

Calendar Of Activities

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December 2004

Photo Outing: Fri-Sat Dec. 3 - 5: Death Valley. LEADER NEEDED, contact Ken to volunteer.



Monthly Meeting: replaced by the Holiday Party - Dec. 11th

January 2005

Photo Outing: Jan 7th - 9th: See baby elephant seals born at Piedras Blancas and 100,000 overwintering Monarch butterflies at Pismo Beach State Park, Montaña de Oro State Park and Morro Bay. Contact Carol Murdock, (619) 749-2467, 1mntnmom@cox.net, for details.

Monthly Meeting: Thursday, January 13th, 7PM. Speaker to be announced.

Hi Sierran Photo Submissions

As part of the Sierra Club, Photo club members can submit photographs for publication to the Hi Sierran. Deadline for the Jan./Feb. issue is December 1st.

For more information, photo guidelines and future deadline dates, contact Justin Lewis at HSArt@sierraclubsandiego.org (619) 528-0435

Give the Earth a Gift

By Rita Spiegel

At this time of year, we think of the holidays, gifts & families. As photographers, we think of the photographs we'll be taking, whether with family or for ourselves. Many of us are nature or animal photographers. As part of the Photo Section, we are often separated from our parent organization, the Sierra Club. The Earth gives us many gifts, images of beauty, that we capture in our photographs. At this time of reflection & giving, I'm writing about the beginnings of the Sierra Club, and a few tips to **Give the Earth a Gift**.

John Muir was America's most influential naturalist & conservationist. He's been called "The Father of our National Park." He's renowned for his adventures in the Sierra Nevada and world-wide travels in search of nature's beauty. He helped inspired Theodore Roosevelt's conservation programs, including establishing the first National Monuments & Yosemite National Park. In 1892, John Muir formed the Sierra Club. Ansel Adams was a visionary figure in nature photography & wilderness preservation. He's seen as an Environmental hero, especially of Yosemite National Park. Adams' dedication to wilderness preservation, his commitment to the Sierra Club, & of course, his signature black-and-white photographs inspire an appreciation for natural beauty & a strong conservation ethic. Together these men helped to form the Sierra Club. As photographers and members of the Sierra Club, we can give back too. Listed below are just a few simple ways we can all make a difference.

Holiday Tips for Giving the Earth a Gift

Photography:

- * If you shoot film, please make sure you recycle your film "boxes" and don't leave them in the field.
- * Tripods – Be mindful of where you place your tripod; don't trample flowers or other vegetation.
- * Animals – They are wonderful to photograph. Be mindful not to disturb their habitat. Be cautious around mothers and babies.

Gift Wrapping:

- * Instead of a "one-time" paper, purchase boxes & bags which can be reused next year.
- * Recycle all wrapping paper that is used.
- * Wrap gifts in comics, posters or old maps. Use reusable items such as gift towels or sheets.
- * For large, hard to wrap gifts, hide them somewhere in the house or yard, and give the person a card with a clues that lead them to the present.

Gift Ideas

- * For children – help them "Give the Earth a Gift" by doing a small neighborhood or beach cleanup activities as a family. Take photos of neighbors and make personalized cards.
- * Give the gift of your time: for example, a coupon to your wife good for one romantic evening, or a coupon to your father-in-law that says you'll take him on a camping trip to the Sierra Club Lodge.

Christmas / Hanukkah:

- * Cut out illustrations from old Christmas cards and hang them on next year's tree.
- * Cut out Menorah and Stars of David from old paper or cards to decorate your home.
- * Use old cereal boxes, coloring the inside to create your own Dreidel. For instructions contact Rita at rspimaxie@aol.com.
- * Buy a Living Christmas tree that can be planted. If you buy a cut tree, recycle it, so that it can be chipped or mulched. Consider a reusable artificial tree.

After the Holidays

- * Hold a "White Elephant Party" after the holidays. Ask friends to bring holiday gifts they don't want. Put them on a table and let others choose an item that they like. You'll be amazed at what happens!
- * Call the 1-800 numbers from catalogues that you don't want and ask to be removed from their mailing lists.



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About Us:



The Photography Section of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club is a group of hobbyist-photographers of all levels who meet to learn more about photography and its applications in natural settings. Meetings generally feature a speaker from the local photographic community. We meet at 7 PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month at the Otto Center at The San Diego Zoo. The Otto Center is at the Southeast corner of the Zoo, to the left of the main entrance. There is no charge; you don't have to enter the zoo itself to get to the Otto Center.

We welcome new members! To join, pick up a membership application at any of the meetings, or call Everett Mehner at (619) 232-9271 to request an application, or send your name, address, telephone number, and check to the address below. Annual membership is \$20 and includes a subscription to this publication, The VIEW Finder.



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December 2004



Holiday Potluck Photo Party
Saturday • December 11, 2004 • 7:00 p.m.



As we enter the Holiday season, it is a time to celebrate, hangout with family and friends and enjoy ourselves. This year we are gathering again to share photo stories, pictures and lots of food. Come and join us at Saturday, December 11th, 7PM. This replaces the usual monthly meeting. Bring a home-made dish and photos to share!

What to bring:

1.) Your appetite!

Create a dish to share. Each year we're asked who should bring what. Don't worry: we have so

many members that we always seem to have just the right mix of every possible home-made salad, dessert, cookies, drinks, poultry, fudge, breads and everything imaginable. Make your own favorite or personal specialty dish and impress everyone!



2.) Photos! Bring some great slides and digital files to share. We will have a 35mm projector and probably a computer projector. If you shoot prints or some other film format please bring your medium or other format projector. Please let Ken know if you can bring a digital projector; the club doesn't own one.

Where:

We are graced with the use of a private estate on the Island of Coronado thanks to our member Theresa Verneti. The bridge toll has been waived for club members and guests attending the party.



Address:

1115 F Avenue, Coronado
Phone # that evening is (619) 435-1760

Directions:

- * Highway 5 to "Coronado Bay Bridge" exit
- * Pass old toll gates and stay in left lane
- * Left on Orange Avenue
- * Right on 10th Street
- * Left on "F" Avenue. We'll be in the white, two-story Spanish style home with 2 big arches on front porch.

Questions? Contact Theresa at (619) 298-9838 or tvernett@yahoo.com

