



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter May 2025

President's Message

Hi,

It's May and the flowers are in bloom on Figueroa Mountain.

Theodore Payne Foundation for Wildflowers & Native Plants (theodorepayne.org) reported on April 25 that "the wildflower display currently is beyond belief" on Figueroa Mountain with flowers that follow wildfires (the Lake Fire last summer). They list numerous types, including Fiesta flower, chia, goldfields, globe gilia, blue dicks, Mariposa lily, miner's lettuce, red skinned onion, phacelias, silver puffs, chocolate lily, yellow monkeyflower, sky lupin, wallflower, and California golden violet.

Maybe there are other blooming hotspots you know of.

And if you're thinking about entering photos into the county fair in Santa Maria, the deadline to submit your entries online is June 1. Find more information at santamariafairpark.com.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeanne Sparks

SMCC May Program

May 7, 2025

2025 ICM Photography This month's topic for our program meeting will be ICM (Intentional Camera Movement). It is one of our categories for competitions this year and I am hoping that we have good participation and lots of entries. If you have never tried this form of photography before, then hopefully this program will answer some questions and provide a little inspiration for you to get started. By the way, ICM will be our category for the competition in September. There are several photographers who practice ICM as their main form of photography and each have their own style. For instance, ICM can be considered impressionistic or abstract. We will look at a few of these distinctive styles, different techniques that are used, and some examples of the work they produce. I will also show a few of my own ICM photos that I have been happy with, and I will share the settings that I used. Bring your camera to this meeting. We are going to find our inner child and play!

Elaine Calvert Program Coordinator



APRIL COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Alla Arutcheva

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Eye of the ram	Penny Powell
2ND PLACE	Man in black with dragonflies and spheres	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Tammy, Alex, and the sailboat	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Bath day at Kestner homestead	Ed E Powell

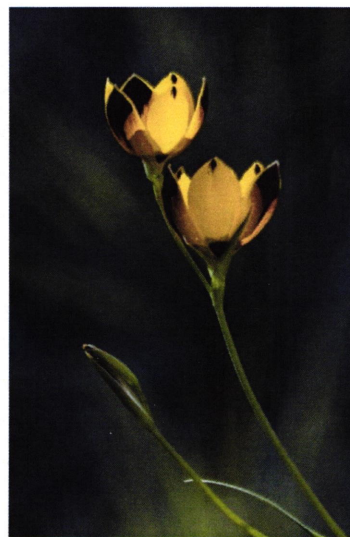
Digital color

1ST PLACE	Uprising	Frank Tromp
2ND PLACE	Rocket launch and booster return	Chuck Ubele
3RD PLACE	Toadstools in the night	Jeanine Bognuda
HONORABLE MENTION	A beautiful textured rose	Rosie Brancacio
HONORABLE MENTION	Not quite a swallow	Timothy Towne

