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## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter September 2024

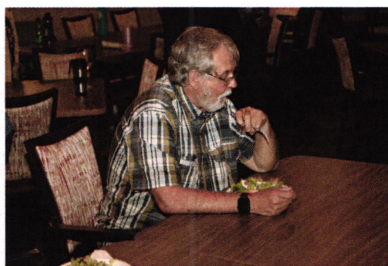
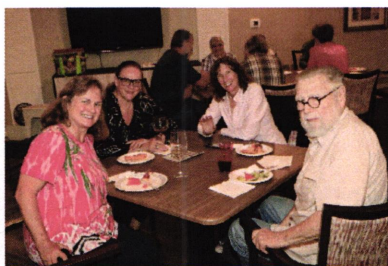
### President's Message

Hope you all are enjoying the summer!

The Photographic Society of America is having its 2024 Photo Festival from September 15 through September 21 in Tucson for anyone who is interested. Former Santa Maria Camera Club members Cheryl and Larry Decker who moved to Tucson would love to see anyone who goes to the festival. More information is here: [psa-photo.org/page/photo-festival](https://psa-photo.org/page/photo-festival).

If you are into photography contests, the California Coastal Commission has one with a deadline of September 30. They award prizes and feature the winners on their website. No entry fee. More information is here: [www.coastal.ca.gov/photo](https://www.coastal.ca.gov/photo)

*Jeanne*

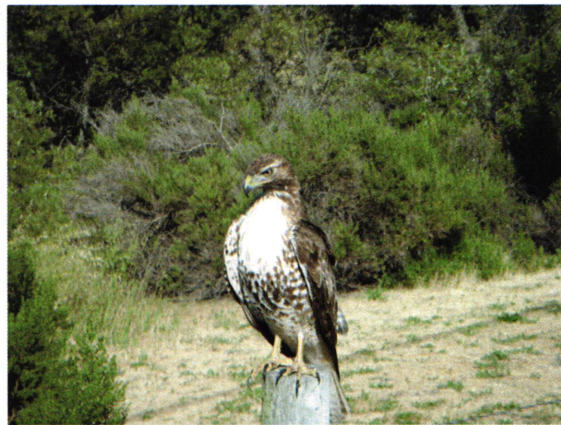


## ***Vp message***

# **SMCC Program Meeting September 4, 2024**

Our program for September will feature wildlife photographer, Adi Ringer who will share with us his 6 top tips for better wildlife photography along with some of his images.

Feel free to bring some of your own images to share after Adi's presentation.



## **Adi's Bio**

I was born in Brooklyn, raised in Argentina, and have been in CA since 1987. I have been an entrepreneur all my life and spent 30 years in the financial services industry. I have 3 daughters, and when I am not taking pictures, you can find my salsa dancing. While I have had cameras since my early teens to take pictures of family and travel, the attached image of the hawk is the one that started my wildlife photography journey. A serendipitous encounter with a young Red-Tailed Hawk that left me with a special connection and a desire to get close to wildlife.

What started with an obsessive quest for learning as much as I could on YouTube and spending ridiculous amounts of money, has led to a decade of travel, meeting new friends, and capturing beautiful nature and memories. As I continue this journey, I enjoy sharing my knowledge and helping new photographers hone-in their own skills and forge their path in whatever field of photography they enjoy most.



## AUGUST COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Christopher Broughton

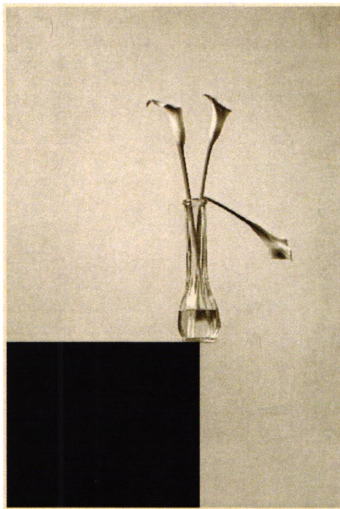
### Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Three lilies	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Making sense of the northern hemisphere	Ed E Powell
3RD PLACE	Metro center # 3	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Tulips in the clouds	Jim McKinniss

### Digital color

1ST PLACE	Up at sunrise	Jeanne Sparks
2ND PLACE	Ribbon tail pond	Chuck Ubele
3RD PLACE	Enchanted forest canopy	Cheryl Decker
HONORABLE MENTION	Lone tourist	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Spring has sprung	Jeanne Sparks

