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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter August 2023

President's Message

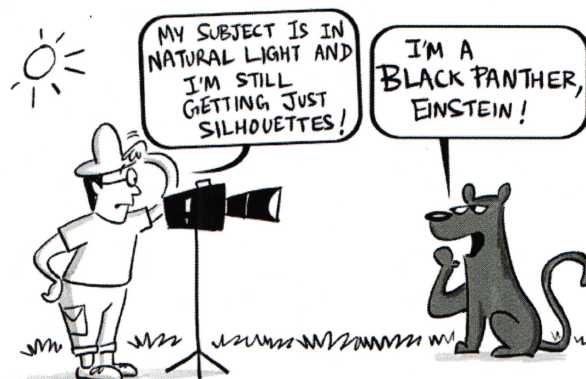
I hope to see you all at our Pizza Party at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Merrill Gardens. If you would like, bring camera gear to sell or chat about. The club is supplying the pizza. Bring whatever beverage you would like to drink.

I saw a bunch of entries in the Santa Barbara County Fair from club members. Congratulations especially to Larry Decker for winning the Rosalie & Clarence Minetti Award and getting that BIG ribbon. I have ribbon envy! Penni Powell, Ed Powell, and I each won Best of Show in various categories. A lot of ribbons went to club members, including Cheryl Decker. Congratulations everyone!

If you're into photographing Super Moons, there are two in August: one on the 1st and one on the 31st. PhotoPills explains how to photograph them at this link: <https://photopills.us6.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c8bd6a708289d5a92d72a17fd&id=3222b2a004&e=1f67843d86>

See you soon!

Jeanne Sparks



www.greenhumour.com

Photos:

Larry Decker's "El Cap" won the Rosalie & Clarence Minetti Award.



From top to bottom, entries from Penni Powell, Jeanne Sparks and Ed Powell won "Best of Show" in various categories.



SMCC Pizza Party and Camera Gear Swap Meet

August 2, 7:00 PM

We are back to having our club's annual Pizza Party, this Wednesday evening at Merrill Gardens. SMCC will provide the pizza, but members BYOB (Bring your own beverages). Also, bring camera gear that you want to trade or sell. I am not sure if we will be having Shown and Tell but bring your flash drives with up to 10 images just in case.

Frank

JULY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: **Michael Collins**

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Untitled # 2	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Sculpted dunes	Elaine Calvert
3RD PLACE	Underground city of Turkey	Harold Litwiler
HONORABLE MENTION	Saguaro	Ed E. Powell

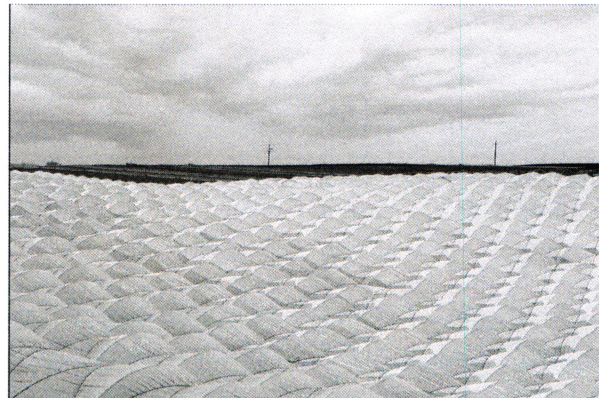
Digital color

1ST PLACE	North head lighthouse	Ed E. Powell
2ND PLACE	Prime real estate	Elaine Calvert
3RD PLACE	Adrian Cunningham	Ed E. Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Cut flower 723	Ron Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Fruit bowl	Ron Calvert

