

Artisan Photo Club

Monthly Newsletter

February 20, 2018



Kickoff Meeting - Feb 13, 2018

I was very pleased with the number of attendees at our kick off meeting! And, I would like to thank all who were in attendance. I also want to thank you for all of your input on what this Photo Club should be all about! Hopefully we can work together to form an outstanding club!

Here are some of the things we talked about ...



What do we want to be all about???

To “Learn” how to take better photographs seems to be the number one concern. To that end, each meeting we should have an assignment that we should each work on throughout the month, and bring some of our resultant images on a flash drive for sharing and critiquing at the next meeting. Also, we need to create a ‘sharing location’, such as our own web page, DropBox, a Facebook page, etc, where we can upload and share our photos throughout the month. We should participate in occasional outings/photo

trips. We should have some sort of a brief ‘class’ perhaps each meeting, presented by anyone that can bring something educational to the rest of us. We ought to be allowed to bring any of our old equipment for selling or giving away. We can bring any of our new doo dads for show and tell. And, since the Artisan Village and the Coolidge Chamber of Commerce are supporting us by providing a meeting place, free web site, and lots more, we would like to share some of the pictures that we take on our outings with the Chamber so that they may be used to support the city of Coolidge, local businesses and Pinal County.

What photo editing software do we use???

Many software packages were mentioned :

Free - Picasa - no longer available

Topaz Studio - web.topazlabs.com (\$250 for full version)



Polarr - polarr.co (\$20 for full version)
Gimp - gimp.org
Irfanview - irfanview.com

Paid - Photoshop
Lightroom
Elements
Affinity Photo - \$50 from serif.com
Capture One - phaseone.com
On1 - on1.com
Luminar - skylum.com/luminar
iPhoto

Merging with the Anthem Photo Club???

It does seem that there might be advantages in 'merging' the two photo clubs, Anthem and Artisan. The idea here might be to meet once per month at each location - the Anthem Photo Club is currently meeting twice per month at Florence Fire Station #2 on Hunt Hwy at Anthem, and the Artisan Photo Club is meeting once per month at Artisan Village in Coolidge. We could combine our forces, teaching brief classes utilizing the knowledge of more of our wonderful photographers. And we could combine efforts in Outings/Photo Shoot trips.

Leading Public Photo Shoots at Casa Grande Ruins???

Since our first meeting, I have had an additional brief talk with the folks at the Ruins, and am now waiting to schedule another sit-down face-to-face. Please contact me (roger.azsunsets@gmail) if you are interested in participating in leading some of these public photo shoots at the Ruins. You are invited to attend this face-to-face meeting as we figure out how to proceed. Please consider this!



We will be setting up our own web page in the near future.

The Artisan Village has agreed to provide us with a no-cost web page of our own, linked to via the Village's own page at www.artisanvillageofcoolidge.org.

Sharing the responsibility!

In order to keep a club like this alive and thriving, there are many different tasks that need to be undertaken. Some of the supporting roles that we discussed are : scheduler, coordinator, meeting leader, website manager, email manager, various teachers, and volunteer photo shoot leaders at Casa Grande Ruins. Please keep these in mind, as I am definitely going to need your help!



This is why it's so difficult to take a good picture of an insect!

This is our first Monthly Newsletter. I've tried to include the important issues from our first meeting. In following newsletters, I'd like to include photos taken by each of our members. Feel free to email me (roger.azsunsets@gmail.com) with pictures that you'd like to have included, and ideas for future content.

