

## Marin Photography Club - Presidents' September Letter

The fall season is with us as we experience Indian summer and some colder days. Great photography experiences are happening in nature during this season for some wonderful sunrises and sunsets - Get out there and shoot.

With this said, change is also happening in Marin Photo Club as the board is closing one year and preparing for the next year. Here are some changes:

- New Board for 2018 will be presented and voted on November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Projected Competition. Steve Disenhof and Marnie Walters have offered to be co-presidents and the rest of the board will be returning for 2018. Already they are contributing to the board with wonderful ideas for 2018 and working hard to learn as much as they can to ensure a smooth transition. Jon and I are excited to support them both on taking the club to new adventures.
- The board conducted a communication survey this past week seeking members' opinion on using email and the Discussion Forums plus "How to keep club announcements shorter at the Projected Competition meeting." These results will be sent to members soon, but they are very useful for the board in helping it create better communication guidelines regarding Email and Forums. We did hear from you that the Forums are an excellent source for club, (both member and non-member) information and events. Additionally, the board heard that we need to work on and provide more education on how the Forum works and how to post photography information.

**A Special BIG Thank You** goes to the many people in the Club who helped to create the Discussion Forums and get them up and running. Steve Dishenhof and Doug Kaye have been two of the main players in this regard.

Finally we would like all Club members to know that there are a number of excellent events coming up that you are all invited to attend:

- **Senior Fair** held Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Avenue of Flags, Marin Civic Center - We are looking for volunteers. Contact: [Virginia Meyers](#)
- **N4C Fotoclave 2017** weekend of Photographic Inspiration, November 3 - 5 at the Marriott Pleasanton, CA, Go to [fotoclave.slickpic.com](http://fotoclave.slickpic.com) for more information.
- **MPC's Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Slide Show Presentation** (See Pages 8 & 9 below for full details). Sunday, November 12 from 5 to 9:30. Contact: [Marti Cagwin](#) Dinner and [Steve Weissberg](#), Slide Show
- **President's Theme "BRIDGES"**, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, held at Drakes Landing Community Room. Fun, non-competitive, social event to end the year - images will be submitted digitally

Catch good light this Fall,

TJ and Jon

[Web link](#)

### Editor's Note

This month's FPN is a "double" edition for the months of August & September. It includes a Travel article by Catherine d'Alessio and Vicki Rupp on their adventures in Newfoundland (Page 7) and full details of the upcoming "Pot Luck Dinner and Slide Show" on Pages 8&9.....do attend this event as it is really a fun evening.

Noel Isaac

## "Images of the Month" for August & September



### New Zealand Sunbeams

---

**John Benet**

**Print - Monochrome Pictoral - Basic**

**Judge: Joseph Hearst**

#### **Behind the Image:**

My image was shot at Milford Sound, a long narrow fjord on the west coast of New Zealand's South Island. Printing in monochrome emphasized the cloud textures and the receding ridges. The area gets over 20 feet! of rain annually, so a break in the cloud cover is unusual. It was

just a case of right place, right time. And the sunbeams really happened, they're not a Photoshop trick!

Canon 5D Mk III on a tripod, Canon 24-70mm lens at 55mm and f/11, ISO 200, blend of three bracketed exposures +/- 2 EV.

I highly recommend the landscapes of New Zealand's South Island....[John Benet](#)



### Hazy morning on Ha Long Bay, Vietnam

---

**Steve Ziman**

**Projected Images - Travel - Masters**

**Judge: Joan Field**

#### **Behind the Image:**

The image was taken in late February, in Ha Long Bay, northeast Vietnam, on a hazy morning. The bay is world famous for its limestone peaks, which, in geological terms are karsts.

Sony A7ii, with 70-300 mm f/4.5-5.6 OSS Sony lens. Shot at 1/640 at f/10.

..... [Steve Ziman](#)



A surprise attack by the leopard (*Panthera pardus*) leaves this large male impala (*Aepyceros melampus*) paralyzed in the leopard's embrace as he held him by the throat. Serengeti, Kenya.

