



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter February 2020

Date to remember in February

February 1 - Saturday chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria

February 5 - Program meeting at 7:00 pm at Merrill Gardens

February 6-11 - Around Death Valley by Moonlight (multi day trip)

February 19 - Competition Meeting at 7:00 pm at Merrill Gardens Open theme

President Message

2020 is here and it promises to be an interesting and busy year. As your president for this year I first want to thank our outgoing president, Jeanne Sparks. She presided over the direction of the Santa Maria Camera Club with organization and grace. She even found time for photography and entered some great images in competitions. I hope I can follow in her footsteps, especially with something approaching her photographic ability. I doubt however that I can provide the British accent calling us to "order"...maybe Tony can step in here.

My goals for SMCC this year are to continue efforts to attract new members and consider ideas for increasing our club funds. I would like to see even more education opportunities to increase our photographic skills and image making. Some of you have ideas for club projects or directions and I hope you will bring them up with me or at Board meetings.

I want to thank every one of you for the tremendous volunteering I see in the club. There is much to do to keep things running smoothly and you have answered the call. This encourages me as your president. You want a successful club and you put in the effort! I was just amazed at the help from every quarter for the January banquet. It was a terrifically enjoyable evening. It was nice to have something different for entertainment and thank you Nyla for arranging for Amanda our comedian. Additional laughs at the Decker's attire, the only ones in costume, at no extra expense. Let's keep this an active, fun, and welcoming club. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you this year.

Cheryl

Immediate Past President's Message

Thank you to everyone for making 2019 a special year for me to serve as president. I had a lot of fun and hope you did, too. Your involvement makes our club successful and a wonderful place to share our love of photography.

I was so happy to see so many of you at the awards dinner on January 25. My greatest pleasure was presenting the awards to so many talented photographers and dedicated members.

Our new Galleon Editor Flavio Parigi is publishing the annual awards winners in a separate article. I'd just like to mention the special awards.

It was my pleasure to present the Shepard Award to Alan Upshaw for his years of dedication to the club and for his support of me as president. He served as newsletter editor for five years. He served three years as vice president, putting on 10 programs per year and stepping in when the president could not make a meeting. He even signed up for a fourth year. I especially appreciated that he helped reassure me about what I was doing as president when I had some doubts. Your support, confidence and cheerfulness helped me greatly Alan. Thank you.

I made up some new awards this year because having just one special award didn't give me the chance to recognize some people who have really stood out amongst so many active members. Almost everyone could get an award for their involvement, but I forced myself to choose just a few.

I announced the President's Heart Award that I will send to Sharon Salerno and Jim Ogg since they were unable to attend the dinner. Sharon and Jim have touched my heart with their dedication. They ran the awards dinner for three years, served on the board for two, put on a wonderful barbecue last year, and Jim has written a monthly column for a long time. They've put their heart into serving the club and touched my heart while doing it.

I presented the President's Spirit Award to Dalton Pittman for his unending cheerfulness. Dalton has a great spirit. He is always smiling. He makes me smile because he always has this wonderful grin on his face. We missed him when he was not able to make our meetings, but now he's back, and his sunny disposition brightens the room. Thank you, Dalton for brightening our meetings by smiling on us! Thanks also to Sharon Pittman for her support of Dalton. She is a wonderful person who is always a pleasure to be around.

I created a special award for Tony Martindale for being such a good sport whenever I called for "Order!" in my imitation of John Bercow, the former Speaker of the House of Commons. I loved listening to Bercow bellow Order! and Tony helped me bring order to our meetings using the proper British accent and intonation. For that, I gave Tony the President's Order Award. Thanks for helping me bring levity to our meetings Tony.

I created the President's Hero Award for Ramona. Every month she has cranked out the newsletter even though she is busy with other responsibilities. I know the newsletter has to take a lot of time because it is so detail and it requires getting a lot of information from a lot of people. Also, during the competition meetings, she helps with scoring and the sound system. She also took on organizing this awards dinner and made it a great success, even though she gained extra responsibilities as a Family History volunteer at her church that made her super busy. She's my hero. Thank you, Ramona.

I want to thank the board members again who served last year: Immediate Past President Richard Russ; Vice President Alan Upshaw; Secretary Rosie Brancacio; Treasurer Bill Hood; members-at-large Nyla James, Ramona Cashmore, Jim Ogg, Cheryl Decker, Sharon Salerno and Flavio Parigi. You were all a pleasure to work with and your participation led the club to its success.

Finally, let me try to thank everyone for the work they did with the club. It talks almost all of the members of our club to keep the club running as well as it does. You should all pat yourselves on the back if you sit back and realize all we do. Almost every month we have a program meeting, a competition and a Saturday chat. There are usually multiple field trips. Once a year, we have a pizza party social, a summer barbecue, a Christmas dinner and an awards dinner. Putting all that on requires a lot of participation.

