



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter February 2019



Affiliated since 1938

Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
each month at 7:00pm
(3rd Wednesday only
for Jan, July, Aug, and
December)

Location

Merrill Gardens
Retirement Center
1350 N. Suey Rd.
Santa Maria, CA

Membership Dues

\$30 Person; \$45 Family
\$20 per year to participate
in Competition meetings

2019 Club Officers

President

Jeanne Sparks

Vice President

Alan Upshaw

Secretary

Rosie Brancacio

Treasurer

Bill Hood

At-Large

Board Members

Ramona Cashmore
Cheryl Decker
Nyla James
Jim Ogg
Flavio Parigi
Sharon Salerno

Immediate Past Pres.

Richard Russ

Galleon Editor

Ramona Cashmore

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Upcoming Events...

Feb 2... Saturday Chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen, Santa Maria, at 8 AM for breakfast.

Feb 6... Program Meeting, 7 PM at Merrill Gardens (see pg. 2)

Feb 17-20... Field Trip, Horsetail Falls in Yosemite. (see p.g 3 for more info)

Feb 20... Competition Meeting, open theme, 7 PM at Merrill Gardens.

Mar 2... Saturday Chat, 8 AM @ Francisco's Country Kitchen, 1701 N. Broadway in Santa Maria.

President's Message:

I'm excited about 2019 and what we can do this year. Rarely have I seen so many people doing so much in a club. That is what makes Santa Maria Camera Club so successful. I look forward to working with all of you as we have fun doing what we love.

I would like to put an emphasis on membership growth. To that end, I will be submitting articles to the Santa Maria Times and Santa Maria Sun on a regular basis to keep the public informed about our programs, field trips, competitions, Saturday chats and special events.

I would like someone to volunteer to be a Membership Recruitment and Retention Director. Currently we have Richard Russ as the first point of contact for new members with his phone number listed in our news releases. We have Bill Hood who gives information on joining once a person comes to the meeting. We have the website maintained by Greg Doudna with information about our club. We have Nyla James making name badges and Amaya Rangel handing them out at the door so we can get to know new members' names more quickly, and they can get to know us.

It would be nice to have one person who will think of and implement new ideas for recruiting new members and helping to retain current ones. I encourage all of us to welcome guests and make an effort to talk with them so they will feel welcome and want to join, and to keep talking with them when they are new members to help them become more active in the club.

Thanks to everyone for all you do. You make this club extraordinary!

Jeanne Sparks

Program Meeting:

For our first Program Meeting of the year, we will present a short documentary film “**Eugène and Berenice**,” about pioneering French urban photographer Eugène Atget and his protégé American Berenice Abbott. Information about both of these iconic photographers, as well as many others can be found at www.atgetphotography.com.

If you would like to bring something in for Show and Tell, feel free to bring up to 10 images to share, on any subject. You may also bring in prints, cameras, or any thing else that may be of interest to our members.

~ Alan Upshaw



Competition Judge for February:

Our judge for this month is Henry Rasmussen, an esteemed photographer and the original founder and editor of B&W Magazine. Henry no longer owns B&W because he sold it to a friend years ago but he does continue to judge their competitions. The website for the magazine can be accessed through the link at www.bandwmag.com. To read up on Henry’s experience in starting B&W, check out an interview article that ran with the 100th issue of B&W, [here](#). Henry seems to have a special interest in anything with wheels as he was the photographer for many books on exotic and classic cars as well as trucks and planes. Some of his titles are Porsche 356 & 550: A Pictorial History, Japanese Exotic Cars, Panteras for the Road (Survivors Series), and Classic Peterbilt.

Henry and his wife Nyla, will join us for dinner at 5:00 PM at Fransisco's Country Kitchen the evening of the competition. If you would like to meet them over dinner, please call or email Cheryl Decker at triczny@gmail.com so she can get a headcount for seating. Francisco’s is located at 1701 N. Broadway in Santa Maria.

Also, a special thanks goes out to Flavio Parigi for opening the door to this wonderful opportunity...Henry is his father-in-law.

Your Club dues...

ARE NOW DUE



Yearly dues for membership and competition participation are due in January, so if you haven’t yet paid, please make a check out to Bill Hood ASAP. Check out page 1 of the Galleon to see the fee structure. The deadline for paying your dues is February 28, 2019. Per our bylaws, **dues are to be paid before competing in competitions**. Please make checks out to Santa Maria Camera Club. Thanks for your help in this matter.

