



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2021

President's Message

Your president urges you to keep active by getting outside for photography, exercise, and vitamin D sunshine. Stay safe and extra careful until you can get the Covid vaccine. As a healthcare worker, I got my shot on 12/18/20...I had no side effects, but I still have a second shot on 1/14...we will see how that goes. It is quite awful in the hospital these days, wearily. I will not go into details... You have all pitched in and helped me and provided what SMCC needs to be robust, I am grateful! Looking forward to better things for all of us in 2021. See you at the awards Webex soon!

Cheryl



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

- "When people look at my picture, I want them to feel the way they do they want to read a line of a poem twice"
— Robert Frank

No Program Meeting in January! *Next one is February 3, 2021*

We will have our **Awards Presentation, Wednesday, January 13**, and resume our **Competitions, Wednesday, January 20**. All meetings are still online, using Webex.

For the February meeting, we plan to show the photo books that our members produced for the 2020 Year End Special Competition. For that we can show the PDF file for the books, or members can hold up their books to their computer's camera. Presenting the PDF is probably a better way to show your work, especially if you are using a virtual background on Webex.

More details later.

Alan

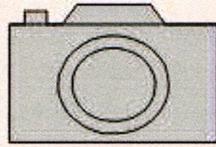
Editor's Message

And now is 2021. The strange 2020 is history and I start the 2021 full of expectation and full of new project that for sure I realize this year This was the plan every year and looking back, I notice that the same project was on last year, 2 year ago So, what I will make this year? New photo, new idea to improve, new but at the end, the best project is to have fun in making what we love that is to take picture.

I check on our website (congratulation to who manage this web, he is making a splendid job) and I notice that for so many years "The Galleon" was not going out the first month of the year. There is no competition to report, this year there was not a Christmas party so I was thinking about how to fill the issue; unfortunately, one day we had the sad news about our friend and member Jim so first, this issue is dedicated to him, to his smile and you can see some photo of him and a beautiful memory from Elaine and Ron Calvert and one from Penny Powell. After that you will see 2 pages with the title "photo Gallery of 2020". On that 2 pages there are some of the photo that you send to me during this year: I do not enter the name intentionally because is a memory of 2020 and how beautiful work was done by everyone during that difficult year. I really hope that you enjoy these first days of 2021 and you have a real incredibly beautiful 2021

Now some practical news about the club: A) Remember that from January 1, you can submit 3 entries for the monthly contest, B) January 13th, 2021 is the date for our annual awards ceremony and on next page, you will see the program, C) Sorry but January is the month when we must pay the membership dues. You will receive an email explaining how send the dues to our treasury manager. Be sure to make as soon as possible so you can enter also in the monthly competition

Flavio



*2021 Santa Maria Camera Club (virtual)
Awards Program
Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

You will receive by email during the week before the online meeting and it will require a return response so that you can have access to the Webex meeting.

Plan to join Webex at 6:30 pm for some social time before the awards program starts at 7:00 pm