I am going to try to thank everyone for the roles they played last year and during the awards dinner. If I miss anyone, my apologies.

Thanks to Elaine Calvert, Penni Powell and Ramona Cashmore for competition scoring; to Greg Doudna and Chuck Uebele for digital projection; to Greg Doudna for maintaining the website; to Elaine Calvert for slide coordination; to Ed Powell and Larry Decker for slide projection; to Ramona Cashmore for editing the Galleon; to Cheryl Decker for Galleon Hard Copy printouts.

Thanks to Nyla James for serving as Historian, PSA Representative, event photographer and updating name tags; to Bob Ginn for serving as event photographer and Membership Recruiter; to Cheryl Decker for Judge Recruitment; to Larry Decker as Library Coordinator; to Dalton Pittman for Meeting Room Setup.

Thanks to Richard Russ as Point Tabulator, Jim Snodgrass as Print Coordinator, Flavio Parigi as Print Coordinator Manager, Alan Upshaw for Program Recruitment; Joyce Bolivar for handling Refreshments, to Jim McKinniss and Bob Ginn for Saturday Chats.

Thanks to Rosie for the SMCC Calendar, Directory and Email Blasts, and thanks to the Field Trip Committee -- Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Alan Upshaw, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams and Greg Doudna.

Thanks to Presidential Stand-ins Ron Calvert and Alan Upshaw, and former presidents for giving me advice and support --Tom Wahweotten, Dave Clary, Nyla James, Richard Russ and Ron Calvert.

Thanks to the many people who helped with the awards dinner: Ramona and Clark Cashmore, Cheryl and Larry Decker, Ken Hough, Joyce Bolivar, Ed and Penni Powell, Dave Clary, Janine Bognuda, Greg Doudna, Bob Ginn, Nyla James, Gene Goodspeed, Jim McKinniss, Bob Mihelic, Bill Hood, Ron and Elaine Calvert, Chuck Uebele and Flavio Parigi.

Thanks also to Nyla James for bringing in Amanda Cohen from Hollywood to entertain us with her comedy and to sing a song to Alan Upshaw as he won the Shepard Award.

Thanks to the rest of you for participating in competitions, going on field trips, attending Saturday chats, supporting your significant other, and just being part of the club. Your presence is appreciated.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new board: President Cheryl Decker; Vice President Alan Upshaw; Secretary Rosie Brancacio; Treasurer Bill Hood; and Members-at-large Elaine Calvert, Flavio Parigi, Nyla James, Tony Martindale and Penni Powell. I look forward to serving as Immediate Past President on the board.

See you at the next meeting!

Jeanne Sparks

Editor Message

Hello to everyone. As you know this is my first Galleon as editor. It's quite funny to think of me as editor of a magazine when one of my first teachers said to my mother "please be sure that in the future Flavio will work with numbers and not with words".

First of all, it's a big honor for me to be your editor and if I'm only able to accomplish 10% of what the previous editor achieved, I will be very happy. I want to apologize in advance for any mistakes, problems or errors that I may make. Galleon is not mine - it's yours, I'm only the person that in this moment is managing the magazine, and I appreciate your help sending me articles, photos, feedback or ideas.

I am announcing that in the very near future I will start a page called "Focus on Club Members". Every month I will send to 2 people the exact same questions, e.g. "Why did you start to take pictures and why do you continue?" or "Do you shoot in color or BW?". This will give us a chance to know each other better, become closer friends, and be a more united club.

Flavio

February 5 Program Meeting

The whole meeting will be Show & Tell. For the first half of the meeting we will present the **photo books** that were entered in the Special Year-End competition, and not just the winners. We did not have the time, or space to display the books at the Awards Banquet. This will be the chance to see our members' special projects and to ask questions.

The second half of the meeting will be **cell phone images**. These can be of any subject, and there will be maximum of 5 images per person. Feel free to use any image unedited, altered through a phone app, or edited on a computer. We want to see what these little pocket cameras can do, since many of us carry one around all the time. The images should be sized similarly as we do for competitions (<http://santamariacameraclub.org/digprep.html>), and an easy way to do that is to email it to yourself. Your images should be renamed to something manageable. Images can be brought in before the meeting or emailed to Greg gndoudna@gmail.com . *Please don't just bring in your mobile phone!* Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

2020 should get off to a good start. Happy shooting everyone!

Alan

February 19 Competition Meeting

The complete information about February's Judge will be emailed by Rosy as soon as the judge is determined

**SMCC Field Trips for February 2020 by Penni Powell 805.363.1931
penpowell2020@gmail.com**

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 6–11 - Around Death Valley by Moonlight (a multi-day trip) See the flyer in this Galleon for more information. Either camp or motel for lodging in Tecopa Hot Springs, Beatty NV, Furnace Creek and the Alabama Hills, Lone Pine.

