



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter February 2025

President's Message

Here we are – February 2025 already! Where does the time go?

What are your ideas for our club this year? What programs would you like to see? Would you like to have a picnic like we've had in previous years? Any field trips you'd like to recommend? What ideas do you have for recruiting new members? Any other suggestions? Please reach out to me with your thoughts.

Thanks everyone for your participation and dedication to the club. It's always wonderful when we get together whether it's online or in person.

I hope to see you soon!

Jeanne

2025 SMCC dues will soon be due!

Individual Membership: \$35 Family Membership: \$50 Competition Dues (per member, including each person in a family membership): \$30.

Make checks payable to: Santa Maria Camera Club

Please mail your check to me, Alan, or give it to me at any in-person meeting.

****Dues need to be paid by the end of February to continue to participate in competitions!***

Alan

SMCC February Program

February 5, 2025

In February we will have a chance for all of you to share some of your images with the club in our first show and tell in a while. I cannot wait to see what you all have been up to! Let's limit photos to no more than 10.

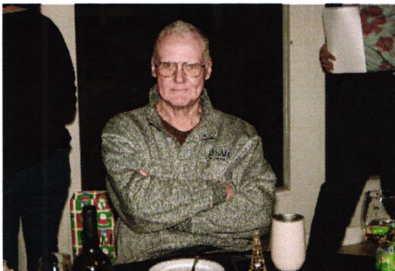
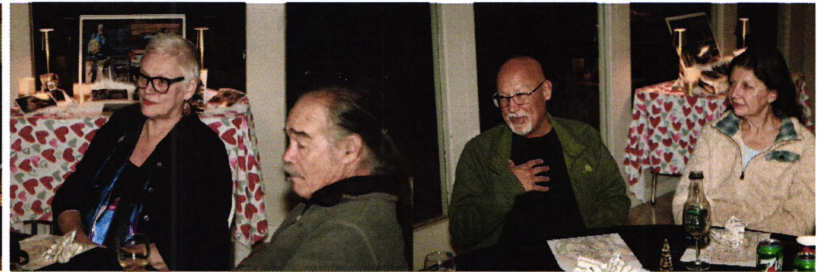
To kick off the first half of our program we will have a very special recitation by Ed Powell to be followed by our images from the Preston Castle field trip. Preston Castle resides in the Beautiful Calaveras County, which some of us got to explore, so this might give you a clue as to the nature of the recitation. You won't want to miss it!

It happens also in the best family



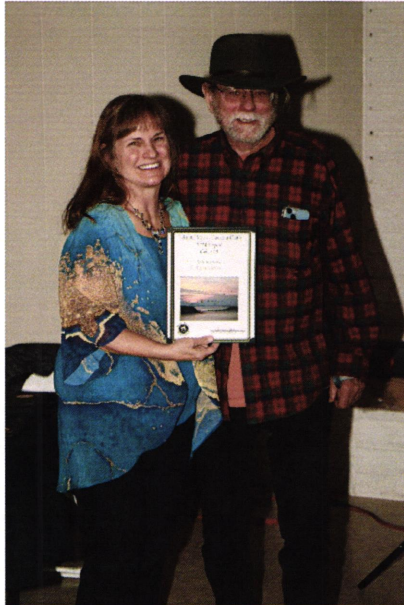
Nothing has changed in 50 years: The man is happy with his new camera; the woman wonders how much it cost and whether the purchase was really necessary...

ANNUAL AWARDS RECEPTION



2024 Award top 10 Color

Jeannie Sparks



2024 Award top 10 Monochrome

Jim McKinniss



2024 Award High point Color

Jeannie Sparks



2024 Award High point Monochrome

Jim McKinniss



2024 Photographer of the year
Jim McKinniss



2024 Shepard Award

Harlod Litwiler



2024 ANNUAL COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Zander Fieschko

1ST PLACE

2ND PLACE

3RD PLACE

HONORABLE MENTION

Up against the wall

Sugar and spice

Assorted spoon still-life

A tablespoon of flower

Elaine Calvert

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Frank Tromp



1st place



2nd place



3rd place



Honorable mention

JANUARY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Zander Fieschko

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Two calla lilies	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	The big dune	Gregory Doudna
3RD PLACE	Headed to the 1064 homeless haven	Cheryl Decker
HONORABLE MENTION	Kelp	Ron Calvert

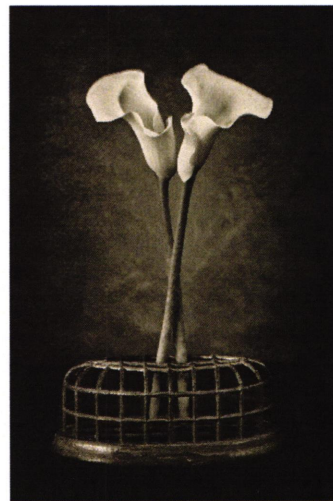
Digital color

1ST PLACE	Nap interrupted	Penny Powell
2ND PLACE	White sands	Jeanne Sparks
3RD PLACE	Purple skies tonight	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	In the spotlight	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Taking a break from fishing	Rosie Brancacio

