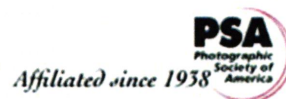




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter December 2024

President's Message

December President's Message

Hope to see you all at our Holiday Party Wednesday, December 4 at Merrill Gardens! Thanks to Heidi, Penni, Rosie and Elaine for organizing it!

Please add Friday, January 10, 2025 to your calendar for an evening Awards Reception at Lake Marie Valley Club. Time and details will be sent later.

Happy Holidays!

Jeanne

2025 SMCC dues will soon be due!

Individual Membership: \$35 Family Membership: \$50 Competition Dues (per member, including each person in a family membership): \$30

Make checks payable to: Santa Maria Camera Club

Please mail your check to me, Alan, or give it to me at any in-person meeting or event.

(Due to a scheduling conflict, I may not be able to attend the December 4 Holiday Potluck.)

*Dues need to be paid by the end of February to participate in competitions!

Alan



The dream of every wildlife photographer

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



Please join us for our annual
Holiday Potluck

Wednesday, December 4,
6:00 p.m. at Merrill Gardens.

Come enjoy great food
with friends!

Mingle 6:00 - 7:00

Dinner 7:00 - 8:00

Holiday Gift Exchange

8:00 - 9:00

(maximum gift value \$20.00)

SMCC YEAR-END PROJECT RULES 2024

SMCC Field Trips for December 2024 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.

Dec 6th (Fri 4pm - ??) The Enchanted Garden Holiday Lights Festival in Buellton - Please get more information from an email sent out Nov. 27th

Get your tickets online <https://syvholidaylights.com> for Friday Dec 6th at 5:30pm, the first session. They could sell out so buy them as soon as you can.

We'll meet at Panera Bread in Santa Maria off College and Betteravia at 4pm for carpooling, go to the event and then have dinner at the **Holiday Lights** or in a nearby restaurant, people's choice.

The weather forecast is clear skies and cold.

Gimme your questions: penpowell2020@gmail.com
If you are planning to attend, please let me know!

Penni

Why go? – Spectacular lights! Holiday cheer! Live reindeer! Photos with Santa! Enchanting princesses! It's an Enchanted Winter Wonderland in Beautiful Santa Ynez Valley!!!



And Beyond...

Here are some ideas floating around for 2025:

- Birding in the Central Valley
- Sunset at McWay Falls/Big Sur when Hwy 1 is open again
- Back to the Getty
- Spring on the Carrizo Plains
- Mustard Season in Napa Valley
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Got an idea? Contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com

NOVEMBER COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Judy Richins

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Apparition	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Endless cold	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	Woman descending steps	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Woman sitting on the curb	Jim McKinniss

Digital color

1ST PLACE	When darkness comes, see the light	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Through the oaks	Chuck Ubele
3RD PLACE	Dowitcher	Frank Tromp
HONORABLE MENTION	Clouds and sunbreak in Santiago	Cheryl Decker
HONORABLE MENTION	Reflecting what has passed	Ron Calvert

Congratulation to everyone



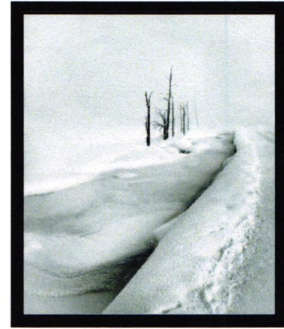
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By Chuck Ubele



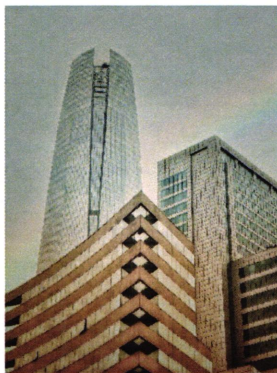
By Cheryl Decker



By Frank Tromp



By Jim McKinniss



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By Ron Calvert

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In December there will be no program meeting and there is no competition meeting

Location

Our first meeting of every month 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, *please send an email to* santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

Membership dues

\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

2025 Club officers

President: Jeanne Sparks

Vice President: Elaine Calvert

Secretary: Frank Tromp

Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At-large Board Members

Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Diane Thomsen

2025 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

2025 Special Subjects

March – TBA

June – TBA

September – TBA

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 on 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
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Harold Litwiler
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Elaine Calvert
Refreshment	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Ed E Powell
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

- “If you are out there shooting, things will happen for you. If you are not out there, you will only hear about it”
— Jay Maisel