Feb 29 (Sat 8am) – World League Surf Contest in Morro Bay

We'll meet at 8am, earlier if you want breakfast or coffee, at Starbuck's in Nipomo (next to Miner's Ace Hardware, 581 West Tefft St.), come a little earlier if you want a bite to eat...We'll form carpools for interested parties. The surf contest is at the North side of Morro Rock at Morro Strand State Beach (101 Coleman Dr.).

Bring a telephoto lens if you have one to catch the action out in the surf.
Taco Temple opens at 11am for lunch... Then head home if you're done.



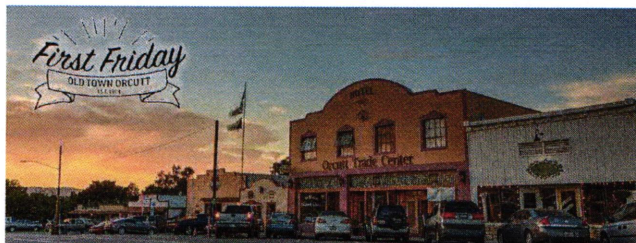
Why Go? Get stoked and totally shred the awesome light, Bro!



Other monthly events: Be on the lookout for Rosie's emailed calendar. *Thanks, Rosie!*

and Beyond...

March 6th First Friday in Old Orcutt (Fri 5 – 8:30pm) Sunset is at 6pm. This is a chance to do some night photography for the special category competition in March.



Meet in front of Jack's Restaurant (156 S Broadway) off Clark Avenue at 5pm in Old Orcutt. Have dinner about 7pm.

April 11th (Sat) - Twin Rivers Horse Trials in Paso Robles

May – Club Picnic?

AROUND DEATH VALLEY

FEBRUARY 6th (Thurs) – 11th (Tues), 2020



Feb 6 – Santa Maria to Tecopa Hot Springs CA via Baker
Stay at Tecopa Hot Springs Resort (RV \$35/Motel \$100)

Feb 7 – To Beatty, NV

China Ranch, Amargosa Opera House, Death Valley Junction, Ash Meadows Nat'l Wildlife Refuge, Big Bovine of the Desert, World's Largest Firecracker, Rhyolite Ghost Town/Goldwell Open Air Museum by moonlight. **Stay at various RV or Motel (\$0 and up/Motels \$79 and up)**

Feb 8 and 9 – To Stovepipe Wells and Furnace Creek, Death Valley

Mesquite Flat Sand Dunes, Devil's Cornfield, The Fingers, Harmony Borax Works, 20 Muleteam Cyn, Zabriskie Pt., Artist's Palette, Badwater Basin, and More! **Stay in Furnace Creek (more centrally located) or Stovepipe Wells (RV \$10 and up/Motel \$145 and up, up, UP)**

Feb 10 and 11 – To Alabama Hills, Lone Pine CA

Zabriskie Point moonset/sunrise then off to the Hills. Next morning moonset/sunrise at Mobius Arch. Option to stay a day or two longer or head on home Feb 11. **Stay in Lone Pine motel, the Dow Villa is recommended or RV campground/boondock in the Hills**

Direct your questions to Penni at 805.363.1931 or penpowell2020@gmail.com.



Photo from the last trip to Elephant Seals and Cayucos by Rosy Brancacio



King of the beach



Where's the water



Shipwreck

Quote of the month

I'm not interested in rules or conventions. Photography is not a sport

Bill Brandt

Points North and East for February 2020

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

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 SP East Portion Trails, Laguna Lake Open Space and Cuesta Pass. Also checkout 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 of 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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The view west from Minaret Vista, just north of the Mammoth Mountain ski area at 10,000 feet, has a spectacular skyline and a fascinating, complex mid-ground.

The "Minaret Vista" image is part of the Sealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the San Joaquin Ridge, San Joaquin River, Ansel Adams Wilderness, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.

January competition result

Judge: Theresa Gingrich

MONOCHROME PRINTS

1ST PLACE	It was a Jazzy Pismo Christmas	Scott Clark
2ND PLACE	Windows users at the Apple center in NY	Jim McKinnis
3RD PLACE	Information	Jim McKinnis

SMALL PRINTS

1ST PLACE	In concert	Robert Gin
2ND PLACE	Sarah	Tony Martindale
3RD PLACE	Bad to the Bone	Scott Clark

LARGE PRINTS

1ST PLACE	Rough tide rising	Janine Bognuda
2ND PLACE	Betta dance	Janine Bognuda
3RD PLACE	Mongolia archer	Ted Maddux
Honorable mention	My Manicurist is late	Janine Bognuda

