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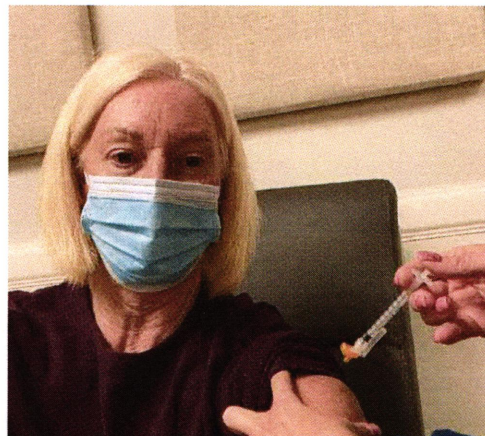


## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2021

### President's Message

Your president urges you to keep active by getting outside for photography, exercise, and vitamin D sunshine. Stay safe and extra careful until you can get the Covid vaccine. As a healthcare worker, I got my shot on 12/18/20...I had no side effects, but I still have a second shot on 1/14...we will see how that goes. It is quite awful in the hospital these days, wearily. I will not go into details... You have all pitched in and helped me and provided what SMCC needs to be robust, I am grateful! Looking forward to better things for all of us in 2021. See you at the awards Webex soon!

### Cheryl



### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

- "When people look at my picture, I want them to feel the way they do they want to read a line of a poem twice"  
— Robert Frank

## **No Program Meeting in January!** ***Next one is February 3, 2021***

We will have our **Awards Presentation, Wednesday, January 13**, and resume our **Competitions, Wednesday, January 20**. All meetings are still online, using Webex.

For the February meeting, we plan to show the photo books that our members produced for the 2020 Year End Special Competition. For that we can show the PDF file for the books, or members can hold up their books to their computer's camera. Presenting the PDF is probably a better way to show your work, especially if you are using a virtual background on Webex.

*More details later.*

***Alan***

### **Editor's Message**

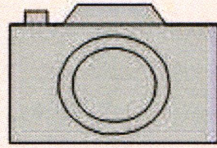
And now is 2021. The strange 2020 is history and I start the 2021 full of expectation and full of new project that for sure I realize this year .... This was the plan every year and looking back, I notice that the same project was on last year, 2 year ago .... So, what I will make this year? New photo, new idea to improve, new .... but at the end, the best project is to have fun in making what we love that is to take picture.

I check on our website (congratulation to who manage this web, he is making a splendid job) and I notice that for so many years "The Galleon" was not going out the first month of the year. There is no competition to report, this year there was not a Christmas party so I was thinking about how to fill the issue; unfortunately, one day we had the sad news about our friend and member Jim so first, this issue is dedicated to him, to his smile and you can see some photo of him and a beautiful memory from Elaine and Ron Calvert and one from Penny Powell. After that you will see 2 pages with the title "photo Gallery of 2020". On that 2 pages there are some of the photo that you send to me during this year: I do not enter the name intentionally because is a memory of 2020 and how beautiful work was done by everyone during that difficult year. I really hope that you enjoy these first days of 2021 and you have a real incredibly beautiful 2021

Now some practical news about the club: A) Remember that from January 1, you can submit 3 entries for the monthly contest, B) January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 is the date for our annual awards ceremony and on next page, you will see the program, C) Sorry but January is the month when we must pay the membership dues. You will receive an email explaining how send the dues to our treasury manager. Be sure to make as soon as possible so you can enter also in the monthly competition

**Flavio**





*2021 Santa Maria Camera Club (virtual)  
Awards Program  
Wednesday, January 13, 2021*

*You will receive by email during the week before the online meeting and it will require a return response so that you can have access to the Webex meeting.*

*Plan to join Webex at 6:30 pm for some social time before the awards program starts at 7:00 pm*

***Theme:** Wear a crazy hat for these crazy times...  
(there will be a president's award for the craziest hat)  
We will recognize best pre-Covid images (Jan & Feb) separately from the best July to Nov online judged digital images. Also, the overall best image for 2020 and the high point photographer for 2020 will be recognized.*