SMCC Field Trips for February 2019 and Beyond

by Penni Powell

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

Feb 17th (Sun AM) – 20th (Wed AM) Chasing Horsetail Falls in Yosemite

If you are interested in coming with fellow club members to Yosemite in February, perhaps to get the now famous Horsetail Falls all aglow at sunset, **know that the government shutdown is affecting this field trip.** *Our group will be having a planning meeting in the first part of February to decide our course of action so tell me if you are interested in a trip during this time frame. Contact Penni at pennipoo@hotmail.com or 805 929-2420.*

Basic costs are lodging, \$100-\$200 per night in El Portal at Cedar Lodge, travel and food. For Horsetail Falls, perhaps a parking system will be in place if they repeat as in 2018: You'll need to reserve a parking spot along Northside Drive (Yosemite Lodge to El Capitan) at no cost, but limited to 250 spots online or 50 on the day. I'm not certain, but the Southside area might be closed. **Right now, the park service hasn't posted the rules for 2019 yet**, plus, if the shutdown resumes after Feb 15th, it could get ugly without rangers around to do crowd control.



Other February events: Check out Rosie's emailed calendar for this month. *Thank you, Rosie!*

and Beyond... More info to come!

Mar 30 (Sat am) Mountain Men Encampment at La Purisima Mission, Lompoc

Mar 31 (Sun) Santa Maria Open Streets community event



2018 Awards and 2019 Installation Dinner

Thanks to everyone who made our Awards and Installation Dinner at the Magic Dragon Asian Cuisine on January 12 such a success, especially Sharon Salerno and Jim Ogg who headed up this occasion and project.

The 2019 board was installed during the dinner. A special thanks goes to Richard Russ for his excellent leadership as president last year. The board welcomes him back as the immediate past president to serve along with Jeanne Sparks, president; Alan Upshaw, vice president; Bill Hood, treasurer; and Rosie Brancacio, secretary. Board members at large are Jim Ogg, Sharon Salerno, Flavio Parigi, Nyla James, Ramona Cashmore and Cheryl Decker.

Thanks to Ed Powell for his video program: "Options and Opportunities with Digital Photography." Thanks to Nyla James for showing photos of the late Dr. Dennis Shepard and explaining that the club would give an annual award in his name to honor him for his dedication to the camera club. The first recipient of the Shepard Award was Penni Powell.

Thanks also to Dave Clary and Richard Russ for handling the judging for the year-end images and for setting up the prints. Thanks to Richard Giachetto for being the judge and to Barbara Giachetto for being his support. Thanks to Bill Hood for getting the awards made. Thanks to Penni Powell for running the People's Choice Awards.

Many awards were given out at the dinner. Bob Ginn was named Photographer of the Year. The best images of 2018 in five categories were announced. They were: "In to the Everglades" large color print by Bob Ginn; "Standing in the Morning Fog" large monochrome print by Jim McKinniss; "Abandoned Infirmary" small print by Tony Martindale; "Not Just a Pretty Face" slide by Penni Powell; and "The Grass is Always Greener" digital image by Nyla James.

People's Choice Awards were given to three large color prints "Here's Looking at You" by Bob Ginn (first place), "The Brothers" by Elaine Calvert (second place), and "Mr. Betta Blue" by Janine Bognuda (third place).

The High Points Award winners for 2018 were Bob Ginn, small prints and large color prints; Jim McKinniss, large monochrome prints; Flavio Parigi, slides; and Nyla James, digital.



Competition Special Subjects



March 2019

Plant Life

June 2019

*Squares, Circles & Triangles
(Geometry)*

September 2019

Doors and Windows



Competition Rules

Each member may submit a maximum of 3 entries per competition in any combination of categories.

Categories will be:

- Small Prints (9x13 max)
- Monochrome Prints (Large Back)
- Color Prints (Large Back)
- Slides
- Digital

Submit your images for digital competitions to:

Greg Doudna

greg.doudna@sbcglobal.net

Images can also be submitted on a flash drive, or other media. Digital images MUST be received no later than Wednesday at 6:45pm the day of Competition. Images not received in time will not be entered into the competition.

