Mike Torrey

Machu Picchu – Terraces of Enlightenment

August 20  7pm
Wesley Palms Center
2404 Loring  Pacific Beach

The great Inca citadel of Machu Picchu sits high in the Andes Mountains of Peru, having emerged from beneath the canopy of a majestic rainforest after being vacant for nearly 400 years. In this informative and illustrated program by architectural photographer Mike Torrey, take a vicarious journey to a place that is both an architectural and archeological wonder. Photographed at both the June and December solstices, Mike’s images provide a unique experience to the viewer by showing them Machu Picchu with hardly any visitors evident.

Machu Picchu’s architecture incorporates both scientific and spiritual principles and you will see the first rays of sun (their god, Inti) as it enters the Temple of the Sun and marks the arrival of the winter solstice. The site’s man-made urban and agricultural sectors, technological marvels in their own right, seamlessly integrate with the surrounding natural environment.

This program is based on the new book, STONE OFFERINGS Machu Picchu’s Terraces of Enlightenment (http://www.stoneofferings.com / Lightpoint Press), which contains over 100 photographs by accomplished architectural photographer Mike Torrey. In addition to discussing his approach to photographing Machu Picchu, Mike will read excerpts from the book’s introduction by the Peruvian born author Marie Arana, who wrote the memoir American Chica and is a Writer at Large for the for The Washington Post.

Stone Offerings is available for purchase at the MoPA bookstore.

“Absolutely sensational. Wonderful photographs and the most comprehensive take on Machu Picchu I’ve ever seen. A great addition to anyone’s library both for information and delight”  – Jay Maisel, photographer
SCPS Scavenger Hunt 2009

Don't Miss It!

Challenge Yourself!

Saturday, August 22 5:30-8:15pm
Location will be announced 3 days before event

Photo by Peter Naginis

This annual event is a lot of fun and provides a good creative and technical challenge for all photo enthusiasts. Participants will meet at 5:30pm, be given a list of categories and a time limit of almost 3 three hours to walk around and capture a photo or two for each category. After 3 hours, participants meet again to turn in images and recount the day's adventures over food and drink. All ability levels and members/non-members are welcome to take part. This year's location will be announced the week before the event. It will appear on the club's website and be announced at the August SCPS meeting. Winning images and prizes will be presented at the September SCPS meeting.

Questions? Contact Theresa at tvernett@yahoo.com

This event requires work to be submitted as digital images. If your camera uses memory cards other than compact flash, please bring a USB friendly card reader.
Don’t Miss This Event!

Workshops
Fresh Air

Potluck Dinner
New Friends

Member Slideshow
Beautiful Surroundings

Spend a weekend with the SCPS crowd at the Sierra Club’s Foster Lodge in the nearby Laguna Mountains. Accommodations include bunkbeds in the lodge, tent/car camping or a self-arranged room at the Laguna Mountain Lodge...5 minutes down the road. (Laguna Mountain Lodge: 10678 Sunrise Highway (619) 473-8533). Check the SCPS website for sign up info. Direct questions to organizer: Fred Hill.

SCPS Lodge Weekend
A Photography workshop
IN THE BEAUTIFUL LAGUNA MOUNTAINS

Saturday & Sunday September 26-27
August 2009
August 8  Dog Days of Summer Canine Fest in Cardiff.....and Fairy Festival at Quail Gardens.
August 8,9  Philippine Cultural Arts Festival. Balboa Park.
August 9  Hillcrest City Fest.
August 14, 15 &22  After Dark: Digital Capture at Night workshop by Philipp Scholtz Ritterman
www.extension.ucsd.edu

August 20 SCPS Meeting. Mike Torrey.
Machu Pichu -- Terraces of Enlightenment.

August 22  5:30pm-8:15pm.
Optional dinner following event.
SCPS Scavenger Hunt
Location to be announced at August SCPS meeting and on website.


The Pacific Surf Gallery will be offering a series of classes from leading experts in their field starting in August. Rob Gilley will be teaching classes on surf photography at the introductory, intermediate and advanced levels. Jack Davis, one of the world's leading experts on Photoshop and the Adobe Creative Suite of products now used in digital photography, will be teaching courses ranging from the introductory level to in-depth courses aimed at cutting-edge photographic professionals. call (760) 944-7121 to sign up. The gallery also rents surf photography equipment, and offers custom picture framing.


September 2009
Sept. 12-13, ArtWalk on the Bay
Embarcadero Marina Park North

September 17 SCPS Meeting. Scavenger Hunt Slideshow and Awards.

September 18-20 BayFair on Mission Bay
http://www.thunderboats.net

September 20 University Heights Art Open.

September 26-27
SCPS Lodge Weekend.
Foster Lodge, Laguna Mountains.

October 2009
October 10-11 Little Italy Festa. Food and chalk street painting
October 16-18 Donna Cosentino Workshop. Large Format Retreat on Palomar Mountain. $699

November 2009
Nov. 7  Carlsbad Fall Festival
Nov. 21 & 22. Digital Days Photography Workshop.
http://www.digitaldaysphoto.com/  $139/ 2days.

Nov. 22  Encinitas Street Faire & Poinsettia Festival.
Nov. 18-23 Donna Cosentino Workshop.
Destination Death Valley!
www.photoexplorations.com

December 2009
SCPS Holiday Party: Potluck and Ext. Member Share.
SCPS Members making night images of the SD County Fair. If you have an idea for an outing and would like to coordinate the meetup place and time, email Theresa, Jonathan or Ken and it will be posted on the website and in the newsletter.

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September 26-27

SCPS Lodge Weekend. Don't miss this chance to spend an inexpensive weekend in the beautiful Laguna Mountains at the Sierra Club Lodge surrounded by all your SCPS photo buddies. Several indoor and outdoor lectures will be given on both days. Past topics have included composition, travel photography, large format photography, Polaroid transfers, matt cutting, basic Photoshop, portfolio selection, etc. A speaker and participant slideshow will be included after the potluck dinner on Saturday night. Accommodation options include bunkbeds in the lodge, tent camping or car camping. There are rental cabins down the road for those desiring a little extra comfort. The lodge is located on Sunrise Highway, about one hour east of downtown San Diego. Look for more information in the September SCPS Newsletter and on the SCPS website.

Workshops and Lectures at the Annenberg Space for Photography - Century City (Los Angeles)

SCPS Member, Theresa Vernetti, recently attended a day long workshop at the Annenberg Space for Photography given by National Geographic Photographer, Steve McCurry. www.SteveMcCury.com. The morning was spent reviewing Mr. McCurry’s slides for that evening’s presentation from a thorough artistic and compositional approach. A few hours were then dedicated to the review and critique of portfolios submitted by the 18 attendees. The lunchtime assignment was to shoot some portraiture for class critique in the afternoon. It was an educational and inspiring day out with lots of helpful advice given and new friendships formed.
About us: The Photography Section of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club is a group of hobbyist-photographers of all levels and ages who meets monthly to learn more about photography.

Meetings feature a speaker from the local photographic community and are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Wesley Palms Center in Pacific Beach. There is no charge to attend. We welcome new members! To join, pick up a membership application at any of the meetings or call Everett Mehner at (619) 232-9271 to request an application, or send your name, address, telephone number and check to the address below. Annual membership is $25 and includes a subscription to The View Finder.

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