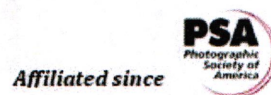




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter February 2023

President's Message

Hi everyone,

I am excited to get started on a new year with all of you.

Thanks to everyone who makes our club successful and a fun place to be. Thanks to all of you who have stepped up to take on new responsibilities or continue previous ones. You make the club the wonderful place it is to learn from each other and share our joy of photography.

It is with a heavy heart that we bade farewell to our good friend and fellow club member Tony Martindale. I know we all loved his bright smile, easy-going manner and fun-loving spirit. I will especially miss his spot on rendition of the British Speaker of the House John Bercow's call for "Orderrrrrr." You will be forever in our hearts, Tony!

As you may know, this year we are going to try to meet at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday for a program at Merrill Gardens and at 7 p.m. on the third Wednesday for a competition meeting online. There will be exceptions to that, like February 1 when we meet online to review the year-end competition of Diptychs and Triptychs. Otherwise, we will try to meet in person once a month as long as Covid or other contagious diseases are not spreading in the senior living center where we meet.

Saturday chats continue. Thank you, Jim McKinnis. Field trips continue. Thank you, Penni. Thanks to Cheryl Decker who, as president from January 2020 through January 2023, lead us through three years of Covid and uncertain times. Thanks to the members who volunteered to be on the board. Your participation is vital to keeping the club going. Thanks to everyone who enters competitions or participates in any way. It takes all of us to make the club what it is.

I look forward to working with and seeing all of you this year!

Jeanne Sparks

This issue is dedicated to our friend and member of the club, Tony Martindale



Still time to pay dues for 2023.

Dues pay for our expenses, such as fees for competition judges, awards, website costs, mailing & printing fees, and other things. We charge dues annually, by calendar year.

Club dues are \$30.00 per year per person, \$45.00 per couple or \$45.00 per family. Full-time students are \$15.00 per year. An additional annual \$20.00 competition entry fee is charged for each member who wishes to compete during the year. You must pay by the end of February in order to continue to compete.

Generally, dues are paid by check to Santa Maria Camera Club, and can be paid at any in-person meeting, or by mailing a check to our PO Box...

Santa Maria Camera Club

PO Box 1605

Santa Maria, CA, 93456-1605

Alan

Vp message

My duties now include our monthly programs. On most first Wednesdays we will meet in person at Merrill Gardens ... except not on February 1 Wednesday!!!!!!!!!!

We will be online for review of our 2022 diptych and triptych projects. Jim McKinniss will be moderator.

If you have ideas for 2023 programs, please email me directly. Triczy@gmail.com

Cheryl

JANUARY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Daniel Dreyfuss

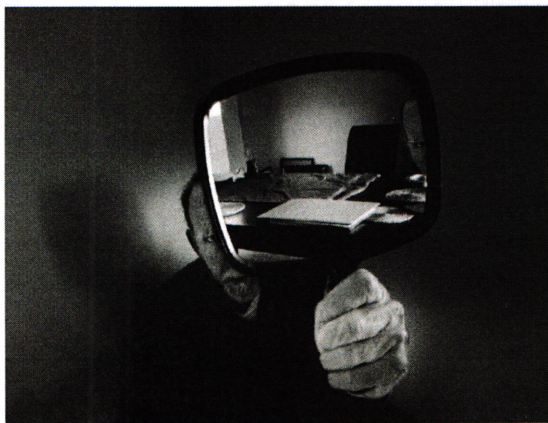
Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Holding mirror	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Amanda # 12	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Reflections, patterns, and distortion	Cheryl Decker

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Capturing Valley view	Jeanne Sparks
2ND PLACE	Beauty and the bee	Jeanne Sparks
	Pfeifer house at Custer ghost town	Ed E Powell
3RD PLACE		
HONORABLE MENTION	Big waves at Morro Bay	Ron Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Just another spectator spot	Frank Tromp
HONORABLE MENTION	Camelot come to Pismo	Ed E. Powell

