

Grand Photos Club

Welcome, NEW MEMBER.

We are glad that you have joined our very active club. We have prepared this booklet to help you with any questions you might have about what we have to offer. Please feel free to pursue all of your interests in photography with us by getting involved, attending classes, and volunteering.

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President's Welcome

So, you're a new member of Grand Photos. Congratulations! If you want to learn how to take better pictures, gain an understanding of digital photography, build new picture-enhancing software skills, show your camera who is boss or just make new friends with similar interests, you've taken a good first step. Smart move! We're glad to have you with us.

Grand Photos strives to meet the needs of all its members regardless of their skill levels. You'll find that we offer an incredible variety of activities for you to try. The benefits you derive from the club, however, require an investment from you. It's your participation. The value of your investment depends on your enthusiasm and your willingness to learn. We'll do our part ... the rest is up to you. So now that you've paid your dues, join us. Really Join Us! Participate!

Dik Salsbury, President

Grand Photos Board

The Board consists of ten elected members (president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, immediate past president, and five others). The purpose of the Board is to provide leadership and guidance to the photo club, review club rules, By-Laws and operating procedures as well as establish standing committee chairs. The Board meets the **second Tuesday of each month at 9 AM** in the photo lab. All meetings are open to club members. Agendas are sent out prior to each meeting. A contact list of Board and Committee members can be found on the last page of this guide.

Dik Salsbury, President

Membership

With the new photographic technology these days, it seems that everyone has a camera and is taking pictures. If you are one of these folks and are new to picture taking or have been at it for years and years Grand Photos is the club for you. We have activities on an almost daily basis from classes, to photo shoots, to competitions, to professional guest speakers all of which will enhance your hobby. The yearly cost for joining is \$20 with the second member in the household paying \$10. Name tags are \$6. Stop by the Grand Photos Building (Saguaro) and ask the monitor for an application.

Liz Burke, Membership Chair

General Meetings/Presentations/ Speakers

Grand Photos has two general membership meetings a month. They are held on the second and third Wednesdays of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Cimarron Center (from October through April).

The meeting on the second Wednesday of the month is primarily a business meeting generally followed by a presentation. The meeting on the third Wednesday of the month is reserved for longer presentations often by guest speakers who are talented photographers from various parts of Arizona. The topics vary but usually include discussion, and a computer slide presentation of photographs compiled by the guest speaker. Presentations and speaking topics are entertaining, educational and very inspirational. They cover a wide range of subjects and explore the wider world of photography. Our club has been fortunate to have as speakers some very talented people who regularly provide photographs for Arizona Highways magazine. We have also had as guest speakers a number of photographers from the American Society of Media Photographers (ASMP).

Whether our Club members are casual "point and shoot" photographers or the more serious types, each has a front row seat on a very exciting field because of the club's special linkage to other photo clubs in the Phoenix area through the Arizona Camera Club Council (ACCC) and to the national organization, the Photographic Society of America (PSA) which afford us opportunities to attract exciting speakers.

Richard Coles, Membership Program Chair

The Photo Lab

Hours of Operation: Sun City Grand CAM has given the Saguaro Building to Grand Photo for use as a lab, meeting and educational facility for our members. The lab is generally open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings from 9:00 AM until noon for your personal use. There are always a number of members available and willing to assist new members or anyone needing a question answered. Please drop by anytime. Bring your camera and instruction manual; come to print photos, get help with photos etc... or drop by just to say hello.

The phone number at the lab is 623-546-7483.

Inside the Lab:

Equipment: The Lab is equipped with a new 52" flat screen monitor, overhead projector, computers with the latest photo post processing software, printers, scanners, mat cutter, and hot press for photo mounting.

Materials & Supplies: An inventory of photo mounting boards, printing paper and other miscellaneous items for our members to purchase at club discounted pricing is available.

Mounted Photos & Cards: Mounted photos, that our Photo Club members have created, are nicely showcased on display racks and available for you to purchase. Also available are greeting cards and Sun City Grand postcards.

Bulletin Board: Directly facing you, as you walk in to the lab, there is a bulletin board displaying current club information, events, calendars, competitions and other photo related information.

