



Sierra Vista Camera Club

Since 1974

November 2024 Newsletter

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Photo: Handle the Heat

Happy Birthday, SVCC!

In 1973, George Broxton bought his first 35mm camera. This would spark an idea in him that ultimately resulted in the formation of the Sierra Vista Camera Club about a year later.

It started with Broxton and a few of his friends contacting dozens of photographers -- both professional and amateur. They also ran ads in the Sierra Vista Herald newspaper looking for others that may be interested in a local camera club. At first it was slow going but gradually interest increased and on November 21, 1974, the Sierra Vista Camera Club was brought into existence with eleven members.

In 2016, the Sierra Vista Camera Club was awarded the Mayor's Arts and Humanities award and received a lovely memento along with the honor of being selected. The club was rightly proud of the accomplishment.

Since then, the membership has fluctuated but generally evens out to between 25 to 30 people. Due to COVID, the future of the club seemed in jeopardy but in the end, it prevailed and eventually got stronger. New people joined and jumped in with both feet bringing with them new ideas, new talent, and fresh perspectives.

The club is stronger than ever now. Outings are occasionally held and the resulting photos are shared at the next meeting. Hands-on training sessions are often held at the meetings where all the club members can participate in learning new techniques and share the results of their efforts. There are also numerous presentations, usually by club members, of recent trips or a particular subject that the presenter feels might be of interest to the club. There are monthly word challenges to stir our imaginations and get us out and taking pictures. Some wonderfully inventive photos result from this exercise.

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SVCC Turns 50 (*continued*)

The club produces a monthly newsletter that includes informative articles on photography as well as members' photos and upcoming events. It is accessible online at svcameraclub.com.

Through all the changes, George Broxton has stayed the course. Now, at 90 years old, he is still active in the club and a huge influence on the members. He does numerous presentations each year that are fun and informative. He has made sure the club stays



George Broxton
(Photo credit: Mark Levy)

focused on the original idea of taking and sharing photographs and continuing to learn and improve our skill levels and be a welcoming place for all. Everybody is on equal footing in this club. The work of others is never criticized, although if the photographer asks what could have been done differently, other members will give their ideas that might help the photographer further hone their skills. The members are on many different skill levels ranging from absolute beginner to professional, but we all learn from each other. In a nutshell, we have fun while learning, meeting new friends, and creating lasting memories.

Membership is always open to new members, and ads are placed in several local publications announcing our meeting dates and times. Currently, the club meets on the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm at the Sierra Vista Police Department, who has been kind enough to let us use one of their meeting rooms.

Weekly Challenge

At each meeting of the Club, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, four challenge prompts will be presented for the following month. Focus on one word or phrase each week to complete all four to share at the following month's meeting. Folks who can't attend the meetings will get the list in the newsletter. December challenge photos will be shown at the December meeting and included in the January newsletter.

December

Joyful
Old-fashioned

H is for _____
Song/Movie: White Christmas

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. **November meeting: (Members only) Sierra Vista Camera Club Turns 50 Anniversary Celebration.**

Officers

President: Mark Hanna
Vice-President & Program Coordinator: Bob Luce
Secretary: Joyce Genske
Treasurer: Madeleine Charron





Member Photos

We love to see your photos – even if you aren't looking for challenge words.
We showcase them in the newsletter, and you are encouraged to bring
them to the meeting on a flash drive!

October challenge words:

Ephemeral

Fence

O is for _____

Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Ava Englund



Ephemeral



Fence

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Ava Englund



O is for...Orchid



Harvest Fair

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Joyce Genske



Ephemeral (Bubbles)



Fence: Lyle Canyon Road

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Joyce Genske



Harvest Fair



O is for ... Ostrich

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Joyce Genske



Fence: Crane



Fence: Patagonia Lake

October challenge words:

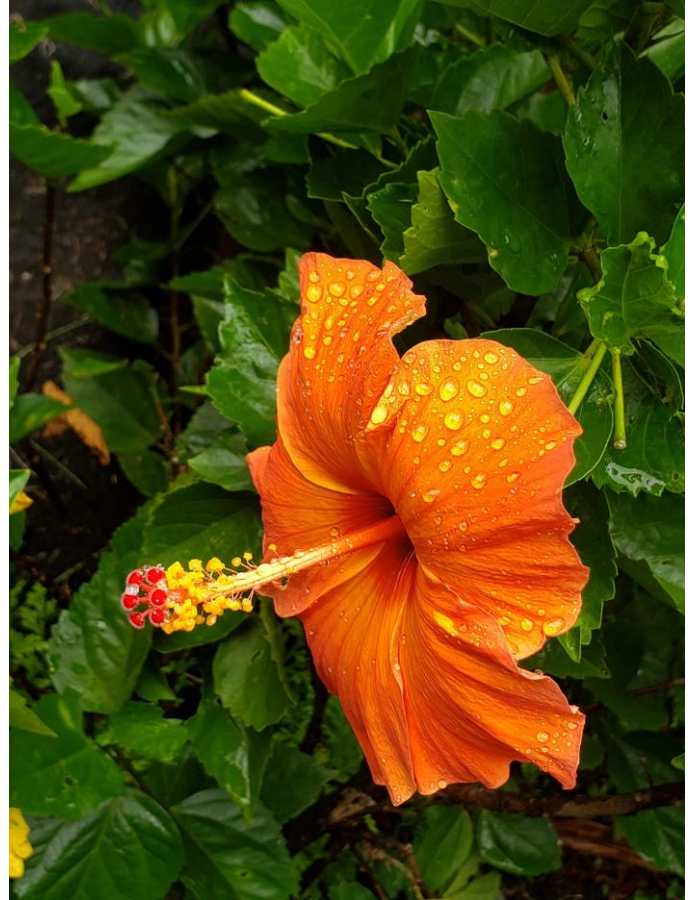
Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Val Sleger



Ephemeral



O is for ... Orange

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Val Sleger



Fence

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____
Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Jon Sleger



Ephemeral
Sunrise: Big Island, HI



Fence: Along I-10 near Phoenix

October challenge words:

Ephemeral
Fence

O is for _____

Song: Harvest Fair by Summer Salt

Submitted by Jon Sleger



Harvest
Apple Annies, Wilcox, AZ



O is for ... Orange. Voyageurs NP, Minnesota