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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter April 2025

## President's Message

Hey you all,

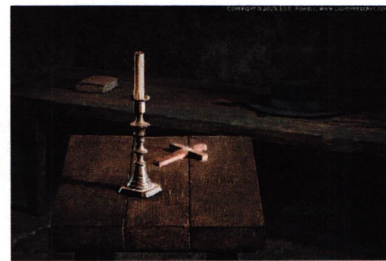
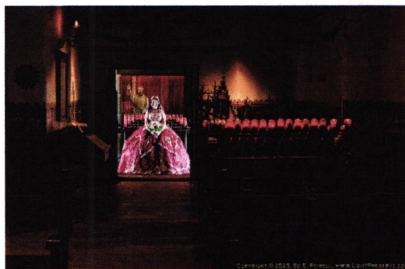
Hope you all are enjoying the Spring flowers that are popping up now!

Elaine has an informative program planned for April 2 with a guest speaker from the Forest Service. Hope you can make it. I will be in Florida at that time, so unfortunately will miss the program. Please contact Elaine if you have any club questions during the first two weeks of April.

See you online for our competition on April 17!

Best,

*Jeanne*



# SMCC March Program

## April 2, 2025

Helen Tarbet from the US Forest Service will be our guest speaker for this month's program meeting. Helen has been publishing an on-line wildflower update for Mount Figueroa for several years and has an extensive knowledge of the plants that grow in the area. Although there is not an update available for the 2025 season yet, Helen will share her knowledge with us and give us an idea of what we might expect to find at this time of year. She will be showing some of her photos that were taken there in years past. Helen will also talk about the recent wildfire that this area experienced this past year, and how recovery of the area is progressing, as well as information on any road closures we should know about. Our own member Frank Tromp took some photos of the fire and some of the areas shortly afterward that were affected, and he will be sharing those with us after Helen's presentation as well. If anyone has photos that they would also like to share, please bring them on a thumb drive and we will show & tell as time allows.

**Elaine Calvert Program Coordinator**





# MARCH COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Theresa Gingras

## Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Rochelle # 3A	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Vision from Peyote ceremony	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	A time continuum to the past	Cheryl Decker

## Digital color

1ST PLACE	Moon dance	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Morro Bay	Alan Upshaw
3RD PLACE	The clown	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	A lighthouse in the sky	Rosie Brancacio
HONORABLE MENTION	The place does not seem reality	Janine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Wishful thinking	Chuck Ubele

*Congratulation to everyone*



By Jim McKinniss



By Elaine Calvert



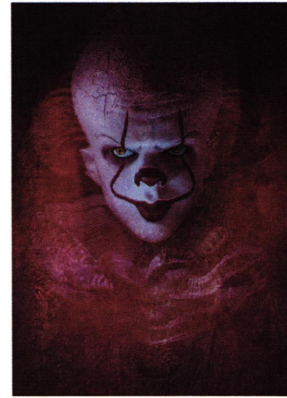
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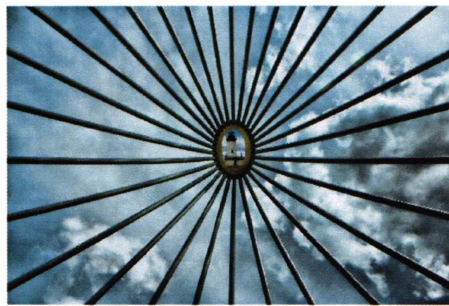
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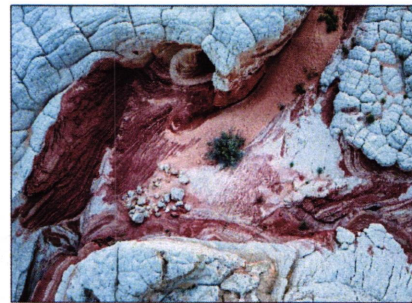
By Cheryl Decker



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Rosie Brancacio



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By Chuck Ubele



## SMCC Field Trips for April 2025 by Penni Powell

*Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.*

**April 13<sup>th</sup> (Sun 7am) Oso Flaco Lake with the Nature Photography Group of the Central Coast of CA (a Meetup Group on Facebook) lead by Adi Ringer [Meet Up link with details](#)**

For more info, contact Adi [adi@adiringer.com](mailto:adi@adiringer.com) 805.610-5527

**April 26<sup>th</sup> (Sat 7:00 – 10am?) – Photo Shoot at the Turtle and Tortoise Rescue of Arroyo Grande**

We visit the home of a diverse family of animals from turtles and tortoises to a wide array of fish, birds, and mammals. The Rescue is a nonprofit and donations are accepted.

[turtleandtortoiserescueofarroyogrande.org](http://turtleandtortoiserescueofarroyogrande.org) 313 East Ormonde Road, Arroyo Grande 93444. Use your GPS to find it! It is between Hwy 101/Oak Park exit and Price Cyn Road. Look for a concrete driveway and teal gate.

**We meet at 7am at the Nipomo Miners/Starbucks parking lot on West Tefft and Mary Streets (581 W Tefft) for carpool or caravan. Or meet at the Rescue before 7:55am. The gate will open at 7:30am.** Our host Jeff starts the tour of the facility (optional) at 8am and it takes about an hour. There will be photo ops during the tour. We will have the morning to take photos, and I anticipate being there till around 10am.

Need more info? Contact Penni at [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)



**Why go? – Turtles and tortoises teach us the art of living deeply and s-l-o-w-l-y.**