

Minutes of Meeting of October 20, 2008

The October 20, 2008 meeting of FocalPOINT was held at Northland Arboretum with social hour beginning at 6 p.m. Doug Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. with 25 people in attendance. He introduced guest Rita Dabill.

Doug Livingston shared his experiences from a Rod Planck workshop he attended at the Upper Peninsula of Michigan stating he shot more mushrooms than ever before. He now deletes unwanted photos from his camera instead of downloading them and then deleting them.

Roy Abbott and Stanley Mikles will now be helping with the FocalPOINT website. Software has been ordered for Stanley. Monica Katzenberger, who has been keeping up the website, will assist them in getting started.

Nametags are needed for new members. Lorraine Northagen will get the information from Monica Katzenberger to do them. It was stated that Andrea Baumann has software for name cards.

Doug announced that John Erickson would have an open house at the 119 Gallery at the Franklin Arts Center on November 8, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. featuring New York photographs. Anyone purchasing \$50 or more will receive a complimentary copy of "Impressions."

Brenda Pfeffer announced that Arts Alive is at the Q-Gallery at Franklin Arts Center on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. [also the second Saturday] through November 8, 2008 and features local artists whose work has been featured in the *Lakes Country Journal*.

Doug reminded those who haven't paid their dues yet, that they are due.

Roy Abbott showed the October assignment photos of color, also the critique photos. Roy stated that the e-mail address to use for submitting photos is rabbott@brainerd.net.

Dwight Munns gave an interesting presentation on the use of lenses.

Brenda Pfeffer served various colorful snacks emphasizing the assignment theme of "color."

Jim Kingsley showed his sampler featuring family and trips, all done with a point and shoot camera.

Monica Katzenberger volunteered to do a list of assignments. If anyone has any suggestions, they should contact her.

The assignment for the November 18 meeting is "emotion."

Jim Kinsley displayed a book he had published, "*A Century of Pioneering Pioneers by Herman Nelson*."

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Northagen
Acting Secretary