Catherine d'Alessio

Print - Special Nature - Advanced

Judge: Gene Morita

**Behind the Image:**

**Note:** No details are available at present as Catherine is out of the country.



Local Men Relaxing in The Old Teahouse in Chengdu, China. Chengdu was an origin point for an ancient tea route from China to Tibet. This teahouse is one of the last posts still in use.

---

Dorothy Weaver

Projected Images - Travel - Masters

Judge: Eric Ahrendt

**Behind the Image:**

This is an ancient teahouse in a small village surrounded by high-rises in Chengdu, a city of 10 million. Here, a more traditional way of life is maintained. The teahouse is a community center, especially for the older men. They come early in the morning for tea, conversation, card playing, and the newspaper! Many of them stay for 4-5 hours. This image was not posed. The only thing that happened was the subject stopped his fan for me!

Taken mid-morning, Canon 5D Mark III, 40 mm, 2.8 lens, natural light.

..... [Dorothy Weaver](#)

## MPC Event Calendar

- **Monday, October 2nd: Print Competition**  
6:30pm @ Drakes Landing Community Room
- **Monday, October 9th: Education Night**  
6:30pm @ Drakes Landing Community Room  
Kevin Westerlund - Time Lapse Photography
- **Monday, October 16th: Projected Competition**  
6:30pm @ Drakes Landing Community Room
- **Thursday, November 16th??: MPC Board Meeting\*\* to be finalized.**  
11:00am @ GGCS Meeting Room, First Presbyterian Church †  
1505 Mission Ave. San Rafael.

### Editor's Note:

\*\*Any member of MPC can attend the monthly Board Meetings. If you have any questions or subjects that you would like it to discuss, please put them into writing and send an e-mail to one of the two Presidents.

## New Members to the MPC

Please join us in welcoming the following new Competing Members to the Club:

**Greta Carlson**

**Bruce Gribens**

**Pascale Hery**

**Arthur Heyman**

**Carol Lehrman**

**Valerie Taylor**

Do introduce yourselves to new members at upcoming MPC events and competition nights.

## The Outside Photography World

### EXHIBITS in San Francisco:

- [The Grain of the Present](#)@ Pier 24
- [Current Exhibitions.](#) @ the Harvey Milk Photo Center.
- [Current Exhibitions](#) @ Rayko Photo Center

### CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

- [Rayko Photo Center](#)
- [Harvey Milk Photo Center](#)
- [Point Reyes National Seashore Association](#)
- [The Image Flow](#)
- [Photo Arts Marin](#)

NOTE:



### MAKE ME LAUGH!

#### The September/October Meetup Challenge

The news these days is a bit grim – hurricanes, floods, missiles, nuclear weapons, contentious politics.... We need some fun!

So, the new Challenge is to show an image that makes your viewer LAUGH!!! Go for a big yuck, not just a grin! Any topic, any style – just make your audience laugh!

For this Challenge, you may also want to consider using the caption to add to the humor...

The Challenge ends October 31st at 10pm.....[More Info](#)

[Mary Weaver](#)

## Puffins and Cod Tongues

by Catherine d'Alessio and Vicki Rupp



As photographers we went to Newfoundland to shoot birds and 'bergs. As tourists we found a culture steeped in maritime traditions and warm hospitality offering a wide variety of photo opportunities.

Together with our husbands, Jon d'Alessio and George Jelatis, we planned a two week circuit from June 9-23 to catch both puffins and northern gannets caring for their newly hatched offspring. Puffin parents carry small fish (capelin) to a single chick hidden in a burrow. Northern Gannets, one of the world's largest sea birds, also lay a single egg. Our circuit, designed by Jon, included three days each at Newfoundland's two puffin colonies and its gannet rookery, second largest in the world, followed by an iceberg finale. We went to St. John's, Witless Bay, Cape St Mary's, Elliston, and Tillingate.



