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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter April 2025

President's Message

Hey you all,

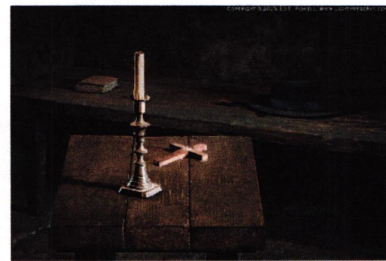
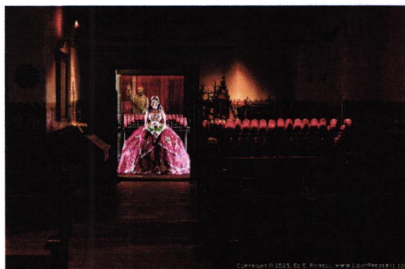
Hope you all are enjoying the Spring flowers that are popping up now!

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



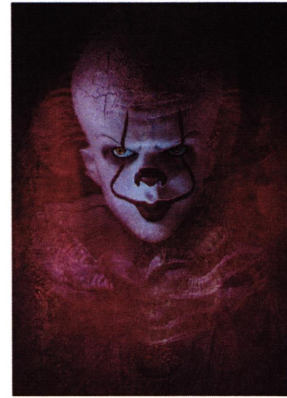
By Jim McKinniss



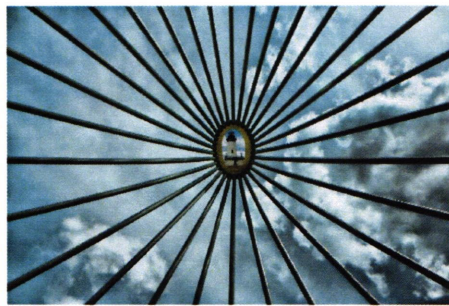
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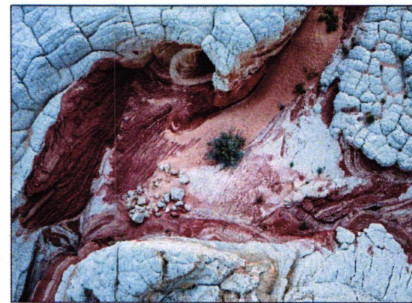
By Cheryl Decker



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 13th (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 805.610-5527

April 26th (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 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



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

And Beyond...

May 17th (Sat) – Solvang Photo Shoot and Club Picnic at Sunny Fields Park

Solvang offers many photo ops from street photography to the old mission. The California Nature Art Museum opens at 10am. It is a short drive to the park for the picnic around noon.

Got an idea? Email Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com.

Message from Adi Ringer

Book your COSTA RICA SAFARI by April 30th and save \$300.
November 6th – 14th, 2025

8 Nights all-inclusive upon arrival. 3 diverse regions, private transportation, private boat tour and local guides. An incredible experience and opportunity to photograph Costa Rica's majestic wildlife. Companion rates are available. For full details, contact Adi Ringer at adi@adiringer.com, call 8056105527 or go to the website <https://adiringer.com/costa-rica-2025-workshops-and-tours/>

May 17th (Saturday)



Sunny Fields Park in Solvang

There will be a photo shoot challenge in Solvang before the picnic...

Penni is recruiting volunteers to help with set up and clean up, etc.

More info to follow - SAVE THE DATE!

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In April there will be a program meeting (April 2) and the competition meeting (April 16)

Location

Our first meeting of every month will be held at Merrill Garden Retirements Center at 1350 N. Suey Road, Santa Maria. The second meeting will be via Webex.

If you want to participate, *please send an email to* santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

Membership dues

\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

2025 Club officers

President: Jeanne Sparks

Vice President: Elaine Calvert

Secretary: Frank Tromp

Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At-large Board Members

Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Diane Thomsen

2025 Competition Rules

Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.

Categories will be:

Digital Color, Digital Monochrome

Immediate Past president

Cheryl Decker

2025 Special Subjects

March – Altered reality.

June – Celebrate what is right in the world.

September – Intentional camera movement

Submit your images for digital competition to:

All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

All the digital images **MUST** be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received on time will not be entered in the competition

Galleon Director

Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Harold Litwiler
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Elaine Calvert
Refreshment	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Ed E Powell
Meeting room setup	Everyone
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James

"I do not press the shutter, The image does, and it is like being gently clobbered."

— Diane Airbus