



DISIG - Digital Imaging SIG
Silicon Valley Computer Society

NEWSLETTER
November 2005

NEXT MEETING:

Monday, November 21, 2005 7 PM to 9 PM –
The Hummingbird Project – Don Jedlovec

In 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



The Sky Islands in southeastern Arizona are habitat for 12 of the 13 North American hummingbird species. Here the spring and summer monsoons result in a desert bloom that has historically attracted these birds, many of which stop off along the spring and fall migration routes. In recent times man made feeders at local inns, lodges, parks and other areas help to assure the birds' survival in times of drought and allow them to be present for us all to appreciate.

Don Jedlovec is a sports and nature photographer residing in Mission San Jose. He regularly visits Arizona to photograph hummingbirds. His latest project uses high-speed digital photography with extremely short flash durations to freeze the motion of these birds. This month's presentation covers a collection of hummingbird photos taken in August in the Coronado National Forest near Portal, Arizona. This work offers an opportunity to appreciate the details of flight, close-up.

Don's photography articles have appeared in Nature Photographer. His photography has been featured at the San Francisco and Oakland Zoos, the Bay Area Discovery Museum, in the Mercury News, the San Francisco Chronicle, the New York Times, and in other publications. Other clients include the East Bay Regional Park District and Santa Clara University. To view his work, visit his website at <http://home.pacbell.net/jedlovec>.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- 7:00 - 7:30 PM **Business Meeting and Photo Critique**
- 7:30 – 8:40 PM **Lecture: The Hummingbird Project**
- 8:40 – 9:00 PM **Door prize raffle**

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ELECTION of Officers

Elections for DISIG officers were held at the October meeting. The three nominees for DISIG office were elected by acclamation of the members present. Officers for 2006 are: Maurice Green, Chair; George Hamma, Vice-Chair and Howard Krawetz, Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Kodak Plug-in Filters for Photoshop

At the October meeting George Hamma demonstrated the use of 4 plug-in filters for Photoshop. The filters included:

- Kodak ROC (STD and PRO): for removal of color cast
- Kodak SHO (STD and PRO): for correction of shadows and highlights
- Kodak GEM (STD and PRO): for removal of noise and grain artifacts
- Kodak GEM Airbrush (PRO only): for smoothing of skin tones

NOTE: The actions of the STD and PRO versions are the same. The PRO version offers more adjustment capability.

To see what these plug-ins can do go to: <http://mauryg3.home.comcast.net/kodak>

Trial versions of these plug-ins may be downloaded from the Kodak website at <http://www.asf.com>. The trial versions are fully functional, but a watermark is added to the image when it is saved or printed. A registration key must be purchased to remove the watermark feature. Cost of the STD version is \$49 and the PRO version is \$99. A 25% discount is available until Dec 31, 2005 by entering the code "tshow5".

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Digital Cameras and Imaging Clinic at MicroCenter

Saturday, November 12th

- 11:00am (Digital Cameras)
- 2:00pm (Digital Image Processing)

Come participate in the no-charge, in-store clinics hosted by our own tech support staff. These clinics will be held at all [Micro Center stores](#). Registration is recommended as space may be limited; sign up sheets are available in Tech Support or the Customer Service area.

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Coyote Hills Park Butterfly Garden

On October 22nd yours truly crossed the Dumbarton Bridge to Fremont and visited the Butterfly Garden at Coyote Hills Park. It was a beautiful day to capture some images. Some of the better ones are at <http://mauryg3.home.comcast.net/coyotehills>. The garden is open to the public on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month.

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Call For Entries: LACDA Juried Competition

Los Angeles Center for Digital Art
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LACDA announces our juried competition for digital art and photography. Entrants submit three JPEG files of original work. All styles of 2D artwork and photography where digital processes of any kind were integral to the creation of the images are acceptable.

The selected winner receives 10 prints up to 44x60 inches on canvas or museum quality paper (approximately a \$1500-\$2000 value) to be shown in a solo exhibition in our main gallery from December 8-31, 2005. The show will be widely promoted and will include a reception for the artist.

Second place prizes: Five second place winners will receive one print of their work up to 24x36 inches (\$150-\$200 in value) to be included in upcoming group shows. Second place winners will be scheduled into group shows within twelve months of announcement of winners.

Consideration is given to placing these works in shows appropriate to their style, genre and/or content. These shows will be widely promoted and will include a reception for the artists.

Special consideration will be given to all entrants for inclusion in future shows at LACDA. Many entrants from past competitions have already been included in our exhibits.

Deadline for entries:
November 27, 2005

Winners will be announced December 1, 2005.

Registration fee is \$30US.

Online registration only.

For questions email us at contact@lacda.com.
No phone calls please.

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NAPP Photoshop CS2 Seminar in Sacramento October 25th

You can join World renowned Photoshop guru and best-selling author, **Bert Monroy** and the NAPP team in Sacramento on Tuesday, October 25th at the Sacramento Convention Center for the [Photoshop CS2 Creativity Tour](#).

What You'll Learn

- Layers: Beyond the Obvious
- Channels: More Than What Meets the Eye
- Master Class: Brush & Pen Techniques
- Pen Tools & Filters: Unleashing Your Creativity
- Filter Magic: Creating Realism from Scratch

The seminar is only \$79 for NAPP members, or \$99 for non-members. At the seminar you'll receive our invaluable keyboard shortcuts guide, our "goodies" disc, and a detailed seminar workbook that includes all the techniques presented in a step-by-step format so you can spend the day learning instead of taking notes.

Seating is Limited: [Register online today](#) and secure your spot or call 800-201-7323, Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 7:00 pm EST. For more information on the class sessions and schedules [visit](#) the tour web site. We look forward to seeing you there!

Tip of the Month:

If you or any of your friends and relatives have CDs, DVDs or hard drives damaged in the recent hurricanes, the Optical Storage Technology Association is offering a free photo recovery program. For more details visit:

➤ [Free Digital Photo Recovery Program](#)

Photo card recovery software available at:
<http://www.ontrack.com/software/>

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/disig.html>

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