



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter July/August 2018



## Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
each month at 7:00pm  
(3rd Wednesday only  
for Jan, July, Aug, and  
December)

## Location

Merrill Gardens  
Retirement Center  
1350 N. Suey Rd.  
Santa Maria, CA

## Membership Dues

\$30 Person; \$45 Family  
\$20 per year to participate  
in Competition meetings

## 2018 Club Officers

### President

Richard Russ

### Vice President

Alan Upshaw

### Secretary

Rosie Brancacio

### Treasurer

Bill Hood

### At-Large

### Board Members

Ramona Cashmore

Nyla James

Jim Ogg

Flavio Parigi

Penni Powell

Sharon Salerno

### Immediate Past Pres.

Dave Clary

### Galleon Editor

Ramona Cashmore

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## Upcoming Events...

**Aug 1...** Pizza Party & Swap Meet, 7 PM, Merrill Gardens (see pg.2)

**Aug 4...** Saturday Chat, 8 AM, Francisco's Country Kitchen

**Aug 15...** Competition Mtg, 7 PM, Merrill Gardens (open subject)

**Sep 1...** Field Trip, 7 AM, SLO Ultra Trail Run (see pg. 9)

**Sep 5...** Program Mtg, 7PM, Merrill Gardens

**Sep 19...** Competition Mtg, 7 PM, Merrill Gardens. The SPECIAL  
SUBJECT is: "Close-up photos that are so different, they do not  
look at all like the subject we would normally recognize."

## TREASURY REPORT

Currently We Have  
43 Members  
Our Bank Balance Is  
\$1061.30

## Saturday Chat

Aug 4, 2018 ~ 8AM

Meet at Francisco's Country  
Kitchen for breakfast and  
visiting.  
1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria

If you want, bring a few images  
to share and get feedback or

## President's Message:

I wanted to remind everyone about our year-end photo project which is a photo book. There are no restrictions on the book- any subject, any size, any number of photos. There will be judging, but it is your book so make it important to you. It could be from a trip, family, a subject you are interested in like flowers, waterfalls anything that interests you. The book is due at the final competition meeting in November, so you have about 4 months to complete it. Also you can use anyone to print your book such as Blurb, Costco, Apple, Shutterfly, plus many others you can find on the web. There is lots of help out there, from club members to the book printers even if you have not done a book before, so make it a fun project.

Richard Russ



## Pizza Party & Swap Meet

We do not hold a Program Meeting in August, but for the last few years have held a get together where we can all just hang out. On Wednesday, August 1, join the club at the regular meeting time and place: 7:00pm, Merrill

Gardens. The club will be providing pizza and beverages. The members can provide the conversation.

Also, we will have a swap meet. Bring anything you would like to sell, trade or even, just show. Time to clean out the closet! Next Program Meeting will be September 5th.

Alan



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Camera Club winners of the **Santa Barbara County Fair Photography Contest!** If I didn't miss anyone, here are our winners:

Ed Powell, Patty Blythe, Cheryl Decker, Larry Decker, Penni Powell, and Jeanne Sparks. Special recognition goes to Penni Powell for Best of Show in B&W, and if you're not sitting down, I would suggest you do that before reading on. Our very own Jeanne Sparks took home three (yes 3) Best of Show awards (Professional Computer Enhanced, Professional B&W, and Professional Color!) Way to go everyone !!!

Also I want to thank Jeanne Sparks, Alan Upshaw, Richard Russ, and Dave Clary for helping with the preparation and set-up of the Club display for the Fair while I was out of town. It wouldn't have happened without your help, so thank you for stepping up to the plate!!

Ramona

*“Best wide-angle lens? Two steps backward. Look for the ‘ah-ha’.”*

~ Ernst Haas

## Competition Special Subjects



**July 2018**

*Birds*

**September 2018**

*Close-up photos that are so different,  
they do not look at all like the subject  
we would normally recognize.*



## Competition Rules

Each member may submit  
a maximum of 3 entries  
per competition in any  
combination of categories.

## Categories will be:

**Small Prints (9x13 max)**

**Monochrome Prints  
(Large Back)**

**Color Prints (Large Back)**

**Slides**

**Digital**

**Submit your images for  
digital competitions to:**

**Jeanne Sparks**

[jeanne@jeannesparks.com](mailto:jeanne@jeannesparks.com)

Images can also be submitted on a  
flash drive, or other media. Digital  
images **MUST** be received no later  
than Wednesday at **6:45pm** the day  
of Competition. Images not  
received in time will not be entered  
into the competition.

