



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter February 2023

President's Message

Hi everyone,

I am excited to get started on a new year with all of you.

Thanks to everyone who makes our club successful and a fun place to be. Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to take on new responsibilities or continue previous ones. You make the club the wonderful place it is to learn from each other and share our joy of photography.

It is with a heavy heart that we bade farewell to our good friend and fellow club member Tony Martindale. I know we all loved his bright smile, easy-going manner and fun-loving spirit. I will especially miss his spot on rendition of the British Speaker of the House John Bercow's call for "Orderrrrrr." You will be forever in our hearts, Tony!

As you may know, this year we are going to try to meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday for a program at Merrill Gardens and at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday for a competition meeting online. There will be exceptions to that, like February 1 when we meet online to review the year-end competition of Diptychs and Triptychs. Otherwise, we will try to meet in person once a month as long as Covid or other contagious diseases are not spreading in the senior living center where we meet.

Saturday chats continue. Thank you, Jim McKinnis. Field trips continue. Thank you, Penni. Thanks to Cheryl Decker who, as president from January 2020 through January 2023, lead us through three years of Covid and uncertain times. Thanks to the members who volunteered to be on the board. Your participation is vital to keeping the club going. Thanks to everyone who enters competitions or participates in any way. It takes all of us to make the club what it is.

I look forward to working with and seeing all of you this year!

Jeanne Sparks