January Competition Results

Judge: Theresa Gingras

Small Prints		
1st	<i>Ready to Launch</i>	Scott Clark
2nd	<i>The Hero</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd	<i>Blue-Eyed Kathleen</i>	Robert Ginn
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Lost Love</i>	Tony Martindale
2nd	<i>Sundowner</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>Chevron</i>	Jim McKinniss
HM	<i>Faith</i>	Scott Clark
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>Mongolian Eagle Hunters</i>	Ted Maddux
2nd	<i>Betta Not Get Too Close</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>Too Cold to Fly</i>	Nyla James
HM	<i>River Ice</i>	Elaine Calvert
Digital		
1st	<i>La Purisima</i>	Tony Martindale
2nd	<i>Sunrise at 38,000 Feet</i>	Chuck Ubele
3rd	<i>Gone Fishing</i>	Chuck Ubele
HM	<i>Togue Ponds</i>	Greg Doudna



"Gone Fishing" ~ Chuck Ubele

Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Greg Doudna & Chuck Ubele

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory & Calendar

Rosie Brancacio

Historian

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

Cheryl Decker

Saturday Chat

Jim McKinniss

Points Tabulator

Richard Russ

Print Coordinators

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Image Scoring

Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore
and Penni Powell

Program Recruitment

Alan Upshaw

Refreshments

Joyce Bolivar

PSA Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Larry Decker

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 & Amaya Rangel



“La Purisima” ~ Tony Martindale



“River Ice” ~ Elaine Calvert



“Togue Ponds” ~ Greg Doudna



"Lost Love" ~ Tony Martindale



"Sunrise at 38,000 Feet" ~ Chuck Ubele



"Chevron" ~ Jim McKinniss

Both photos below were winning images by Greg Doudna in October 2018 that I inadvertently left out of the November Galleon. He didn't feel a need for the correction, but I sure did. Every winner should have a chance to shine in the Galleon and on the website! My apologies Greg. ~ Ramona



"Portland Head Lighthouse" ~ 1st in Small Prints



"Pier at Old Orchard Beach" ~ 3rd in Small Prints

Points North and East For February 2019

by Jim Ogg

The rainfall has been nearly normal at “Aussie Oaks” and Fungi could be found late January at “Aussie Oaks.

Early February is more of the same as January. Elephant Seals’ interest are the juveniles and mating which peaks appropriately on Valentine’s Day. Butterflies start leaving on their annual migration. Their descendants will return in November. Note the life expectancy of the wintering-over Monarchs is up to six months while their migrating descendants usually lasts only six weeks. Oh the benefits of life on the Central Coast! Because of the January rainfall, Dune, Bluff and Coastal Scrub wildflowers should be blooming. And they should continue for many months.

Late February it begins!!! The Almond Orchards northeast of Atascadero and west of Paso Robles bloom. Usually near the third weekend; but not necessarily. The blossoming is very dependent on the pattern of the rainfall. A heavy rainfall at the wrong time may destroy nearly all the blossoms.

Also the Chaparral, Oak Grassland, Oak Woodland, and Streamside Woodland wildflowers are starting. This is time to start checking out Shell Creek every couple of weeks. 2005 was the best ever but Shell Creek usually is very good to spectacular at its peak. Also of interest is Ferrini Ranch Open Space, Maino Ranch Open Space, El Chorro Park, Irish Hills Preserve, Lopez Lake, Morro Bay State Park East Portion Trails, Laguna Lake Open Space and Cuesta Pass. Also check out Soda Lake, Painted Rock, Plains mammals and early wildflowers in the Carrizo Plains National Monument. And remember Painted Rock is only accessible by humans until March 1st.

Also on March 1st, human access to many of our beaches and dunes along the Central Coast is terminated because of the Snowy Plover. Fortunately the period from October 1st to March 1st is often the best opportunity for photography on these beaches and dunes.

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Treasury Report

The Club balance is \$1259.25
Currently, there are 30 paid members.

“When you photograph people in color you photograph their clothes. When you photograph people in black and white, you photograph their soul.”

~ Ted Grant

Approved Board Meeting Minutes



A meeting of Santa Maria Camera Club was held at Merrill Gardens on September 26, 2018.

