



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter August 2025

President's Message

Hi all!

What to do with photography in August?

I searched online for national photography events and found World Photography Day on Aug. 19 and World Photography Week Aug. 12 to Aug. 26. World Photography Day celebrates the impact photography has on culture, society and communication. World Photography Week extends that celebration.

Getting involved is as simple as posting photos on social media with the hashtags #WorldPhotographyDay and #WorldPhotographyWeek. If you're interested in learning more, visit worldphotographyday.com.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeanne Sparks



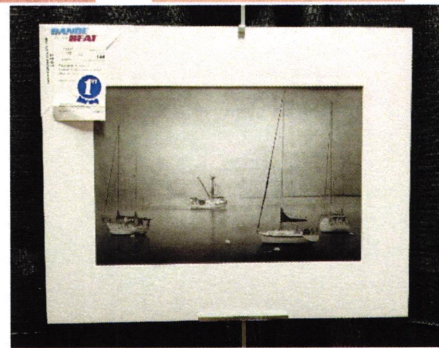
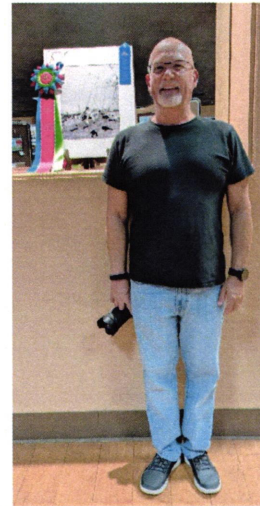
Note from the editor.

Every month, there are 2 occasions for everyone to speak about photography: Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Chat

The breakfast is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month unless something interferes with that. Meet at 8:00am and usually ends at 10:00am. Location: Pappy's Restaurant: 1275 Betteravia Rd, Santa Maria, CA 93454

The Saturday Chat is virtual and meets on the 4th Saturday of the month starting at 8:00am. It usually ends at 10:00am.

A big congratulation also to Timothy Towne who won the Rosalie & Clarence Minetti Award - awarded to the most outstanding Amateur Photo, Ed E Powell was Best of Show in Amateur Photography, Jim McKinniss and Penny Powell received other top awards entry at the 2025 Santa Barbara County Fair, Santa Maria



SMCC PIZZA PARTY

August 6th 2025

Be sure to mark Aug. 6th on your calendar for the upcoming Pizza Party! This is our chance to have a summer get-together and eat, drink and be merry. Pizza will be provided by the club as well as bottled water to drink. If anyone would like to bring anything extra to share feel free to do so!

See you there!

Elaine



JULY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Stephanie Secrest

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	One child left behind	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Cruising Malign lake	Greg N Doudna
3RD PLACE	Woman in a crowd	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Performer with two tears drops	Jim McKinniss

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Wild abandon	Janine Bognuda
2ND PLACE	Give it up Ma we are hungry	Jeanne Sparks
3RD PLACE	Sunrise in Badland	Janine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Red-crested tuaco	Harold Litwiler
HONORABLE MENTION	Cachuma	Jeanne Sparks

Congratulation to everyone



By Janine Bognuda



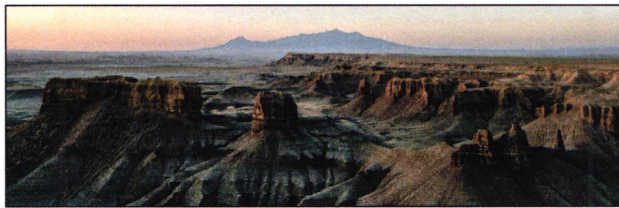
By Ed E Powell



By Jeanne Sparks



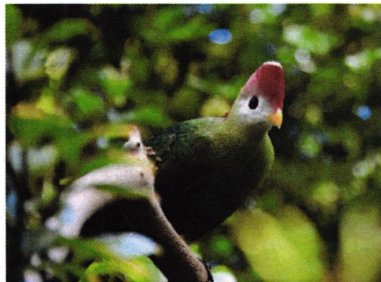
By Greg N Doudna



By Janine Bognuda



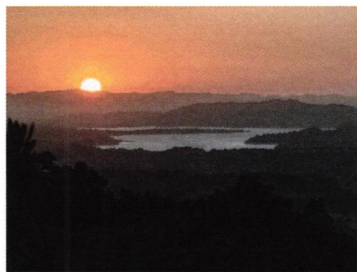
By Jim McKinniss



By Harold Litwiler



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanne Sparks

For people that are interested, there is this appointment suggested by Ady Ringer

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

6:00 PM



Cayucos Shipwreck & Long Exposure (optional)

by The Nature Photography Group of the
Central Coast of CA

RSVP on *meetup*

August meetup info: https://www.meetup.com/nature-photography-group-of-the-central-coast-of-ca/events/308628349/?eventOrigin=group_upcoming_events

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	In August there will be a program meeting (August 6) and the competition meeting (August 20)
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, <i>please send an email to santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</i>
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, 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 Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	
Name Tags	Nyla James

"If your pictures are not good enough, you are not close enough."

— Robert Capa