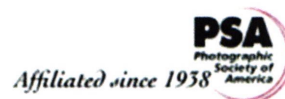




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter July 2026

President's Message

Hi All,

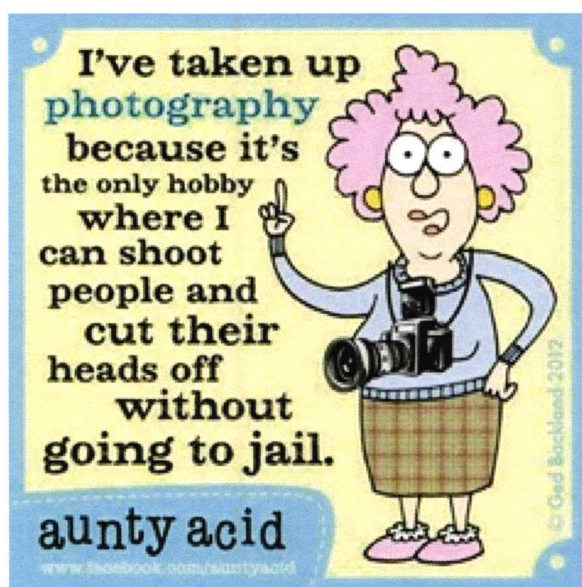
Hope you are enjoying summer. Remember we do not meet in the first week of July since it could conflict with Independence Day vacations.

Whether you call it the Semi quinentennial or Sester centennial or Quarter Millennium, hope you enjoy the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Declaration of Independence!

Hope you will be online for our competition on the third Wednesday of July.

Happy Independence Day!

Jeanne Sparks



JUNE COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Stephanie Secrest

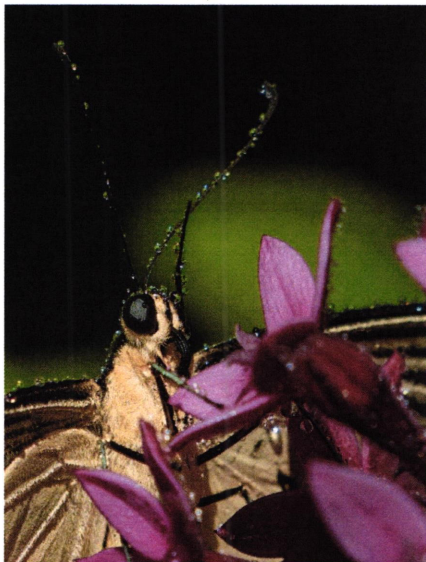
Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	The gifts that keep on giving	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Fly on garlic	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	Quadrant of a sunflower	Jim McKinnis

Digital color

1ST PLACE	A butterfly world	Jeanne Sparks
2ND PLACE	Mushrooms in the morning	Ed E Powell
3RD PLACE	There is beauty in everything	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Gladiolus close up	Ron Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Oil abstract	Jeanine Bognuda

Congratulation to everyone



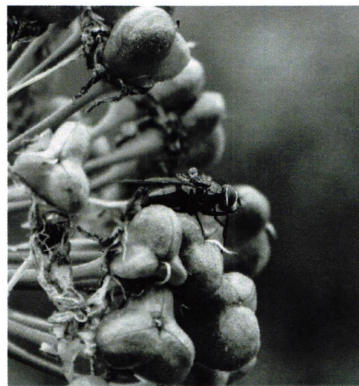
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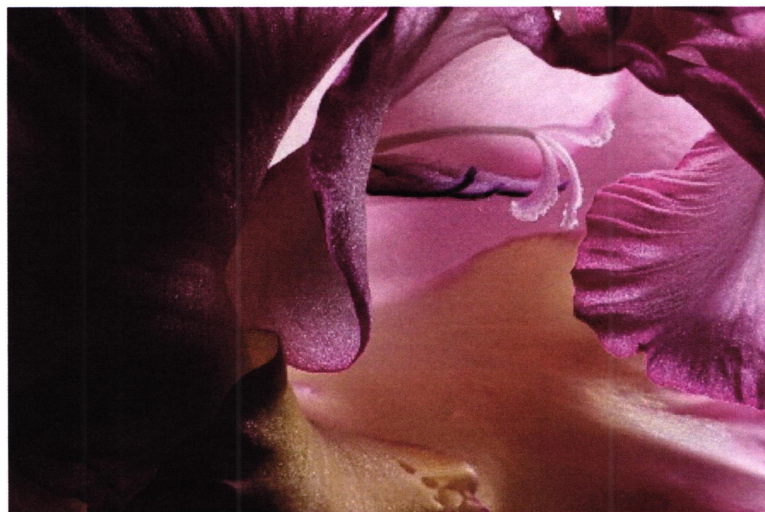
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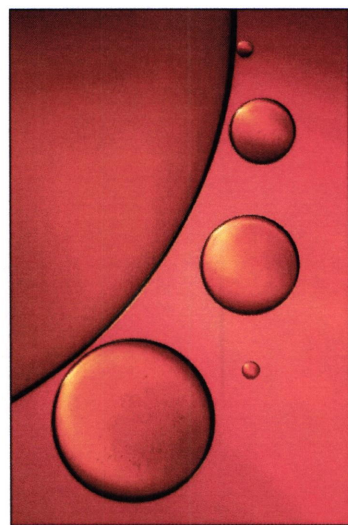
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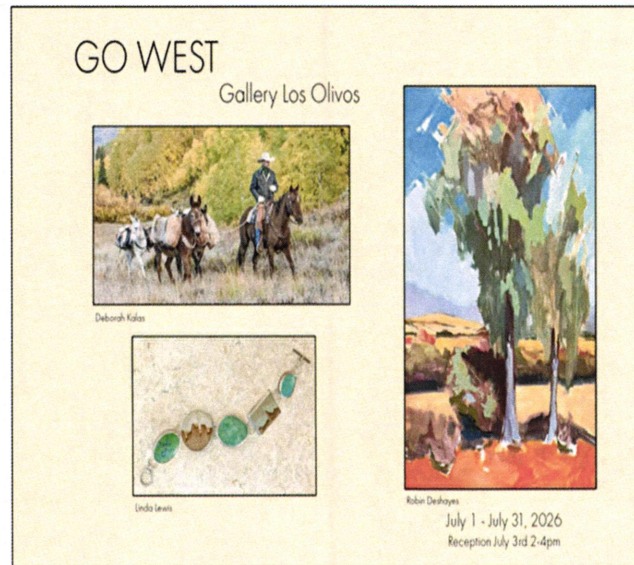
Ron Calvert