Congratulation to everyone



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanne Sparks



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanne Sparks



By Cheryl Decker



By Ed E. Powell



By Ron Calvert



By Frank Tromp



By Ed E. Powell

2022 AWARDS OF THE YEAR

Digital color: Fruit bowl still life by Elaine Calvert

Monochrome: A face from the fire by Harold Litwiler

High point in color competition: Gregory Doudna

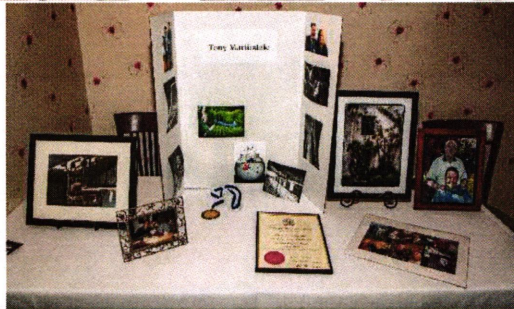
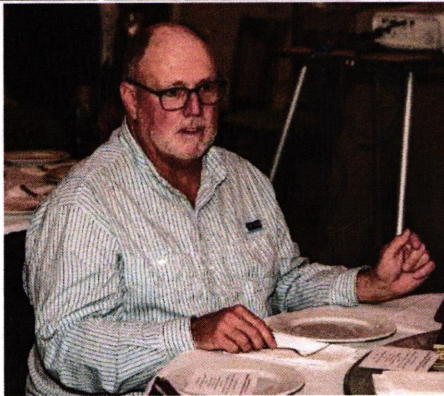
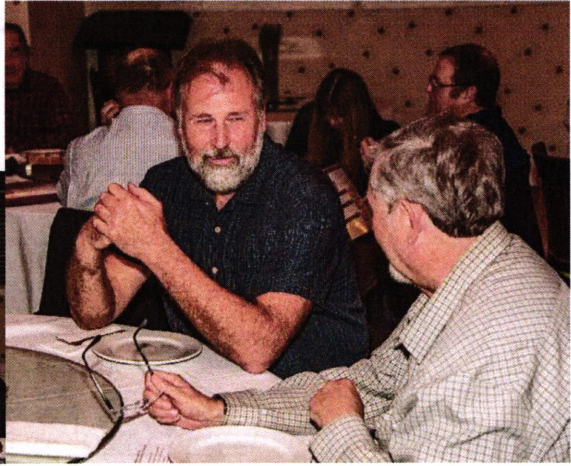
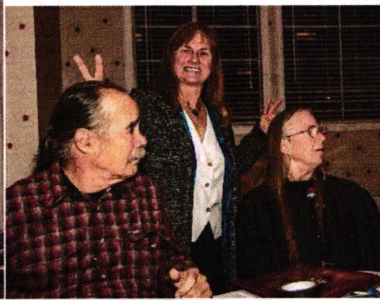
High point in Monochrome competition: Jim McKinniss

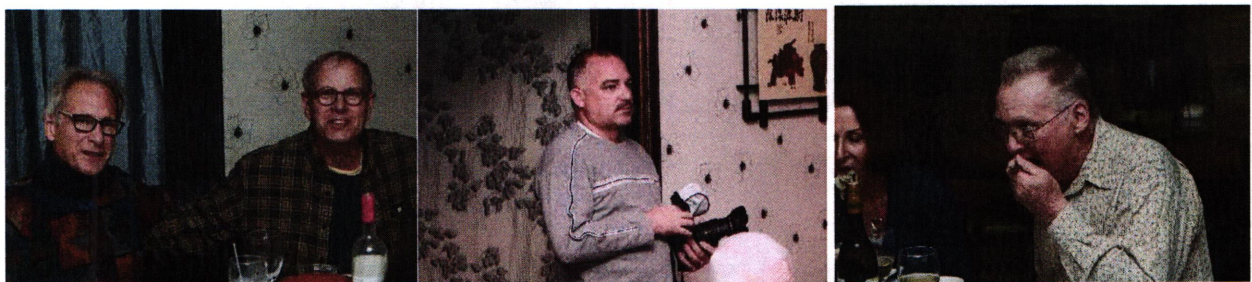
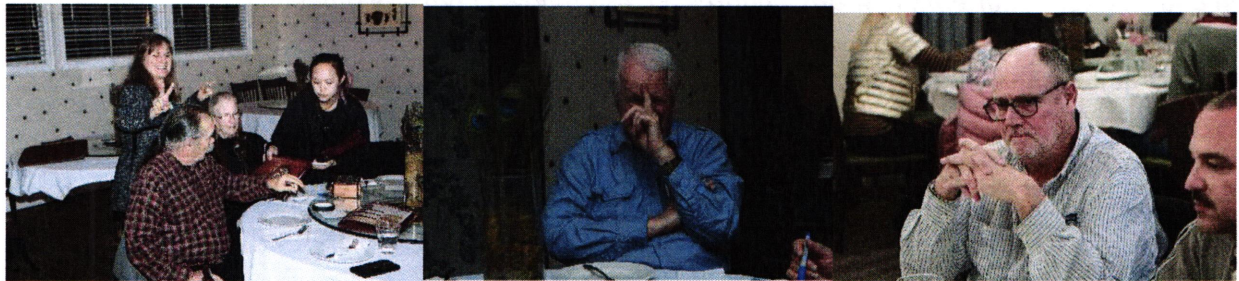
Photographer of the year: Elaine Calvert

