



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2025

President's Message

Ah, summertime, and the flowers are still in bloom.

What to photograph in June?

Perhaps a day at the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero on Saturday, June 7. (See Penni Powell's Field Trip Report.)

Or for street photography on Saturday, June 14 – the local "No Kings Day" protests: At noon on the corner of Broadway and Main in Santa Maria; at noon on the corner of Central Avenue and North H Street in Lompoc; at 12:30 p.m. at the Vet's Hall in Solvang; or at 10:30 a.m. at 1050 Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo. (See indivisible.org for more information.)

Check out our Calendar in the Galleon and on our website for more events. Thanks to Rosie Brancacio for putting it together.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeanne Sparks

Note from the editor

I suggest all the members should use their email address that is in the directory when corresponding with club members about club business. This will make it much easier to know what email to respond to when a member has multiple email addresses.

Remember also that in June the competition here is "celebrate what is right in the world"

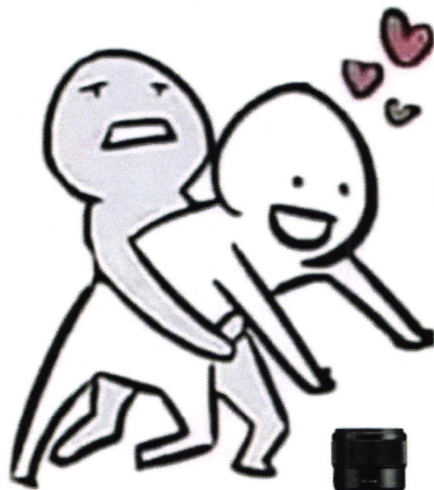
SMCC May Program

June 4, 2025

Blast from the Past. Before we all had TVs in our living rooms it was the golden age of radio. Stories of all kinds were listened to by many families as they gathered around their radios, and some were lucky enough to attend a live recording of the show. Several years ago, the SMCC did our own version of a live broadcast radio show which was created and performed by camera club members at our awards banquet. We knew we were all so talented (hemp) and our production would be an all-time hit and must be preserved for all future generations to enjoy, thus it was recorded. We are dusting it off and ready to share all the fun with our club tonight. We might even be able to arrange some autograph signings at the end of the show! The script was written by our own Nyla James. Performers in alphabetical order: Elaine Calvert, Ron Calvert, Ramona Cachmore, Carney, Nyla James, Ken Kreh, Jill Martin, Steve Pavlak, Ed Powell, Dr. Dennis Shepard, Tom Wahweotten Second half of our program will be set aside for sharing of our images. First up will be images taken at our recent Picnic/Fieldtrip, but we would love to have others share their work also.

Elaine Calvert Program Coordinator

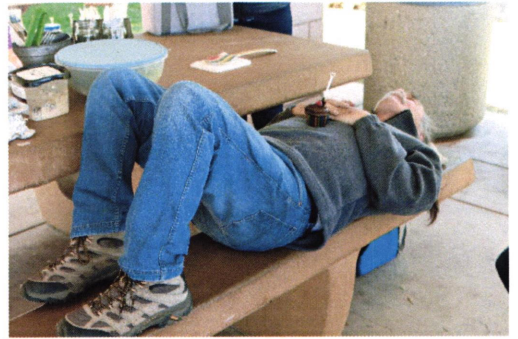
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But I don't
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PICNIC PARTY 2025



MAY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Christopher Broughton

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Horse on the beach # 2	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	People on Pismo Beach # 1	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Denise 2008-05-23 # 14	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Wishing	Nyla James

Digital color

1ST PLACE	A promise in the Prairie	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Pink rose	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	Sunset stroll	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Dinner time	Rosie Brancacio
HONORABLE MENTION	That is not a drawbridge	Jeanine Bognuda

Congratulation to everyone



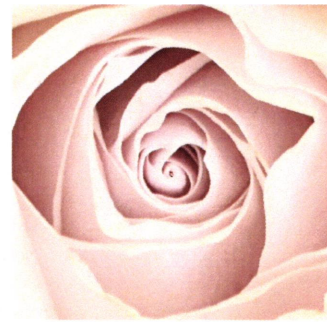
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By Ed E Powell



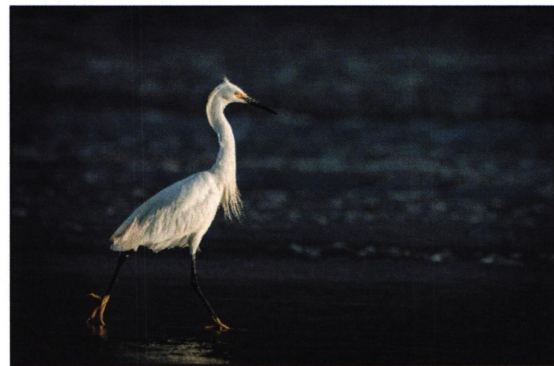
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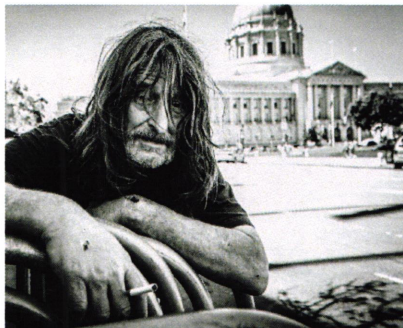
By Cheryl Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Nyla James



By Rosie Brancacio



By Jeanine Bognuda

SMCC Field Trips for June 2025 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 7th (Sat 3:05-dark) A Special Event at the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero – ICE CREAM ZOOFARI! Come beat the summer heat with lots of ice cream (included, all you can eat!) and the animals from all around the globe to photograph. Tickets are available online (\$18.98 with fees) and include admission to the zoo, or stand in line at the zoo and pay \$16 per person.

charlespaddockzoo.org 9100 Morro Road, Atascadero (Hwy 41 West from 101)

Those who wish a bite to eat before the zoo event, meet at 3:05pm at the Nipomo Miners/Starbucks parking lot on West Tefft and Mary Streets (581 W Tefft) for carpool or caravan to TACOS DE MEXICO (7000 Morro Rd), on the right before getting to the zoo.

Other options for meeting up are 4pm at Tacos de Mexico or about 5pm at the zoo.

Need more info? Contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell 363-1931.



Why go? – Animals in the Golden Hour + Ice Cream = Happy Photographers!

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In June there will be a program meeting (June 4) and the competition meeting (June 18)

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, *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

2025 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

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 – Altered reality.

June – Celebrate what is right in the world.

September – Intentional camera movement

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 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, 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

"One does not stop seeing. One does not stop framing. It does not turn off or turn on. It is on all the time."

— Annie Leibovitz