



What's happening at Photochrome in JFEBRUARY 2010

Thursday

Feb. 4—7:30pm

Guest Judge— Open Pictorial Fellowship Hall

Members enter up to two images for discussion and critique by a guest judge.

Thursday

Feb. 11—7:30pm

Board Meeting Gallery Annex

All members are invited to attend these monthly meetings where activities of the Club are planned.

Thursday

Feb. 18—7:30pm

Exploring Photography Digital Photography

This meeting will feature presentations by Martin Taylor and Alan Heald. On this evening Martin and Alan will share their knowledge and experiences about two aspects of working with images in this digital age.

Alan Heald calls his presentation "How to Get Rid of Stuff". He will demonstrate methods he uses to quickly eliminate distracting elements in digital photographs. There are significant differences between the Cloning tool, the Spot Healing Brush, and the Patch tool. Each tool has strengths as well as weaknesses. In fact, it often helps to

use these tools in combination with one another to get the best results. As a bonus he will demonstrate the use of a **Wacom** tablet, a gadget he says is invaluable when working with Photoshop.

Martin Taylor's demonstration will illustrate the different methods he uses for converting color digital images into quality black & white images. His presentation is especially pertinent since Photochrome will be soon be holding a black & white only evening, at the Theme night on March 4th. So, if you aren't completely comfortable converting your images into black and white it would be smart to attend Martin's presentation. Martin and Alan each hope that you will find the evening of value.

**Saturday—Feb. 27—
10:00am**

Field Trip

Hiller Aviation Museum Gary Larsen, Chair

Let's meet in front of the museum. Situated at 601 Skyway Road in San Carlos, this interesting museum features exhibits of 50 aircrafts, prototypes, models and other aviation displays. We will wander through the atrium and exhibit hall photographing anything that catches our eyes. You

may also see a few things outside. Tripods are permissible. We need to pay a small fee of \$11.00 for adults or \$7.00 for seniors (age 65+).



Directions: Take Hwy 101 south to Holly Street/Redwood Shores pkwy exit. Go east onto Redwood Shores Pkwy. Turn right onto Airport Road. Turn right onto Skyway Road. For more information go to: <http://www.hiller.org>

March Events (preliminary schedule)

March 4

*Theme Night
Black & White Photography*

March 11

Board Meeting

March 18

Print Night

March 20 Field Trip

Hiller Aviation Museum



Photo credits: Garrett Griffin, Bob Nelson, Martin Taylor

Photochrome Goes to Yerba Buena Gardens

By Garrett Griffin

Sixteen Photochromers braved lowering skies and met at the Esplanade in Yerba Buena Gardens on a gray, soggy Saturday morning in mid-January. Their assignment: capture images of the environs a bit differently from what a casual observer sees. After a short briefing by our intrepid leader, Gary Larsen, we agreed on a meeting place for our post-assignment de-briefing, a key element of these trips.

The weather cleared and the sun peeked out from behind the clouds as if on cue when the Photochromers began their work by splitting into small groups of twos and threes. Some chose to explore alone. Either way individuals proceeded to the task that best befitted their own preferences. Some worked alone for the ultimate in concentration, some with a partner or two following the theory that four eyes, or six, are better than two. Either method appears to work well for the members involved. This Photochromer prefers both, hooking up with another for a while, then going off alone then back with another member and so forth throughout the morning.

The gardens offer endless images and subjects, be they people on benches or strolling or the fascinating architecture of the many interesting buildings surrounding the green belt. Unique statues dot the two square blocks in addition to the gardens, greenery and a playground with frolicking children. A lovely Merry-Go-Round also graces the place. Unfortunately, it was not operating. Fountains and falls strategically placed introduce the

element of water not often found in the downtown of a city. Reflections are a bonus for the photographers' discerning eye as is the motion of water.

The morning passed too quickly as always. So much to photograph, so little time. The members will put an extension on their hours at YBG when they sit in front of their screens and re-visit and "re-photograph" the park, creating even more interesting images of this pleasant downtown refuge.

Just before the noon hour members re-convened at the coffee shop in the Jewish Heritage Museum across the street from where they first assembled. The coffee was hot, the pastries delightful and the conversation lively. Members passed a pleasant hour re-hashing their adventures and telling tall tales of the "big one" that managed to get away because somebody walked into frame or bumped the tripod or an earthquake struck just as the shutter popped or whatever. Rarely satisfied with his work, the photographer returns and re-shoots over and over until perfection is within his grasp. At times like these, he feels he may depart this mortal coil before perfection comes. But maybe not.