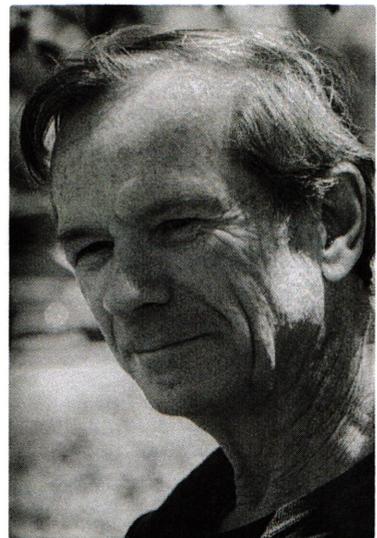
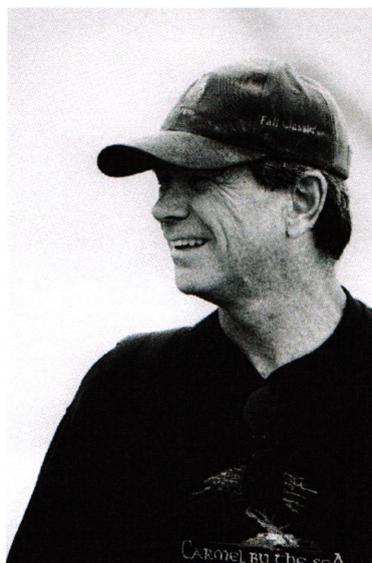
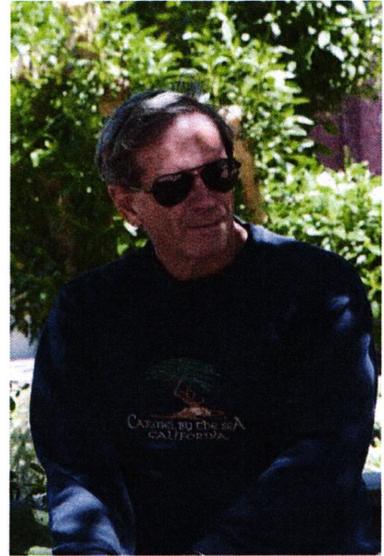
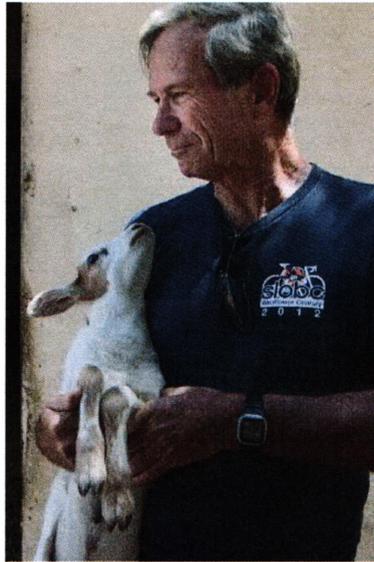
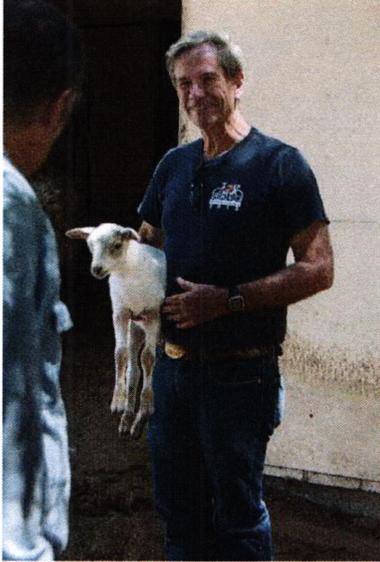
***Theme:** Wear a crazy hat for these crazy times...
(there will be a president's award for the craziest hat)
We will recognize best pre-Covid images (Jan & Feb) separately from the best July to Nov online judged digital images. Also, the overall best image for 2020 and the high point photographer for 2020 will be recognized.*

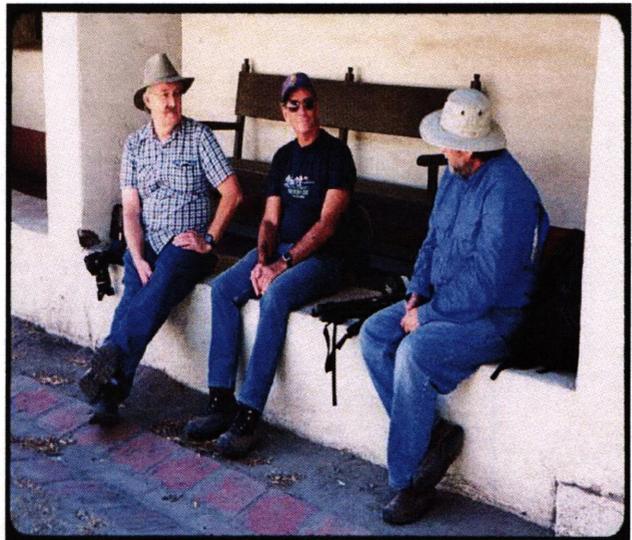
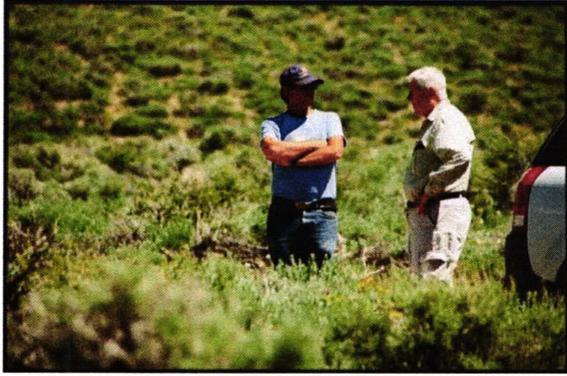
The Sheppard Award will be presented followed by the president's craziest hat award.

