**Carson Valley Photo Club**

**Meeting Notes March 14, 2023**

**Attendees:**

Joe Clements

Barb Mower

Sandra Silva

NJ Thompson

Dan Day

Tom Monti

Robin Grueninger

Melanie Croce Trevino Miller

Sandy Jonkey

Sheila & LeRoy Clement

Sherri McGee

Nancy Hulsey

Mitch & Vicki Palmer

Kimberly Burchiel

Wendy Wyman (iPhone 13)

Dave Arstein

Susie Roaldson

Dennis Cook (new)

Robin Rowe (new)

**Outstanding Business**

* Still need a Secretary, Sandra helping out until we find one
* Don’t forget to send your dues to Robin! $36 single/$54 for family, send to Robin Grueninger, 836 Foothill Rd, Gardnerville, NV 89460
* Irwin Lightstone – photographer will present next month, will be zoom, he’s in Dallas
* MD Welch from Action Camera would love to do something with the photo club
* Kimberly brought up “Ken’s Snapshots” would be a neat person to get to speak, his bird photos are amazing

**Guest Speaker Cindy Marple**

Topic: Voyage to Antarctica

Antarctica is an amazing place to go. She has gone twice, 2007 and 2019. Most of the presentation was from 2019 trip. Scenery is spectacular. Discussed the history, birds and wildlife of Antarctica. She tried to focus on animal and environment.

The most popular way to tour is by a ship. Ships have increased in size, in the 200-250 passenger range. There are a few larger ships (1,000-1,400 passengers), but people never get off of those. Tourism is mainly to the northern tip of the Antarctic peninsula, generally the western side where it is more sheltered and protected.

Expedition Cruising is what they call it. Weather conditions drive what you do on any given day, so plans can change daily.

There are no ports. The only way to get to land is via zodiacs. Sometimes they just cruised around on the zodiacs.

Images included:

* Humpback Whales
* Minke Whales – she got an awesome shot of one that came really close to the zodiac
* Orcas – saw a few pods
* Antarctic Fur Seal – an eared seal
* Crabeater Seal – they eat krill, not crab, float around on the ice
* Leopard Seal – a big predator of adult penguins
* Icebergs
* Glaciers
* Brown Skuas – gull like bird, predator of penguin eggs and smaller chicks
* Gentoo Penguins
* Southern Giant Petrel – 7’ wing span, another predator
* Southern Fulmar – about the size of a gull, eat off the surface of the water
* Snow Petrel
* Antarctic Tern
* Kelp or Southern Black-backed Gull
* Antarctic Shag
* Chinstrap Penguin (a brush penguin)
* Gentoo Penguin (a brush penguin)
* Adelie Penguin (a brush penguin)
* Emperor Penguin (they breed inland, she didn’t see any)
* Snowing Wandering Albatross – huge 12’ wingspan

Penguins only come to shore to breed. They seem to be quite fond to be on the ice. They are true sea birds. They rely on blubber for insulation. They also have an extremely dense coat of feathers. On land, they can overheat pretty easily. They molt once a year. The 3 species of brush penguins make stone nests. And lay 2 eggs a year. Takes about 3 months for chicks to fledge. Not allowed to approach the penguins, but they can approach you.

She used her tripod on all land shoots with the short lens. She handheld the long lens. She likes to be light with her gear.

Camera Gear List:

* Full frame body
* Crop sensor body
* 24-70mm
* 80-400mm
* Tripod
* Strap
* Fanny pack with extra battery, cards, lens cloth, towel, rain cover
* Laptop and backup external drive

It was in the high 30s/low 40s because the sun was out.

[Cheeseman’s Ecology Safari](https://cheesemans.com/region/antarctic)

Ship name: Academic Yoefay, a Russian ship and crew

Cost is $15-$20k these days

If you want to go on shore, you have to be on smaller ships

She uses Capture One to organize/edit her photos.

She’s going to Panama soon and then Madagascar in May.