Roll call: Bob Nelson, Willis Zhoe, Martin Taylor, Jim Elliot, Chris Kibre, Deborah Hall, Steve Lee, Gary Larsen, Christian Viller, Susan Higgins, Joe Higgins, Arthur King, Natasha Nielsen, Alan Heald, Weronika Patena, Garrett Griffin

**Photochrome Club of
San Francisco**

2010 Calendar		1/15/2010	
January	01/07/10 Open Pictorial 01/14/10 Board Meeting 01/16/10 Field Trip: Yerba Buena Gardens & Vicinity 01/21/10 EP: Field Trip Photography PicTwo: Holiday Season Photo Project, Yerba Buena Gardens & Vicinity	July	07/01/10 Open Pictorial 07/08/10 Board Meeting 07/15/10 EP: TBD 07/17/10 PicTwo: Golden Gate Park Rose Garden Field Trip: Fort Funston Hang Gliders
February	02/04/10 Judged Night 02/11/10 Board Meeting 02/18/10 EP: Photoshop Cloning / B&W Conversion 02/27/10 Field Trip: Hiller Aviation Museum	August	08/05/10 Theme Night: Balanced Image 08/12/10 PicTwo: Fort Funston Hang Gliders 08/14/10 Board Meeting 08/19/10 Field Trip: Marine Mammal Center & Vicinity EP: TBD PicTwo: Marine Mammal Center & Vicinity
March	03/04/10 Theme Night: Black & White PicTwo: Hiller Aviation Museum 03/11/10 Board Meeting 03/14/10 Field Trip: Golden Gate Fields (Dollar Day) 03/18/10 Print Night	September	09/02/10 Judged Night 09/09/10 Board Meeting 09/16/10 Print Night 09/18/10 Field Trip: A San Francisco Neighborhood - Northbeach
April	04/01/10 Open Pictorial 04/08/10 Board Meeting 04/18/10 Field Trip: Cherry Blossom Festival & Japantown 04/22/10 EP: TBD PicTwo: Golden Gate Fields / Cherry Blossom Festival & Japantown	October	10/07/10 Open Pictorial 10/14/10 Board Meeting 10/21/10 EP: TBD 10/23/10 PicTwo: A San Francisco Neighborhood - Northbeach Field Trip: Sonoma State Historic Park
May	05/01/10 Field Trip: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve 05/06/10 Theme Night: Street Life PicTwo: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve 05/13/10 Board Meeting 05/20/10 EP: TBD	November	11/04/10 Theme Night: Fences & Gates 11/11/10 PicTwo: Sonoma State Historic Park 11/13/10 Board Meeting: Next Year Planning Image Fest 2010 Nov & Dec Pic Two Project: City Murals
June	06/03/10 Judged Night 06/10/10 Board Meeting 06/12/10 Field Trip: Golden Gate Park Rose Garden 06/17/10 Print Night	December	Nov & Dec Pic Two Project (cont.): City Murals. Images will be presented at Jan. 2011 EP meeting EOY Banquet Farewell Until Next Year!!!

EP: Exploring Photography
TBD: To be determined
All meetings are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

Calendar by Gary Larsen

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*Color News Deadline
3rd Friday of the Month*

Selective Focus Photo Ops -

The next couple of months will undoubtedly show off to perfection our annual wild mustard display among the vineyards of Sonoma and Napa counties.

Wildflowers will also be raising their beautiful heads at all our favorite spots. Point Reyes springs to mind.

Then, it doesn't hurt to plan ahead for April 1st when the "Saint Stupid's Day Parade" will commence at Embarcadero Plaza at noon. Remember Bob Nelson's funny pictures from last year? See if you can find some of your own this time.

Sponsored by N4C
Saturday, June 12, 2010
Brenda Tharp
San Leandro Library
Auditorium
*\$45 per person
before May 15;
\$50 per person after*

Brenda will present a whole day's worth of her fantastic photography with information on how to take these kinds of photos. N4C will soon have a complete outline from her to share with you and a registration form. Watch this space for more information.

Meetings are held the First and Third Thursdays of the month, except for November and December. They begin at 7:30pm and are held at the Fellowship Hall, Ebenezer Lutheran Church, 678 Portola Drive, San Francisco, CA 94127. For meeting details check: www.photochrome.org

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