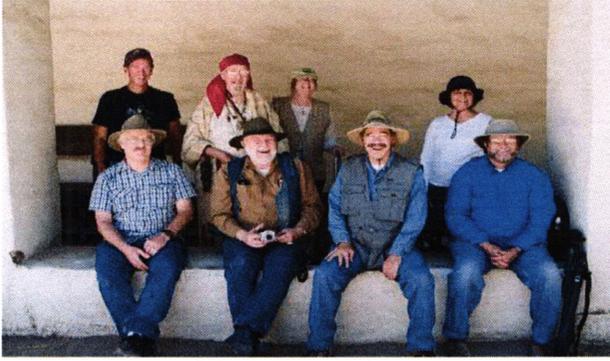
We will have a tribute to SMCC members Jim Ogg and Roger Hawkins who passed away in 2020.

Last, we will finish with a video presentation celebrating an iconic photographer.

REMEMBERING JIM







When we first joined the camera club Jim was one of the first members that we met. We learned early on of his love of the Eastern Sierras, and how much he loved sharing some of his favorite places with the rest of us. His love of the Eastern Sierras was contagious, and I loved seeing all his favorite spots through his eyes. I remember him showing us McGee creek for the first time, when it was bursting with wildflowers. His joy on this hike could not be contained. As a lot of you know, he also shared his knowledge of the area in the Galleon with a monthly update on what conditions could be expected in the changing seasons there.

Jim was a wonderful photographer as well, and took some amazing images in the Eastern Sierras, often accessing areas in winter that most of us will never see by trekking over snow on skis, or snowshoes. His most recent interest in photography was creating “stealth” images where he would hide a human figure by blending them into the scene. He did this all with film, before the digital darkroom.

It was not just the Sierras that spoke to Jim, but rather all of nature. Another memory is how each spring he would encourage us to come photograph the Almond blossoms in his area, offering to lead us to all the best spots. He also loved his dog, and the lambs he raised.

Jim loved the camera club and was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. When I think of Jim, I will remember a quiet man with a big heart. Without a lot of words, he spoke volumes.

Elaine & Ron Calvert

Jim played a major role in our field trips, especially when we traveled to Northern San Luis Obispo County or the Eastern Sierras. It was not his style to *lead* a trip, but Jim was there to make suggestions and advise me on where to go and when. If you followed Jim’s column in the Galleon, you know what I mean!

One of the first field trips that Ed and I went on (with Johnnie Bollinger) was to Mammoth Pools, up by Yosemite, in 2003. That is where I got to know Jim. We were photographing Sierra flowers in a meadow and there Jim found an old, ruined polarizing filter in the mud. No big deal except Jim figured it was the one he lost the year or two before! I admired his waterproof Sorel boots that allowed Jim to walk right into the water, but I was puzzled by his lack of a tripod. The only photo I have of Jim from that trip is a slide transparency with a notation written on it, “Ogg’s Butt, ‘03.”

More field trips followed, and Jim was our guide in the Eastern Sierras in 2005. We drove out on dirt roads whose names I cannot remember now, but off the main roads for sure. Jim was very fond of the wild blue irises that were in bloom at that time and knew all the places they were at their best. He was pleased to introduce us to the “gardens” up McGee Creek and other spots along Highway 395.

In a later Eastern Sierras trip, our group was at the Tioga Gas Mart & Whoa Nellie Deli (Lee Vining) waiting for our orders of fish tacos when we bumped into George Lepp (outdoor and nature photographer who lived in Los Osos for a spell...). George grabbed Jim and started pumping him for information about where to find the blue irises, etc., as he had a photography workshop scheduled... Jim helped him out, of course.

