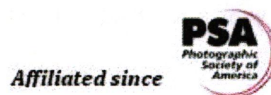




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter December 2020

President's Message

I hope you will all join for the online Holiday celebration on 12/9. Nic Stover is a terrific teacher and I know you will learn at least one new thing. (Larry and I have participated in some of his tutorials and we have found them very good) We will encourage each other with our holiday images and we will make plans for the future...that's what I call joy and hope and we all need some of that.

Wishing everyone a wonderful season of joy and hope,
Stay safe and healthy,

Cheryl

December 9 Christmas & Holiday Meeting, 7:00pm

We are not able to hold our annual Christmas potluck this year, so as an alternative, we will have a special meeting online. We will have a special presentation by SLO photographer Nic Stover. He will host the program on Zoom. Nic judged for us in October, and offers online tutorials as well, and has as a very impressive portfolio. <https://www.stoverphoto.com>

We will start the meeting with some club business and, after Nic's presentation, have a Show & Tell of holiday images. There is no limit, just use your best judgment. Images should get sent to Greg gndoudna@gmail.com by December 6.

2020 has been a challenging year, especially for our club. Hopefully 2021 will be better, and we will all come through safely. Let us celebrate together on December 9!

The invitation to the meeting will be sent to all members. It will not be on our regular Webex account, but on Zoom. Please log in a few minutes early so we can start on time.

Alan

Editor's Message

It is Christmas time and New Year is approaching. When I was young, the preparation for Christmas started the first weekend of December when I would write the letter to Santa Claus asking for all my "dreamed of" presents. The month was full of expectation and on the 24th it was so difficult to fall asleep. On December 25, normally at 5 am, I started to wake up, creeping to the main room and discovering a hug pile of presents - and no matter if I got what I asked or not, it was a pure joy open the boxes. Then, after only few days, it was the only night which you could stay up late to say "welcome" to the new year. After few years we understood that it was not necessary to write that letter, and that the 31st of December was not the only night you can stay up late. But the essence of these emotions remains with us still and give us a sense of excitement about what is to come. So now what do we request from Santa Claus this year? What do we hope for in the New Year? Because of what has happened in 2020, I think that many of us know the answer, but in my letter, I will ask that we could go back to our beautiful meetings at Merrill Garden - they were so meaningful and inspiring. Will we be disappointed if this does not happen? Probably yes, but no matter if we could meet each other again if only via computer to be part of the club will continue to be an awakening and fulfillment in this new year.

Some news. A) Remember that from January 1, you can submit 3 entries for the monthly contest, B) January 13th, 2021 is the date for our annual awards ceremony. Our president Cheryl will send to everyone an email in the next few days with all the detail where and when we need to submit our winning images C) There will be a Galleon for January and, because there is not contest on December or any other event, what I like to do is to enter one photo from everyone so prepare to send the photo that you really love to publish.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE

Flavio

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

- "What I like about photographs is that they capture a moment that's gone forever, impossible to reproduce."
— **Karl Lagerfeld**

OVEMBER COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: LUIS ESCOBAR

MONOCHROME DIGITAL IMAGES

1ST PLACE	Horse soldiers on patrol	Penni Powell
2ND PLACE	King tide	Gregory Doudna
3RD PLACE	Tour Eiffel	Jim McKinniss

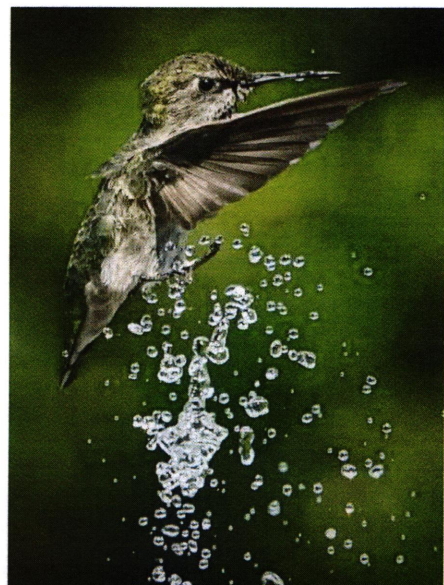
COLOR DIGITAL IMAGES

1ST PLACE	Bath Time	Jeanne Sparks
2ND PLACE	Escalante slot canyon	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	Standing tall	Elaine Calvert
Honorable mention	Arch on fire	Penni Powell

