

Focal Point Meeting Sept. 21, 2010

Meeting held at Northland Arboretum

5:00 casual gathering for discussion, 6:30 regular meeting led by Doug Livingston

Beverages and snacks provided by Jane Stevens and Marie Israel. Thank you!

There were approximately 30 in attendance

New attendee: Shawna Carlson

Treasurer, Brenda Pfeffer reported there is \$625.00 in the club account. There was a \$25.00 memorial gift given to the family of Bob Weizenegger.

Peg Serani mentioned that if your photo taken at the Arboretum is chosen for the monthly contest, please send her a very high quality image by email.

Peg also mentioned that the October Fest event will be next week at the Arboretum, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Doug Livingston let us know that the new book called "Orchids of the North Woods" by local writers and photographers Kim and Cindy Risen is now available at the Arboretum gift shop.

Focal Point will make some books and publications available through a library system for the club. Peg Serani volunteered to be the librarian for the club.

September 27<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for turning in photos from the Motley Scott Kelby walk.

Roy Abbott showed a slideshow of our monthly assignment images "Water".

Roy then showed a slideshow of images for the monthly Arboretum contest.

A spider web with dew drop pearls by Peg Serani won the vote.

Roy Abbott gave a presentation for us to better understand digital color. Some tips noted were to shoot in raw, then save the image as an 8 bit JPG file at 10 maximum quality.

Thank you Roy for this information and putting together slideshows for the club!

Roy showed a slideshow sampler of images taken by Mary Hendricks.

Stan Boran gave a presentation and handouts about making better black and white images. He had tips on processing to yield best results. Thank you Stan!

Doug Livingston mentioned that the first two weeks in October are a great time to see and photograph the Sandhill Crane migration at Crex Meadows in Grantsburg, Wisconsin. This is East of Pine City, MN.

Next month's assignment is "Animals". Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Hendricks