



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter Dec & Jan 2016/17



*Affiliated since 1938*

## Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday  
of the month at  
7:00pm, most months

## Location

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

## Membership

### Dues

\$25 Individual  
\$35 Family  
\$15 year Competitions

## 2016 Club Officers

### President

Dave Clary

### Vice President

Jeanne Sparks

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Janice Darby

### Treasurer

Bill Hood

## At-Large

## Board Members

Richard Russ  
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Ed E. Powell

## Galleon Editor

Alan Upshaw

[abupshaw53@yahoo.com](mailto:abupshaw53@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming Events...

**Dec 3...1st Saturday Chat**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8:00am, *see below*

**Dec 7...Christmas Potluck**, Casa Grande Estates, Santa Maria, volunteers are needed. *full details page 7*

**Dec 10...Field Trip**, Morro Bay Lighted Boat Parade, *see page 3*

**Dec 21...Planning for Wildlife Refuge & Yosemite**, 7:00pm, Merrill Gardens

**Jan 7...1st Saturday Chat**, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8:00am

### *No Program Meeting in January*

**Jan 14...Annual Awards Banquet**, Santa Maria Inn.

**Jan 18...Competition**, Open Category

**Feb 1...1st Program Meeting of the Year**, TBA

**Feb 13-14...Field Trip**, Merced Wildlife Refuge, *see page 3*

**Feb 15-18...Field Trip**, Yosemite in Winter, *see page 3*



## President's Message

Here we are approaching the end of one year and beginning of another. We don't have another meeting until January 18, 2017. In the interim though we have our Christmas Potluck on December 7, 2016, where the "TIMEPIECE" photos and awards will be revealed. That should be fun. Then on January 14, 2017 we have our annual awards banquet at the Santa Maria Inn. In between we have the holiday season and New Year's celebration. It is a time to take a break, relax and enjoy each other's company. Your officers and board will do our best to make next year a good one for the members of the Santa Maria Camera Club.

*Take care...*

**Dave Clary**



## December 3 Saturday Chat

I would like to try something new for the Saturday Chat. So I'm suggesting a topic for the December 3 chat. Well, there are actually two topics: The photographers Sally Mann and Francesca Woodman. You can Google these photographers and I have provided two links below.

<http://sallymann.com/>

<http://www.nybooks.com/daily/2011/01/24/long-exposure-francesca-woodman/>

Please print one or two pictures from one or both of these artists and bring them with you and learn enough about one or both to be able to say a few things about them. If you don't want to bring photos, come along anyway.

**Jim McKinniss**



## **Committee Chairs**

### **Webmaster**

Greg Doudna

### **Digital Projectionist**

Richard Russ

### **Slide Projectionist**

Ed E. Powell

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### **Historian & Name-tags**

Nyla James

### **Judge Recruitment**

Ramona Cashmore

### **Saturday Chat**

Jim McKinniss

### **Point Tabulator**

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### **Print Coordinator**

Flavio Parigi

### **Slide Coordinator**

Elaine Calvert

### **Program Recruitment**

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### **Refreshments**

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### **PSA Representative**

Nyla James

### **Library Coordinator**

Ramona Cashmore

### **Meeting Room Setup**

Dalton Pittman

### **Sunshine Lady**

Bonnie Adams

### **Field Trips**

Penni Powell

Bob Mihelic

Jim Ogg

Sharon Salerno

Rosie Brancacio

Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

## **Hi all...**

This will be my last message as Vice President of the Santa Maria Camera Club. As you may know, there is no program meeting in December. I just want to say it's been a pleasure working with everyone who gave me ideas for programs and to be with all of you at the meetings.

I especially wish to thank Alan Upshaw, Bob Mihelic and Glenn Bolivar for helping to line up the speakers. Thanks to Richard Russ for dealing with the technical issues related to using the projector during the program meetings, and thanks to Flavio Parigi for taking the lead on the pizza party and swap meet.

Thanks to all our guest speakers throughout the year and to our members who presented their shows during our program meeting in June. I think we saw how much we can express through our photographs without worrying if they are competition quality. A big thanks to President Dave for his dedication to making this a successful year and to his wife Lil for bringing refreshments for me when I couldn't.

I hope you enjoyed the programs this year. I look forward to the programs that Alan Upshaw will line up for us next year.