People choice of prints exhibited: Three sisters by Ed E. Powell

Sheppard Award: Jim McKinniss







SMCC Field Trips for February 2023 and Beyond by Penni Powell

Please note: Rain or severe weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines.

Feb 20-26, 2023 - Multiday trip to the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego State Park

Feb 20 at Joshua Tree/Twenty-nine Palms (glamping or camping).

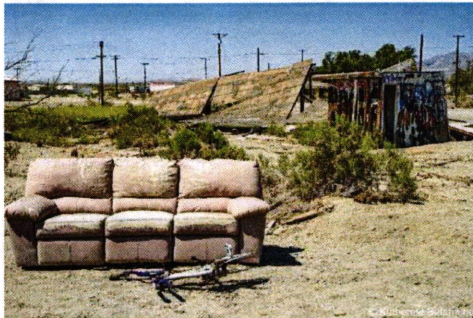
Feb 21-23 at Glamis North Spa (Niland) \$50 per person for 2 nights in vacation home,

Feb 23-26 at Borrego Springs motel/B&B or camp (Palm Cyn State CG) for 3 nights.

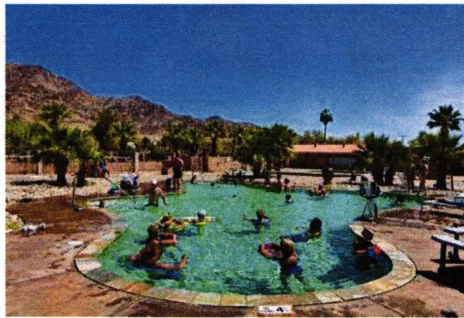
Email Penni for info penpowell2020@gmail.com

It is not too late to join this field trip, in parts or whole.

Going are Rosie Brancacio, Cheryl Decker, Ken Hough, Kevin Miller, Ed and Penni Powell, and Jeanne Sparks. Penni's sister Candyce will be along on half of the trip.



Bombay Beach, NOT where we stay



Glamis North Spa, we stay HERE

WHY GO? Have big fun in the desert and take lots of photos!

And Beyond...

March 12th (Sun 7:15a-5:30p) - Channel Islands National Park (see flyer in this Galleon)

An all-day excursion by Island Packers Ventura Harbor ferry to Santa Cruz Island. *Tickets for the ferry need to be purchased ASAP* (Adult \$63, Senior \$58 for roundtrip)

April 8th (Sat) – Paiute Mountain Rendezvous by Caliente, CA – More info coming soon!

Channel Islands Scorpion Anchorage Day Trip

Sunday March 12, 2023

There is plenty to discover on a Scorpion Anchorage Day Trip with Island Packers Cruises, beginning with a visit to the island visitors center located at historic Scorpion Ranch. Panel displays, exhibits and a topographic relief map describe the vast bio-diversity and rich cultural history of Santa Cruz Island.

