

The ***Photography S.I.G.*** is the first of the ***Special Interest Groups*** being offered by the Learning Center. The meetings are free, open to anyone interested, and intended for the widest range of skill and interest.

Special Interest Groups in the ***Cornwell Learning Center*** are a response to interests and the desire of individuals to share work, ideas, and energy. They're a kind of informal "club" in which the only membership qualifications are your interest and participation.

Regular meetings give us a monthly forum for learning and creative interaction. It provides a year-round activity that builds creative community.

Meetings of the Photo SIG typically include:

1. Programs – about equipment, techniques, photo content, themes, or anything else that connects to photography.
2. Participation – a group critique of photos submitted to a monthly theme. Monthly photo entries are displayed online at www.cornwellcenter.org, on the Learning Center page.
3. Food... and an associated social time for informal exchange, sharing, showing, complaining, etc.

Participants run the gamut:

from snapshots to sports, portraits to pictorialism
from new users to highly skilled photographers
from art to craft, technology to photo appreciation
from teens to retirees
from introverts to extroverts

Schedule:

Third Wednesdays (most months)
7pm – 9pm (following 5:45 – 6:30pm dinner in Heaton Hall if you like)
in the Cornwell Learning Center

Field trips:

We've made a couple trips to the airport to catch a full moon rising over the Charlotte skyline. We plan other such trips, for location shooting or to exhibits. Where would you like to go?

Service:

Part of what happens with an interest group is that as you pull together people of common interests, you also pull together people of common skills and tools. Over the course of the year there are many opportunities for us to provide photographic service to the church and the surrounding community.

For more on this idea, and our group activities, read our [newsletter from September of 2006](#).

For more on the experience of our group, join us.



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SIG at SUS?

A **Special-Interest Group**, is for... well... people with common interests. We've formed one on Photography that meets monthly in the Learning Center. It's free and it's fun. You learn stuff. Others will follow. If you missed us at **Sign-Up Sunday**, read on.

Alene Lambert stopped by a couple weeks ago wondering how to copy family photos from slides to CD's. For Alene, her photo interest was part of a family project. For Dan White, it's the desire to learn about digital cameras. For some of us, any photo is of interest. We want the PHOTO SIG to respond to many interests, and levels.

We formed the PHOTO SIG for two primary reasons: (1.) to respond to growing interests in photography, and (2) to find people who take photos. MPBC can use photographs to connect with the community at large, and with ourselves. We need people to help.

In this second context, the SIG acronym represents something else – **Service/Interest Group**.

For example, Dori Bowman recently asked how the Board of Missions might create a computer-based "slide show" of past projects to help people understand their work. The biggest part of this kind of project is getting the photos.

The Board has several projects underway that warrant photographic coverage. September 16th is a Habitat project. October brings the "Saturday of Service" at several locations in Charlotte. Our long involvement with the Lakewood community continues. Each is a worthy effort, and worth showing. We hope for the PHOTO SIG to provide for your special interests. We also hope to be of service.

We're planning a SIG on another medium that's enjoyable, and captures ideas and memories – AUDIO.

Sounds like...

People are starting to ask audio questions, like, "can I copy LP's and tapes to CD's?" "What are mp3's and how do I make them?" (Tip: Ask any kid). Musicians like Rolfe Neigenfind are learning how computers can help them create and record their work.

For years, MPBC has had a few, dedicated audio volunteers who record church services and special events. Eric Roberts, Spencer Rackley and Van Johnson are starting to do this digitally. We want to put much of this material on the Web! It sure would be good to have a larger group of people available to help with our new audio needs.

Let's get together. If you have irreplaceable sounds, want to learn how to capture new ones, or just learn about audio in the digital age, the coming **AUDIO SIG** may be for you. Our first meeting will be October 11th at 7pm. See you there?

Subtle hint: If you've got an interest in video...

Cornwell Forget-me-nots

Family Health Festival with health and wellness vendors and screenings for the entire family. Also, moonbounce, fire truck, police car, face painting and games for kids. Saturday, September 9th, 10am-12pm. Sign up is required for some of these, so please contact us for details.

Dance Classes with Richard Cousins offering Foxtrot, Swing, Cha-cha, Waltz, Tango, Shag and others, beginning in September. Minimum enrollment of 16 persons.

Bridge Lessons for True Beginners with ACBL accredited Gene Manion. About basic Contract Bridge and beginning Thursdays in September, 3-5pm. **Bridge Part II**, will meet at 6-8pm.

- Also...
- **After-school Enrichment**
Began August 25
(there may still be openings!)
Ages 2-4 (12:30-2:30pm)
Ages 5-11 (3:45-6pm)
 - **Chess Clinics**
Mondays
September 18 - October 23
Ages 6-8 (5-6pm)
Ages 9-10 (6-7pm)

The Learning Center

It's with apologies to Ansel Adams' *Moonrise over Hernandez, NM* that I mention this next item:



The first field trip of the **PHOTO SIG** is set for Friday, September 8, at 7:19pm. At that time, several of us plan to be out at the airport to get our best shots of the expected *Moonrise Over Charlotte*.

If you'd like to join us, eMail me at jbambach@mpbconline.org for details. If you can't make that, join us at our monthly meeting, Wednesday, September 13th at 7pm. Our photo theme for this meeting is "Faces" and you can eMail your best face to participate in the monthly critique. If you'd rather, just show up and enjoy the program, the photos, and the community. We're for new and experienced photogs alike. C'mon.

FREE?

Beginning in September, many basic computer courses are free to Cornwell Members, including **Windows, Email, Internet** and others. Pre-registration is required and there are minimum class sizes. Check with us, and sign up!

New and Newly Returning...

- **Fall Gardening Series**
with Debbie Moore Clark
September 11 – October 16
7-8:30pm (5 Mondays)
- **Photoshop (evenings)**
September 19 and 26
6-8:30pm (2 Tuesdays)
- **Conversational Spanish**
with Ileana Metz
October 3 - 31
7-8:30pm (5 Tuesdays)

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