**Jeanne Sparks**

SMCC Vice President



## ***Santa Maria Camera Club* Officers and At-Large Members of the Board Elected to Serve in 2017**

### **Officers**

**President** – Dave Clary

**Vice President** – Alan Upshaw

**Secretary** – Rosie Brancacio

**Treasurer** – Bill Hood

### **At Large Members of the Board**

• Ed E. Powell

• Flavio Parigi

• Lynda Snodgrass

• Penni Powell

• Richard Russ

• Ramona Cashmore



# SMCC Field Trips December 2016 and Beyond

*Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates as the date of the event draws near.*

**Dec 10th (Sat 4:15pm in AG) - Morro Bay Lighted Boat Parade** - Bring your camera and tripod to the Embarcadero in Morro Bay with us to photograph a procession of the most beautifully-decorated Christmas skiffs, yachts, fishing boats, cutters, sailboats, and kayaks starting at 6:30pm. Or go a little earlier on your own (at 4:30pm) with the Pre-Parade Festivities including holiday music by the White Caps Band & Strolling Carolers, plus free photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus at South T-Pier. Before the parade, the group will have dinner at the (people's choice) restaurant in Morro Bay.

**Dress warmly!!! Rain will cancel so check the website if concerned:**

[http://www.morrobayboatparade.com/index.html?page\\_id=79](http://www.morrobayboatparade.com/index.html?page_id=79)

Meet at Carl's Jr/Kmart parking lot in Arroyo Grande (off the 101 at the Oak Park exit, left down the hill) for carpooling or caravan at **4:15pm** or meet us in Morro Bay. Cell phone contact for the field trip is Penni @ 805-363-1931.

***Why go? - Enjoy night photography with holiday spirit!***

**Dec 21st (Wed 7pm) - Feb 2017 Pre-Field Trip Planning (Merced Birding/Yosemite NP)** - This is for anyone thinking to go on either of these trips, though *it's not mandatory*.

Meet at Merrill Gardens (the club competition is cancelled this night) and get organized for the February 2017 overnight field trips.

***Why go? - "Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it is not all mixed up."***  
A.A. Milne

**Other December Ideas** - for Rosie's December event calendar, check your email. 'Tis the season for community holiday events...

## And Field Trips Beyond...

**Jan 2017** - Piedras Blancas Lighthouse Tour (not certain yet)

**Feb 13-14** - Merced Wildlife Refuge (Birds) if there is water... \*\*

**Feb 15-18** - Yosemite in Winter (Horsetail Falls if there is water, etc.) \*\*

**Aug 12-18** - Palouse Harvest, SE Washington (not certain yet) \*\*

**Aug 18-21** - Great American Solar Eclipse, Madras, OR, camping trip \*\*

*\*\* Sign-up or info sheet available at club meetings for these overnight, multi-day trips*

**If you have an idea for a field trip, please let anyone on the field trip committee know about it.**



**We get  
the  
shots!**

*photos on this page courtesy of Ed E. Powell*



## Competition Special Subjects



**March 2017**

Wildlife

**June 2017**

Patterns in Nature

**September 2017**

Bokeh or Blur



## Competition Rules

3 entries per competition.

Categories of your choice not to exceed (2) 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:**

Richard Russ  
[rruss12@gmail.com](mailto:rruss12@gmail.com)

Images can also be submitted on a flash drive, or other media. Digital images MUST be received no later than midnight on the **Monday** before the Competition. Images not received in time will not be entered into the competition.

## November Competition Results

**Judge: Karen Peterson**

### Monochrome Prints

|     |                           |                |
|-----|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1st | <i>Reflective Moments</i> | Janine Bognuda |
| 2nd | <i>Flawed</i>             | Elaine Calvert |
| 3rd | <i>Play for Beed</i>      | Ed E. Powell   |

### Small Prints

|     |                                     |             |
|-----|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1st | <i>Debbie Lien from "Cape Fear"</i> | Robert Ginn |
| 2nd | <i>Little Red Man</i>               | Robert Ginn |
| 3rd | <i>Come Out of the Cave</i>         | Scott Clark |
| HM  | <i>Neptune's Well</i>               | Scott Clark |

### Large Color Prints

|     |                             |                |
|-----|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1st | <i>The Mystical Sea</i>     | Elaine Calvert |
| 2nd | <i>Alert Meadowlark</i>     | Richard Russ   |
| 3rd | <i>Vineyard with a View</i> | Janine Bognuda |

### Digital

|     |                      |                |
|-----|----------------------|----------------|
| 1st | <i>Giraffes</i>      | Gregory Doudna |
| 2nd | <i>Mitten</i>        | Tom Wahweotten |
| 3rd | <i>Nipomo Colors</i> | Gregory Doudna |

