

**DISIG - Digital Imaging Special Interest Group - Silicon Valley
Computer Society (SVCS)**

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2005

WOW !

We really started the new year off with a bang. We had 26 attendees, including 4 NEW people, at the January meeting. We packed the meeting room at the MicroCenter store. Here's hoping that Red Calub, the MicroCenter manager, will be able to finish remodeling their education center soon so that we will have a little more room to grow.

WELCOME to our new members, Brian Jones, Jan LaFetra, Edel Young and Bill Young.

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, FEB 21, 2005 7PM to 9PM

in the Conference Room of the Santa Clara MicroCenter store.

For a map and directions to the store go to:

http://www.microcenter.com/at_the_stores/santa_clara.html

Jay Nulu will be chairing the February meeting in my absence. The agenda for the meeting is:

7:00 - 7:20 PM **Open interactive question & answer session** (technical problems, new products, tips)

7:20 - 7:45 PM **Photo critique session** - members are invited to submit photos for discussion*.

7:45 - 8:00 PM BREAK

8:00 - 8:15 PM **Presentation: Converting RGB Images to Black & White - Jay Nulu**

8:15 - 8:50 PM **Presentation: Transferring Polaroid Images to Watercolor Paper - Kevin**

Lynn

8:50 - 9:00 PM Door prize raffle (if stuff is available)

* Photos for the critique session may be submitted at the meeting on CD, USB Flash ROM or memory card (CF/SD/MMC/MS/MSPro).

If the image has been edited in Photoshop or Photoshop Elements, you should submit an unflattened .PSD image with all layers retained so we can see how the editing was performed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 21, 2005 - Using Layers (Part 2): Layer Blends and Layer Styles - Maurice Green

April 18, 2005 - Making Fine Art Prints - Joseph Levine, President, Calypso Imaging Inc

May 16, 2005 - Color Management for the Photographer - speaker TBA

From the January meeting -

Clearly there was a lot more material on the use of Layers in Photoshop than we were able to cover in one session. The concluding session on Layer Blends and Styles will be presented in March. In the meantime here are the links to some of the references which are highly recommend for your study of this very useful technique:

- <http://www.uwec.edu/help/Photoshop7/lyrbscs.htm>
- <http://www.sketchpad.net/photoshp.htm>
- <http://www.epaperpress.com/psphoto/index.html>

FREE (well almost) Training DVDs

Avondale Media is offering a training DVD, "**Secrets of the Photoshop Masters, vol 2**" by Martin Evening (author of "Adobe Photoshop for Photographers"). When you order it, enter the promotional code **CPPSM2** and all you have to pay is the shipping charge of \$5.95.

BUT WAIT...for only \$1 dollar more you can include on your order "**Secrets of the Photoshop Masters, vol 1**" **AND** "**Making Your Photos Look Great with Photoshop Elements**". I ordered ALL 3 DVDs for only \$6.95. Don't know how long this special will last. Here is the link:

<http://store.avondalemedia.com/catalog/index.cfm?fuseaction=product&theParentId=118&id=661>

FREE Picasa 2 Download from Google

Picasa 2 photo management software is here to help you find, edit, and share your photos in ways you never imagined. And good news: Google is still offering Picasa as a free download.

<http://www.picasa.com/download/index.php?tid=Y2NpZD0zNzE3>

CNET Online Courses

There are a number of **FREE** online courses being offered by CNET

- **Advanced Photoshop 7 Applications** in session
- **Digital Photography Made Simple** in session
- **Beyond Point & Shoot: Digital Photography Techniques** start Today
- **Understanding Plasma TVs** starts Feb. 3
- **Intro to Dreamweaver MX 2004** starts Feb. 7
- **Setting Up VOIP at Home** starts Feb. 10
- **Web Site Basics** starts Feb. 14
- **View all Free Online courses**

In case the above links don't work go to <http://courses.help.com/index.jsp>

Class on Photoshop Elements (beginning)

Learn Adobe Photoshop, including a few new tools found only in Photoshop Elements.
Class will cover making selections, correcting color, removing dust and scratches and enhancing digital photos.
Open to the community--do not need to be enrolled at Mission College.

(32256) Photoshop Elements (beginning)
Six Saturdays, Feb 5 - Mar 25 (except Feb 19 & Mar19), 1-3.30 pm
Mission College, Room S1-203
Fee: \$70
Register now! (408) 855-5105 or (408) 855-5112

Discount on Total Training CDs and DVDs

Dave Christian, our area sales rep from Total Training has made our user's group a special offer. They produce the training CD which is included with Adobe products and furnished us with the Steve Holmes "Tips and Tricks" CD I showed at the last meeting as well as the demo CDs which were distributed.
10% discount If our group orders 1 to 5 products from their list of courses.
15% discount if we order 6 or more items.
Check out the list of products at <http://www.totaltraining.com> and send short email to disigleader@svcs.net if you interested in ordering something.
If we have enough orders to qualify I will let you know how to get the discount in March.
You might also want to check our their [FREE online Tutorials](#) and [FREE 2-Hour Sampler CD](#).

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A MEMBER OF SVCS TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS.

Information about DISIG can be found at:
<http://www.svcs.net/DISIG/SVCSImaging.html>

In order to help me in planning the meetings for the coming year to meet your interests, please fill out the information form located at:

<http://home.comcast.net/~mauryg3/index.html>

If you no longer wish to be included on this mailing list, please send an email to disigleader@svcs.net with the word "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the SUBJECT line of the message.

CONGRATULATIONS! You made it to the end...see you all in March after I return from New Zealand (with lots of pictures)

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