Congratulation to everyone



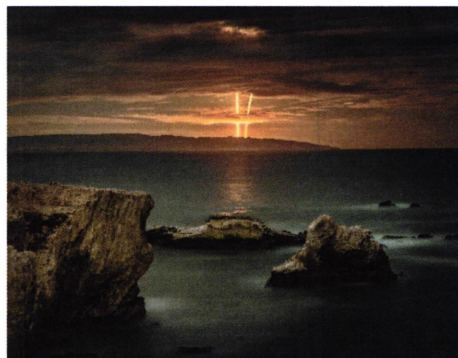
By Penny Powell



By Frank Tromp



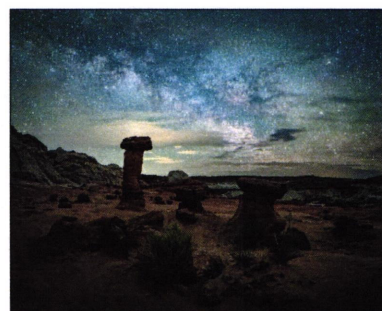
By Jim McKinniss



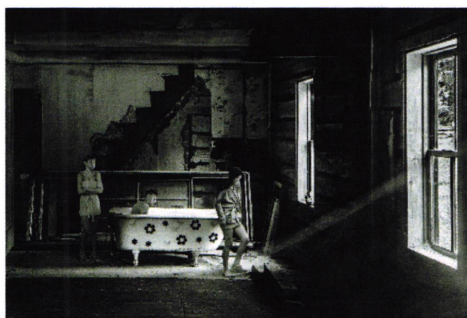
By Chuck Ubele



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Ed E Powell



By Rosie Brancacio



By Timothy Towne

SMCC Field Trips for May 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.

May 3rd (Sat 7:00 – 10am?) – 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. The Rescue is a nonprofit and donations are accepted.

turtleandtortoiserescueofarroyogrande.org 313 East Ormonde Road, Arroyo Grande 93444. Use your GPS to find it! It is between Hwy 101/Oak Park exit and Price Cyn Road. Look for a concrete driveway and teal gate.

We meet at 7am at the Nipomo Miners/Starbucks parking lot on West Tefft and Mary Streets (581 W Tefft) for carpool or caravan. Or meet at the Rescue before 7:55am. The gate will open at 7:30am. Our host Jeff starts the tour of the facility (optional) at 8am and it takes about an hour. There will be photo ops during the tour. We will have the morning to take photos, and I anticipate being there till around 10am.

Need more info? Contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com



Why go? – Turtles and tortoises teach us the art of living deeply and s-l-o-w-l-y.

May 17th (Sat 8:15am–2pm?) B&W Solvang Photo Shoot followed by the Club Picnic In the morning, walk around Solvang and then go to Sunny Fields Park for a picnic. Meet at Panera Bakery off Betteravia and College at 8:15am for carpool/caravan to the Solvang Vets Memorial Hall (1745 Mission Drive) by about 9am. If you want, meet us there. We love the Old Mission Santa Ines, Danish architecture, bakeries, street scenes and the inspiration to be found at the California Nature Museum (formally the Wilding). Exhibits there include "Yosemite: Sanctuary in Stone" and "Lulu Hyggelig" (open at 10am/\$5).

The **PHOTO CHALLENGE** is to set your camera to shoot in B&W or convert some images to B&W when developing and sharing at the June 4th meeting. Either Solvang or picnic subjects are fine. The photos here are from QTLuong/Terragalleria shot on film.



The picnic starts at about noon at Sunny Fields Park on the outskirts of Solvang (900 Alamo Pintado Rd). See the info flyer in the Galleon for more info on that.

Why go? – Embracing the monochrome medium empowers you to see the world through a different lens, and picnics are great fun with delicious food!

And Beyond...

June 7th (Sat 5-8pm) A Special Event at the Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero – ICE CREAM ZOOFARI! Come beat the Summer heat with lots of ice cream and the animals from all around the globe to photograph. Tickets will be available online soon and include admission to the zoo. Last year's tickets cost \$16.

May 17th CLUB PICNIC

Noon – 2pm

Sunny Fields Park, Area B

900 Alamo Pintado Road, Solvang

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



featuring on the grill

Pixel Burgers and Darkroom Dogs with all the fixings

You can bring to the picnic:

- **Family and friends!** Dogs on leash, please
- **Potluck side dishes!** Salads like potato, mac, fruit, slaw, green; Chips and dip; Beans; Veggie Kabobs for grilling; Deviled eggs; Watermelon; Desserts; etc.
- **Beverages to share!** Water, lemonade, iced tea, soft drinks, wine...
- **Games!** Bocci ball will be there. *What else do you want to play?*
- **SORRY, leave your ants at home :(**



Please RSVP to Penni by May 14th

penpowell2020@gmail.com or text (805) 363-1931

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In May there will be a program meeting (May 7) and the competition meeting (May 21)

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
Field trips	Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan
	Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James

"It's not when you press the shutter, but why you press the shutter."

— Mary Ellen Mark