

Nevada County Camera Club Information Handout 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 this year. This sheet contains some important information for you.

I. Meetings

Our club meets monthly on the fourth Monday of every month except for December. Meetings are held at Unity in the Gold Country Church, 180 Cambridge Ct, Grass Valley, CA and **start at 6:00pm**. Be sure to pick up your badge at the back table on the way in.

The first part of the meeting is a brief business summary, then there is an awesome speaker. The last part of the meeting is an educational photo critique of member's submitted photos. The person doing the critique could be our guest speaker or one of our many talented club photographers.

During the photo critique, our members have the opportunity, every month, to **submit up to two of their photos** so that they may receive feedback on the strengths of their photo and a suggestion or two for improvement (if needed). (*Information on how to submit your photos below*)

II. Club Website

Our club website is [Nevada County Camera Club](http://www.nccameraclub.com) at www.nccameraclub.com. It is your primary source for all club information. To initially register, use the Membership Form link within the "hamburger" menu (3 horizontal lines at the top right of the home page). The "hamburger" contains a menu of the various topics contained within the site. Please check these out so you know where to go when you need something, are submitting photos, or want to vote.

You may want to submit a photo of yourself for our club directory (private to club members only). We implemented this so members can get to know each other more easily. Send your photo to david@dmarstein.com.

III. Submitting Photos For Critique

Submit your photos for the critique on our club website monthly (**by 11:59PM, the Monday, one week, before the meeting**). **You may submit up to two photos each month.**

First, prepare your photos:

Photo Categories:

Make sure you select a photo category. (For detailed category descriptions, go to “**2025 Monthly Photo Categories**” in the hamburger menu).

- “**Assigned**” category descriptions change monthly and are always on the front page bottom.

Resize your photo:

IMPORTANT! Before choosing a photo to upload, **MAKE SURE** that your photo does not exceed 1920 pixels wide or 1200 pixels tall. Save it as a jpeg. (Instructions below). This must be adhered-to in order for your photo to fit the projection screen at the meeting.

- Photoshop Users: Set "Save As" JPEG Quality to 10
Lightroom Users: Export JPEG Quality to 89
- To resize an image for the projector, **the goal is to maintain the original aspect ratio, but adjust the horizontal and/or vertical dimensions of your image to be as close to 1920 horizontal by 1200 vertical, but NOT exceeding either 1920 or 1200.** Examples of acceptable dimensions: 1920x1150; 1920x 1000; 1650x1200; 1300x1200.

Note: When an image is successfully uploaded, a small thumbnail image is displayed.

!Feel free to ask a club member for help!

Name your photo:

- **Remember** to **rename an image file BEFORE you click the upload button** so that the filename represents the TITLE of the photo, e.g. word for word what will be announced during the critique (leaving out any mention of the photographer's name and or the cryptic filenames used by the camera). Do not watermark (sign) your photos.

Submit your photo:

- Log in to www.nccameraclub.com
- Click on the "hamburger" menu, and scroll down to Submit Photos. This will take you to the submission page.
- Choose one of your images to upload
- Click on the **browse button**. Find the folder where you have saved your photos and select the photo you want to upload.
- If your upload is successful, you will get a message on the page telling you that you have 1 more photo you can submit. Go ahead and submit your second photo. When the count reads 0, you have been successful. If you get a **RED** message on

top saying that your photo is not the correct dimension, you must change the size to fit the requirements above, and resubmit.

- You may go back and delete any photo before the closing of the submission period.

IV. Club Activities

Field Trips: We also offer one photography outing approximately once per month to various locations led by experienced members of our club. In some years we also do an annual camping outing for landscape and night photography. Some of our recent field trips have been to Table Mountain, Night Shoots in Grass Valley and Nevada City, Sunrise and Fall Color trip to Lake Tahoe and a Milky Way Madness Camping trip to June Lake in September.

Exhibits and Challenges

The club sponsors multiple opportunities for members to display their work to the public via local exhibitions and challenges. Work may be displayed at one of many local venues, usually with a kick-off reception and 30 days of display time. Some of these are juried and some are open. These opportunities are announced at our monthly meetings.

Volunteer Educator Program

Several expert members have volunteered to be available to other members for personalized assistance on a wide variety of subjects including camera operation, post processing, and many others. This assistance is free to all club members. The names and specialties of those offering assistance are listed on the club website.

Workshop: We have a free Photography Workshop Day annually, usually in early November, where our expert club photographers provide demonstrations, lectures and hands-on experience for our members. Topics in the past have been camera controls, lighting, portraiture, post-processing, macro-photography, astrophotography, printing, and much more.

Annual Awards Dinner: At our annual Awards Dinner in January, we celebrate the best photos of the year as voted by our club membership. When you enter a photo for critique (11 out of 12 months), if your photo wins best in category for the month, the photo is automatically entered in the Best Photo of the Year competition (voting in January of previous year's best photos)

Google Group: We have a Google Group: *NCCC Social Chat*, for personal communication between members. It's not a club requirement to join. You will not get SPAM or too many emails from this group. Members can ask questions, announce photography contests, sell equipment or share workshop information on this email group. Contact Kathy Triolo at Ktriolo@gmail.com and ask to join. If you have a Google account, the URL is <https://groups.google.com/g/NCCC-Social-CHAT>

Facebook:

We have a Facebook page for the general public,
<https://www.facebook.com/NevadaCountyCameraClub>

We also have a private Facebook Group for our members only.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/652123975563819/>

Newsletter:

We publish a bi-monthly e-mail Newsletter, published on the 15th of every other month. You will automatically get this when you are a member.

Vote!

After the monthly camera club meeting, it's important for you to take a few minutes to vote, on-line, for your favorite photos that were submitted to the club for critique.

- Go to the camera club website and sign in.
- Go down to the bottom of the main page and locate the round red, white and blue button that reads "VOTE". Click on that and you will be taken to the page that shows all the submitted pictures from the month.
- If you click on a photo, it will enlarge so that you can see it better. Vote for one photo in each category that is your favorite photo by clicking the check box.
- When you are finished voting, there will be a "submit" button at the bottom of the page that you need to click to finish the voting. You have up to 60 minutes once the page is opened to vote. After 60 minutes, it times out without notifying the user. The voter can then hit "submit" and not receive a confirmation. If you've voted within the 60 minutes, you should receive a confirmation. If you like to take more than 60 minutes, a suggestion is to logout of the website, then log back in, then quickly vote for your favorites. If you don't finish voting and leave the page, it will not open for you again and consider that you have already voted.

Web Resources:

Here is a summary of the club's web presence:

Website: [Nevada County Camera Club](http://www.nccameraclub.com) at www.nccameraclub.com
Primary source for all club information
Admin is Dave Arstein at david@dmrstein.com

Google Group, an social email group

Nevada-County-Camera-Club-Connection@googlegroups.com

Optional email list for NCCC members who elect to join

Admin is Kathy Triolo at ktriolo@gmail.com to join

Facebook (x2)

[Nevada County Camera Club Members Only](#)

Private account, Join by clicking “Sign Up”, only members can post

admin is Kathy Triolo

[Nevada County Camera Club](#)

Public account, anyone can follow and post

Admin is Kathy Triolo

Instagram

[NCCameraclub](#), @NevadaCountyCameraClub

Public account, only admin can post

Admin is Kathy Triolo

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.

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