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## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2023

### President's Message

This is my last my message to you as SMCC president. It pleases me to see that our club has weathered Covid and that we are still able to have competitions and in person meetings.

I leave you with a quote from famous American portrait photographer Berenice Abbott. "To chart a course, one must have a direction. In reality, the eye is no better than the philosophy behind it."

So... take your bearings for the next year.

Wishing each of you a happy and healthy 2023!

**Cheryl**



## **2023 Dues are Due!**

Happy New Year everybody...and hope everyone had a safe and pleasant holiday season. Every 1st Wednesday of the month will be an in-person meeting at Merrill Gardens and every 3rd Wednesday of the month will be an online competition. *Note: there are a few exceptions throughout the year.*

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**

Thanks, and look forward to another new year of getting together with great friends and sharing great photos!

***Alan***



# CHRISTMASS PARTY





## SMCC Field Trips for January 2023 and Beyond by Penni Powell

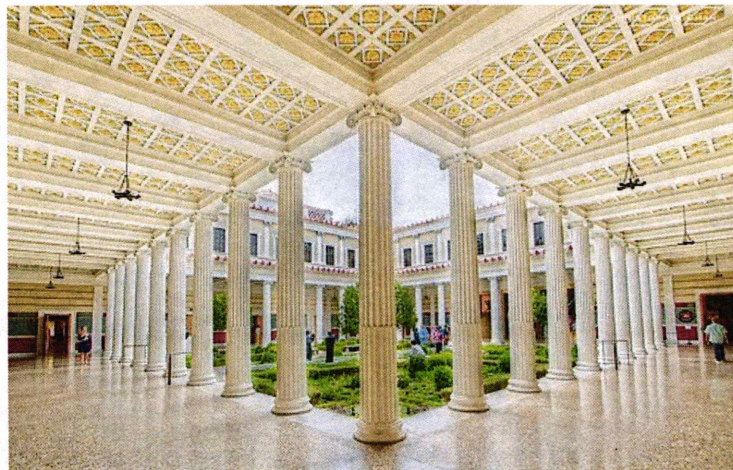
*Please note: Rain or severe weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines.*

### **Jan 28<sup>th</sup> (Sat 9:45a – 8pm?) – Day tripping to the Getty Villa in Pacific Palisades**

Thank you, Alan, for suggesting this field trip! Meet at Panera Bread off Betteravia and College in Santa Maria (540 E Betteravia Rd). We will form carpools there (if you are vaccinated) as it is a long drive ahead of us, about 150 miles one-way, and parking at the Villa is \$20 per car. We will have a break at the Gaviota rest stop and plan to be at the Villa for lunch at 1pm before exploring the Villa for the afternoon. Leave about 4pm for home.

What you need to know:

- Their website is [getty.edu/visit/villa](http://getty.edu/visit/villa) and address is 17985 Pacific Coast Hwy, Pacific Palisades 90272.
- Bring a picnic lunch or buy lunch there at the Villa Café (menu/ordering is online)
- No tripods, monopods, flashes, drones, or other external equipment.
- Your photography is only for personal use and may not be sold.
- Each person must have a timed reservation (it is free). **GET A RESERVATION ONLINE FOR JAN 28<sup>TH</sup> AT 1:00 PM AS SOON AS YOU CAN.**



**WHY GO?** Transport your mind to a time and place in the past and be inspired in the present.

**And Beyond...**

**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](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)

**March 11<sup>th</sup> (Sat) or the 12<sup>th</sup>** - Channel Islands National Park – More info coming soon!

**April 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat)** – Paiute Mountain Rendezvous by Caliente, CA – More info coming soon!



## SMCC FIELD TRIP TO THE SALTON SEA AND ANZA BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK 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
- Bombay Beach
- 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.

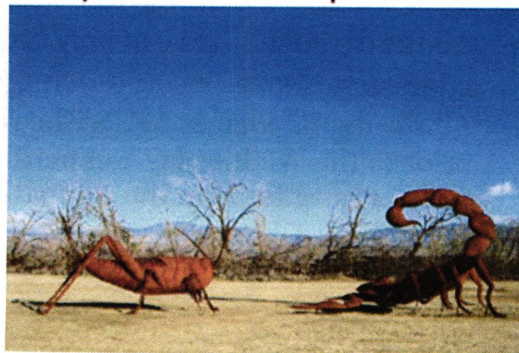
- Palm Canyon hike (3-mile RT) –
- Desert Bighorn Sheep
- Desert wildflowers
- Slot Canyons
- Badland vistas – Font's Point (4WD)
- Borrego Sky Sculptures
- Swanson's Hawk migration

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](mailto: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

In January 2023, there will be only the online meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

### Location

During the year 2023 there will be a meeting in person at Merrill Gardens 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month and a second meeting will be held via WebEx on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
If you want to participate, *please send an email to* [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto: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

Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Tony Martindale, 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](mailto: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](mailto:fparigi@aol.com)



## **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
<b>Field trips</b>	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
<b>Name Tags</b>	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

- “When I say I want to photograph someone, what I really means is that I like to know them. Anyone I know, I photograph”  
— Annie Leibovitz