



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2024

President's Message

What a program last month! Drone photography presented by Chuck Jennings and Dave Pabinquit. Fascinating. Members had so many questions, it was obvious the presentation was engaging. Thanks to Vice President Elaine Calvert for inviting them. Cannot wait to see what our June program holds for us.

Lots of great photos at our May competition. So much talent in our club. Thanks to Koren Enzler for doing the judging, Harold Litwiler for inviting her, Greg Doudna for showing the photos, Elaine Calvert, and Penni Powell for announcing the titles, and to everyone who entered for giving us interesting images to view.

June competition will be in the category "Abstraction." Should be fun to see what everyone produces. And it is never too early to work on the year-end project "Forks and Spoons."

Hope to see you in June!

Jeannie



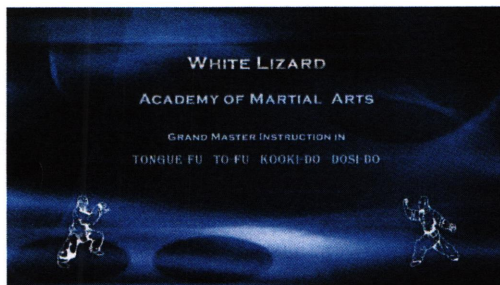
Vp message June Program Meeting

Route 66 and Tongue-Fu by Ed E Powell

Before the days of Interstate 40, Route 66 was a bustling, vibrant highway: The Mother Road. When Interstate 40 opened, Route 66 became The Highway of Broken Dreams. The road went quiet. Businesses floundered and failed. Route 66 New Mexico is a photo documentary of the sights and stories of the New Mexico portion of Route 66. Think pallid urbex, vibrant graffiti, and deserted roads. Photography and narration by Ed E Powell. Music by Peggy Suave.



Tongue-Fu, from the White Lizard Academy of Martial Arts, is best viewed rather than described.



Be well and may the light be with you,

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MAY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Koren Enzler

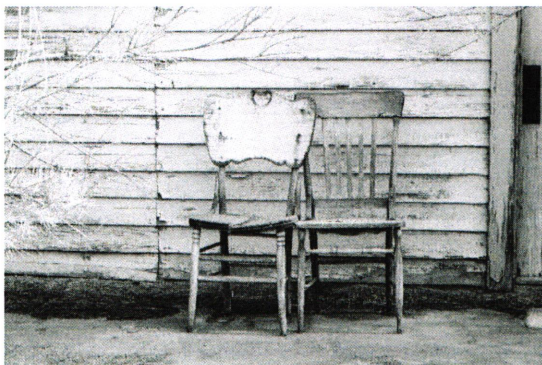
Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Two chairs	Ron Calvert
2ND PLACE	Canoes on deck	Penny Powell
3RD PLACE	Ocean layers	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Morning at Brent's fort	Ed E Powell

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Perseverance at white sand	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	The eye of the swallow	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	Inside a hot air balloon	Penni Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Imagine dragon	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Resting rattler # 2	Penni Powell

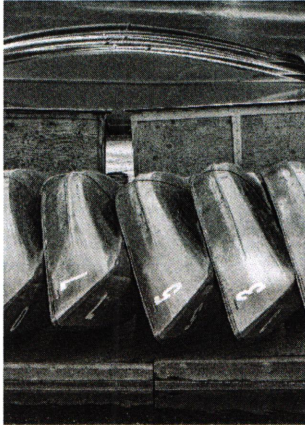
Congratulation to everyone



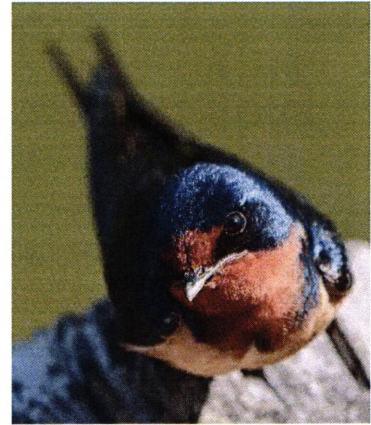
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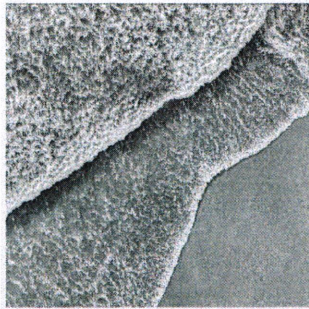
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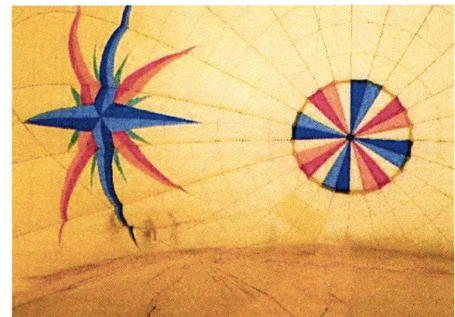
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By Frank Tromp