### Slides

|     |                                     |               |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1st | <i>This is My Boat</i>              | Flavio Parigi |
| 2nd | <i>Another Perspective of Paris</i> | Flavio Parigi |
| 3rd | <i>Smile</i>                        | Flavio Parigi |



**Dues are due...January 1st**  
**\$25 Individual, \$35 Family, \$10 Competition**

### Welcome New Member

Douglas M. Deutch



### Treasury Report



**The Club has a balance of \$1220.91**  
**There are currently 60 paid members.**



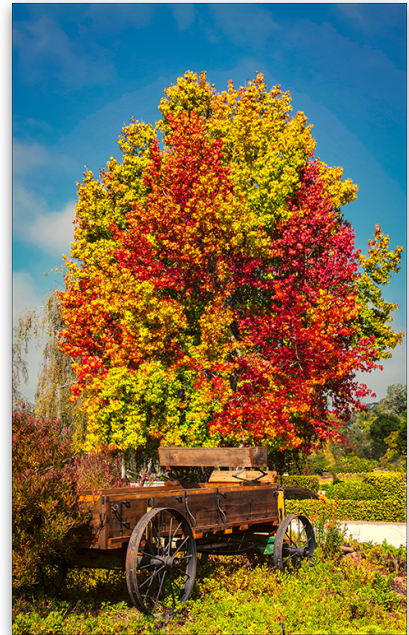
# A Selection of November 2016 Competition Winners



*Mitten by Tom Wahweotten*



*Giraffes by Gregory Doudna*



*Nipomo Colors  
by Gregory Doudna*



These, and many more images from club members, can be found on  
our website [santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html](http://santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html)  
All submissions for the Galleon & the website should be in  
accordance with the digital competition guidelines  
[santamariacameraclub.org/downloads/  
SMCC\\_Competition\\_Rules\\_2016.pdf](http://santamariacameraclub.org/downloads/SMCC_Competition_Rules_2016.pdf)

## 1st Saturday Chat

Jim McKinniss is the co-ordinator for the  
monthly get-together.

- December 3, 2016
- January 7, 2017
- February 4, 2017
- March 4, 2017
- April 1, 2017

Francisco's Country Kitchen  
1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria

Meeting time is 8:00am.

The usual length is approximately 2 hours.





# **Points North and East for December 2016 and January 2017 by Jim Ogg**

Mid Winter Snow opportunities continue in December especially for Yosemite and Eastern Sierra. The Sealth image El Capitan Birthmarks (SR136) shows the giant monolith that is Tu-tok-a-nu'-la (El Capitan) has marks that are worthy of its cataclysmic birth.

One-to-four weeks after a drenching rainfall, look for Fungi. The Bull Elephant Seals continue to contend for control of the beaches near Piedras Blancas. Mid December brings the breeding females and the start of the birthing of pups. And continue to look for low tide opportunities and/or "winter" coastal wildflowers.

The air temperature determines the opportunities for Monarch Butterfly images. The Pismo Beach Monarch web page ([www.classiccalifornia.com](http://www.classiccalifornia.com)) indicates that Monarchs cannot fly at temperatures less than 55, and at a temperature lower than 40 degrees, it is unable to move at all. At these temperatures, the Butterflies form dense clusters on the pine trees and alien Eucalyptus trees. Besides the Pismo Beach Preserve, wintering Monarchs can be found at Sweet Springs Marsh Preserve, Montana de Oro State Park, in the eucalyptus windrow next to Ramona Rd. in Los Osos, and north of Sebastiani's Store at San Simeon. Also Morro Bay State Park has several butterfly overwintering sites. Check the campground and the Eucalyptus windrows in the nearby golf course.

Sometimes the Carrizo Plains National Monument is a spectacular photography opportunity during the wetter winters especially Painted Rock, Soda Lake, Plains animals and wildflowers. Painted Rock is only accessible by humans in the winter before March 1. The petroglyphs of Painted Rock are colorful, predominately red, black, and white. Often late in February, wildflowers can be found on the trail to and at Painted Rock. Soda Lake is usually a salt flat but wet winters bring a most dramatic lake when full and supports one-fourth of the California's wintering sandhill crane population. On the plains, look for Pronghorn Antelope, Tule Elk, and Kit Fox families. Late Winter early Spring sometimes brings foreground to horizon carpets of wildflowers.