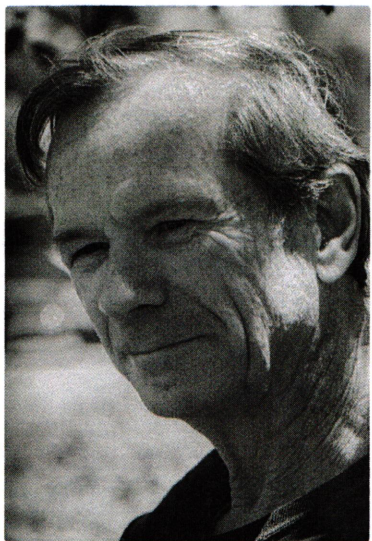
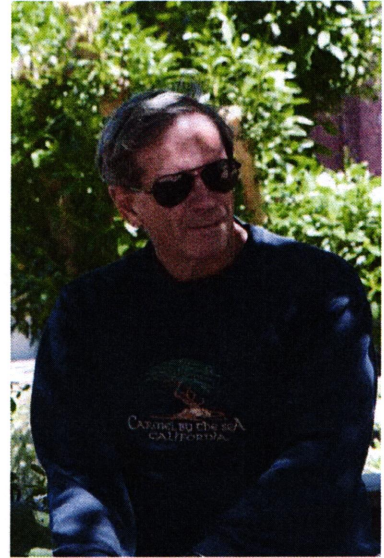
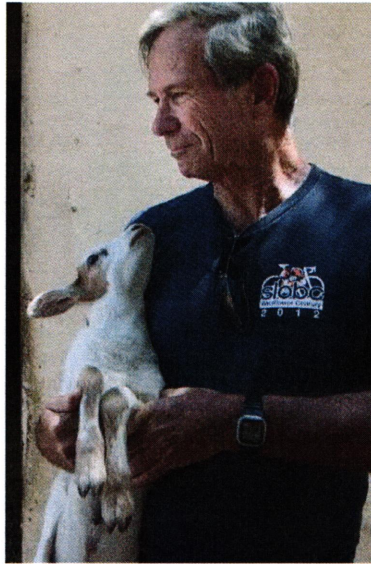
*The Sheppard Award will be presented followed by the president's craziest hat award.*

*We will have a tribute to SMCC members Jim Ogg and Roger Hawkins who passed away in 2020.*

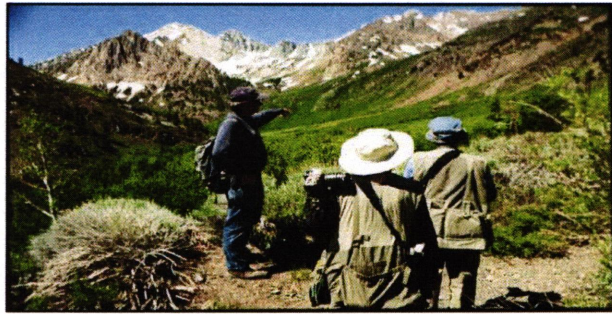
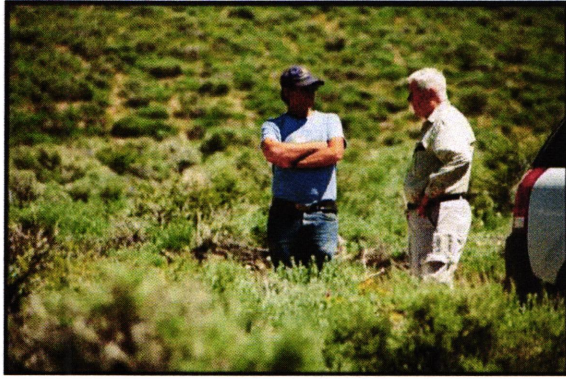
*Last, we will finish with a video presentation celebrating an iconic photographer.*



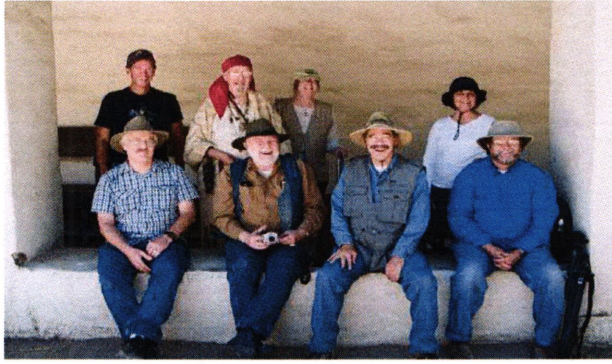
## REMEMBERING JIM











When we first joined the camera club Jim was one of the first members that we met. We learned early on of his love of the Eastern Sierras, and how much he loved sharing some of his favorite places with the rest of us. His love of the Eastern Sierras was contagious, and I loved seeing all his favorite spots through his eyes. I remember him showing us McGee creek for the first time, when it was bursting with wildflowers. His joy on this hike could not be contained. As a lot of you know, he also shared his knowledge of the area in the Galleon with a monthly update on what conditions could be expected in the changing seasons there.