There are vault style restrooms, tree shaded picnic tables and potable drinking water available. In March, the island wildflowers are in bloom and there's a possibility to photograph gray whales on the ferry crossing.



If you want to go... DON'T HESITATE! Seating on the ferry sells out quickly.

- Email Penni **your intent to join the field trip. You will get crucial information about the trip.** penpowell2020@gmail.com
- Buy an online ticket for the roundtrip ferry to Santa Cruz Island, Scorpion Cove from Ventura Harbor with Island Packers. The roundtrip costs \$63 for adults or \$58 for seniors. islandpackers.com/scorpion-cove-sci/ We leave Ventura Harbor on the Sunday March 12, 2023, 8am ferry and return on the 4:30pm ferry. (They have a 72-hour cancellation policy for a refund if you can't make it after all.) If more convenient for you, there is also a 9am or 2pm departure option and earlier return times, also.
- Consider staying near the Ventura Harbor on Saturday night because you'll have to be there by 7:15am to catch the 8am ferry. I will be getting a room at the Best Western Oxnard, the official motel for this trip. Best Western Inn Oxnard

I hope that you'll join us on this special field trip to the Channel Islands!

SMCC FIELD TRIP TO THE SALTON SEA AND ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PAK

February 20-26, 2023

Join us for an exploration of desert weirdness, flora and fauna, and landscapes big and small at the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. We will photograph desert gardens, beautiful wildflowers (hopefully!), slot canyons and rugged landscapes at Anza-Borrego. At the Salton Sea, migrating birds might be in attendance, and for sure there will be the desert "Artscape's" to photograph there.

****Feb 20 – Early Bird Departure Option, overnight at Joshua Tree Instead** of driving for 6 hours+ in one day, drive 300 miles to Joshua Tree and have an evening and morning there before scooting to the Sea.

Feb 21 (afternoon) – 23 (morning) Around the Salton Sea (2 days)

Lodging at Candice's Vacation Home Rentals at Glamis North Hot Springs Resort (10595 Hot Mineral Spa Road, Niland, CA 92257). Meet up about 3pm there and get settled. Share 2–3-bedroom vacation home(s) (\$50 per person for both nights) and RV parking (free).

- Shoreline birding
- Salvation Mountain
- East Jesus and Slab City

Feb 23 (afternoon) – 26 (morning) Anza-Borrego Desert State Park (3 days)

Lodging at Borrego Springs, CA (motel or B&B, etc.) or nearby camping at Borrego Palm Canyon in the state park.

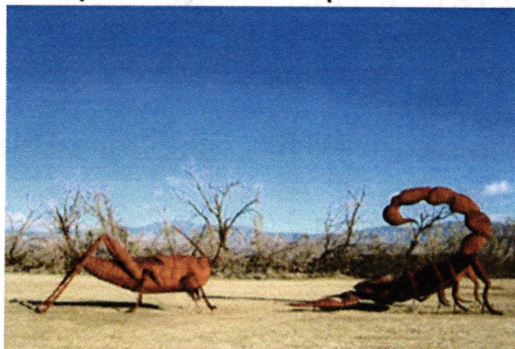
- Palm Canyon hike (3-mile RT) –
- Desert Bighorn Sheep
- Desert wildflowers
- Slot Canyons
- Badland vistas – Font's Point (4WD)
- Borrego Sky Sculptures
- Swanson's Hawk migration

Food – While at the Salton Sea, the vacation home has kitchen facilities for dinner and breakfast. We will have a few options for lunch when active there. Borrego Springs has restaurants to choose from and we will likely have picnic lunches out in the field.

Planning - The group will have a trip organization meeting to coordinate meals and activities for each day. Lodging options can be discussed via emails/texts when you are thinking of coming. We have both RV and motel/B&B people on the trip already.

Trip coordinator is Penni Powell penpowell2020@gmail.com

Let me know of your interest in the trip ASAP so we can plan with you in mind!



USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	On February, 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Location	In February both 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: Allan 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
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	
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
	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel
Name Tags	

- "Skill in photography is acquired by practice and not by purchase"
— Percy W. Harris