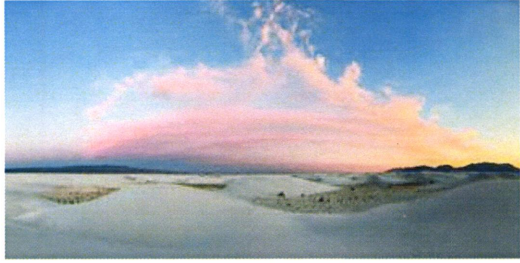
Congratulation to everyone



By Penny Powell



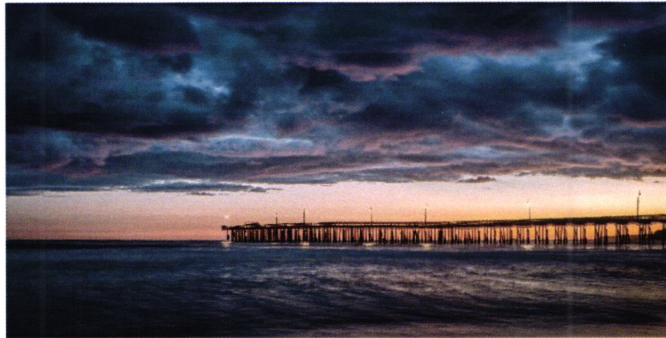
By Elaine Calvert



By Jeannie Sparks



By Greg Doudna



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Cheryl Decker



By Elaine Calvert



By Ron Calvert

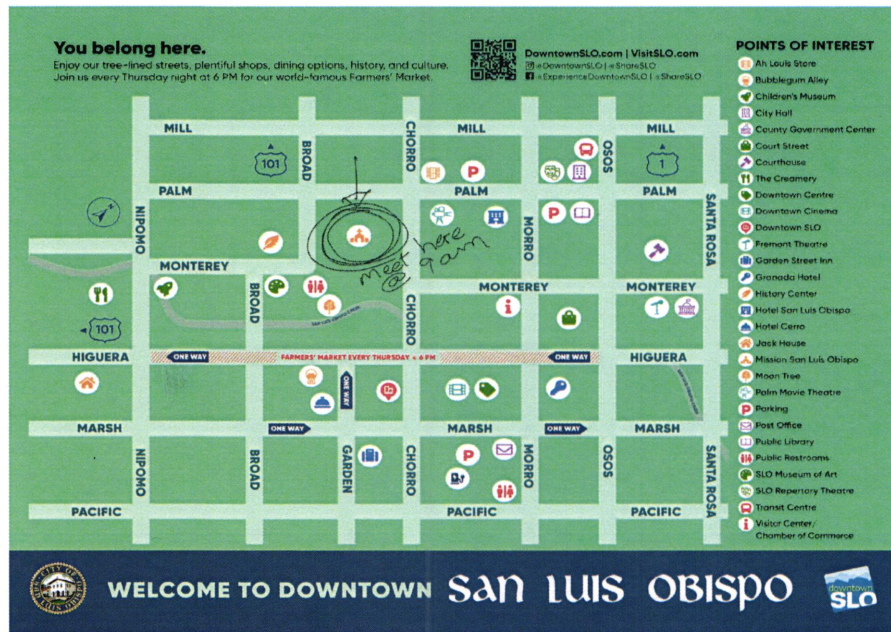


By Rosi Brancacio

SMCC Field Trips for February 2025 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.

Feb 16th (Sun 8:15 am - 2pm) - Explore Downtown SLO from Mission Plaza. We meet at 8:15am at the Nipomo Miners/Starbucks parking lot on West Tefft and Mary Streets (581 W Tefft) and make our way to SLO Mission Plaza. You can meet up there at about 9am in front of the mission at the bear fountain. The parking in SLO is free until 1pm on Sundays! Downtown SLO has plenty to photograph and we'll spread out from the plaza, reuniting at the bear fountain at 12 noon. This is self-paced. FYI: The mission gift shop and the SLO Museum of Art both open at 11am.



Those present can decide to eat out and where when we're back together at noon.

Contact Penni for more info penpowell2020@gmail.com

Why go? – Watch and capture the downtown coming to life on a Sunday morning.

And Beyond...

Mar 18-20 (Tues-Thurs) - Take the Amtrak train from Guadalupe to San Juan Capistrano (2 night stay) for St. Joseph's Day and Return of the Swallows Celebration at the Mission. www.missionsjc.com

More information will be emailed to members when available. Thanks to Rosie B and Alan U for their help.

Got an idea? Contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In February there will be a program meeting (February 5) and the competition meeting (February 19)

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, *please send an email to* santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

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, Ramona Cashmore, 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
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James

"Most things in life are moments of pleasure and a lifetime of embarrassment;
photography is a moment of embarrassment and a lifetime pleasure"

— Tony Benn