Jim Smith, Photo Lab Scheduler/ Coordinator
John Hertia, Computer Management



Communication

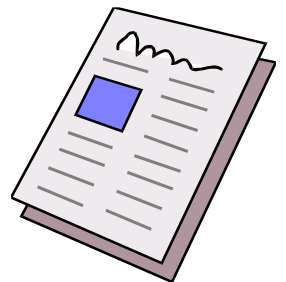
E-mails:

As a member of Grand Photos you will receive a schedule of club activities weekly by e-mail. All announcements are sent this way so it is important that we have your correct e-mail addresses and that you check your mail regularly. Please contact membership to correct the problem.

Marilyn Vosburg, Grand Photos Secretary

IN FOCUS:

Grand Photos' newsletter "*IN FOCUS*" is e-mailed out once every two months to all members. It is also available for viewing on our website www.grandphotos.org. The newsletter is a source of information about our many projects and activities, competitions, Board member reports, Special Interest Groups (SIGs), displays of member photographs, technical articles, travel reviews and photos, member biographies, classified ads for selling and buying photographic equipment, etc. We pride ourselves on the very active participation of our members who provide us with material for "*IN FOCUS*". We like to rotate the members who volunteer to write the special feature articles and provide accompanying photographs. We welcome all members who have an interest in taking part.



Sue Marrugi, "*IN FOCUS*" Editor

Web Site

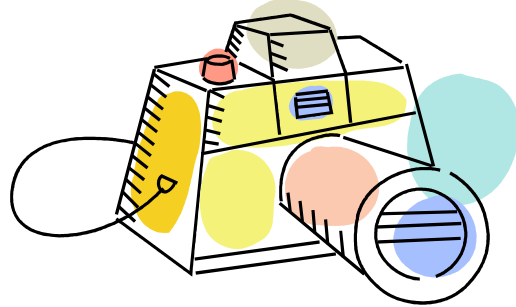
www.grandphotos.org is our web site, which can be accessed for all club information. It contains our Monthly Calendar as well as our Weekly Workshops and classes, upcoming Photo Shoots, Tips and Tutorials for photography, and links to other photographic venues. We also maintain a slide show of images taken by members, which is continually updated. You can showcase your photos on the web by sending 3 photos to Dan Jacob at dljacob911@aol.com

Sue Marrugi, Web Master
Rita Skarbek
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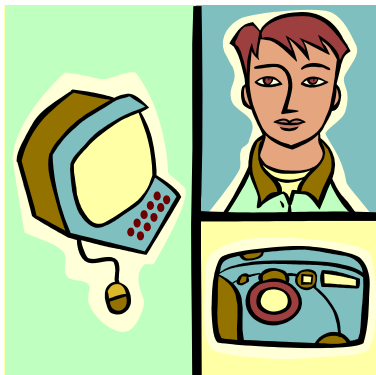
Public Relations and Community Liaison

The primary role of this committee is to interface with the Communications Coordinator for CAM and supply monthly pictures and stories about Grand Photos for the "Grand Times." On a more regular basis we supply images of Grand Photos events to the slide show on Grandinfo.com.

Sue Marrugi,
PR Coordinator



Education



Our membership is composed of people of all skill levels, from beginners to experts. Some of us are just discovering the magic of digital photography and some of us are retired professional photographers. Grand Photos educational programs are designed to educate and stimulate members of all skill levels so that we can take better pictures and share them with others.

Workshops:

Monday through Friday afternoons and **Tuesday** and **Thursday** all day are FREE workshops. Workshops are one-time presentations each on a specific subject matter. Attendance is on a "walk-in basis". Due to popularity, many workshops are repeated. (You will be notified if pre-sign-up is required for any reason.)

Classes:

A "class" is a series of two or more sessions on the same subject only each presentation is in more depth than the previous one. In most cases, sign-up is required. There are often a limited number of seats due to the type of class and instructor/student interaction. The classes are also FREE unless there is an additional text etc. Again, many classes are repeated.