Each third day was insurance against inclement weather or other mishaps. Newfoundland, Canada's easternmost province, is notorious for rain and fog. True to form, each day the forecast was for rain the following day. That following day held off until the very end; it finally rained when we were on our way to the airport. Until then we were treated to glorious sunshine,....[read more](#)





**MARIN PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER  
NOVEMBER 12, 2017  
5:00 PM - 9:30 PM**

**HELLO MPC MEMBERS AND FRIENDS**

November is fast approaching and that means that our annual Potluck dinner and slide show is just around the corner. This is the wildly popular event where MPC members join with friends and family to enjoy the taste of home-made dinner specialties and view wonderful and artistic member created slide and video shows.

**LOCATION**

The Strawberry Recreation Center  
118 East Strawberry Drive, Mill Valley

**SO WHAT'S FOR DINNER?**

Well that's up to you....This is a Potluck affair. We will need your best recipes for:

- Appetizers
- Main Meat Course
- Hot Vegetable
- Salad...vegetable or fruit
- Pasta, Rice, Potato
- Desert



Please send, via email, a brief description of your dish to Marti.  
(ie: Baked Chicken, Chickpea salad, Apple pie, etc).

I will attempt to keep our dinner somewhat balanced,  
though I know some of you would prefer a meal consisting of only desert.

**\*\*** In the interest of balancing the meal, the last people to indicate their dish may be asked to bring an alternate category..

**CONTACT MARTI with menu contributions or questions:**

[marticagwin@yahoo.com](mailto:marticagwin@yahoo.com)  
415-272-5144

Guests are most welcome to bring with them any beverage, alcoholic or not. We will be supplying paper plates, eating utensils, cups, glasses, lemonade, club soda and coffee.

### WHO'S ON THE GUEST LIST?

Members of the Marin Photography Club and any family member or friend you'd like to invite are welcome. The more the merrier!!

### WHAT ABOUT ENTERTAINMENT?

Glad you asked. The wonderful slide shows and videos our members are creating at this very moment. Show entrants may have questions on the time-line, production, or submittal process. Steve Weisberg is our slide show coordinator.

CONTACT STEVE with slide show questions:

[s\\_weissberg@mac.com](mailto:s_weissberg@mac.com)

(that is s underscore [weissberg@mac.com](mailto:weissberg@mac.com))

### POTLUCK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

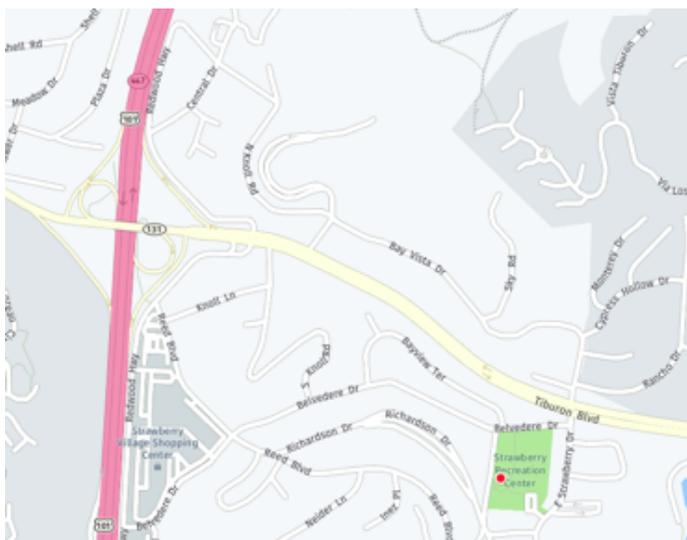
On the event day a team of set-up people will be needed. In one hour we will transform a lowly gymnasium into a banquet hall. All guests have traditionally helped with teardown. Then we will need a few people to help launder the tablecloths.

Please let Marti know if you would like to help out.

We have employed Francisco and Mary again this year to do the clean-up in the kitchen.

### MAP TO EVENT LOCATION

This map indicates that driving South, you will take the Mill Valley, Blithedale exit and then turn left to go back over the freeway toward Tiburon



### MPC Member Websites

Want to see more photos of our members, please visit their websites, the list is [here](#).

If you want to add your website to the list, please send a request to [focalplanenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:focalplanenewsletter@gmail.com)