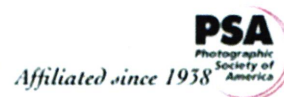




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter July 2024

President's Message

I hope you all are enjoying the summer.

We will not have a program meeting on July 3 due to its proximity to Independence Day and members on vacation or spending time with family and friends, but there will be a competition on the third Wednesday.

The City of Santa Maria is having a festival on July 4 at Elks Field from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. followed by a drone show at 9 p.m. Pismo Beach will have a celebration at the pier starting at 9 a.m. with fireworks show at 9 p.m. The county fair will be July 10-15. These are good opportunities for street and fireworks photography.

Invite a friend to join us and look for ways to expand our membership!

Jeannie

Vp message

No Program Meeting for July

During the month of July, the SMCC does not normally have a program. Since most members will be busy with family and the 4th of July celebration, we have decided to continue this tradition and not have a program for this month.

Our next program meeting will be August 7th when we will gather for our annual Pizza Party. Wishing you all a Happy 4th of July, and good old summer lazy days.

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JUNE COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: **Alla Arutcheva**

Digital Monochrome

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| 1ST PLACE | Speed across the water | Jim McKinniss |
| 2ND PLACE | Magic mushroom dream | Jim McKinniss |
| 3RD PLACE | Pipe dream | Jim McKinniss |

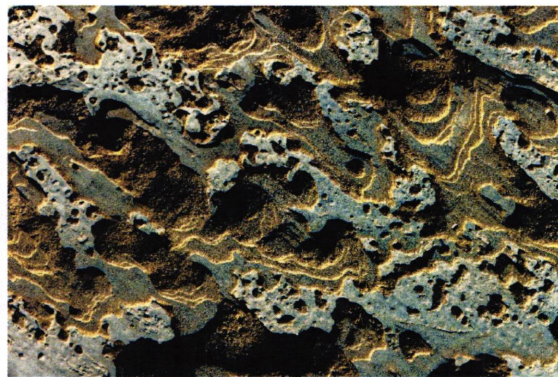
Digital color

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| 1ST PLACE | Terraces | Ed E Powell |
| 2ND PLACE | Shadow play | Ron Calvert |
| 3RD PLACE | Invasion | Jeanine Bognuda |
| HONORABLE MENTION | A walk into a dream | Harold Litwiler |
| HONORABLE MENTION | The phoenix | Frank Tromp |

