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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 2025

President's Message

Hey you all,

Hope you have been enjoying your participation in the Santa Maria Camera Club. If you can think of any of your friends that might like to join us, invite them to a meeting! We expanded our membership last year. Let us continue to grow this year! I may have recruited a new member when I bought Girl Scout cookies a few days ago. I was telling the woman I talked to about how our camera club members loved the Thin Mints I gave during our awards reception last year, and she asked, "Camera club?" She had not heard from us. So of course, I enlightened her and gave her our website address. I hope she signs up to get our emails and comes to our meetings! In case you are interested, the free annual Photoshop Creativity Virtual Summit will be held March 23 to 26. There are 19 instructors and artists teaching 32 classes over 4 days. Training sessions are designed for those who are new to Photoshop to those who have years of experience. More information is at www.pscreativitysummit.com. May the light be with you!

PS I bought more Thin Mints. I will bring some to the next meeting.

Jeanne



2025 SMCC dues will soon be due!

Individual Membership: \$35 Family Membership: \$50 Competition Dues (per member, including each person in a family membership): \$30.

Make checks payable to: Santa Maria Camera Club

Please mail your check to me, Alan, or give it to me at any in-person meeting.

****Remember to pay the due or you are not allowed to continue to participate in competitions!***

Alan

SMCC March Program March 5, 2025

For our March program meeting we will have a few short presentations, "5 Minutes of Fame" from three of our members. This will be a wonderful way for us to get to know each other just a little better and hopefully a segway for some future meetings where other members might volunteer for their own 5 Minutes of Fame. Our first 3 members in the spotlight will be: Allan Upshaw, Flavio Parigi, and Bob Ginn. After these short presentations everyone is invited to share some of their work with the club. As a suggestion our theme for this month's image sharing will be "Your Favorite Season." These do not necessarily have to be landscape images, this could be your favorite season to travel, an event that is seasonal etc. Of course, it is not required that you stick to this subject, it is only a suggestion, and we welcome any images that you would like to share. Let us limit the images to 12.

Please remember that the competition meeting in March has the subject "Altered reality."

In case you are wondering what "Altered Reality" is, I found this piece on the internet that helps to define it.

From their website: The PSA (Photographic Society of America) definition of Creative is "Altered Reality." The image must obviously display a change in natural color, form, shape, or any combination of these three. Creative images are often montaging (a blending or composite of multiple images). In other words, an image that fits the creative or altered reality guidelines as set by PSA might appear realistic in a very unrealistic way, or not look realistic at all. The original images used are taken, the final image is created.

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Dan Holmes

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Rochelle # 2	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Istanbul late night dinner	Harold Litwiler
3RD PLACE	Ox and anchor	Allan Upshaw
HONORABLE MENTION	Hat shop	Allan Upshaw

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Ferndale church	Rosie Brancacio
2ND PLACE	Grandma's tulip	Jeanine Bognuda
3RD PLACE	Nature's art	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	Daffodil days	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Grater yellowlegs	Frank Tromp
HONORABLE MENTION	Launch over Cal Poly pier	Chuck Ubele

Congratulation to everyone



By Jim McKinniss



By Rosie Brancacio



By Harold Litwiler



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Allan Upshaw



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By Elaine Calvert



By Frank Tromp



By Chuck Ubele

SMCC Field Trips for March 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.

March 13th-14th (Th 11:26p – Fri 12:31a) – Total Lunar Eclipse (Blood Moon)

The full moon turns red in a total lunar eclipse this evening as long as clouds do not spoil the show. The height of the eclipse occurs 2 minutes before midnight.



This is a DIY field trip as you are likely to be in pajamas and slippers out in the driveway...Bring your photos to Show & Tell. **Why go? – It is as easy as stepping out your front door. Clouds, stay away!**

March 18-20th (Tues-Thurs) - San Juan Capistrano by Rail **SEE THE FLYER FOR THE TRIP LOGISTICS**

As of Feb 27th, Tim Towne, Rosy Brancacio, Alan Upshaw, and Ed and I are planning to go on this trip. Please let me know of your interest by **MARCH 5TH**.

Contact Penni for more info penpowell2020@gmail.com

Why go? – “All the mission bells will ring, the chapel choir will sing, the happiness you’ll bring, will live in my memory, when the swallows come back to Capistrano...”

And Beyond...

April 26th (Sat 7:30a) – Photo Shoot at the Turtle and Tortoise Rescue of Arroyo Grande

We visit the home of a diverse family of animals from turtles and tortoises to a wide array of fish, birds, and mammals.

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