*Congratulation to everyone*



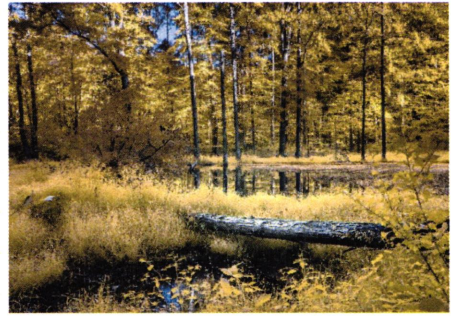
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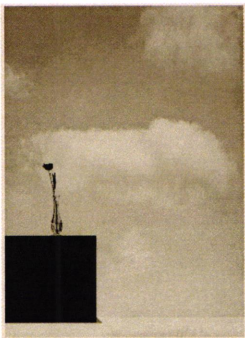
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By Elaine Calvert



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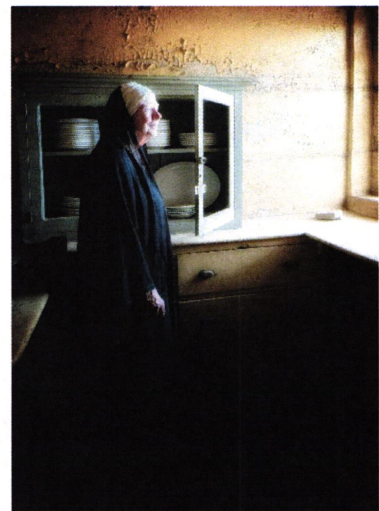
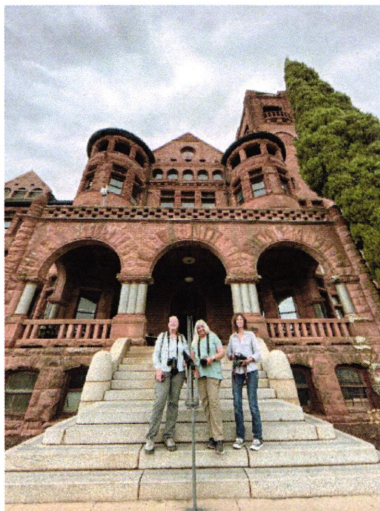


## SMCC Field Trips for August 2024 and Beyond by Penni Powell

Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.

### Preston Castle Photographer's Day August 11th

We six (Jim, Nyla, Elaine, Ron, Ed, and I) had a wonderful time at the Preston Castle Photographer's Day in Ione. Tony was there in spirit. Good: only about 12 photographers total were there at a session. That translates to half of the attendees being from SMCC! The other photographers were friendly, too. Good: We had 3 floors to photograph with helpful docents to give guidance as needed. Bad: No elevators! Lots of stairs to climb and descend. Bad: Hot, hot, hot even inside out of the sun. Well, is August after all. Good and Bad: I debuted in my new career - Modeling. We stayed until we could not lift a camera anymore after the sun had set. I am expecting to see more photos from this field trip in competition or Show & Tell.



### Possible Photography Events in September

I will not be leading a field trip this month. Here are some ideas to get out and shoot.

Sept 14th (Sat 9am - 3pm) All Ford Car Show in Old Orcutt

Sept 21-22 (Sat-Sun 9am - 5pm) Central Coast Airshow at the Santa Maria Airport (Admission fee \$30)

Sept 22nd (Sun 8am - 4pm) Automotive Classic (Car Show) at Trilogy Monarch Dunes in Nipomo

And Beyond...

Oct 5th - Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk Look online for a photo walk near you.

Got an idea? Contact Penni at [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

### Meetings

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

### Location

In September, the first meeting 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](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com)

### Membership dues

\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

### 2024 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

### 2024 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

### 2024 Special Subjects

March – Patterns in nature

June – Abstractions

**September – Weather**

### Submit your images for digital competition to:

All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com)

All the digital images **MUST** be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition

### Galleon Director

Flavio Parigi [fparigi@aol.com](mailto:fparigi@aol.com)



## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

<b>Webmaster</b>	Greg Doudna
<b>Digital Projectionist</b>	Greg Doudna
<b>Slide Projectionist</b>	Ed E. Powel
<b>SMCC Directory &amp; Calendar</b>	Rosie Brancacio
<b>Historian</b>	Nyla James
<b>Judge Recruitment</b>	Harold Litwiler
<b>Saturday Chat</b>	Jim McKinniss
<b>Point Tabulator</b>	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
<b>Print Coordinators</b>	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
<b>Slide Coordinator</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Image scoring</b>	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
<b>Program Recruitment</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Refreshment</b>	Everyone
<b>PSA Representative</b>	Nyla Janes
<b>Library Coordinator</b>	Ed E Powell
<b>Meeting room setup</b>	Everyone
<b>Membership recruitment</b>	Richard Russ
	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
<b>Field trips</b>	
<b>Name Tags</b>	Nyla James

- "I never knew what I was doing until I was done"  
— Man Ray