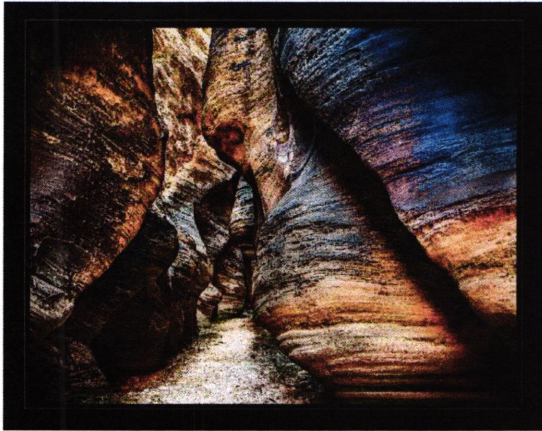
Congratulation to everyone



By Penni Powell



By Jeanne Sparks



By Cheryl Decker



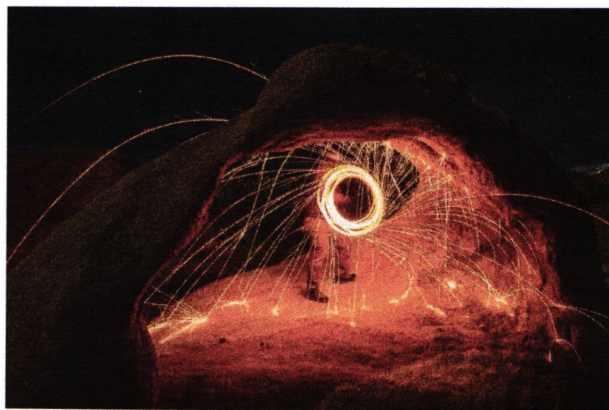
By Gregory Doudna



By Elaine Calvert



By Jim McKinniss



By Penni Powell

SMCC Field Trips for December 2020

by Penni Powell 805.363.1931 penpowell2020@gmail.com

Please note: Bad weather or Covid 19 can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. **Check your email for any updates.**

December – Solo Field Tripping: “Warm Glow” An idea for holiday shooting. Also, for inspiration, there are many December/Holiday 12, 25- or 30-day challenges. You can share your challenge results at Show & Tell next year. I like this one...but there is plenty to choose from online!



Why Do This? Stay Safe, Stay Sane at home!

A Dr. Fauci approved activity for photographers during the pandemic.

and Beyond...

Jan – Solo Field Tripping? At this time, it looks like we will be huddled at home.

Feb 18th – 22nd, 2021 – Yosemite and Horsetail Falls Motel in Yosemite Valley or El Portal. We will be in Yosemite Feb 18-21, 2021, with the hopes of catching Horsetail Falls glowing in the sunset. Leaving on Sunday, we can check out the Blossom Trail by Fresno and for a special treat, watch the sandhill cranes fly in at Pixley Wildlife Refuge after sunset. Camp at the nearby State Park (Col. Allensworth), motel, or head home (will be late).

Day trippers from the coast are welcome to meet up with us on the final leg home on Sunday.

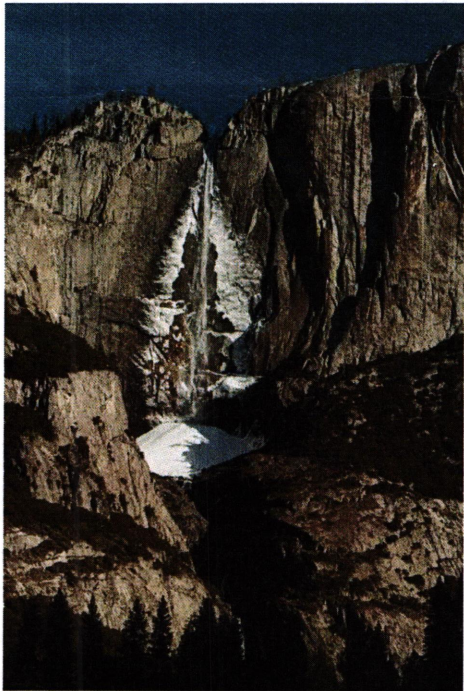
For more info contact Penni Powell at penpowell2020@gmail.com or 805-929-2420.

2013 YOSEMITE FIELD TRIP PHOTOS

by Penni Powell



Fun in the snow and ice!



USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on Join Meeting will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2021 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
At-large Board Members	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2021 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	Jeanne Sparks
2020 Special Subjects	August – Night shots October – Intentional blur
Submit your images for digital competition to:	Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <u>MUST</u> 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

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Joyce Bolivar
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
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

Treasury Report

We have 44 members in our club and in our bank there is \$ 1,647.32