CAMERA CLUB OF LAGUNA WOODS VILLAGE

NEW MEMBERS HANDBOOK FOR NON-RESIDENTS
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Welcome   .

On behalf of the Camera Club, I would like to thank you for becoming a new member of the club. I hope you will enjoy and participate in the Show Cases, Digital Critiques, Educational Classes and other events that are part of our mission of "Bringing the World to the Village". Our events, workshops and classes are announced regularly through e-mail notifications and our website www.cameraclublwv.org.

Flyers are distributed monthly through the Laguna Woods Village Clubhouses and at our Photography Lab at Clubhouse 4. Information about our events is published in the Laguna Woods Village Globe. You may also visit our website www.cameraclublwv.org and view the Club Calendar for all scheduled events.

CAMERADERIE is the award-winning magazine of the Camera Club of Laguna Woods Village. It is generally published on a quarterly basis and distributed via email. It is also available on our website, along with current and past issues at Cameraderie Magazine.

It celebrates members' photographic achievements by showcasing photos that received a score of 9 at the Club's critiques or an honor/ribbon from any other organization. You can find articles on improving your photographic skills, or a new location to visit, and you will get to meet a member featured in that issue. Other information about photo opportunities or museum exhibits is usually also included. Back issues of the magazine can be found on the club's website: https://cameraclublwv.org/about/cameraderie-magazine/

If you would like to help produce Cameraderie, or have any articles or images to submit for consideration, please contact the Club at: cameraclublwv@cameraclublwv.org with Cameraderie Magazine as the Subject.

Camera Club events, classes, workshops and facilities are supported solely through member volunteers. Please consider volunteering. We

have many opportunities that could fit your skills, such as a Digital Photo Lab Supervisor and/or serving as a member on one or more of our Publicity, Hospitality, Membership, Digital Presentation, Digital Critique, and Education Workshop/Training teams. You are urged to volunteer to be on a committee for one of the aforementioned areas. Your participation would be welcomed and appreciated.

Go to https://cameraclublwv.org/about/volunteering/ for more information

We all like a little recognition so let us know if your photography has earned recent ribbons, certificates, or medals at fairs or other competitions. We would like to be able to share your successes with other members through our publications.

We have a Facebook page "Camera Club of Laguna Woods, CA". Anyone can post a question there just so long as it is photography related. Anyone who believes that they can provide an answer or point to someone or somewhere help can be found can do so in a comment on the post. We also have a Facebook group called "Camera Club of Laguna Woods, CA – Photo Sharing" where you can post images you wish to share or get feedback. This is a closed group, so you must ask to join. These give us all places to learn and to teach. You will need to have a Facebook account to use this. If you are nervous about privacy and security on Facebook, please note that you can create an account under a pseudonym, you do not have to have any Facebook friends, and you can invoke full privacy settings. All we ask is that everyone respects everyone else on the site. We reserve the right to delete any posts or comments that are not appropriate.

Club Events

The Camera Club organizes a wide range of events each year, from instructional and entertaining presentations to regularly scheduled critiques and competitions, to dinners and cocktail hours.

Critiques

Typically, the Club has six (6) Digital Critiques per year, concluding with a highly competitive Year-End Competition. The periodic Critiques offer members the ability to submit their images and have them critiqued by a professional photographer. The Critiques provide members with insight on photographic composition, exposure and lighting, color management, post-processing and other techniques to improve their skills as a photographer. This is a great opportunity to learn from the professionals on how to improve your photography regardless of the type of camera or cellphone you use.

Digital Critique meetings currently are being held via Zoom. They begin at 6:30 PM. Members will receive an invitation to the meeting in advance of the event. Non-members can request an invitation by writing to cameraclublwv@cameraclublwv.org with the title of the event as the Subject and including your name in the message.

Digital Critique Rules and helpful information that will assist you in submitting your photos can be found on the Club's Critiques page on the website.

Images must be submitted to the following email address no later than 5:00 pm on the Wednesday before the event: critique-entries@cameraclublwv.org.

You can view the PowerPoint presentations of all the previously entered images stored in our Winning Images Archive. Each time that the club has a critique, we make a PDF copy of the PowerPoint presentation captioned with the name of the image and the photographer.

Showcases

The Camera Club "Brings the World to the Village" with Showcases featuring photography of both Club Members and professional photographers. They range from spectacular personal adventures captured around the world, to informative "how-to" presentations on the

techniques and art of photography. The presentations feature photography from all seven continents and under the sea. These events are heavily attended by people who are interested in going to these places, people who long to go to these places but are unable to, and people who have been to these places and want to recall their experiences there. There are 12 Showcase meetings per year held in Clubhouse 7 usually on the second and third Mondays of the month. They begin at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:30 PM for Pre-show Socializing. These meetings are a good place to learn about and talk about photography and are free to Camera Club members or a $3.00 donation for non-member guests, collected at the door.

Go to the Showcases page on our website for the 2023 Showcase Schedule. https://cameraclublwv.org/club-events/showcases/

Other Events

The Camera Club holds several "Other Events" throughout the year to help inform our Club Members, provide some fun, and stir up a bit of friendly competition.

The Year-End Competition, Annual Print Competition, and Annual Slide / Video Competition are listed on the Other Events Page on our website.

Workshops & Classes

Short topic hands-on photography classes are offered periodically in the Fred Granger Learning Center in the Photography Lab at Clubhouse 4. Event flyers and articles in the Globe publicize these workshops.

Check the Education page for details, or the Club Calendar for all our scheduled events.

Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meets on the third Friday of each month in the Clubhouse 4 Photo Lab at 1:30 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

TRAINING

The Camera Club also provides training. Our Photography Workshops provide presentations of techniques for taking better photographs and on how to use various computer programs to enhance your images. Our Fred Granger Learning Center provides hands-on training in using a variety of computer programs to organize and enhance your digital images. Many handouts can be found on the Club's web site http://www.cameraclublwv.org that will assist you in your photography whether you are a new or experienced photographer.

If you need any assistance our e-mail address is

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and our website is at www.cameraclublwv.org