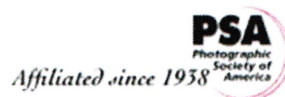




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The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter January 2024

President's Message

Hope everyone is enjoying the new year! Hope to see you at our awards reception on January 26

Jeanne Sparks

2024 SMCC dues are now 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. **Please do not use the club post office box, as it will be closed sometime in January.**

We have 19 paid members for 2024 so far!

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

Alan



PARTY INVITATION TO CELEBRATE THE 2023 AWARDS

FRIDAY, 26 JANUARY AT 7 P.M.

Lake Marie Valley Club, 2327 Fallen Leaf Rd, Orcutt

**Please bring: appetizer or drink to share
Watch your email for more details**

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!



SMCC Field Trips for January 2024 and Beyond by Penni Powell

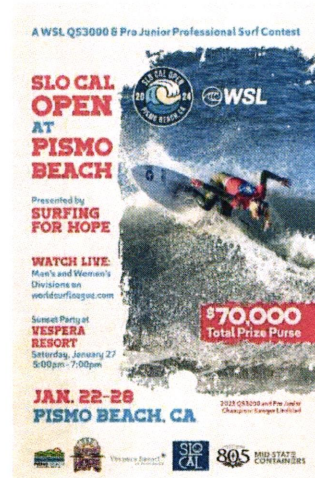
Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.

Jan 12th (Fri 2pm – Sunset): Low, LOW Tide at Montana de Oro State Park, Los Osos

Meet up at the Spooner's Ranch House/Visitors Center at Montana de Oro, 2pm, and carry on from there to catch the low, LOW tide (-1.63) coinciding with sunset at 5:10pm. Be prepared for a hike, cold temperatures, and bring a tripod for long exposures. When the shoot is over, we can find a place to have dinner on our way home. I'll I'll send out an email a few days before the field trip to confirm that it's happening as weather is crucial.



Photo by Michael Ambrose



Contact Penni: Penpowell2020@gmail.com or phone 805.363.1931 if you have questions. We might be camping overnight there on Thursday night. Join us!

WHY GO? - Maybe we will get a wonderful sunset to invigorate our photography for 2024!

Jan 28th (Sun 6:30am): Surf Contest Final Day at Pismo Beach Pier

Meet at Starbuck's by Miner's Hardware in Nipomo off of West Tefft St and Mary St. for carpool or caravan to the south parking lot in Pismo Beach and walk up the boardwalk to the pier for the final day of competition at the SLO CAL Open surf contest, usually beginning at 8am.

WHY GO? - It is easy to photograph the action from the pier or the beach – Give it a try!

And Beyond...

2024 possibilities: Kern Co. Pioneer Village and Pixley sandhill crane fly-in, Carmel/Monterey, Sacramento Birding, Total Eclipse in Texas April 8th (I have a camping spot available in Bandera TX, check if you are interested), Gold Rush and Hwy 49

Got an idea? Contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

In January there will be only the competition meeting and will be the 3rd Wednesday on January 18, 2024, via WebEx

Location

Each month, the first meeting 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

2024 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

2024 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

2024 Special Subjects

March – Patterns in nature

June – Abstractions

September – Weather

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
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
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	Everyone
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

- "Photography is the only language that can be understood anywhere in the world."
— Bruno Barbey