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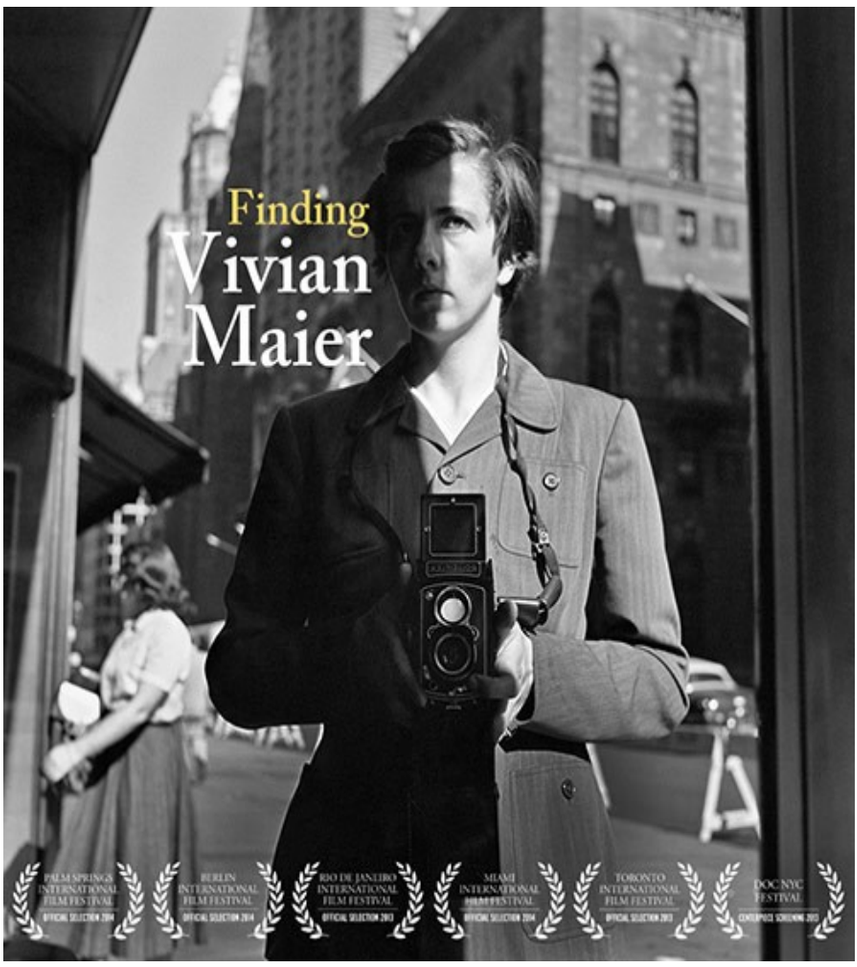
Next In Film Series, September 6th at Peacock

Finding Vivian Maier



The Rossmoor Photography Club is very pleased to bring back this very popular film on **Tuesday, September 6th, at the Peacock Theater at 7:00 pm**.

Finding Vivian Maier is the critically acclaimed documentary about a mysterious nanny, who secretly took over 100,000 photographs that were hidden in storage lockers and, discovered decades later, is now among the 20th century's greatest photographers. Directed by John Maloof and Charlie Siskel, Maier's strange and riveting life and art are revealed through never before seen photographs, films, and interviews with dozens who thought they knew her.

Maier's massive body of work would come to light when in 2007 her work was discovered at a local thrift auction house on Chicago's Northwest Side. From there, it would eventually impact the world over and change the life of the man who championed her work and brought it to the public eye, John Maloof.

Currently, Vivian Maier's body of work is being archived and cataloged for the enjoyment of others and for future generations. John Maloof is at the core of this project after reconstructing most of the archive, having been previously dispersed to the various buyers attending that auction. Now, with roughly 90% of her archive reconstructed, Vivian's work is part of a renaissance in interest in the art of Street Photography.

No Meetings 2nd & 4th Wednesdays in August

Please note that there will be <u>not</u> be Photography Club meetings on August 10th and August 24th, in an effort to allow everyone to take a summer vacation.

