



## UPCOMING EVENTS

1. **THERE WILL BE NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMING "YEAR" WILL BE AUGUST 23 - THE ANNUAL PICNIC COMBINED WITH A SCAVENGER HUNT. DETAILS TBA IN THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER.**

2. The **Brainstorming Meetings** are the **first Tuesday** of the month at **7:00** in the Enterprise Mall in the club room. The next Brainstorming Meeting will be September 2.

2. The **TAC meeting** is the **second Tuesday at 7:00** in the club room. Discussions of composition and technique combined with slides are a feature of this meeting.

3. The next regular meeting will be **Tuesday, September 16, at 7:00 PM**, in the club room.

4. The **Lunch Bunch** will meet at Cloud 9 on **Thursday, July 31, at 12:00 PM**. Bring a guest as this is not only for Photo Club members.

## PRESS RELEASE -

The Photo Club press release concerning the 2009 calendar, the three screen savers, the book, the Economic Development DVD, and club activities has appeared in the June 27 issue of the Wallowa County Chieftain

## RDAT REPORT -

Of interest to club members may be the Rural Design Assistance Team (RDAT) report which can be accessed at [www.wallowaresources.org/pdf/RDATReport.pdf](http://www.wallowaresources.org/pdf/RDATReport.pdf).

The reason for club interest is that Walter Smith, chairman of the RDAT's Education Committee, has proposed cooperation between the club and the committee on a web page which would support the education program described in the RDAT report. The request for club assistance was to have been made at the June meeting.

## PHOTO SHOOT -

The latest photo shoot led by Karyl Kolb had some interesting weather to contend with. Wind and rain may have given the photographers all the problems they could have done without, but the photos which arrived on my desk showed that good photographers persist and persevere.



Like a good Girl Scout, Bonnie Dietrich is prepared for the weather. Did you also prepare your camera, Bonnie?



From left: Jean Falbo, Karyl Kolb, Bonnie Dietrich, and Adele Buttolph take aim and check out the possible picture while the unidentified man in the background looks on.

# Thank you and farewell -

The following remarks

were made upon the award of "Vendor of the Year" to Donna Butterfield and the Art Angle.

To put it bluntly, there would not be a Photo Club without Donna Butterfield and the Art Angle. Wallowa County photographers would still be out there doing their own thing, individually, and wishing someone would show them what to do!

The back room and basement of Donna's Art Angle became Doris Woempner's classroom. The basement was our darkroom and the back room our gathering place and preview table for photos for the calendar. Some evenings we would work in the darkroom until very late at night and lock the door as we went out. That is really accommodating and trusting. Even today, I'll bet Donna would let us do that.

Both Donna and Doris had a vision for the future: to have people in our county with good photographic skills, and the knowledge and appreciation that art is found in photography as well as in paint and sculptures.

Donna gave us students good prices on mats and frames and gentle guidance when we were a bit too far from the presentation we were trying to achieve. She taught us how to show our work in the right way. You even encouraged us to use ready-cut mats to save a few dollars.

"Presentation." "Art." In photography? Those were new words for us to wrap around our brains. Donna insisted we change our mindset from, "Mine will never be as good as the prints you sell in our shop", to, "Maybe I can do it!" She was always there to help and to lend us a framer's eye to "presentation".

We felt your pressure that we should enter the Art Festival, so we did. We took ribbons home and our confidence was bolstered. But, donna, would you ever have thought you would see this photo club doing digital manipulations, producing calendars from that very first year (2009 being our 20th), and screen savers, an informational book on the county, and a DVD for the county to use to attract new business ventures? That was way beyond any of our thoughts back then. It is very safe to say that you were the support a photo club needed.

In appreciation of your support, guidance, and your belief in us, helping us to become a major influence in Wallowa County, we want you to know that you have been essential in our club's development.

The Wallowa Valley Photo Club says, Thank you, Donna!"



Linda Casady and Donna Butterfield on the presentation of the "Vendor of the Year" award to Donna and the Art Angle.