



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter Dec 2018 & Jan 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

2018 Club Officers

President

Richard Russ

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Board Members

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Upcoming Events...

December 1... Breakfast Chat, 8am, Francisco's Country Kitchen

December 1... Field Trip ~ Santa Maria's Christmas Parade of Lights,
meet at 4:20pm (see page 5 for details)

December 12... (Wednesday) Annual Christmas Potluck, 6pm (see page 8)

January 5... Breakfast Chat, 8am, Francisco's Country Kitchen (see page 2)

January 12... Awards Banquet for 2017 (see below)

January 16... Competition Meeting, 7pm at Merrill Gardens (open theme)

Mark your calendars for:



Santa Maria Camera Club's annual Awards Banquet

January 12, 2019

Magic Dragon Asian Cuisine
800 S. Broadway in Santa Maria
(invitations will be mailed soon)



President's Message:

We just finished our final photo competition for the year and have two more events left for this year: the Christmas Potluck and the Awards Banquet. The Potluck is on Wednesday, December 12, and the Awards Banquet is on Saturday, January 12. We hope you can make it out to these two fun events. The photography has been great this year, as usual, and has really challenged our judges. You can see all the winning photos at the awards banquet, so do not miss it.

The club, of course, could not run without the many participating volunteers so we want to thank all who have helped out this year. There are too many to name them all, but you all know who you are. A thank you to them by any of you would be greatly appreciated, so be sure to do that.

Again, thank you all.

Richard Russ
President

Competition Special Subjects



March 2019

Plant Life

June 2019

*Squares, Circles & Triangles
(Geometry)*

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:**

Jeanne Sparks

jeanne@jeannesparks.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.

SATURDAY CHAT

December 1, 2018 ~ 8:00 AM

and again on

January 5, 2019 ~ 8:00 AM

**Meet at Francisco's Country Kitchen
for breakfast and visiting.**

1701 N. Broadway in Santa Maria

Contact Jim McKinniss if you have any questions.

November Competition Results

Judge: Greg Villegas

Small Prints		
1st	<i>French Corral Depot</i>	Cheryl Decker
2nd	<i>Cheryl's Trick Hat</i>	Ed E. Powell
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Waves of Contemplation</i>	Janine Bognuda
2nd	<i>Beckoning Dunes</i>	Elaine Calvert
3rd	<i>Winter</i>	Richard Russ
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>Little Blue Eyes</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>The Winter Forest</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd	<i>Jerry Coleman</i>	Ed E. Powell
HM	<i>Red-Eyed Owl</i>	Robert Ginn
Digital		
1st	<i>The Grass Is Always Greener</i>	Nyla James
2nd	<i>Fall Along the River</i>	Gregory Doudna
3rd	<i>Learning to Lasso</i>	Nyla James
HM	<i>Prospect Harbor Lighthouse</i>	Gregory Doudna
Slides		
1st	<i>Lunch Time</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Let's Take a Drive</i>	Penni Powell
3rd	<i>Dune With a View</i>	Penni Powell

Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Jeanne Sparks

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory & Calendar

Rosie Brancacio

Historian

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

Dave Clary

Saturday Chat

Jim McKinniss

Points Tabulator

Tom Wahweotten

Print Coordinators

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Image Scoring

Elaine Calvert

Lynda Snodgrass

Program Recruitment

Alan Upshaw

Refreshments

Joyce Bolivar

PSA Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Larry Decker

Meeting Room Setup

Dalton Pittman

Sunshine Lady

Bonnie Adams

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic

Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

Name Tags

TBA



"Beckoning Dunes" ~ Elaine Calvert



"Prospect Harbor Lighthouse" ~ Gregory Doudna



"Waves of Contemplation" ~ Janine Bognuda



"The Grass Is Always Greener" ~ Nyla James



"Fall Along the River" ~ Gregory Doudna



"French Corral Depot" ~ Cheryl Decker



"Winter" ~ Richard Russ



"Learning to Lasso" ~ Nyla James

SMCC Field Trips for December 2018 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.



Dec 1st (Saturday 4:20 pm) – Santa Maria Christmas Parade of Lights

The Rotary Clubs of Santa Maria & Nipomo, the Santa Maria Times and KCOY are pleased to present the 24th Annual Christmas Parade of Lights, held this year on **Saturday, December 1, 2018**, starting at 5:20pm.

We meet at 4:20 pm for a bite to eat (and be parked where the action starts) at **Great Scott's Pizza** (1437 South Broadway, Santa Maria, CA 93454 by Big Lots, JC Penney's).