Jeanine Bognuda

Suggested by Heidi Gruetzemacher

GO WEST - DEBORAH KALAS, LINDA LEWIS, ROBIN DESHAYES



WHEN

7/1/2026 - 8/31/2026

WHERE

Gallery Los Olivos

2920 Grand Ave, Los Olivos, California 93441

United States

[Visit Website](#)

[805 688-7517](tel:8056887517)

Message from Adi Ringer

Two Meetups in July:



Introduction to Nature & Wildlife Photography

Jul
18
8:00 AM

By The Nature Photography Group of the Central Coast of CA
📍 504 Madonna Rd, Laguna Lake Park, San Luis...

Attend on  **meetup**



Coastal Dune and Scrub Flora Landscapes

Jul
8
8:00 AM

📍 3098 Oso Flaco Lake Road, Oso Flaco Lake,...

Attend on 

By The Nature Photography Group of the Central Coast of CA 

Register at <https://www.meetup.com/nature-photography-group-of-the-central-coast-of-ca/>

Wildlife tours updates

Serengeti Safari: Feb. 1-10, 2027 – 3 Spots left.

Costa Rica: April 22-30, 2027 – 1 spot left

New Trip: Pumas of Torres del Paine, Patagonia

April 2028, waiting list.

www.adiringer.com or (805) 610-5527

SMCC Field Trips for July 2026 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 11th (Sat 11:15am – 3pm?) West Coast Cub and Antique Aircraft Fly-in at the Lompoc Airport (1801 N. H Street, Lompoc 93436)

The Fly-in features Piper Cubs and other vintage aircraft. Visitors can walk among the planes, interact with the pilots, and observe the action on the runway and in the sky. On Saturday afternoon starting at 1pm there are popular flight proficiency games.

Parking and attendance are FREE! lompocflyin.com

Meet in front of Jack's in Old Orcutt (156 S. Broadway, Orcutt) at carpool/caravan at 11:15am. Bring lunch for \$\$ or bring your own beach chair, sunscreen, and ear plugs, along with your camera.

Questions? Contact me penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell phone.



Why go? Bright yellow planes against a bright blue sky – and you do not have to get up before dawn or stay late!

And Beyond...

Aug 11-12th (Wed pm – Thurs is) – Shoot the Milky Way at the Peak of the Perseid Meteor Shower Location TBD, best time is 11pm – 3am. It is a new moon, and you can try to get the “astrophotography shot of the decade.”

Got an idea for a field trip? Email Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	In July there will be only the competition meeting (July 15 th)
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, <i>please send an email to santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</i>
Saturday Breakfast	The meeting will be on July 11 at 1275 Betteravia Rd, Santa Maria. It starts at 8:00 and ends at 10:00.
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: Heidy Gruetzemacher 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 – Landscape. June – Macro Photography. September – Still Life
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 Competition Projectionist	Frank Tromp & Jim McKinniss
Program Projectionist	Ron Calvert & Frank Tromp
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, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Heidi Gruetzemacher
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, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	Nyla James
Name Tags	

"I am not interested in shooting new things, I am interested to see things new."

— Ernst Haas