



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter August 2019



Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
each month at 7:00pm
(3rd Wednesday only
for Jan, July, Aug, and
December)

Location

Merrill Gardens
Retirement Center
1350 N. Suey Rd.
Santa Maria, CA

Membership Dues

\$30 Person; \$45 Family
\$20 per year to participate
in Competition meetings

2019 Club Officers

President

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Richard Russ

Galleon Editor

Ramona Cashmore

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Upcoming Events...

Aug. 3... Breakfast chat, 8 am at Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria.

Aug. 3... Field Trip to "Butterflies Alive" in Santa Barbara. See page 5.

Aug. 7... Pizza & Swap Meet, 7 pm at Merrill Gardens. See page 5.

Aug. 10... Bodie Day at Bodie Historic State Park. See page 5.

Aug. 21... Competition Meeting, 7 pm at Merrill Gardens. Open theme.

Aug. 24... All submissions for the Sept. Galleon will be due at midnight.

SMCC Breakfast Chat
Saturday, August 3 at 8:00 am
Francisco's Country Kitchen
1701 N. Broadway in Santa Maria

President's Message:

Ready for some pizza? Wednesday, August 7 will be our Pizza Party and Swap Meet. I'm bringing the pizza. Alan Upshaw's bringing the drinks. If you want to bring anything to share, that's up to you. We will also choose our topics for the special subject competitions next year. Come with ideas of what you would like to photograph.

Thanks to Ed Powell for being our judge at the last competition. July is a tough month for getting judges, so he filled in when needed. And thanks to Cheryl Decker for finding judges each month. It's not an easy task.

Thanks to Bob Ginn for talking to photographers at the fair and inviting them to join us, and to Richard Giachetto for handing out our postcards at the fair.

By the way, our year end project is photo books once again. You can enter up to three books of any size or any category.

Thanks to all of you for the many roles you are filling to keep our club thriving! See you soon!

~ Jeanne Sparks

Competition Special Subjects



September 2019

Doors and Windows



Competition Rules

Each member may submit
a maximum of 3 entries
per competition in any
combination of categories.

Categories will be:

Small Prints (9x13 max)
Monochrome Prints
(Large Back)
Color Prints (Large Back)
Slides
Digital

**Submit your images for
digital competitions to:**

Greg Doudna

gndoudna@gmail.com

Images can also be submitted on a
flash drive, or other media. Digital
images MUST be received no later
than Wednesday at 6:45pm the day
of Competition. Images not
received in time will not be entered
into the competition.

July Competition Results

Judge: Ed E. Powell

Small Prints

1st	<i>Not Friends</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Locked Out</i>	Ramona Cashmore
3rd	<i>The Yellow Cat</i>	Robert Ginn
HM	<i>Final Trip of Queen Mary</i>	Dalton Pittman

Monochrome Prints

1st	<i>Just Being Leo</i>	Scott Clark
2nd	<i>Man In Black With Balloons</i>	Jim McKinniss
3rd	<i>Eye</i>	Ted Maddux

Large Color Prints

1st	<i>Dusty Roads</i>	Elaine Calvert
2nd	<i>Angry Bird</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>Relax Into the View</i>	Janine Bognuda
HM	<i>Shades of Winter</i>	Elaine Calvert

Digital

1st	<i>Airport</i>	Chuck Uebele
2nd	<i>Before the Rush</i>	Chuck Uebele
3rd	<i>The Path</i>	Cheryl Decker
HM	<i>Painting with Fire</i>	Jeanne Sparks

Slides

1st	<i>Landing</i>	Ted Maddux
2nd	<i>After the Rain Stop</i>	Flavio Parigi
3rd	<i>Unreal</i>	Flavio Parigi

Treasury Report

We have 43 members in the club
and our bank balance is \$1626.51.

Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory & Calendar

Rosie Brancacio

Historian

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

Cheryl Decker

Saturday Chat

Jim McKinniss

Points Tabulator

Richard Russ

Print Coordinators

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Image Scoring

Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore
and Penni Powell

Program Recruitment

Alan Upshaw

Refreshments

Joyce Bolivar

PSA Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Larry Decker

Meeting Room Setup

Everyone!

