets and bring in some photography related items that you no longer use but would be appreciated by your club colleagues. It's a great opportunity to turn your treasures into cash and/or clear out some clutter. To participate, just bring your item(s) along with a printed description including your name (so that potential buyers know who to track down), price if for sale/free if it's a giveaway, and any relevant features/specs.

If you have some items to offer, especially higher ticket gear, feel free to [list them as a reply to this Facebook post](#) so that interested buyers can come prepared to make a deal.

### **Member Showcase**

#### ***Looking Back at our Personal Favorites***

We get precious little time to truly enjoy each other's work for the few seconds that they are projected on the screen each month. So, in addition to the nominated works being presented in our evening's feature program, we're inviting all of our members to bring in up to two mounted, unframed prints to display along the walls of the auditorium so that they can be viewed and appreciated before and after the main event.

**Competition Night:** Tuesday, June 18, 7pm

#### ***Quite Literally a Look Back***

Judge: Miles Truesdell

- **Digital:** From the back – Not just another pretty face. Show a compelling view of your subject from the back.
- **Monochrome Prints:** Open
- Submission Deadline: Sunday, June 16 at 9pm

Please note: Due to extenuating circumstances, there will be no workshop or field trip this month. We will post next season's line-up on our website as soon as the schedule is finalized.

## And Now Something to Really Look Forward to:

### **Member Picnic and Nature Walk**

Saturday, July 13, 10am-5pm(ish) (Rain Date: July 14)

#### **Ascalon-Pelletier Homestead and Tall Pines State Preserve**

Spend some quality time with fellow SJCC members during the summer hiatus!

We'll meet at Sara and Leo's home in Woodbury Heights at 10am and carpool a couple of miles down the road to [Tall Pines State Preserve](#) where Jackie Touw will lead us through the paved trails in search of native flora and fauna. (Bring your camera!)

Then back to the Ascalon-Pelletiers for food, fun and conversation. We ask that you bring a dish to share with the group (side, salad, entree, dessert...) and drop it off before we head over to the park. Because she did such a brilliant job last year, Barbara Doreste will reprise her role of food coordinator.

If you plan on attending please RSVP to Sara at [sascalon@gmail.com](mailto:sascalon@gmail.com) and cc: Barbara at [dorestephoto@hotmail.com](mailto:dorestephoto@hotmail.com) by July 1 and let us know what you'll be bringing (or ask Barbara for suggestions - you can find her, appropriately, at the refreshments table at our next meeting). Be sure to include your phone number

in case we need to reach you. We will send more details, including the address, as we get closer to the event.

In order to have an accurate picture of who's coming and what everyone is bringing it is important to RSVP via email regardless of whether you chatted with one of us in person or commented about it on Facebook.

Looking forward (and backward) to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,  
Sara Ascalon, President

**Competitions, Workshops, and Field Trips. Oh my.**

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