For me January is an in between month. Elephant Seals, Butterflies, Dunes and Fungi are the stars. By January the Central coast usually has had a drenching rainfall, so some fungi may be found at the East-West

Ranch (Fiscalini Ranch Preserve) in late December or early January. It is useful to know the seasonal cycles. The Elephant Seal pup birthing peaks mid January. And in January and early February, the Butterflies mate and the females leave soon after.

Fungi are the precursor of spring. They pop up before the new grass can overwhelm them. 2005 was a great year for Fungi. The Club had an outing to Cambria Cemetery that was successful in finding many Fungi including Bolettes, Fly Alaric, Chanterelles, Jack-in-the-Box, and Turkey Tail. One of these is poisonous, one is a insect killer and a hallucinogenic and two are prized edibles. One is \$10.00 per pound at the local grocery store. Fungi can also be found at East-West Ranch South-East corner particularly; San Simeon State Park, San Simeon Point, Stadium Park and Jim Green Trail in Atascadero; Los Osos Oaks Preserve, Eagle Rock Loop trail in El Chorro Park and Ferrini Ranch Open Space near SLO. The problem with Fungi is that they are very dependent on the rainfall. The Fungi seem to need a drenching rainfall; then appear one-to-four weeks after. In winter 2005-2006 we had a series of drenching rainfalls so the great Fungi year.

January is also the best to explore the local secluded beaches. If it is not raining the beaches have comparable temperatures to summer with more sunlight and better sun lighting angles. Some "winter" wildflowers should be starting to bloom in the Beach Dunes, Sea Bluffs and some Coastal Scrub plant zones. Montana De Oro SP, San Simeon Point, Elfin Forest Loop Trail, Estero Bluffs SB, Pismo Dunes Preserve, and Oso Flaco Dunes are places to look for "winter" coastal wildflowers.

For the next several months, Yosemite may provide the opportunity for winter snow images in the Valley. However since the Valley is only 4000 feet it usually only gets snow a couple of times a year. And because of winter driving conditions it is best to be in the Valley before it happens. Finding snow high up on the walls of the Valley is more likely. In February, 2007, the club timed it perfectly for Yosemite Valley in winter.

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# *SANTA MARIA CAMERA CLUB*

## *ANNUAL CHRISTMAS POTLUCK*

**Where:** Casa Grande Mobile Home Park, 519 West Taylor Street, Santa Maria, Ca 93454

**Gate Code:** \*2468 (That is a star in front of the numbers.)

**Date:** Wednesday, December 7, 2016

**Dress:** Casual

**Time:** (These times are more or less ... this is not a formal event.)

- \*Arrive for social hour ... 6:00 pm
- \*Dinner... We will start sometime between 6:30 and 7:00 pm
- \*Awards for the TIMEPIECE special subject photos after people have finished eating, more or less.
- \*Part of the fun is seeing these photos on display in the dining/meeting room.
- \*End of it all ... before 9:30 pm when they turn off the lights and close the doors

**What to bring to share:** Contact Joyce Bolivar who is in charge of the organization of the event. She has had a sign-up sheet at our meetings, so members could indicate what they intend to bring. If you haven't signed up, please call or email Joyce to do so. Her phone number is (805) 294-2908. Her Email address is [joyviva2@hotmail.com](mailto:joyviva2@hotmail.com). Each person/couple should bring one dish for sharing. Joyce has the list of what people have signed up for. So she can let you know what we might need at this point.

**Corking Fee:** Feel free to bring wine if you so desire. There is no corking fee at all. (Aren't we generous?)

**Dues and Awards Banquet Meal Costs:** Our treasurer Bill Hood would appreciate it if we all would consider paying our dues and competition fees for the coming year at the Christmas Banquet. Also the invitations for the awards banquet and the RSVP card with meal choices and fees will be available. Bill will be more than happy to accept our payment for these as well. So please consider bringing your checkbook and getting these payments out of the way.

**Telephone number if you can't find us:** Dave Clary (805) 550-6215

This is normally a fun event and a chance to see what people have come up with for the Special Subject Competition. We usually eat very well. We hope to see you there.

**President Dave Clary**

### **El Capitan Birthmarks (SR136)**

**The giant monolith that is Tu-tok-a-nu'-la (El Capitan) has marks that are worthy of its cataclysmic birth.**

The "El Capitan Birthmarks" 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 Yosemite Valley, Yosemite National Park, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.