Membership Recruitment

Richard Russ

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams
Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna

Name Tags

Nyla James & Amaya Rangel



"Dusty Roads" ~ Elaine Calvert



"Before the Rush" ~ Chuck Uebele



"The Path" ~ Cheryl Decker



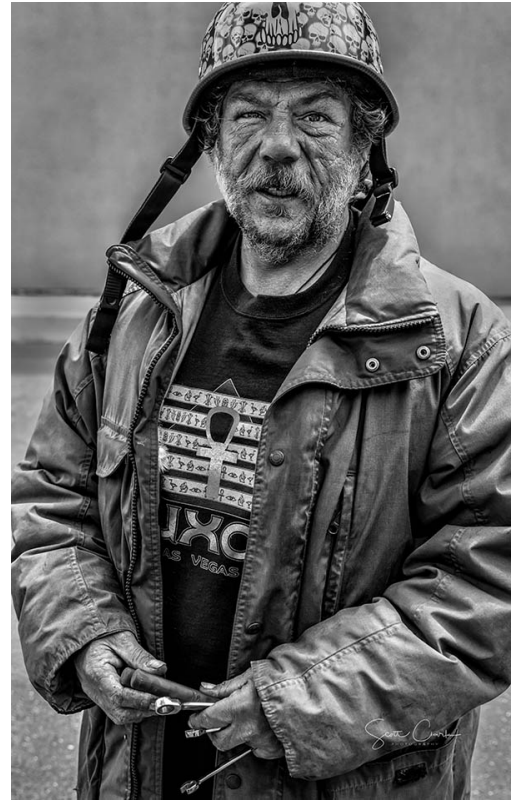
"Airport" ~ Chuck Uebele



"Shades of Winter" ~ Elaine Calvert



"Painting with Fire" ~ Jeanne Sparks



"Just Being Leo" ~ Scott Clark



"Locked Out" ~ Ramona Cashmore

SMCC Field Trips for August 2019 and Beyond

by Penni Powell

Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt.

Check your email for any updates.

August 3rd (Sat 8:40 am - afternoon) – “Butterflies Alive!” Exhibit at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum The field trip leaves from the Santa Maria Panera Bakery at 8:40am (Betteravia & College Dr), come a little earlier if you want a bite to eat...We'll form carpools for interested parties.

The drive to the museum (2559 Puesta del Sol, SB) is about an hour but we can stop at the Gaviota Rest Stop for a quick break, getting to the museum at the 10am opening. Tickets are \$15 for adults / \$12 seniors 65 yrs. and up.

“Butterflies Alive” is a walk through a beautiful garden while nearly 1,000 live butterflies flutter freely around you. The exhibit features a dazzling variety of butterflies, from local favorites to exotic tropical varieties. Learn about the life cycle and behavior of these spectacular invertebrates while observing them up close. A variety of lenses can apply to capture the butterflies.

When we tire of the flitting and fluttering, we'll choose a restaurant for lunch and then head back to Santa Maria.

Contact leader Penni Powell at pennipoo@hotmail.com or 805.363.1931 (cell) for info.

Why Go? The Butterfly Pavilion features plants, butterflies, love and comfortable spots to relax and enjoy the atmosphere while the rest of Santa Barbara has Fiesta Fever!

August 10th – Bodie Day at Bodie State Historic Park. The Powell's are camping out and welcome others to join them. Call Ed at 805.929.2420 or eep@lightpreserve.com.



Other August events: Be on the lookout for Rosie's emailed calendar. *Thanks, Rosie!*

and Beyond...

**** If you would like to lead a field trip in September, please let me know! 805.363.1931 ****

Oct 5th – Scott Kelby's Worldwide Photo Walk worldwidephotowalk.com

Oct 12-13 – Central Coast Air Fest, Santa Maria centralcoastairfest.com

November – Hearst Castle Evening Tour

August Pizza Party & Swap Meet

August 7, 700pm

Join the club for our annual pizza party. We don't have a regular meeting in August but have been holding this event for the last few years, in the regular time slot of our program meetings. The club will provide pizza, non-alcoholic beverages and tableware. Feel free to bring along a salad or dessert, or just drop a little cash into the kitty.

For the swap meet, bring along items that might be of interest to other members of the club. We all have a lot of photo gear, and this is a chance to move it along to someone that can use it. Also, if you just want to show off something, that's fine too!

Regular programs will resume in September. Also, remember, we have a competition August 21st.