CALENDAR

August 3rd — Competition Meeting: **Color and Monochrome Prints, Pictorial Projected Images.** Gather at 6:45 pm, 7:00 pm meeting starts in the Vista Room at Hillside.

August 10th — **No Meeting Tonight**.

August 16th — **Film Fest,** Peacock Theater, 7:00pm. See article below

August 17th — Competition Meeting: Competitions in **Creative & Nature Prints, and Projected Creative and Nature.** Gather at 6:45 pm, 7:00 pm meeting starts in the Vista Room at Hillside.

August 24th — **No Meeting Tonight**.

August 31st — **Potluck Dinner,** 6pm, Vista Room, Hillside Clubhouse

September 6th — **Film Series, *Finding Vivian Maier***, 7:00 pm, Peacock Theater. See article on page one.

Annual Film Fest, Tuesday Aug. 16th

This year's Film Fest, put on by the MAC User Groups of Rossmoor and Diablo Valley, will be on Tuesday, August 16, at 7pm in the Peacock Theater. In past years Photography Club members have submitted winning videos. Come support our submitting members this year, and spend an enjoyable evening watching creative and entertaining short videos. A wine and cheese reception will follow the films, at which the winners will be announced.

A Few Words on Competition

Each month the first, second and third place winners in each competition category are submitted to the Northern California Council of Camera Clubs, commonly known as N4C. The N4C is made up of sixteen camera/photography clubs from all over the Greater Bay Area, ranging from as far north as Santa Rosa to San Jose in the south.

The Rossmoor Photography Club submissions are then judged against the best photographs from the other clubs. Those RPC photographs which have received awards in the July contest are displayed below.

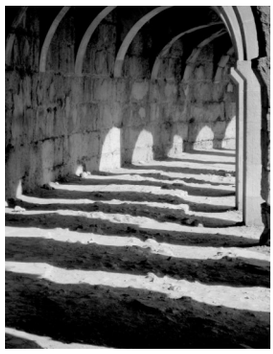
While we take pride in the excellence of our photographers, it should be noted that judging photography, just like any other art form, is often capricious and can never accurately reflect the worth of any photograph. The value of competition is in the education and growth of those photographers who participate.

The surest way to improve your photography is to participate in club competitions, and attend our competition meetings. Whatever your level and no matter what instrument you use to take pictures you are whole-heartedly encouraged to participate. Photographs are displayed anonymously, and you can feel comfortable that we all come to learn from each other and not to sit in judgement. While it may seem daunting at first, you will quickly learn that it is all not as difficult as you thought.

RPC July N4C Awards

Jean Chen ,*A pair of Calla Lily,* Basic Color Prints. 1st

John Mentil, Balinese woman heating a kettle for today's meal, Ubud Bali, Indonesia, Advanced Travel Prints 4th



Jean Chen, *Sunset in the empty hallway, Aspendos amphitheatre, Turkey,* Basic Monochrome Prints, 4th

John Mentil, *Tufa Towers, Mono Lake, California*; Masters Nature Projected Images, 4th

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Mark Forrette, *Egyptian Apothecary Glass,* Intermediate Pictorial Projected Images, 5th

John Mentil, *Independence Day, Suisun City Marina,* Masters Color Prints, 5th

Lynn Letteris, *Martial Arts Demo at Chinatown Festival*, Masters Journalism Projected Images, 5th

Andy Neureuther, *Rossmoor Sunset, from Eddy's Park*, Advanced Color Prints, 5th

Ojars Kratins, *Tokyo Contrasts 3,* Masters Creative Projected Images, 5th

John Mentil, *June 6 2016 fire fighters from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District and Cal Fire responded to a large vegetation fire in Blackhawk California*, Advanced Journalism Prints, HM

Jack Zins, *PORTAL TO BLESSEDNESS,* Masters Monochrome Prints, HM

Jack Zins, *THE QUIET BECKONS*, Masters Monochrome Prints, HM

Jack Zins, *UBIQUITOUS RELIGIOUS PROCESSION IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*, Advanced Travel Prints, HM