

The Villages Photography Club met at LaHacienda on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, 2009. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by President Arne Thesen.

Paul Gaecke announced a field trip to Gatorland on February 24th at 7:30 am to photograph the birds, more info to follow.

Our annual showcase is fast approaching, February 6th is the date! We will have a Photograph of the year competition at the showcase that will be voted on by the public. Submit your favorite photo of the year (just 1 per person).

We have started a Club Roster, if you didn't give me your e-mail address please contact me

Diane Pattie has arranged our Christmas Party at 3:30 at Little Bits Café. The food was great and the company even better! The Chinese auction was fun. Thanks to Diane for her hard work. Happy Holidays to all!!

The 10 minute Tech Talk on 'CODECs' was given by Arne Thesen. The information is on the web at http://athesen.smugmug.com/Photography-Club/Why-Cant-I-See/10658000_BX2bX/4/741780487_fAAgZ#741780449_EURDa-A-LB . It was very informative. The program was run by Paul Gaecke, with members who participated in the night shot field trip to Ocala sharing some of their pictures. It was very interesting.

The Competition winners for "Macro or Close-Up were:

12 points

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| Barb Athanasiou | Polly Want a Cracker |
| Betty Eich | Purple, Green & Gold |
| Paul Gaecke | Portrait of a French Angel |
| Diane Pattie | Seeing Eye to Eye |
| Diane Pattie | Christmas Candy |
| Jerry Sundin | Going Up?? |
| Maureen Terrien | Owl be Seeing You |
| Eileen Sklon | Sunflower Study #2 |

11 points

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| Barb Athanasiou | Hibiscus Flower |
| Bob Athanasiou | The Eyes Have It |
| Paul Gaecke | Alien Arrow Crab |
| Frank Kraft | Mother & Child |
| Helen Poor | Deep Pockets |
| Heather Rabinowitz | Lush Petals |
| Jerry Sundin | Black & Blue |
| Bill Tharp | Tools for a Pro |
| Arne Thesen | I Need a Haircut |

Happy & Healthy Holidays to all! See you next year.
Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Sklon, Secretary