Congratulation to everyone



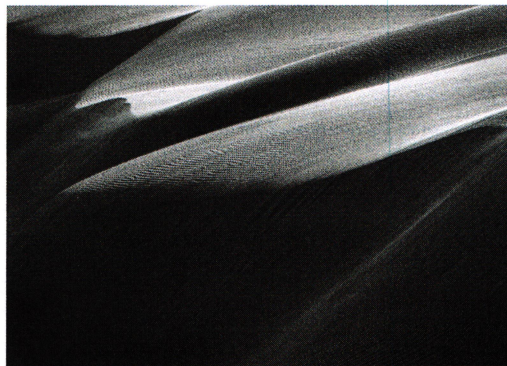
By Ed E. Powell



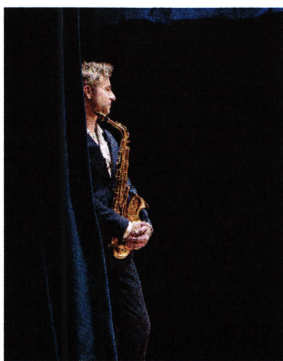
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By Elaine Calvert



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SMCC Field Trips for August 2023 and Beyond by Penni Powell

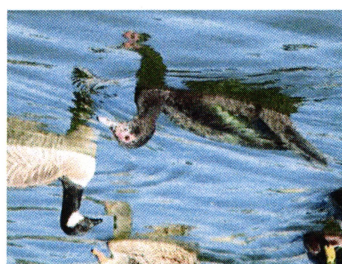
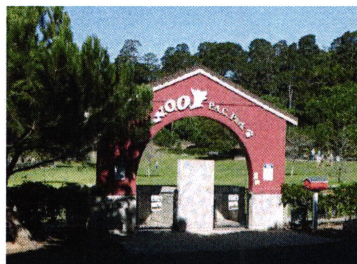
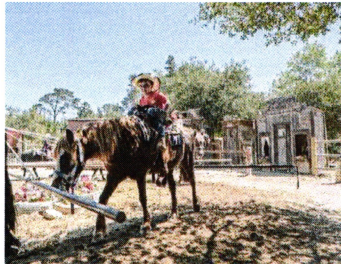
Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.

August 19th (Sat 4-6pm+) - Waller Park Animal Safari in Santa Maria (A dog friendly field trip)

"Animals" is the competition theme for September so let us find some at Waller Park (3107 Orcutt Rd, Santa Maria). At 4pm meet at the Pony Ride Arena in the park. The pony rides can be reached by taking the Orcutt Expressway and turning onto West Waller Lane, then turning left onto Orcutt Road. Turn right at the first road into the park and go about two-tenths of a mile to the arena. **Animal = Ponies** Next, we will find the W.O.O.F. Pac dog park which is on the Westside of the park adjacent to the Hagerman Softball Complex. There are two fenced off areas, one for small dogs and the other for larger canines. **Animal = Dogs** Lastly, we will head for the duck ponds. Did you know that Waller Park is a bird watching hotspot? 180 bird species have been observed here with Mallard ducks being the most numerous. Maybe we will photograph the exotic Muscovy duck! Caution: There is duck poop so watch where you step... **Animal = Ducks and Geese** When we have exhausted our opportunities for photographs, it is optional to have dinner at a nearby eatery.

Email Penni for info penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell 805.363.1931

WHY GO? - Ponies, puppies, and ducks, OH MY!



FYI Other events in August

Aug 12th (Sat pm) – Milky Way and the Perseid meteor shower. Find a black spot and practice Photo Pills

Aug 26th-27th (Sat-Sun) – Stone Soup Music Festival in Grover Beach

And Beyond...

September - Open for anyone to lead a trip this month.

Oct 22nd (Sun) -Solvang Pumpkins and Scarecrows

Oct 29th-30th (Sun am – Mon pm) - Pinnacles NP overnight with tent cabin rental (\$129) or camp out (\$40-59) with one day up and back option for non-campers. On the Eastside, the Bear Gulch Cave is supposed to be *fully open* the last week in October and it is nearly a full moon, too. **Ask Penni about reserving a camping spot as soon as possible so we can get campsites together.** Email Penni penpowell2020@gmail.com or cell 805.363.1931.

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	On August 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Location	In August, 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, <i>please send an email to</i> santamariacameraclub@gmail.com
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2023 Club officers	President: Jeanne Sparks Vice President: Cheryl Decker Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Alan Upshaw
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2023 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
2023 Special Subjects	March – Minimalism June – In the street of the city September – Animals
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 in time, will not be entered in the competition
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