DIGITAL

1ST PLACE	Harry and Bob	Nyla James
2ND PLACE	Before the race	Chuck Uebele
3RD PLACE	Turquoise tanager	Frank Tromp
Honorable mention	Solitude in the Palouse	Rosie Brancacio

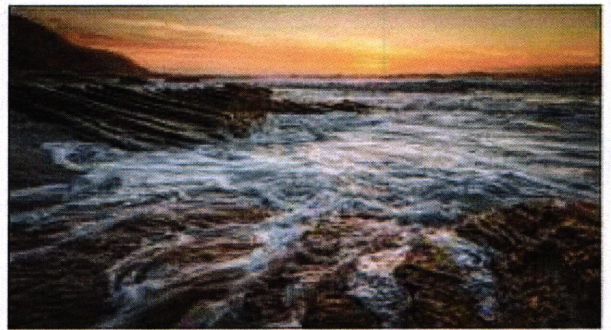
SLIDE

1ST PLACE	Aspens	Penny Powell
2ND PLACE	Another beautiful day in Yosemite	Flavio Parigi
3RD PLACE	Repeating windows in Chaco Canyon	Penny Powell

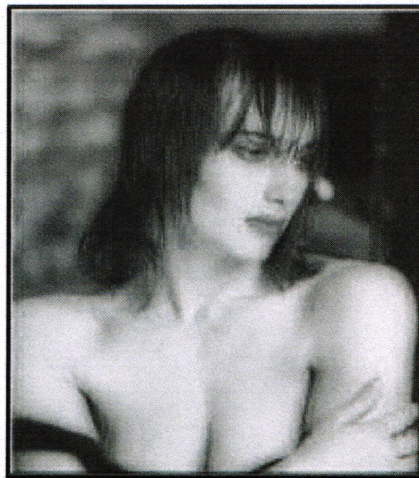
Congratulation to everyone



Solitude in the Palouse
by Rosie Brancacio



Rough tide raising
by Janine Bognuda



Sarah
by Tony Martindale



Turquoise tanager
by Frank Tromp



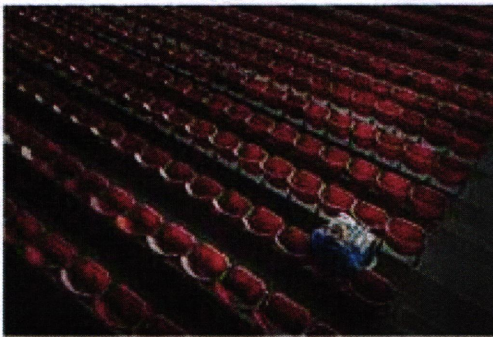
Harry and Bob
by Nyla James



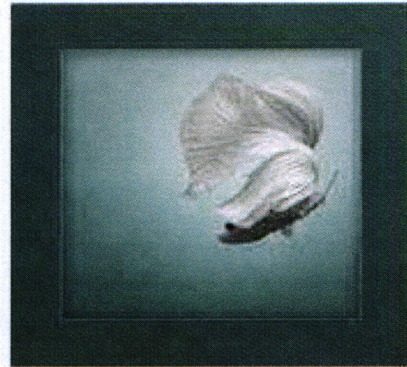
Information
by Jim McKinniss



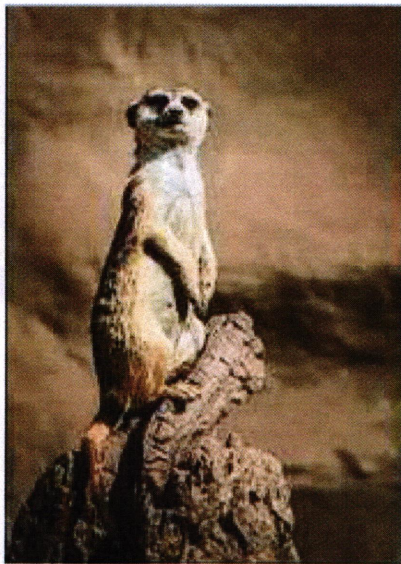
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Betta dance
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My manicurist is late
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by Scott Clark

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	Merrill Gardens Retirement Center 1350 N. Suey Rd Santa Maria, Ca Code at the gate # 8888
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2020 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2020 Competition Rules	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 entries per competition in any combination of categories
Categories will be:	Small prints (9 x 13 max) Monochrome Prints (Large Back) Color Prints (Large Back) Slide Digital
2020 Special Subjects	March – Night shots June – Intentional blur September - Reflections
Submit your images for digital competition to:	Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com Digital images can also be submitted on a flash drive or other media. All the digital images <u>MUST</u> be received no later than Wednesday at 6:45 pm the day of the competition. Images not received in 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 & Chuck Uebele
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Joyce Bolivar
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone !!
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Gred Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

Treasury Report

We have 35 members in our club

Our bank balance is \$ 2,128.49