



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2022

President's Message

Happy New Year 2022!

I want to remind everyone that we will have our awards ceremony for 2021 images and best photographer on January 26, 2022, at 7 pm.

We will have awards for Photographer of the year (highest point count) and top points in Color and top points in Mono. Additionally, there are judged awards for 1st through 10th place images in the Color and Mono categories. Our judge will be Christine Lester-Deats who has judged for us previously and was recommended by one of our members for this. I am hoping she can join online to comment on the winning images.

On another subject... the current Omicron Covid crush will be with us until about February 10 if it follows past Covid waves... Who knows if another variant is coming? When, oh when, can we meet in person?

I have had 3 vaccines but began to have head congestion and headache on 12/23/21 and evaluated positive for Covid on 12/24 and got the monoclonal antibody at 5 am on Christmas day. Within 10 hours I was so much better! All symptoms except loss of smell had resolved. (Larry has evaluated negative so far).

I share this because I think that it may be impossible to avoid getting Covid, even if you are careful. Many people with Omicron are asymptomatic and so, are not self-isolating. If you develop Covid symptoms you can get evaluated for free at the fairgrounds by making an appointment at www.LHI.com. The results are usually in 48 hours. I could not find any home test kits at pharmacies. I highly recommend getting the monoclonal antibody infusion at the hospital ED if you test positive and meet the criteria. (65-year-old + or heart disease, diabetes, obese, immunocompromised) Feel free to email or text me if you have Covid questions.

My best,
Cheryl