



# the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 2023

## President's Message

A drive-in movie theater where the cars have no wheels, a swing set in the Salton Sea, an old-fashioned phone booth on the beach — these were a few of the things we saw at Bombay Beach during our club sojourn to Joshua Tree, the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego.

Penni organized and led the Feb. 20 to Feb. 26 trip. Ed, Ken, Kevin, Cheryl, Rosie, and I camped or stayed in various lodging. Penni's sister Candyce joined us for part of the journey. What fun!

If you have not been on one of our club outings, I hope you'll find time to go. It's a great way to get to know other club members and to see sights you may never have seen. I generally am not inclined to seek out desert destinations, but I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw: eclectic artwork, creeks with water, a palm oasis, snow, cold, wind and rain. Ok, the last three items I would have enjoyed less of — much, much less of — but who knew a massive storm would blow through California during our trip.

Penni is a meticulous planner who builds in flexibility and great meals! We all had a good time and supported each other, especially in times of need. The first incident happened when Kevin sank into mud at the Salton Sea. Ed helped him wash the mud off his pants. I have to thank Ken and Kevin for helping me break out of the Palm Canyon Campground restroom and Penni for documenting it with a photo when I emerged. LOL.

We need to choose a project for our annual competition. We'll make a decision at our meeting on Wednesday, March 1. Hope to see you all then!

May the light be with you,

**Jeanne Sparks**