



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2022

President's Message

Happy New Year 2022!

I want to remind everyone that we will have our awards ceremony for 2021 images and best photographer on January 26, 2022, at 7 pm.

We will have awards for Photographer of the year (highest point count) and top points in Color and top points in Mono. Additionally, there are judged awards for 1st through 10th place images in the Color and Mono categories. Our judge will be Christine Lester-Deats who has judged for us previously and was recommended by one of our members for this. I am hoping she can join online to comment on the winning images.

On another subject... the current Omicron Covid crush will be with us until about February 10 if it follows past Covid waves... Who knows if another variant is coming? When, oh when, can we meet in person?

I have had 3 vaccines but began to have head congestion and headache on 12/23/21 and evaluated positive for Covid on 12/24 and got the monoclonal antibody at 5 am on Christmas day. Within 10 hours I was so much better! All symptoms except loss of smell had resolved. (Larry has evaluated negative so far).

I share this because I think that it may be impossible to avoid getting Covid, even if you are careful. Many people with Omicron are asymptomatic and so, are not self-isolating. If you develop Covid symptoms you can get evaluated for free at the fairgrounds by making an appointment at www.LHI.com. The results are usually in 48 hours. I could not find any home test kits at pharmacies. I highly recommend getting the monoclonal antibody infusion at the hospital ED if you test positive and meet the criteria. (65-year-old + or heart disease, diabetes, obese, immunocompromised) Feel free to email or text me if you have Covid questions.

My best,
Cheryl

Next Program Meeting – February 2, 2022, 7:00PM

Happy New Year everyone! There is no Program Meeting in January. We will hold a competition on January 16 and our Annual Awards meeting is on January 26. Until further notice, all meetings are online using Webex.

The next program meeting will be February 2, Groundhogs' Day. We would like to have a Show & Tell of the entries in the **2021 Special Competition**. These are photobooks, created by our members. You can show the original book, or a pdf file (preferred). We would like to see all of them, not just the winners. That should take up the whole meeting. If we run short of time, we can show the rest at the March meeting.

2022 Dues are Due!

It is that time again! We are still meeting online with Webex. This will continue until it is safe to meet again in person. Merrill Gardens still expects us back at a future date.

Meanwhile, we still have expenses. We have to pay for Webex to hold our online meetings, we have to pay judges, we need to pay for awards, and other costs, including the website.

From the By-Laws...

Club dues shall be \$30.00 per year per person, \$45.00 per couple or \$45.00 per family. Full-time students shall be \$15.00 per year. An additional annual \$20.00 competition entry fee is charged for any member who wishes to compete during the year.

We elected a new Treasurer for 2022. Bob Ginn replaces Bill Hood, who was our Treasurer since early 2001. Therefore, we have a new mailing address for our dues. Checks should be payable to the **Santa Maria Camera Club**, and mailed to:

SMCC

c/o Bob Ginn

PO Box 900

Guadalupe, CA, 93434

Final Note: Bill Hood was our Treasurer for over 20 years. Frank Tromp was elected Club Secretary replacing Rosie Brancacio, who decided to not run again. Rosie held the job for a number of very dedicated years. We would like to thank and show our appreciation for Bill & Rosie's service to the club, and welcome Bob & Frank to the Board.

Alan

Editor Message

We are officially in a New Year and in front of us we have so many things to do and many occasion to be happy. How many photos we will make? Hope more than last year because it means that we will take time to make what we really love. New year it means also a New Year sharing our ideas with other member of the club, meeting again, make new field trips together. Beginning of the New Year means that is also time to pay the dues to be part of the club. The amount is not going up this year but, be careful, because there is a new address to send the payment and is **SMCC c/o Robert Ginn, P.O. Box 900 Guadalupe, Ca 93434**. Remember that if you do not pay the dues, you are not able to enter your photo in our monthly competition and the competition is only one of the incredibly good parts of our club.

Are you ready for this New Year and is your camera ready to new magic shot?

Flavio

Judge for Competition Meeting

Our judge for the January competition is

Kam Jacobi

Kam has an MFI in photography from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, a BFA in communication Design from Otis/Parsons School of Design, Los Angeles and a BA in Fine Art from California State University, Chico.

He is currently teaching photography in many disciplines at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria. Previously he taught photography at Dunn School in Los Olivos and Butte College in Orville, California.

Kam has books and current projects as follows:

Layers: Composite Photographs from the Lompoc Valley, Published 2009

Lompoc: Photographs 2007-2010

Cuba: Photographs from 2001

Kam's website can be found at <https://www.kamjacoby.com>

Tony

IT IS BEAUTIFULL TO TAKE PHOTO



By Cheryl



By Dave



By with Jeanne & Ken



By with Veronica & Flavio



By With Too many people

FIELD TRIPS

Jan 2022 – Penni is taking a Winter Pause for field trips. Check email for impromptu events!

Feb 14-19 – Yosemite in Winter: Horsetail Falls and a full moon. Hotel in El Portal/camp Upper Pines Campground, Yosemite Valley.

Contact Penni 805.363.1931/cell for more info penpowell2020@gmail.com



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 send an email to santamariacameraclub@gmail.com You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email shortly after 6:45 pm 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
2022 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Bob Ginn
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2022 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
2022 Special Subjects	March – Water June – Architecture September – Still life
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	Tony Martindale
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 in our bank \$ 1.760.38

- “Skills are bever taught, they are acquired. I can give you a camera but can’t feed your vision”
— **Raghu Rai**