**PHOTOGRAPHERS OF DRIPPING SPRINGS**

August 26, 2021 - Monthly Meeting Minutes

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC CONDITIONS, THE MEETING WAS HELD BY THE WEB-BASED “ZOOM” THING

Start time: 6:40 pm

11 folks in the ZOOMing audience

After general howdy-do discussion, our President, Patty Robertson, called the meeting to order:

***CLUB BUSINESS***

There being no specific agenda for the evening, we dove into our program.

Carol Acurso provided an overview of her photography work and learning experiences. She emphasized the need for traditional classroom learning as well as regular attendance at the “school of hard knocks” to develop and hone shooting skills. In addition, finding a way to settle on one’s body of work takes diligence, quiet contemplation, and the right amount of luck – persistence is critical.

She covered a number of steps in her photography journey including:

* Obtaining a solid foundation in the basics
* Mastering darkroom techniques
* Developing a “Photo Community” of like-minded souls
* Finding multiple ways to practice photography
* Taking stock of your efforts and methodically constructing what you consider your own “body (or bodies) of work”
* Learning continually
* Maintaining a “beginner’s mind”

She led the group thru a review of her photographic work and ended with a final thought from the Russian-American Psychologist, Abraham Maslow:

***“The purpose of life is to become actually what we are potentially …”***

Think it over and check out her website (carolacurso.com)– she’s got some amazing work.

The ZOOM meeting ended at approximately 8:01 pm.

**Submitted Approved**

**Tim H Graves, Secretary Patty Robertson, President**