

Phoenix Photographic Group

Newsletter from meeting of 23rd Jan 2017

Introduction

Another great turnout this Monday; we were joined by Michelle Williams again.

News Items

Various comments about the coffee-morning announcements and presentations of the Phoenix Photo Competition winners. By all accounts this little dog & pony show passed the test.

On behalf of Marie we asked for mounted landscape (as in orientation) prints for the hospital. Half a dozen hands went up, so please bring these in the week after next. Rob Cross is also in need of a few prints for Sheepfair. If you have some to spare, please give those directly to Rob.

We had lots of chat about the website! A perennial tricky issue by the sound of it. Rather than list all the suggestions have another look now. On the galleries page you'll find the winning and running-up photos from the competition plus a couple of 2017 (i.e. recent) galleries from Alan & Bob. We'll 'refresh' and remove others as requested/appropriate, over time. The News page now simply contains recent copies of our Newsletter (this one!).

Bob reported he now has all the cameras back for the B&W exercise. These will need to be processed and digitizing is far better done at the lab than by scanning off 6" x 4" prints. This may cost a few pennies! If we want that done the whole process might require each snapper to contribute about £3. Have a think about it and we'll discuss when we next meet in the hall.

p.s. We suggest you all do download the Corel Paintshop Pro evaluation software if you are interested in using it. It may well be, based on current knowledge, that – at expiry – you'll be offered a deal to purchase at £11.99.

Activities

Preparation for National Arboretum Visit

Michelle Williams gave a short presentation based on her experiences of commercial photography at the arboretum – suggestions of sections to visit, ways to compose photos etc.

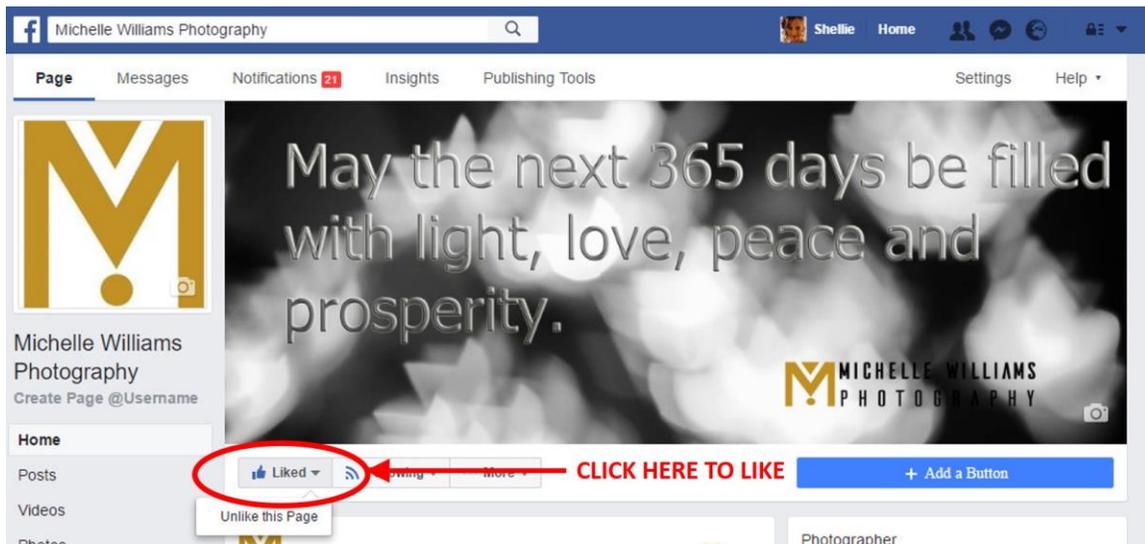
We will meet at the café at 1:30. Because this is an “organised visit”, the ‘organisers’ bear some responsibility, so please let me know you have arrived and/or before you leave and I’ll make sure you’re not lost/left behind at the end! I’ll hand you each a very short safety briefing and a contact telephone number, all very obvious, to comply with our obligation to assess risks and communicate them. Sadly the “train” will be out of service.

I’m sure we’re all grateful for the time Michelle has given to helping with these sort of trips. Apart from joining in the applause, there is a practical way you can all show your appreciation for this:

Go onto Facebook, or search for her Facebook webpage at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Michelle-Williams-Photography-189748618075252/>

and ‘Like’ it!



Photoshop Elements

Rob then took the floor and made an excellent, engaging presentation of using layers in Elements.

His full notes are attached to the mail that brings you this Newsletter.

There will be a second presentation in the future (see below) and possibly other to continue the theme of exploiting the Elements functionality.

Thanks Rob.

Other things

Don't stop snapping away for the current topics, below, and on taking photos and hunting out old snaps for "All Right On The Night" The topics are:

Water & Weather
Speed
Vision In Red

Remember to send your pics for inclusion in the next "Members Pics" or for use in the weekly newsletter to ianchalstead@yahoo.co.uk

Next Meetings:-

Always subject to revision! But this is what we see at the moment:

30/01/2017 Arboretum Visit

06/02/2017 Members pics - New topic - Members pics/ Arboretum pics

13/02/2017 Corel Paintshop Pro - Session 2 Bob

20/02/2017 Camera basics / Black & White Experiment - Results

27/02/2017 Photoshop Session 2 Rob Cross

Lost & Found

Blimey! We turn into Mums at the end of our sessions at the hall sometimes! There's always something left hanging around. In this instance a lonely mug by the name of Cyril (it has now been washed – by me!). Here is an identikit picture. If anyone recognises Cyril, please reclaim him on the week after next:



Members Pics



Mind the Steps, John Ford



Lady in Red, Bob Bell



Bell Towers - with Pool, Bob Southall

Bob, what's that white thing behind the bush?? The ghost of a pooping dog?