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

1. **Attendees:** Richard Russ, Dave Clary, Sharon Salerno, Alan Upshaw, Bill Hood, Flavio Parigi, Nyla James, Bob Ginn, Ron and Elaine Calvert and Rosie Brancacio. We have a quorum.
2. **Board Members not in attendance:** Ramona Cashmore, Jim Ogg and Penni Powell.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - The Board read the 'draft' minutes from the meeting held on January 24, 2018. Changes to the minutes - none. Alan motioned to approve the minutes, Flavio seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved by the Board.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** \$910
 - a. Inquiry at the bank of who can sign checks: Bill, Sylvia and one other person Bill could not remember off-hand. The bank stated that if the Club wanted to change that, he would need to bring in a copy of the latest minutes and that it would change the Club status to a business account and we would be charged a monthly fee. No change at this time.
 - b. \$910 in the bank and the following left to pay for the year. Three judges @ \$150, Christmas party supplies @ approx. \$100 and award winner trophies @ \$150-\$160. Old Hidy trophy is full with names, so to get a new trophy it would be about \$50-\$100. Grand Trophies (where we get the trophies) is closing Oct 15th, they recommended Jay Cee Trophy Co. in Santa Maria. Award dinner supplies @ approx. \$100.
5. **Reports on Special Committees:** Christmas Potluck and Awards Banquet
 - a. Nyla is in charge of the Christmas Potluck so she will talk to Joyce to see if Joyce wants to do it again this year. Christmas Potluck is on Wednesday December 12th @ 6 p.m. same place.
 - b. Awards Banquet is at the Santa Maria Inn on Wednesday January 9th. Hard to have it on a weekend because they hold events on the weekend. Same room as last year, same fee of \$200 for the room if we don't get 50 people. (probably will not get 50) Discussion on plated vs. buffet dinner. Cost is close in price, decision to go with the buffet which includes meal, coffee, tea and dessert. Richard to send out information to select which buffet.
6. **Unfinished/Old Business**
 - a. Hidy Award name change
 - i. New trophy is needed since the Hidy award is full with names. Flavio made a motion to change the award name to the Shepard Award and Alan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. Two Competition Categories for 2019
 - i. Richard proposed to have only 2 Categories next year; Digital and Large Prints. Three categories don't have many entries: B&W will probably have two people that will have 7 entries for the year. 73 entries. Small prints will probably have the same, two people that will have enough entries for the award - 47 entries. Slides will probably have three people - 52 entries. Both Digital and Large color had 126 entries each and each will have about 7 people.



- ii. Discussion on whether or not to reduce the number of categories, decision to stay with the current number of categories. Ron proposed to do away with the bonus points and then add all the points in that category and the person with the most points wins. Currently you have to have at least 7 entries and then there are bonus points as well that are counted to select the winner.
- iii. Discussion on this proposal, decision to stay with the current process.

2. New Business

- a. Financial Reimbursements
 - i. Dave proposed a timeline for reimbursement. Request for reimbursement within 1 year. Discussion on the proposal. Board agreed no need for timeline requirement.
- b. Nominating Committee
 - i. Elaine and Flavio make up the nominating committee. Need six people for the At-Large Board Members. Election will be at the Program meeting in November. Rosie to send spreadsheet to Elaine and Flavio. Alan, Bill and Rosie will retain their roles
- c. Bob brought up the fact that we need a plan to get people who hear about us at the Fair and come to a meeting, to join the club.
- d. Bob also brought up that he did not think we should have the name of the person on the corners of the pictures that are up for 'People's Choice.' Flavio motioned to keep the title of the picture and remove the name, Sharon seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-1 to remove the name from the corners.
- e. Ron does not want to do the corners because he knows who the winners are before the banquet. Rosie will do the corners for the pictures since she will not be at the banquet. Ron will send the template to Rosie.
- f. Bob brought up the fact that the club does not have a PR person for the club. Discussions on ways to advertise the club took place.
- g. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

3. Announcements

None

Congratulations to our 2018 Year-end Project Book Winners!

This year our project consisted of creating a book or books of photographs on any subject, any size, and any number of pages. Our judge, Richard Giachetto, reviewed the books at his home and awarded the following:

1st Place - Elaine Calvert's book entitled "Echoes from the Past" featured 117 pages of their travels in the northern United States. It highlighted the ghost towns of Montana, the prairies along the great northern railway of northern Montana and North Dakota, and the farmlands of the Palouse.

2nd Place - Nyla James' book entitled "The Spirit of America" was quite impressive as the only homemade book and it featured the US flag.

3rd place - Ed E. Powell's book entitled "Lightfall" featured an eclectic collection of photographs with no particular theme.

The judge also liked Bob Ginn and Jim McKinniss' books which didn't place but were impressive as well.