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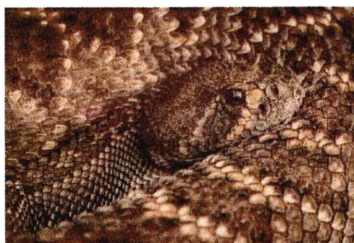
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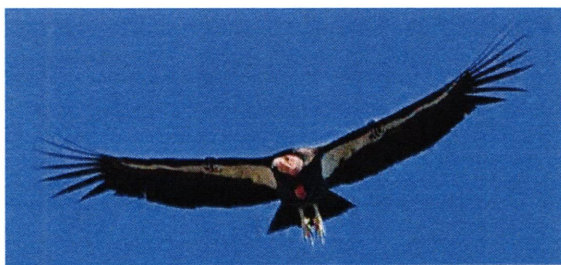
By Penny Powell

SMCC Field Trips for June 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.

June 15th (Sat 8:15am – afternoon) – Hwy 166 Wandering – Condors and Wind Wolves

Meet at 8:15am in Santa Maria in front of the Subway by Vallarta's Supermarket (1825 N. Broadway) and carpool/caravan down Hwy 166 toward New Cuyama/Maricopa. Bring water, a picnic lunch, hiking shoes, sunscreen, and plenty of fuel for your vehicle (about 250 miles round trip). Join **Friends of California Condors Wild & Free** at their viewing booth at 30018 Hudson Ranch Road where it runs through Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge! This is an opportunity to gain experience about California Condors and possibly see some out in the wild! kiosk@friendsofcondors.org. Follow CA-166 east until you reach CA-33 (about 70 miles east of Santa Maria). Turn right a few miles later onto Hudson Ranch Road (formerly Cerro Noroeste Road). The booth is approximately 9 miles down Hudson Ranch Road on the left side at a Bitter Creek National Wildlife Refuge sign.



Next, continue down 166 to the turnoff for the **Wind Wolves Preserve** East of Maricopa. We will have lunch here (bring your own) and take a little hike to check out the area.

Contact Penni for more info penpowell2020@gmail.com

Why go? – Be like a condor: Live large, spread your wings, and broaden your horizons. LOOKS AREN'T EVERYTHING!

And Beyond...

July 13th (pm) – Santa Rita Hills Lavender Festival (Lompoc)

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

September – Volunteer to lead a field trip?

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

PRESTON CASTLE PHOTOGRAPHER'S DAY FIELD TRIP

August 10-12, 2024



Get ready to frame history through your lens and create images that will leave an impression.

Calling all photographers and lovers of breathtaking landscapes! Join us for a captivating day of artistic exploration during our Photographers Day Event Tour at Preston Castle. This exclusive opportunity allows shutterbugs of all skill levels to capture the timeless beauty of this historic treasure. As the sun casts its gentle rays upon the castle's majestic façade, you will have unrestricted access to its unique architectural details, captivating textures, and picturesque surroundings. Whether you are drawn to the play of light and shadow or the hidden stories within each corner, this event is a photographer's dream come true. So, grab your camera, unleash your creativity, and join us for a day filled with inspired moments and unforgettable captures at Preston Castle.

Photo Day Times for August 11:

Session 1 2:30 – 4:30 PM Session 2 4:45 – 6:45 PM Session 3 7:00 – 9:00 PM (Sunset is at 8:03 on August 11)

Each session is limited to 40 participants. [Tickets available July 1st online](https://prestoncastle.org) prestoncastle.org OR TRY CALLING THE OFFICE AT (209) 256-3623 and see if they will give you tickets over the phone. Cost: A ticket is needed for each person participating including models, hair, make-up etc.

One session – \$40.00 Two consecutive sessions – \$70.00 All 3 sessions – \$100.00

Tripods and battery driven lighting are allowed. Preston Castle is a Drone-Free Zone. Nudity is prohibited. Photographers can roam Preston Castle and grounds and have access to the non-restricted areas of the Castle on the first floor, second floor, basement, and grounds. **Direction:** Lone, CA is a little over 300 miles from Santa Maria in the Sierra foothills East of Stockton. We would stay overnight Aug 10 and 11 in Lone or Sutter Creek. **Ed and I have booked the last 2 sessions of the day (4:45-9pm) and plan to bring along lighting and props to the shoot.**

Let me know if you need lodging and transportation info. Thanks, Penni

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

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

Location

In June, the first meeting 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

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

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	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Everyone
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	Nyla James
Name Tags	

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