~ Alan



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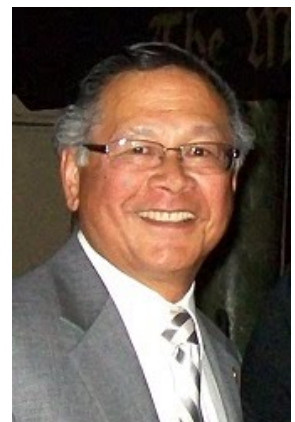
Our webmaster, Gregory Doudna, has a new email address so please update his contact information to the following:

gndoudna@gmail.com



Judge for Competition Meeting

This month our Competition meeting will be held August 21 at 7:00 pm and is an open theme night. Our judge for the evening will be Greg Villegas, who has judged many times for us in the past. Greg was a professional portrait and family photographer who retired just a few years ago, and as a judge has always been very kind in sharing his comments and critique about what he sees in our images.



Points North and East For August 2019

The Superbloom has mostly passed but the impact of the near record rain and snow fall continues. Much of the High Sierra is still Winter. Tioga Pass opened late-July and Mammoth Mountain Ski area is planning to be open until late July. The major concern now is rapid melting and flooding.

August is the month for Alpine Wildflowers; the upper Steppe and Forest Wildflowers are usually past their peak however the Forest Wildflowers near tree-line could persist. Dana Hanging Garden is usually sustained into August depending on the snowpack. The Forest Wildflowers in Coldwater Creek and Lundy Canyon also could be sustained into August.

I recommend trying Little Lakes Valley and visiting Minaret Vista at least for Alpine Wildflowers. Also trailheads at Tioga Pass, South Lake, North Lake, Coldwater Creek, Lake George, and Upper Virginia Lake provide day hiking access to Alpine Wildflowers. Sometimes the Alpine Wildflowers can be found in "Rock Gardens." And because they are above tree-line they usually have dramatic backdrops. The trail to Ruby Lake and Mono Pass has several Rock Gardens.

Minaret Vista is above Mammoth Lakes Ski area at almost 10,000 feet. The Vista has a mix of Forest and Alpine Wildflowers in an above tree-line setting. Walking along the San Joaquin Ridge will lead to more Alpine Wildflowers. And if you're adventurous and have 4WD capability, a 4WD road from Minaret Vista provides access to the San Joaquin Ridge Garden at over 10,500 feet. Mountain bikers and day hikers also use the 4WD road.

Since February the emphasis has been on the Wildflowers; six months of Spring!!! For most of August and until Fall Color in mid to late September, I visit the locations that are not as seasonal: The Bristlecone Pines in the White Mountains; Bodie Ghost Town; Tuolumne Meadows Domes; Tuolumne River and tributaries; Saddlebag Lakes Loop; and Great Sierra Silver Mine; and visit or participate in Outdoor Art Shows.

The Bristlecone Pines favor Dolomite soils and the white Dolomite acts as a sun reflector, similar to snow, lighting the trees. Also I prefer Bodie in snow. I have been in Bodie twice with a fresh covering of snow blasting sun light into the sides of the Bodie structures like a giant reflector.

Also I used to chase tarns and fungi. We think about the many lakes in the back country; however there are many more tarns. Tarns are small bodies of water that often dry up as the summer progresses. Sometimes they provide images that are unachievable with lakes because of their location, size, and many are unmapped and unvisited.

Fungi season on the Central Coast is winter however in the High Sierra it is summer. Finding an eight inch diameter "King Bolete" can be the highlight of any hike. Finding a field of "Chanterelles" is worth a song.

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Lake Mary Stumps (SR015)

During the drought years of the late 1980's, the stumps along the eastern shoreline of Lake Mary were exposed, making for a very pleasant composition.

The "Lake Mary Stumps" image is part of the Sealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the Lake Mary, Mammoth Lakes Basin, Mammoth Lakes, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra, and Central Coast of California.



The Central Coast Renaissance Festival was held July 18-19, 2019 at Laguna Lake Park in San Luis Obispo and attending were Ed & Penni Powell, Ron & Elaine Calvert, and Jim & Lynda Snodgrass. Below are images by Ed E. Powell highlighting the event. To see more images from the event, check out Ed's website at <http://www.lightpreserve.com/news/ne190727.htm> . Seeing the images of this event looks like it would be a lot of fun to attend!



“Photography is a way of feeling, of touching, of loving. What you have caught on film is captured forever... It remembers little things, long after you have forgotten everything.”

~ Aaron Siskind