

Nevada County Camera Club

Information for New Members

Welcome to the Nevada County Camera Club – www.nccameraclub.com. We're glad you've decided to join and look forward to your participation. Following is information about our various activities and procedures.

Meetings

The club meets monthly on the fourth Monday of every month. There is no meeting in December. Meetings are held at **Unity in the Gold Country Church, 180 Cambridge Ct, Grass Valley** and start at 6:00 PM. In addition to in-person meetings, there may be a Zoom option, in which case the Zoom logon information will be emailed to members prior to the meeting date.

The first part of the meeting is a brief business summary, then there is an awesome speaker. Following a short break, the last part of the meeting is spent critiquing photos submitted by members. (Members have the opportunity to submit two photos per month and hear feedback on the strengths of their photos and suggestions for improvement. The critique may be given by a guest speaker or by one of our many talented club photographers. (Detailed information about how to submit photos is provided at the end of this handout.)

Workshops

We hold an annual Photo Workshop Day in the fall, where our expert club photographers provide demonstrations, lectures, and hands-on experience for our members. Topics in the past have been about lighting, post-processing (including Photoshop), macro-photography, Introduction to Manual Mode, and much more.

Field Trips

We also offer photography outings to various locations. Examples of past field trip include a camping outing for night photography; a trip to Table Mountain; night shoots in Grass Valley and Nevada City; trips to catch a sunrise or fall colors. The trips are planned and facilitated by club members and vary according to current interests and availability.

Awards Dinner

At our annual Awards Dinner in January, we celebrate the best photos of the preceding year as voted on by our club members. If you enter a photo for critique and your photo wins best in category for that month, the photo is automatically entered in the Best Photo of the Year completion.

Google Group

The club offers a Google Group, **Nevada County Camera Club Connection**, for communication between members. **Joining is optional**. Members of the group can ask questions, announce photography contests, sell equipment, share workshop information with each other, etc. To join, contact Kathy Triolo at ktriolo@gmail.com.

Newsletter

The Nevada County Club Newsletter is published bimonthly and emailed to club members.

Photos of the Month

After the monthly camera club meeting, take a few minutes to vote for your favorite photos critiqued that evening.

- Log in to your account on the camera club website.
- At the bottom of the main page, click on the round red-white-and-blue button that reads **VOTE**. You will be taken to the page that shows all the pictures submitted for the month.
- Click on the pictures and they will enlarge so that you can see them better.
- Vote for one photo per category by checking the corresponding boxes.
- When you are finished voting, click the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page.

Note: You have up to 40 minutes to vote once the page is opened. After 40 minutes, the site times out without notifying the user. If you've voted within the 40 minutes, you should receive a confirmation. If it will take you more than 40 minutes to decide what to vote for, we suggest picking your favorites before voting, then logging out of the website and logging back in to vote. If you leave the page before you finish voting, it will not open for you again and consider that you have already voted.

Web Resources

- **Website** – Nevada County Camera Club at www.nccameraclub.com
The primary source for all club information. Admin is Dave Arstein at david@dmарstein.com
- **Google Group** – Nevada-County-Camera-Club-Connection@googlegroups.com
Email list for NCCC members who elect to join. Admin is Kathy Triolo at ktriolo@gmail.com
- **YouTube Channel** – <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UClrxAoXZ1oSERdjR1hW94EQ>
Recordings of Nevada County Camera Club meetings since Oct. 2020. Videos are publicly accessible. Admin is the current NCCC President, Mike Shea at mshea49@hotmail.com.
- **Facebook** – There are two Facebook sites, both administered by Kathy Triolo
 - Nevada County Camera Club Members Only
 - Nevada County Camera Club_ – Public account, anyone can follow and post.
- **Instagram** – <https://www.instagram.com/nccameraclub/>
Public account, only admin can post. Admin is Kathy Triolo, ktriolo@gmail.com.

We hope this information sheet is useful. Don't hesitate to ask questions of any member of the club as everyone is eager to share and help.

Hanno Botha, Membership Chair

How to Submit Photos for Critique

Each member may submit a maximum of two photos for critique per meeting. **Photos must be submitted by 11:59 PM on the Monday a week before the monthly meeting.**

- Choose up to two photos you want to submit for critique.
- **IMPORTANT!** The maximum size photo is **1920 pixels wide and 1200 pixels tall**. This provides the best size for members to see during the slideshow of photos at the meeting. If either the width or height exceeds the respective size limit, the image won't load and must be resized.

For example, you may have a horizontal image that's 7360 pixels wide and 4912 pixels high. If this image is resized with the width set to 1920, the height becomes 1281. Since this is greater than the 1200 pixel maximum, the image won't be accepted by the website. To have the image accepted you can either crop the height of the image so it is 1200 pixels tall, or resize the height to 1200 pixels. Resizing the height will reduce the width to 1799 pixels, which being less than 1920 is acceptable.

- **Rename** your properly sized image with a *title* that you would like it called during the critique. (Don't include any mention of your name and or of the cryptic filenames applied by your camera.)
- **Save** the photo as a JPEG – and be sure to remember where you've saved it! (Photoshop users set "Save A Copy" JPEG Quality to 10. Lightroom users set Export JPEG Quality to 89.) The sRGB color space is recommended.
- Log in to your account at www.nccameraclub.com then click on the hamburger menu and scroll down and click on **Submit Photos**. If prompted, log in again.
- Click on the **Choose File** button. It will open the file folders on your computer. Find the folder where you saved your photo(s) and select the first photo you want to upload.
- Click the drop down arrow next to the words **Select Category** and select the category that fits your image*.

Click **Upload**. When your upload is successful, you will get a message telling you that you have 1 more photo to submit. Submit a second photo if you wish. Once an image is successfully uploaded, a small thumbnail of the image will be displayed.

If you get a **RED** message on the top saying "Image not submitted!" your photo is not the correct size. You must resize the image to fit the requirements and resubmit. (See instructions above.) You may also delete your photo(s) before the closing of the submission period.

*To see definitions and processing restrictions of the different photo categories, click the hamburger menu, scroll down and click on the plus (+) sign next to Monthly Critique, then click on Categories.