



# The Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter August 2024

### President's Message

Hope you all are enjoying the summer!

We have a Pizza Party on Wednesday, August 7 at 7 p.m. at Merrill Gardens. Please invite any friends who might be interested in the club. And if you have any ideas for increasing our membership, please bring them up!

If you are into whale watching, now is an enjoyable time to go. We saw more than 10 feeding near Pismo on our boat tour from Port San Luis on July 8. The whales were expected to be around in August also. I recommend Captain Mark and Avila Beach Whale Watching for a boat ride with only six passengers. Bring a long lens. We could not get close to them.

Hope to see you on August 7!

*Jeanne*



## ***Vp message***

August Pizza Party Wednesday, 8/7/2024 It is time for our annual Pizza Party! The club provides pizzas, plates, and napkins. We will also have some bottled water to drink. We already have someone bringing a green salad, and a dessert, but anything you would like to bring to share would be welcomed and appreciated. Traditionally we have also had a swap meet during this time, so if you have some old camera gear that you would like to find a new home for, you are welcome to bring it to this meeting. It might just be someone else's treasure! Hope to see you there!

Elaine Calvert



## ***Message from our Ex President-Cheryl***

Please be sure that if anyone is coming to Tucson for the photography conference in September, email me.

Thank you!

Cheryl

# JULY COMPETITION RESULT

**Judge: Jeremy Bishop**

## Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	An icon of route 66	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Two surfers with bord on their heads	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Man in Tri-corner hat # 1	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Exhausted	Cheryl Decker

## Digital color

1ST PLACE	Riders at Swing Arm city	Ron Calvert
2ND PLACE	Running free	Ron Calvert
3RD PLACE	It is a wild ride	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Pink wall	Chuck Ubele
HONORABLE MENTION	The lone photographer	Elaine Calvert

*Congratulation to everyone*



By Ed E Powell



By Ron Calvert



By Jim McKinniss



By Ron Calvert



By Jim McKinniss



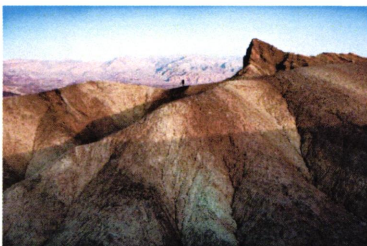
By Elaine Calvert



By Cheryl Decker



By Chuck Ubele



By Elaine Calvert

## SMCC Field Trips for August 2024 and Beyond 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.*

### **August 11 (Sunday) Photography at the Preston Castle, Ione, CA. SEE FLYER FOR INFO**

Tickets for Photographer's Day are available from the Preston Castle website. The field trip hotel is Best Western Amador Inn in Jackson for Aug 10-12 (Sat-Mon). Let Penni know if you're going on this trip.

Optional activity on Aug 11th is a \$15 tour of the Kennedy Gold Mine in Jackson. Get your reservation online for the 10am guided tour: <https://kennedygoldmine.com>

Contact Penni for more info [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)



**Why go? – It's your chance to capture the timeless beauty of this historic treasure in the foothills of the Sierras.**

And Beyond...

### **September – Volunteer to lead a field trip!**

It's easy – Plan your trip, write it up in an email and send it to Frank at the SMCC email address. He'll forward it to the membership. **THERE YOU GO!**

**October – Sunset at McWay Falls/Big Sur** if HWY 1 is open again

Got an idea? Contact Penni at [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

<b>Meetings</b>	In August there will be a program meeting (August 7) and the competition meeting (August 21)
<b>Location</b>	In August, the first meeting 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, <i>please send an email to</i> <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership dues</b>	\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
<b>2024 Club officers</b>	President: Jeanne Sparks Vice President: Elaine Calvert Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Alan Upshaw
<b>At-large Board Members</b>	Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Diane Thomsen
<b>2024 Competition Rules</b>	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
<b>Categories will be:</b>	Digital Color, Digital Monochrome
<b>Immediate Past president</b>	Cheryl Decker
<b>2024 Special Subjects</b>	March – Patterns in nature June – Abstractions September – Weather
<b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b>	All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a> All the digital images <b><u>MUST</u></b> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
<b>Galleon Director</b>	Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

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

- "I try to produce not art but honest photographs, without distortions or manipulations"  
— Tina Modotti