

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

**NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2005**

**WE'RE BAAAACK!**

New Zealand was fantastic. But if you're interested in doing any serious photography, an "organized" tour is not the way to go. Too much, too fast and it's no fun trying to take pictures through the window of a moving bus, even with a polarizer. I'll try to get a few of the 700 pictures I took processed in time for this month's meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Monday, MARCH 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](http://www.microcenter.com/at_the_stores/santa_clara.html)

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: Portable Digital Storage Devices - Maurice Green**

8:15 - 8:50 PM **Presentation: Using Layers (Part 2): Layer Blends and Layer Styles - Maurice Green**

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/MSPPro).

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**

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

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

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## References for the use of Layers -

The concluding session on Layers: Layer Blends and Layer Styles will be presented this month. In the meantime here are the links to some of the references covering the use of layers in Photoshop and Photoshop Elements:

<http://www.uwec.edu/help/Photoshop7/lyrbcs.htm>

<http://www.sketchpad.net/photoshp.htm>

<http://www.epaperpress.com/psphoto/index.html>

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## CALYPSO IMAGING

Joe Levine, the President of Calypso Imaging in Santa Clara, will be our speaker for the April meeting.

Calypso is offering a number of specials to photographers and artists. Any time during 2005 you can get a 30% discount from their web prices on BetterLight Digital Copy/giclée prints/framing services - up to \$300 on each service that you haven't previously tried. This offer is only for first time users of the service. Look at their web site for pricing information.

<http://www.calypsoinc.com>

And while you are there, look at the links to some of the photographers who use their services, especially the work of Galen and Barbara Rowell at MOUNTAIN LIGHT-

<http://www.mountainlight.com/>

[Their work is unbelievable and they also offer workshops](#)

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## The DIGITAL DELIGHT Bundle

For a limited time AutoFX, Corel and nIK Multimedia is offering a special bundle of software for \$199

### Digital Delight Includes:

- ▶ [Corel Paint Shop Pro 9](#)
- ▶ [nIK Color Efex Pro 2.0 Select](#)
- ▶ [Mystical Tint Tone and Color](#)
- ▶ [Training CD For Mystical TTC](#)

For more information or ordering visit <http://www.autofx.com>

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### **PHOTORESCUE program**

DataRescue, a Belgium company, has introduced a new program for rescuing lost images from your flash cards or disk. It is a competitor with the Lexar program Image Rescue which was demonstrated at one of our meetings:

[http://www.datarescue.com/photorescue/download\\_pc.htm](http://www.datarescue.com/photorescue/download_pc.htm)

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### **Photoshop Elements Techniques Newsletter**

The latest issue of Photoshop Elements Techniques offers tips, downloads, short training videos and other information for Photoshop Elements (and Photoshop) users. Go to the Elements Learning Center at:

<http://www.photoshopelementsuser.com/index.php>

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### **CNET Online Courses**

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

- [Adobe Photoshop Basics](#) Class starts March 10
- [Buying and Using Media Center PCs](#) in session
- [Introduction to Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004](#) in session
- [Setting Up VoIP at Home](#) in session
- [Digital Music Made Easy](#) in session
- [View all Free Online courses](#)

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

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### **Hidden Power of Photoshop Elements Update**

The following was received from Richard Lynch, the author of Hidden Power of Photoshop Elements:

1. If you didn't know it yet, The Hidden Power of Photoshop Elements 3 has been released and is available at most book stores. This contains 20% new material and 20% more tools, all updated for Elements 3. You can get it online:  
<http://aps8.com/hppe3.html>

2. I have reached an agreement with Sybex about distributing the Hidden Power tools for Elements 3 separately as an upgrade. You can get a copy of the tools from the Sybex site for \$19.99. Find them here:

<http://www.sybex.com/sybexbooks.nsf/booklist/5028>

3. The Hidden Power website has been updated for Elements 3. I welcome your feedback before the site goes officially live at the [hiddenpowertools.com](http://hiddenpowertools.com) web address. Please visit the prototype at <http://hiddenpowertools.com>

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**Free Nikon D70 seminar Thursday, March 24th, 6:30-8:30PM**

Keeble & Shuchat (Palo Alto) is sponsoring a free seminar

Topics include:

- Photo basics: Metering, exposure, ISO, white balance
- Exposure Modes: P, A, S, M and Vari Program
- Lens options and innovations
- Software: Picture Project and Capture 4
- Flash settings and speedlight options
- Q&A

The Nikon rep will offer special prices on Capture software and Nikon Speedlights after the class.

**AS OF MARCH 8 there were 5 places left  
Call K&S at 650-327-8515 to register.**

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**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://mauryg3.home.comcast.net/index.html>

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**CONGRATULATIONS! You made it to the end...see you all March 21st at MicroCenter.**

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