The staging for the parade is along West Stowell and the route then turns North up Broadway. I don't know if empty chairs can be placed to hold spots for this parade when Broadway closes at 4 pm but do bring a chair if you'd like to sit...And dress for the cold, BRRRRR!!!

Contact Penni 805.929.2420 or 805.363.1931/cell for more info or at pennipoo@hotmail.com

Why go? – Have a Holly, Jolly Christmas!

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

and Beyond...

- **Jan 26, 2019 (Sat) Field Trip TBA** - It will be announced by email
- **Feb 17–20 (Sun-Wed) Chasing Horsetail Falls in Yosemite** multi-day trip, contact Penni for details. Lodging is in El Portal's Cedar Lodge. A pre-trip planning meeting will help us organize food, carpooling, itineraries, etc.
- Upcoming trips may include the Cayucos Shipwreck, Pinnacles NP and Horse Trails in Paso Robles
- ***What ideas do you have for future trips?*** Please share them!

No Program Meetings in December or January !

Our programs will resume in February 2019. I'd like to have a program meeting devoted to being a workshop. I'd also like to devote at least one meeting as an opportunity for members to bring in images to be discussed by the group (a bit like Show & Tell, but more structured.). Please contact me abupshaw53@yahoo.com if you would like to present a program or just have any suggestions

We look forward to seeing everyone at the December Potluck and the January Awards Banquet.
Note: There **will** be a competition in January.

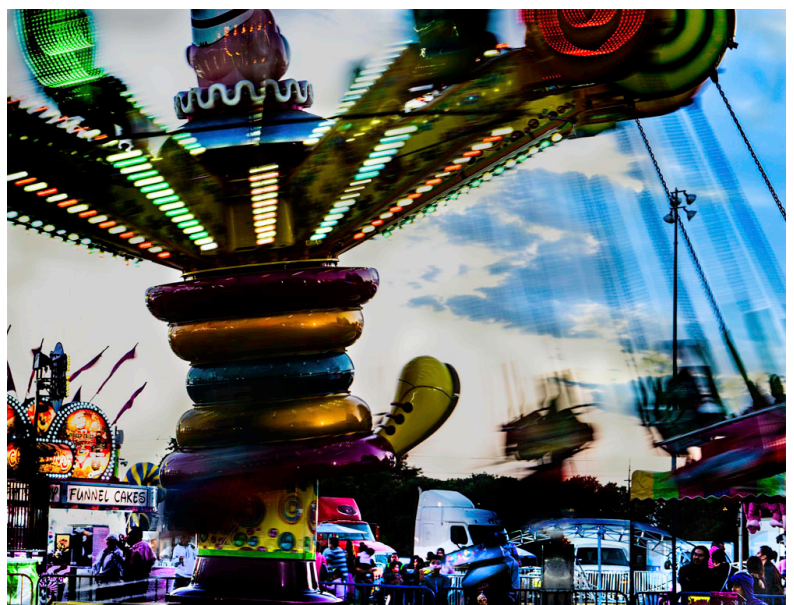
Happy Holidays, and stay warm and dry (unless you have a weatherproof camera!)

Alan

If you have program ideas, want to learn something new,
or are willing to share something with everyone else,
please contact Alan Upshaw.

abupshaw53@yahoo.com

Congratulations to Cheryl Decker who won 2nd Place in a photography contest sponsored by The Family Service Agency of Lompoc. The theme was "The Good Life in Santa Barbara County." Her image, "Titl-A-Whirl" won in the adult non-professional category and was taken at the 2018 Santa Barbara County Fair. Her image will be printed on canvas and installed, along with other winning images, at the Lompoc office of the Family Service Agency. Way to go Cheryl!



"Tilt-A-Whirl" ~ Cheryl Decker

Points North and East For December 2018 and January 2019

by Jim Ogg

December: Mid Winter Snow opportunities continue especially for Yosemite and Eastern Sierra. And 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) indicates that Monarchs cannot fly at temperatures less than 55 degrees, 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.

January: 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 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 an 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 Fungi was great that 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 4,000 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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Jim Ogg

TREASURY REPORT

We ended the year with 44 members and a bank balance of \$870.68

“What's really important is to simplify. The work of most photographers would be improved immensely if they could do one thing: get rid of the extraneous. If you strive for simplicity, you are more likely to reach the viewer.”

~ William Albert Allard



**We look forward to seeing you at our annual SMCC
Christmas Potluck**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018
6:00 pm at the clubhouse of
Casa Grande Mobile Estates
519 W. Taylor Street in Santa Maria**

**Come enjoy good food, great company,
and see this year's project
participants and their "book"!**