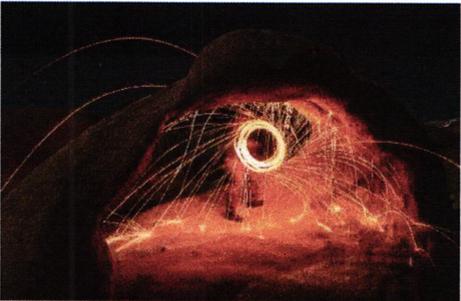
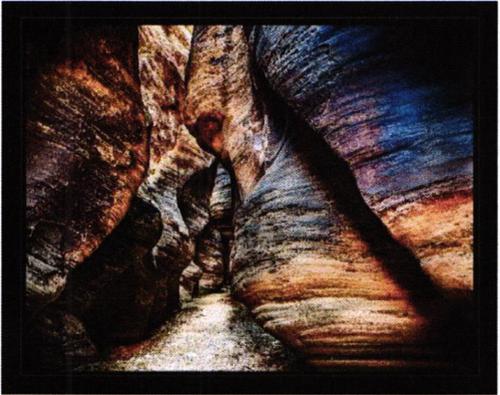
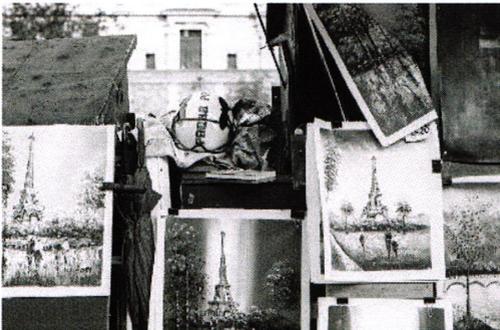
Jim Ogg – a great friend and photographer! Thank you for showing me the beauty of the Sierras and sharing your love of the first snowfall in Winter.

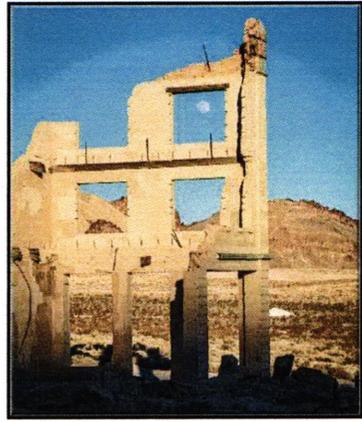
Penny Powell



“Ogg’s Butt” by Penni Powell ©2003 (censored)

PHOTO GALLERY OF 2020





SMCC Field Trips for January 2021

by Penni Powell 805.363.1931 penpowell2020@gmail.com

Please note: Bad weather or Covid 19 can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. ***Check your email for any updates.***

December – Solo Field Tripping: “Warm Glow” If you have old or new holiday photos, you can share them at the February program meeting’s SHOW & TELL.

Jan 2021 – Solo Field Tripping: “Renewal” Your photos can also be shared in February.

Why Do This? Stay Safe, Stay Sane at home!

A Dr. Fauci approved activity for photographers during the pandemic.

and Beyond...*In Peril of Cancellation...*

Feb 18th – 22nd 2021 – Yosemite and Horsetail Falls Motel in Yosemite Valley or El Portal. We will be in Yosemite Feb 18-21, 2021, with the hopes of catching Horsetail Falls glowing in the sunset. Leaving on Sunday, we can check out the Blossom Trail by Fresno and for a special treat, watch the sandhill cranes fly in at Pixley Wildlife Refuge after sunset. Camp at the nearby State Park (Col. Allensworth), motel, or head home (will be extremely late).

For more info contact Penni Powell at penpowell2020@gmail.com or 805-929-2420.

March 19TH, 2021(Fri 5:45 – 8:45pm) Point San Luis Lighthouse Sunset Photo Shoot –

Thank you to Bob Mihelic!

March 20th (Sat) Day trip to Pinnacles National Park

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on Join Meeting will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2021 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
At-large Board Members	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2021 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	Jeanne Sparks
2021 Special Subjects	March – Reflection July – Machines September - Silhouette
Submit your images for digital competition to:	Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <u>MUST</u> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday 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	Tony Martindale
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 Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

Treasury Report

We have 42 members in our club and in our bank there is \$ 1,582.39