



March 19, 2009
Minutes

We had 22 members, including 2 new members and 2 guests, in attendance for our meeting. Our new members are Michael Rosenberg and Jason Spears. Our guests were Bermen Noe and the Samantha, the niece of Rick and Connie Jackson. Welcome to all.

Herb Parsons, our Treasurer, reported we have \$1187.36 in our account.

Thirty (30) members have paid their 2009 dues. There are 8 current members who need to pay. Dues are \$20 per year for adults and should be paid as soon as possible.

Committee updates were given:

- Mark Hamilton, Chair of Membership and Publicity, is continuing to put articles in local papers about the Club meetings. Thanks to Nancy Jeter for bringing the refreshments tonight. Mike Hensley will bring refreshments for the April 2nd meeting. Mark also had goodies from Adorama for everyone...paper samples and memory card holders.
- Fred Huff, Chair of Exhibition and Contest, updated the group on a few more competitions being held. Fred will send an email update out with the new competitions. Kathy will update the website to reflect Fred's findings.
- Rick Jackson, Chair of Program and Activities, is still asking for suggestions of outings for the club this year. He updated the Club on Hockings Hills' cabins which sleeps 6-8 if there is any interest in this area again. Canaan Valley was another possible outing discussed. No firm dates or places have been settled on as of yet.

The proposed changes to the Rules of Competition were voted in and will be effective for the April 2 competition. Please check the website and your emails for the updated current document.

Mike Adkins updated the Club on the Huntington Arts Center (Reflections Gallery). Mike hopes to have the first board meeting in a week or so. There has been an offer of a local building for use. Mike will give more information on this building as the process progresses.

One of the Club's original members, Willis Cook, passed away in November. Mr. Cook's wife passed along his plaques and trophies to Fred Huff for the Club to use as it sees fit. Watch the

OVCC website for a page dedicated to Mr. Cook. Several members shared stories of their memories of Mr. Cook.

Don Tillack told the Club of a fascinating interview he heard on NPR's program "Fresh Air". A talented nature photographer was interviewed about his experiences in the Arctic. If you are interested, the link is <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=102041024>.

Mike Adkins passed along to the Club the information he received about the Create Huntington Group. They are planning a side walk sale of artists' work on June 6 near 9th Street in Huntington. Please contact Mike if you would like more information.

Our next meeting is April 2. The competition theme is Open. For our new members, Open means you can enter any images you would like as long as the images are tasteful. You may enter up to two images per category – BW, Color, Digitally Enhanced, Slides – for a total of 8 per competition.

Please make note of the theme change for May and Nov. May's theme is Macro/Closeup and November's theme is Festivals, Parties, Fairs. This change was made to give members time to attend the local fairs and festivals in the spring and summer.

Our meeting had a great turnout for Iris Burd's presentation on Still Life Photography. Iris is a Master Photographer with the Club. She brought many of her still life objects and described how she uses natural light to create beautiful shots. A lighting set was available for members to practice shooting some of these objects. Iris told the group she finds many things at thrift stores and goes as far to repaint objects she obtains if she does not like the color. Many thanks to Iris for a great presentation!

Submitted by: Kathy Smith
Secretary