Seminars:

This is a new addition to the Grand Photos Education Program. Professional Photographers who are also Professional Instructors are brought to Grand Photos to speak and train on different topics. This is a paid instructor. Grand Photos makes no profit on these seminars.

Travelogues:

Members who travel to different places are encouraged to share a "slide" show presentation. Sometimes the travelogues are simple presentations from shared photo shoots. The travelogues are held **Thursday nights at 6:30** at the Photo Lab except for the first Thursday of each month when they are held at Cimarron for members and non-members.

Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

SIG stands for Special Interest Group....and that is what it is. A group of our members who share a special interest- be it a type of camera, or software, or a common activity. The goal is to learn from each other, encourage and stimulate each other, and in the process become better at what we love to do, and have fun doing it. It is the members themselves that make it work.



Camera SIGs:

- Canon Rebel ...meets 2nd Thursday @ 3:00
- Canon20D and up ...meets 1st Tuesday @ 10:00
- Nikon Intermediate DSLRs ...meet 2nd Thursday @ 9:30
- Nikon D300 and up ...meets 3rd Thursday @ 3:00

Software SIGs:

- Adobe Elements # 6-8 ...meets 1st Thur. @ 3:00 OR 2nd Thur. @ 1:00
- Photoshop CS ...meets 1st Thursday @ 1:00
- Lightroom2-3 ...meets 1st Thursday @ 10:00
- MacIntosh Photography Group ...meets 3rd Thursday @ 1:00

Specialty SIGs:

- Hiking SIG ...meets 2nd Wednesday after Membership Meeting
- Skunkworks SIG ...meets 3rd Thursday @ 10:00

"The Creative Eye" ...meets 1st Wednesday @ 3:00
HDR High Dynamic Range ...meets 4th Thursday @ 1:00
Photographic Scrapbooking *In the forming stages*

Feel free to suggest any new group for consideration as a SIG. I will need a number of members interested and a facilitator.

Whether it is workshops, classes, seminar, travelogues, or SIGs, you are interested in; contact Jim Smith, Education Coordinator

Grand Photos Mentoring Program:

From time to time members of the Club have difficulty regarding a particular issue relating to their photography. On the other hand, there are members of the Club who have particular expertise, and have expressed an interest and willingness to share their knowledge with other members of the Club.

The Grand Photos Mentoring Program is intended to provide a means by which Club members needing assistance can be paired with another member of the club, on a **ONE - ON - ONE** basis, to answer questions and provide assistance. There is no charge for this "service."

Arnie Becker, Mentoring Chair

Fun & Friendly Monthly Photo Competition

Each month the Club will hold a "Fun and Friendly Photo Competition". The idea is to give all the members an opportunity to "show off" a bit, get some new ideas and test out your own skills. You, the members, are the judges. Each month there will be a different subject for the photo competition. The rules are simple:

- *Prints can not be larger than 8.5 x 11 inches
- *Prints may be mounted or unmounted
- *One print per member
- *The member's name must be on the back of the print
- *The members present at the meeting will judge the competition and select the winning photograph.

Submit a picture and let's have some fun!!!!

Arnie Becker,
Fun & Friendly Monthly Photo Competition Chair



Photo Shoots

The Photo Shoot committee organizes trips of various lengths to give members an opportunity to visit photogenic spots with fellow photographers. We help each other take better photos while enjoying our time together.

Mort Berman, Photo Shoot Coordinator
Darlene Eger, Motor Coach Tours and Cruise Coordinator

The Library

Our photography library, (located in the cabinet on the back wall), includes books in six subject areas: Photography Tips, Tricks and Techniques; Specific Camera Usage; Photo Editing; Oldies but Goodies; Photography Specialties; and Photographic Art. The library also contains training DVDs, Grand Photo Competition CDs and Workshop CDs. Books and DVD's may be borrowed for three weeks at a time by club members. Self check-out instructions are located inside the cabinet doors.

Photography related magazines are also available, as well as a collection of "Arizona Highways" magazines filed by months and seasons. Borrow as you wish...no formal checking out required.

We also welcome photography related books, CDs, DVDs, and photo magazines donated by members to add to our wonderful collection.