Congratulation to everyone



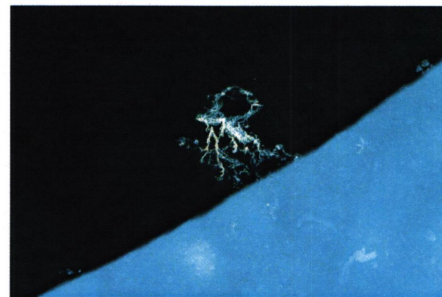
By Jim McKinniss



By Ed E Powell



By Jim McKinniss



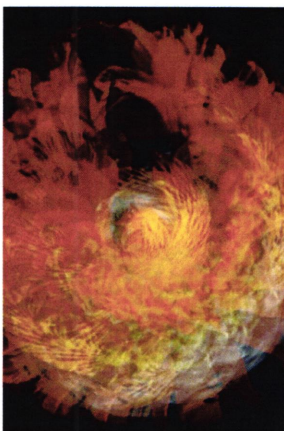
By Ron Calvert



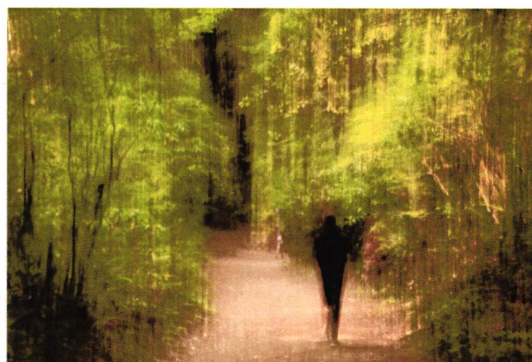
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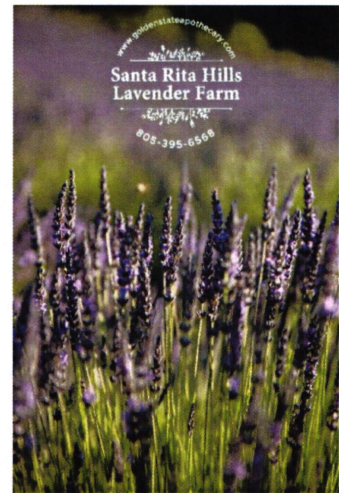


By Harold Litwiler

SMCC Field Trips for July 2024 and Beyond 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.*

July 13th (Sat 10:45 am start) – Santa Rita Hills Lavender Festival (Lompoc) It starts at noon so let us meet in front of Jack's in Old Orcutt (156 Broadway, Orcutt) at 10:45 am and carpool/caravan to the parking for the festival at La Purisima Golf Course (3455 CA-246, Lompoc). The shuttle takes you to the Santa Rita Hills Lavender Farm's festival on Tularosa Rd.



They plan to have a local artisan market, food vendors, and live music. Free to enter! Throughout the day are wreathmaking classes (\$50, sign up on their website). Be sure to wear closed-toe shoes, expect bees to be flying around, and leave your pets at home.

Contact Penni for more info penpowell2020@gmail.com

Why go? – Lavender is known for reducing stress and anxiety. Your photos are bound to be excellent as you enter a Zen state in the lavender fields.

July 11th (Thurs 4:30pm –???) – Santa Barbara County Fair in Santa Maria

4:30 pm Fairground meetup inside the main entry gate off Thornburg. For seniors, enter the fair before 5pm and pay only \$5. Otherwise, adults \$16. Parking is \$10.

We will head off to the animal area first, then check out the photo exhibits in the Convention Hall, which is the building to the right as you enter via the main gate. After viewing the photographs (oohs and aahhs!), it is time for some fair food together. Consider late day photography into the blue hour as the carnival lights come on. Bring what you will need to be comfortable as the temperatures drop after dark. It is your choice to bring a tripod or not. I

have had fun with a cellphone with. ow light night setting. Connect with me via cellphone if you are trying to find us.

Why go? – Interact with critters, eat high-calorie fair food, admire art, and make art!

July 20 – 21 (Sat & Sun) – Central Coast Renaissance Fair in SLO at El Chorro Regional Park. Ed and I are attending both days, all day. If you go, phone me to meet up their Tickets are available online. Sunday is Pirate Day. Ask me about borrowing a costume!

And Beyond...

August 11 (Sunday) Photography at the Preston Castle, Ione, CA. SEE FLYER FOR INFO

I have an extra ticket for the last 2 sessions, a gift from Jim McK. Just ask me! Free to you!

July 1st the tickets go on sale to the public on the Preston Castle website.

The field trip hotel is Best Western Amador Inn in Jackson for Aug 10-12 (Sat-Mon).

Let Penni know if you are going on this trip.

Optional activity on Aug 11th is a \$15 tour of the Kennedy Gold Mine in Jackson. Get your reservation online for the 10am guided tour: <https://kennedygoldmine.com>.

September – Volunteer to lead a field trip!

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

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

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| Meetings | In July there will be only the competition meeting (July 17) |
| Location | In July, the competition meeting will be via Webex. If you want to participate, <i>please send an email to</i> santamariacameraclub@gmail.com |
| Membership dues | \$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the dues are per year |
| 2024 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 |
| 2024 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 |
| 2024 Special Subjects | March – Patterns in nature June – Abstractions September – Weather |
| 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 in time, will not be entered in the competition |
| Galleon Director | Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com |

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

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

- “The whole point of taking picture is that you do not have to explain things in world”
— Elliott Erwitt