First Online Meeting Notes

Aside from a few glitches, we managed to pull off our first online Skype meeting. It was great to hear from everyone again, and I see more video conferencing in our future. In some ways, adapting to meeting online is a blessing in disguise.

If you haven't already, please participate in our survey to determine which file formats are most downloaded for our virtual meetings. Moving forward, we'll streamline the number of supported formats for download. Members can customize the files for their device with Stereo Photo Maker's batch conversion tools, if necessary. We will also post our competitions and slideshows as a web album for another way to follow along. We may also allow members to submit stereo photos in any digital format -- see the New York Stereoscopic Society debriefing below.

April Meeting, Part II

Without the overhead of a room rental and screen setup, we had the luxury of breaking early on April 27th and will continue part II on **Monday, May 4** at **7:00pm**. Watch your email 30 minutes before the meeting for the Skype link.

Since our online meetings don't have the overhead of setting up & breaking down a room, our online meetings will be trimmed to two hours, beginning with our traditional 7:00 pm start time and concluding no later than 9:00pm.

Skype vs. Zoom

Skype meets our needs, but Zoom can better support our growth (at a cost).

Skype is free and worked well for GGSS regulars, but it lacks a "recurring meetings" feature (the same link for each meeting). With recurring meetings, we can bookmark the meeting link and not worry about it changing, instead of waiting for a link to arrive in your email minutes before the meeting. Recurring meetings would also make it easier to promote the meetings and invite guests.

Zoom makes recurring meetings easy, and is what other stereo groups are using. The free version of Zoom limits group meetings to 40 minutes. A $14.99 monthly "pro" version is offered without that critical limitation, to which some generous GGSS member might subscribe.

Are there other free videoconferencing services with unlimited duration and support for recurring meetings? Voice your opinions on our groups.io/g/ggstereo discussion board.

Upcoming Meetings

Dates

Monday, May 4, 2020
April meeting, part II

Monday, May 25, 2020
May Meeting

Time

7:00pm - 9:00 PM

Location

Skype (meeting link will be sent)

Special Competition Subject, May 25

Creative
The PSA definition of Creative is "Altered Reality."

Instructions

After submitting your competition images, a link to download May's slideshows will be sent before the meeting. Read about Preparing Digital Slides for details.

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NYSA Online Meeting Report

The New York Stereoscopic Association hosts lively Zoom meetings, and Saturday afternoon's non-competitive meeting offered a great variety of stereo photos, presented in anaglyph and/or universal side-by-side formats. Each maker prepares their stereo photos in their preferred format and presents their own slideshow. Expect GGSS online meetings to adopt many of these ideas.

A screenshot of a NYSA Zoom meet-up

May Meeting

Our May online meeting is Monday, May 25, 7:00pm - 10:00pm.

A Skype link will be emailed 30 minutes before the meeting's 7:00 pm start time. You are welcome to log in early to test your camera, microphone, and speakers.

The special competition subject for May has been changed from "Stereo Prints" -- impractical in lockdown -- to "Creative." Show us an altered reality concept from your extended shelter-in-place.

Competition Results, Open Division, April 27, 2020

First Place: *Dog Walkers on the Rush Creek Trail,* Oleg Vorobyoff

Second Place: *Super Moon During April*, Oleg Vorobyoff

Third Place: *Marina Sunset - Rainbow*, Melinda Green

Fourth Place: *Bridge*, Jack Muzatko

Honorable Mention: *Intersection Along Palm Drive*, Oleg Vorobyoff

Honorable Mention: *Marina Sunset Clouds over GGB*, Melinda Green

Honorable Mention: *Lafayette Crosses*, Thor Klippert

Honorable Mention: *Tiny Flower*, Jack Muzatko

Competition Results, Special Division, April 27, 2020

First Place: *Empty Shattuck South,* Thor Klippert

Second Place: S*afe Chatting,* Jack Muzatko

Third Place: *Sunrise from my Patio,* Oleg Vorobyoff

Fourth Place: *Marina Super,* Melinda Green

Honorable Mention: *Watching,* Jack Muzatko

Honorable Mention: *Obey,* Melinda Green

About the Golden Gate Stereoscopic Society

Stereo photography — 3-D photography — is the marvelous craft of making pictures with the illusion of depth.

The Golden Gate Stereoscopic Society is the San Francisco / Bay Area's club for stereo photography enthusiasts. Join us at a monthly meeting to learn about the art of stereo photography and experience fantastic stereo slideshows.

The Golden Gate Stereoscopic Society was founded in 1934, and endures today as a dedicated group of stereo photography hobbyists. We are a member of the Photographic Society of America, and are recognized as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Our mission is to encourage and promote the art of stereo photography through the support of our community and outreach to the public.

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