Jim was a wonderful photographer as well, and took some amazing images in the Eastern Sierras, often accessing areas in winter that most of us will never see by trekking over snow on skis, or snowshoes. His most recent interest in photography was creating “stealth” images where he would hide a human figure by blending them into the scene. He did this all with film, before the digital darkroom.

It was not just the Sierras that spoke to Jim, but rather all of nature. Another memory is how each spring he would encourage us to come photograph the Almond blossoms in his area, offering to lead us to all the best spots. He also loved his dog, and the lambs he raised.

Jim loved the camera club and was always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. When I think of Jim, I will remember a quiet man with a big heart. Without a lot of words, he spoke volumes.

Elaine & Ron Calvert



Jim played a major role in our field trips, especially when we traveled to Northern San Luis Obispo County or the Eastern Sierras. It was not his style to *lead* a trip, but Jim was there to make suggestions and advise me on where to go and when. If you followed Jim's column in the Galleon, you know what I mean!

One of the first field trips that Ed and I went on (with Johnnie Bollinger) was to Mammoth Pools, up by Yosemite, in 2003. That is where I got to know Jim. We were photographing Sierra flowers in a meadow and there Jim found an old, ruined polarizing filter in the mud. No big deal except Jim figured it was the one he lost the year or two before! I admired his waterproof Sorel boots that allowed Jim to walk right into the water, but I was puzzled by his lack of a tripod. The only photo I have of Jim from that trip is a slide transparency with a notation written on it, "Ogg's Butt, '03."

More field trips followed, and Jim was our guide in the Eastern Sierras in 2005. We drove out on dirt roads whose names I cannot remember now, but off the main roads for sure. Jim was very fond of the wild blue irises that were in bloom at that time and knew all the places they were at their best. He was pleased to introduce us to the "gardens" up McGee Creek and other spots along Highway 395.

In a later Eastern Sierras trip, our group was at the Tioga Gas Mart & Whoa Nellie Deli (Lee Vining) waiting for our orders of fish tacos when we bumped into George Lepp (outdoor and nature photographer who lived in Los Osos for a spell...). George grabbed Jim and started pumping him for information about where to find the blue irises, etc., as he had a photography workshop scheduled... Jim helped him out, of course.

**Jim Ogg – a great friend and photographer!** Thank you for showing me the beauty of the Sierras and sharing your love of the first snowfall in Winter.

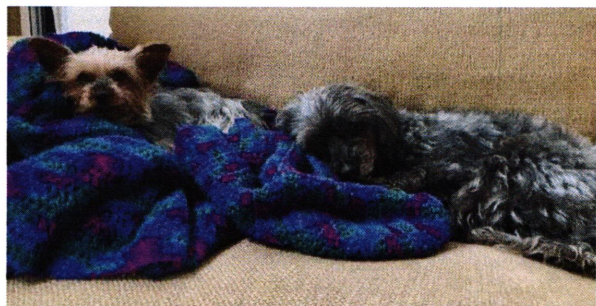
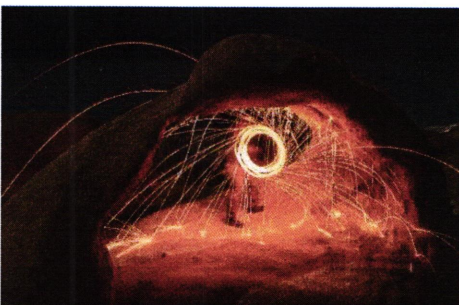
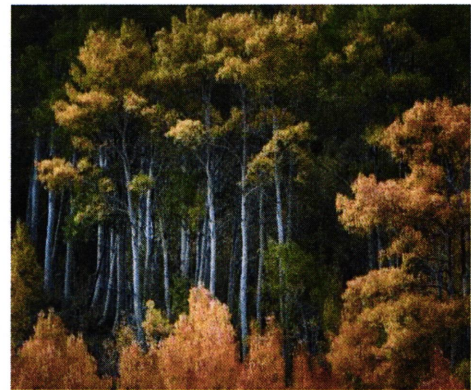
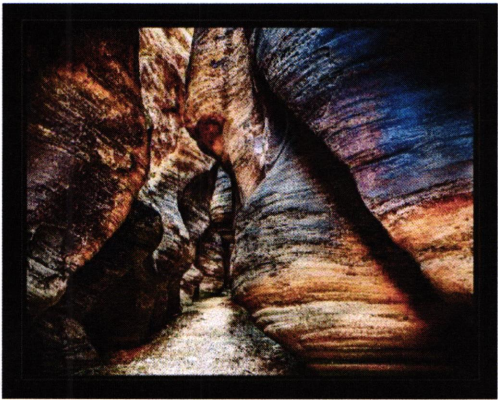
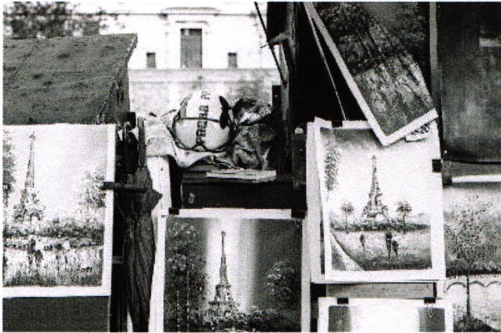
Penny Powell



