



Sierra Vista Camera Club

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December 2024 Newsletter

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Looking for Something New to Boost your Mojo?

We are heading into 2025 faster than maybe you imagined. How did 2024 fly by so quickly? December is a busy month for many of us, and you might put your camera aside until after the holidays. We are fortunate that January is not dreary and gray as it is in many other parts of the country. Once the ball drops in New York City, the holiday cookies are gone and the decorations stored, we can again think about our favorite hobby.

Where to focus your attention? How about digging into a curated stash of photo and photo-processing tutorials? The folks at Expert Photography* posted a handy article in October listing links to 41 tutorials in five categories:

1. **Camera tutorials** in the article range from tutorials on mastering the basics, to features in your camera you might not have practiced with, such as focus peaking and using focal lock.
2. **Composition tutorials** can help take your photos from meh to magnificent. These articles run the gamut from basic rule-of-thirds to incorporating asymmetrical balance and rhythm into your shots.
3. **Lighting Tutorials**, because after all, light is arguably the most important element in photography.
4. **Photo Editing Tutorials** include lessons on industry-workhorses such as Photoshop and Lightroom, but also give ideas on how to turn your photos in digital sketches or other artwork.
5. **Tutorials by Genre** can help if you are looking for specific articles on subjects such as headshots, food photography, street photography, and more.

In addition to these written, illustrated tutorials, consider using the topics listed as a jumping-off point to search YouTube for related video tutorials.

**Expert Photography's website will often pop up a nag screen before you are put through to the article you select. Sometimes it's a promotion for some of their products. Other times, you'll be offered a video to watch if you provide your email. Feel free to skip the prompts if you aren't interested.*

[Link: Top 41 Fun Photography Tutorials to Try](#)

50th Anniversary Party was a Big Hit!

Last month's newsletter contained a wonderful article authored by Club Secretary Joyce Genske about our Club. A busy but well-organized committee, led by Ava Englund, made and carried out plans for our party. Sierra Vista Mayor Clea McCaa and Sierra Vista Chief of Police Chris Hiser were able to stop by to meet and congratulate our guest of honor George Broxton. We all enjoyed Joyce honoring George with a lovely plaque after she shared some information about his interesting personal history. Food was plentiful and delicious, and the photos from the past 50 years inspired memories of many cultural, political, and technological events. Dale Truitt shared three multimedia presentations incorporating music with his beautiful photography. Thanks to the committee for the hard work!

Party Committee

Chair: Ava Englund

Members: Lois Bloom, Sheila Foraker, Joyce Genske, Ande Savage, Jon Sleger, Val Sleger, Dale Truitt

Weekly Challenge

At each meeting of the Club, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, four challenge prompts will be presented for the following month. Focus on one word or phrase each week to complete all four to share at the following month's meeting. Folks who can't attend the meetings will get the list in the newsletter. December challenge photos will be shown at the December meeting and included in the January newsletter.

December

Joyful

Old-fashioned

H is for _____

Song/Movie: White Christmas

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. **December meeting: Club founder George Broxton will give a presentation on the history of the club. Holiday potluck! Bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. We'll also share member photos and hold elections for next year's officers.**

Officers

President: Mark Hanna

Vice-President & Program

Coordinator: Bob Luce

Secretary: Joyce Genske

Treasurer: Madeleine Charron



Member Shawn Kurtenbach sent in some information about a fun-sounding photo opportunity offered by the **Pima Air and Space Museum on December 14**. Four hot air balloons will be lit for a beautiful static display. There will be carolers, crafts, traveling circus performers, and much more. **Hit the link to the site for all the details.** The photo above is from the site and gives an idea of what you might see.

[Link: Pima Air and Space Museum Christmas Balloon Glow](#)

Sneak Peek at Anniversary Party Photos

Sheila will share more party photos at the December meeting, but here are a few to tide you over.



Top: Club members post for a group photo

Center: Mayor McCaa, George Broxton, and Chief Hiser

Bottom: Celebratory Poster and Cake (poster design – Ande Savage)