Mary Gamble, Co-Librarian
Sue Penney, Co-Librarian

Book Reviews

Grand Photos is lucky to have an exchange program with Wiley Publishing Company. We request photography related books and they are sent FREE to us in exchange for writing and posting reviews on Amazon. Go to www.wiley.com to find titles you may be interested in reviewing then adding to our library.

Mary Gamble, Book Review Coordinator

Monitors

The Sun City Grand Community Association Management (CAM) directives require that all charter clubs must have a monitor present any time a CAM facility is used. How these monitors are selected is up to each charter club. Grand Photos prefers to do this on a volunteer basis rather than levy requirements based upon participation in club activities.

Prior to serving as a monitor, members must receive a brief orientation of monitor procedures and be entered on the master key list, which is maintained at the Adobe fitness center monitor desk. Monitor orientations are conducted as needed, and are announced in advance by e-mail via the club secretary. Upon completion of the orientation, the club president is notified to add the names of new monitors to the key list. There is a permanent list of people who are called approximately once every 6 weeks .

Jerry Weinstein, Monitor List
Charlie Ferrell, Monitor Trainer

Photo Competition



The Sun City Grand Photo Club holds two competitive events a year. Members are encouraged to present their best work. Competition is open to all active members. Also, as a member of the Arizona Camera Club Council (ACCC), Grand Photos encourages its members to enter the statewide competitions ACCC hosts. Competition provides encouragement and a challenge to all members to continuously improve their ability to capture and process images. Since it was formed, the club has seen continuing improvement in images submitted for the competitive events.

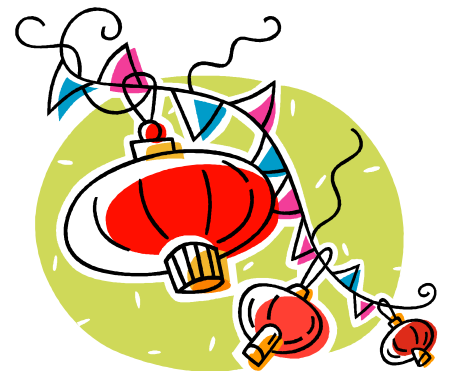
Larry Lindner, Print Chair
Lyle Patton, Digital Chair

Social Occasions

Let's make the Photo Club a place to gather for fun social events. Our love of taking photographs gives us a good reason to have fun, share food and laugh together. We'll do the usual events but I'm hoping that we can also have some potlucks for our SIG groups and outside photo events. Let's make 2010 a year of great, fun events.

Bob De Muth, Social Committee Chair

Grand Photos Banquet



In the spring we have a banquet which highlights the photographic accomplishments of our members as well as providing a social time to get together and meet as an entire club and enjoy each other's company. We also present a slide show of our members' activities during the year. Spouses and friends may also attend and get to share in the excitement and the fun that we have as a club.

Gale McCall, Banquet Chair

Fundraising

The Fundraising Committee is responsible for making greeting cards using member submitted photos. We sell the cards throughout the year in the photo lab, and during the two SCG Art Festivals. (Oktoberfest and Spring Art Fair) We also sell club submitted photos for fundraising. Members may also sell photos on their own with 10% given back to the club. The committee welcomes members to help with the card making or during the festivals. This is a time when we show the residents of Grand what we are all about and encourage interested residents to join the Photo Club.

Kathie Squires, Fundraising Coordinator
Bill Graczyk, Oktoberfest Coordinator
Mark Lange, Spring Fair Coordinator

Volunteers

Grand Photos, as in all organizations here at Sun City Grand, is only as strong as the members who volunteer their time and energy. We have been fortunate to have great leadership in the past and into the present; however, in order for Grand Photos to continue to be a great club in which to pursue our passion for photography we need YOU! Please consider volunteering to help on any of the varied committees that are outlined in this booklet. If you have enjoyed the workshops and meetings then give back to the club some time by monitoring, leading a photo shoot, working on fundraisers, leading a SIG, etc. etc. etc. Simply contact any of the coordinators or chairs in charge of an area that interest you.



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