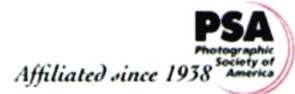




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President's Message

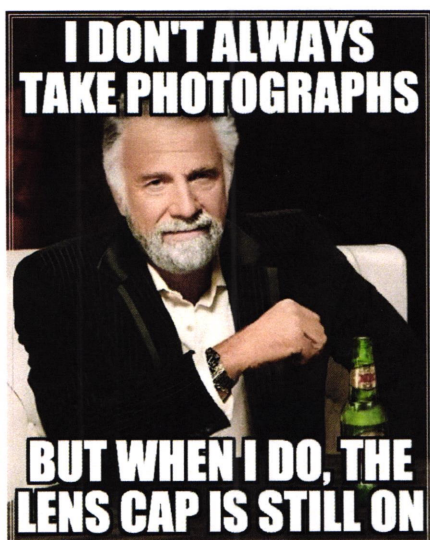
Hi! Hope you all will make our exciting program meeting on Wednesday, June 3 at 7 p.m. Heidi has lined up another exciting speaker – this time Andrew Klein, a firefighter who will show us photos only he could get! Check out the notice here in the Galleon.

Then, on June 17, we will have another fun, friendly competition online. Join us even if you do not enter any photos!

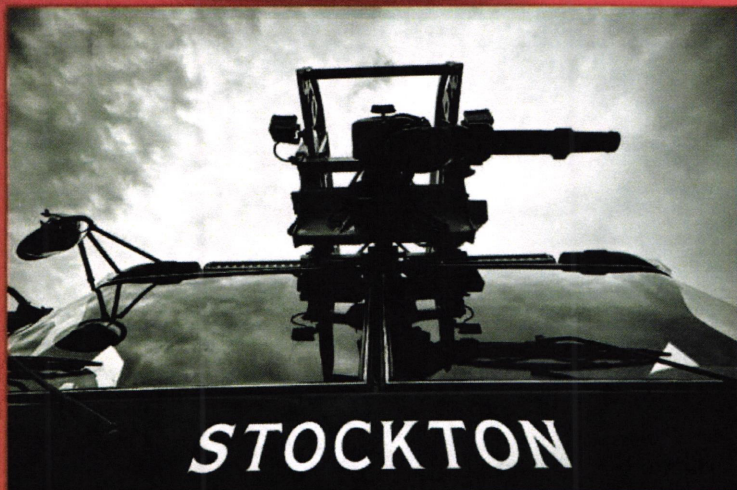
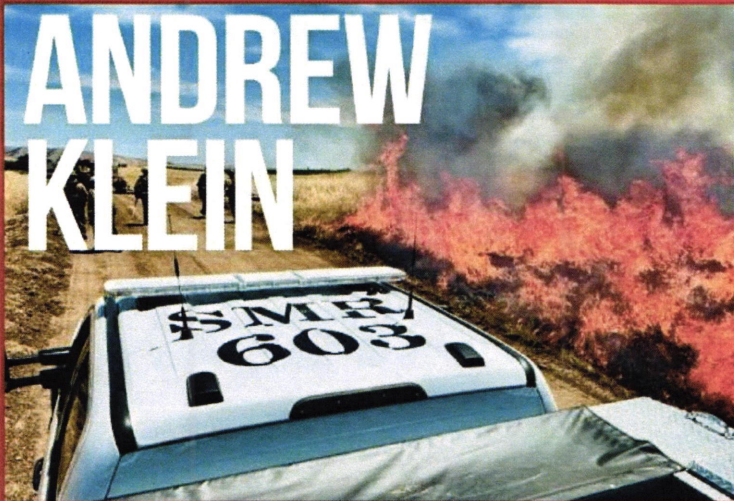
June 27 is the 8 a.m. Saturday Chat led by Jim McKinniss. Look for his reminders and join him and others for a lively discussion.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeanne Sparks



ANDREW KLEIN



ANDREW KLEIN IS A CENTRAL COAST NATIVE THAT HAS ALWAYS HAD A PASSION FOR FIREFIGHTING AND PHOTOGRAPHY. STARTING HIS CAREER IN 1998 AS A FIRE EXPLORER, HE WAS GIVEN FULL ACCESS TO SEE WHAT THE JOB WAS ABOUT UNTIL HIS APPOINTMENT OF FIREFIGHTER IN MAY 2001.