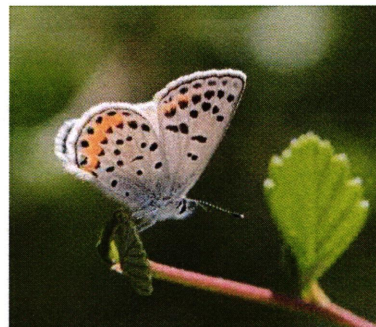
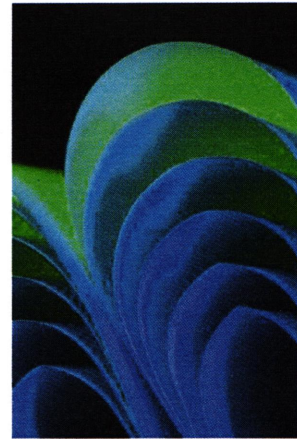
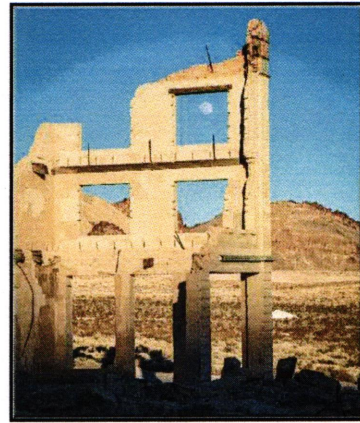
"Ogg's Butt" by Penni Powell ©2003 (censored)



## PHOTO GALLERY OF 2020









## **SMCC Field Trips for January 2021**

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”** If you have old or new holiday photos, you can share them at the February program meeting’s SHOW & TELL.

**Jan 2021 – Solo Field Tripping: “Renewal”** Your photos can also be shared in February.

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

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

and Beyond...*In Peril of Cancellation...*

**Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 extremely late).

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

**March 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2021(Fri 5:45 – 8:45pm) Point San Luis Lighthouse Sunset Photo Shoot –**  
Thank you to Bob Mihelic!

**March 20<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Day trip to Pinnacles National Park**



## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

<b>Meetings</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:gndoudna@gmail.com">gndoudna@gmail.com</a> You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on <b>Join Meeting</b> will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
<b>Membership dues</b>	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
<b>2021 Club officers</b>	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
<b>At-large Board Members</b>	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
<b>2021 Competition Rules</b>	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
<b>Categories will be:</b>	Digital color Digital Monochrome
<b>Immediate Past president</b>	Jeanne Sparks
<b>2021 Special Subjects</b>	March – Reflection July – Machines September - Silhouette
<b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b>	Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:gndoudna@gmail.com">gndoudna@gmail.com</a> Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <u><b>MUST</b></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
<b>Galleon Director</b>	Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>



## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

<b>Webmaster</b>	Greg Doudna
<b>Digital Projectionist</b>	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
<b>Slide Projectionist</b>	Ed E. Powel
<b>SMCC Directory &amp; Calendar</b>	Rosie Brancacio
<b>Historian</b>	Nyla James
<b>Judge Recruitment</b>	Tony Martindale
<b>Saturday Chat</b>	Jim McKinniss
<b>Point Tabulator</b>	Richard Russ
<b>Print Coordinators</b>	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
<b>Slide Coordinator</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Image scoring</b>	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
<b>Program Recruitment</b>	Alan Upshaw
<b>Refreshment</b>	Joyce Bolivar
<b>PSA Representative</b>	Nyla Janes
<b>Library Coordinator</b>	Larry Decker
<b>Meeting room setup</b>	Everyone !!
<b>Membership recruitment</b>	Richard Russ Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
<b>Field trips</b>	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel
<b>Name Tags</b>	

### **Treasury Report**

We have 42 members in our club and in our bank there is \$ 1,582.39