**March Photo Contest – Feet**

Judge: Club Members on the Call

**Club Votes:**

#1 Feels Good! Try It! 1

#2 POW Sculpture 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 1

#3 Prissy Feet 1

#4 Barefoot Pianist 2, 2, 3

#5 Jasper Snow Feet 2

#6 Ready for the Leap 2

#7 Dog Feet 1,2

#8 Performance Boots 3

#9 Jumping Away

#10 Feet and Nose 1

#11 Pawsome Toe Beans 3, 3, 1

#12 Orange Feet 3, 1, 3, 2, 2

**Winners:**

First Place: POW Sculpture – Mitch Palmer

Second Place: Orange Feet – Wendy Whyman

Third Place: Pawsome Toe Beans – Sandra Silva

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners:

1. Please send a NON-watermarked full resolution jpg to Nancy Hulsey ([nancyhulseyphoto@aol.com](mailto:nancyhulseyphoto@aol.com)).
2. Bring an 8"x10" or 8"x12" printed photo of your winning image (which 300 dpi is best to print from) to Robin Grueninger at Marty’s Appliance. NJ will hang at library.

**Contest Reminders:**

Be careful of your photo being too large. Website can only take up to 25mb which is pretty large. Also, you need to properly name your shot before you upload it into dropbox.

Remember we have a deadline for the photos, midnight of the Tuesday a week before the meeting.

Thanks to those for participating! Next month’s contest April is **Baby Animals due April 4.**

1, 2, and 3rd Place winners send your photo to Nancy Hulsey at nancyhulseyphoto@aol.com

**Share the Love**

Need field trip leader and speaker suggesters for this year! Share your knowledge and network!

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**Birds, Buckaroos and Beauty!**

April 28-30

NJ explained the event. Asked for members to let her know about exhibiting.

Summary of the Event

* Has become the CVPC’s signature exhibit event of the year
* Staffed by CVPC members
  + Setup and Take Down
  + Shifts
* Open to all CVPC 2023 Members
  + Work can be “for sale” or not
  + Hanging work should be matted
  + Space for bin art and cards
* Exhibit Setup is Friday morning and take down is Sunday Afternoon.

Exhibitor List to Date – Number of Exhibitors is Going to Influence Decisions

* Joe Clements
* Tom Keller
* Robin Grueninger
* Vivian Powers
* Susie Roaldson
* Kim Steed
* NJ Thompson
* Sheila
* NJ
* Wendy
* Mitch
* Sherri

Discussion Topics

**Pre-Event**

* Exhibit Title: Birds & Buckaroos (historic title)
  + Club agreed to change to Birds, Buckaroos, & Beauty
* Do we have an Artist Reception on Friday evening – club voted yes
  + There is a Heritage Day concert on Friday night at 7:30 PM.
  + If yes, we need a **volunteer** to organize that part of the event
    - Susie Roaldson volunteered – need another
    - Decorations
    - Plates/Glasses etc
    - Getting beverages – exhibitors to bring
    - Hors d’oeuvres – exhibitors to bring
  + If yes, reception time
    - 4:30 to 6:30; 5 to 7?
* Publicity
  + Sample Flyer prepared by Sandra Silva (share)
  + Flyers – Print at Office Depot or similar and distribute to local businesses
  + Provide flyer to Nature Conservancy and will put on website and in their email event announcements.
  + Word of Mouth
  + Social Media
    - Carsonvalleyphotoclub.org
    - Carson Valley Photo Club Facebook page
  + Record Courier? – Sandra will inquire on cost and size
    - Cost is about 300
    - May have to change flyer to printing press colors
    - Benefit of purchase – they do a lot of free publicity of the club
  + Valley Scoop?
  + Facebook ad? ~$20, would also put on our Facebook page
* CVPC Members prepare images to exhibit
  + Hanging photos matted & framed with a sealed back
* Bio Book?

**Event**

* Shifts & Staffing
* Set Up/Break Down: 8-12/12-4 Sat and Sun, 2 people for each shift
  + Vivian and Kim will hang everything
* Change Bag