DURING THE PART 25 YEARS, ANDREW HAS SERVED AS A FIREFIGHTER, HOTSHOT, ENGINEER, CAPTAIN AND TRAINING OFFICER. HIS PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS HAVE LANDED HIM SEVERAL AWARDS AND HONORABLE MENTIONS FOR HIS UNIQUE EYE FOR THE JOB HE BOTH DOCUMENTS AND PERFORMS. ANDREW HAS PUBLISHED HIS WORK FIREHOUSE MAGAZINE, FIRE RESCUE, JEMS, FR1.COM, CSFA, 1ST RESPONDER NEWSLETTER, AND LOCAL MEDIA OUTLETS, AS WELL AS SEVERAL ARTICLES HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF HIS PROFESSIONAL LIFE.

ANDREW IS A HUSBAND TO ALEXANDRA, AND A FATHER OF THREE DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON. HIS DREAM IS TO ASPIRE OTHERS TO FOLLOW THEIR PASSIONS. ANDREW CONTINUES TO POSITIVELY INFLUENCE THE FIRE SERVICE THROUGH HIS PHOTOGRAPHY.

**WEDNESDAY
JUNE 3, 2026
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM**



Merrill Gardens 1350 N. Suey Rd.
Must RSVP to
SantaMariaCameraClub@gmail.com
www.SantaMariaCameraClub.org

MAY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Dan Holmes

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Mission Friar	Penni Powell
2ND PLACE	An obstructed view	Harold Litwiler
3RD PLACE	Alien Lizards and a house plant	Jim McKinnis

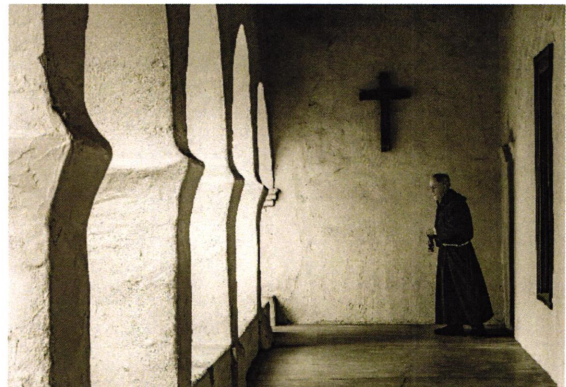
Digital color

1ST PLACE	Mustachioed	Frank Tromp
2ND PLACE	Teacup and Luke	Ed E Powell
3RD PLACE	Sunrise at Wildhorse Butte	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Aerial prospective	Janine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Spitting poles	Ron Calvert

Congratulation to everyone



Frank Tromp



Penni Powell



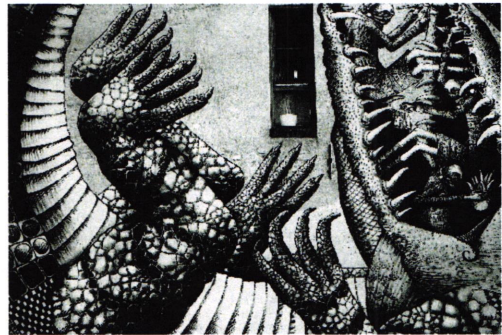
Ed E Powell



Frank Tromp



Jeanine Bognuda



Jim Mckinnis



Jeanine Bognuda



Ron Calvert

Message from Adi Ringer

We had another great trip to Costa Rica! It feels like a different trip every time and we often get rewarded with new surprises.



Upcoming trips:

Costa Rica: April 22-30, 2027 - Two spots left.

Tanzania Safari: February 1-10, 2027 – Three spots left.

Patagonia Pumas, Torres del Paine: April 2028 – Two spots left.

Contact me for full details or check out my website at www.adiringer.com . I look forward to sharing one of my trips with you.

Sincerely,

Adi

Editor message

Do not forget that in the month of June, the competition special subject is Macro Photography

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In June will be a program meeting (June 3rd) and the competition meeting (June 17th)

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: Heidi 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	
Name Tags	Nyla James

"You do not take picture with your camera; you take picture with your mind and heart."

— Arnold Newman