

## **Macro Photography SIG Meeting Minutes for our Dec 6 meeting**

We met at Ken Eis' house at 7PM and had 12 members attend. It was a great meeting. This was the SIG's first meeting so we explored what each member wanted to get out of the SIG's activities. Here is a list of the items brought up:

1. Motivation to get out and photograph
2. Learn what equipment is best, cheapest, necessary and unnecessary for quality macro shooting.
3. Learn techniques for shooting macros and what post processing is appropriate.
4. Explore all aspects of "macro" including flowers, bugs, abstracts, product and jewelry, copy photography, high speed, etc.

Our next meeting will be on January 4 (Wednesday evening) at 6:30 PM at Ken's house. This meeting will be a equipment meeting with a Helicon Focus demo. So bring your macro-related equipment and questions about the equipment. We will attempt to make a recourse list for club members after this discussion.

Our shooting assignment will be holiday macro images. Each SIG member will email Ken one photo (or two-before and after post processing) prior to 2 January.

The February general meeting photo topic will be "textures" Again all club members can submit up to three photos. We encourage each member to submit pairs of pictures...before and after post processing so we can discuss how you developed you image and why you took it.

Carol Coffey is looking into a speaker for the February meeting

The February club outing will be a local shoot indoors similar to last years macro shoot. We will attempt to have it at CSU in the normal room and have club members bring small object to shot. This time we will attempt to set up stations to show specific techniques. Date and time TBD.

The SIG wants a drip shoot out between Ken and Mike for capturing water drops using two different techniques with strobe. This will be later in the year.

SIG members were interested in the new Yongnuo YN560 flash. This is available on Amazon for about \$85. It is compatible with most DSLRs but is manual flash only...no iTTL etc.

-Ken Eis