# June Competition Results

**Judge: Karen Peterson**

Small Prints		
1st	<i>Carrie at 25...</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Low Tide &amp; Stoned</i>	Scott Clark
3rd	<i>Bell Tower</i>	Tony Martindale
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Tammy &amp; Alex #4</i>	Jim McKinniss
2nd	<i>Spring Runoff</i>	Gregory Doudna
3rd	<i>Solitude</i>	Janine Bognuda
HM	<i>Reflective View of Orcutt</i>	Penni Powell
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>The Brothers</i>	Elaine Calvert
2nd	<i>Above Los Angeles</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd	<i>Graceful Dancer</i>	Jeanne Sparks
HM	<i>Snowy Egret</i>	Richard Russ
Digital		
1st	<i>Voodoo</i>	Chuck Ubele
2nd	<i>Meyer Lemon</i>	Alan Upshaw
3rd	<i>Once Upon a Time</i>	Nyla James
HM	<i>Millstone</i>	Tony Martindale
Slides		
1st	<i>End of the Day</i>	Dalton Pittman
2nd	<i>In Myama</i>	Flavio Parigi
3rd	<i>End of the Day</i>	Flavio Parigi



*"Meyer Lemon" ~ Alan Upshaw*





*"Once Upon a Time" ~ Nyla James*



*"Millstone" ~ Tony Martindale*



*"The Brothers" ~ Elaine Calvert*



*"Voodoo" ~ Chuck Ubele*



*"Graceful Dancer" ~ Jeanne Sparks*



*"Spring Runoff" ~ Gregory Doudna*



## Points North and East For August 2018 by Jim Ogg

August is the month for Alpine Wildflowers; the upper Steppe and Forest Wildflowers are usually past their peak, however the Forest Wildflowers near treeline could persist. Dana Hanging Garden is usually sustained into August depending on the snowpack. The Forest Wildflowers in Coldwater Creek and Lundy Canyon also could be sustained into August. Sealth image SR254, shows a rare wildflower. Rothrock's Namas are infrequently found. But when found on the side of Lee Vining Canyon are a spectacular mass of bluish-purple golf ball sized globular flowers and make a most dramatic "driving range."

I recommend trying Little Lakes Valley and visiting Minaret Vista at least for Alpine Wildflowers. Also trailheads at Tioga Pass, South Lake, North Lake, Coldwater Creek, Lake George, and Upper Virginia Lake provide day hiking access to Alpine Wildflowers. Sometimes the Alpine Wildflowers can be found in "Rock Gardens." And because they are above timberline they usually have dramatic backdrops. The trail to Ruby Lake and Mono Pass has several Rock Gardens.

Minaret Vista is above Mammoth Lakes Ski area at almost 10,000 feet. The Vista has a mix of Forest and Alpine Wildflowers in an above timberline setting. Walking along the San Joaquin Ridge will lead to more Alpine Wildflowers. And if adventurous and have 4WD capability, a 4WD road from Minaret Vista provides access to the San Joaquin Ridge Garden at over 10,500 feet. Mountain bikers and day hikers also use the 4WD road.

Since February the emphasis has been on the Wildflowers; six months of Spring!!! For most of August and until Fall Color in mid to late September, I visit the locations that are not as seasonal: The Bristlecone Pines in the White Mountains; Bodie Ghost Town; Tuolumne Meadows Domes; Tuolumne River and tributaries; Saddlebag Lakes Loop; and Great Sierra Silver Mine; and visit or participate in Outdoor Art Shows.

The Bristlecone Pines favor Dolomite soils and the white Dolomite acts as a sun reflector, similar to snow, lighting the trees. Also I prefer Bodie in snow. I have been in Bodie twice with a fresh covering of snow blasting sun light into the sides of the Bodie structures like a giant reflector.

Also I chase tarns and fungi. We think about the many lakes in the back country; however there are many more tarns. Tarns are small bodies of water that often dry up as the summer progresses. Sometimes they provide images that are unachievable with lakes because of their location, size, and many are unmapped and unvisited. Fungi season on the Central Coast is winter, however, in the High Sierra it is summer. Finding an eight inch diameter "King Bolete" can be the highlight of any hike. Finding a field of "Chanterelles" is worth a song.

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### Lee Vining Namas (SR254)

The "Lee Vining Namas" image is part of the Sealth body of work which are digital images of landscapes, scenics, and the human form and are based on locations in the Lee Vining Canyon, Mono Lake Basin, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra, and the Central Coast of California.



Small Prints		
1st	<i>The Winter Owl</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>What? I'm Really Hungry</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>We All Play at The Beach</i>	Scott Clark
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Graceful Flight</i>	Jeanne Sparks
2nd	<i>Venice Canals #12</i>	Jim McKinniss
3rd	<i>Venice Canals #1B</i>	Jim McKinniss
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>Here's Looking at You</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Punk Rock Pelican</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>Great Blue Heron</i>	Elaine Calvert
HM	<i>Building a Green Home</i>	Jeanne Sparks
Digital		
1st	<i>Waiting for Mom</i>	Chuck Ubele
2nd	<i>Proud As a Peacock</i>	Larry Decker
3rd	<i>Woodpecker in Century Plant</i>	Cheryl Decker
HM	<i>Peacock</i>	Chuck Ubele
Slides		
1st	<i>Reflection</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Chow Time</i>	Dalton Pittman
3rd	<i>Walking Around</i>	Flavio Parigi

# July Competition Results

Special Subject:  
Birds

Judge:  
Don Quintana



*"Building a Green Home" ~ Jeanne Sparks*



*"What? I'm Really Hungry" ~ Janine Bognuda*



*"Venice Canals #1B" ~ Jim McKinniss*

## **Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers**

### **Webmaster**

Greg Doudna

### **Digital Projectionist**

Jeanne Sparks

### **Slide Projectionist**

Ed E. Powell

### **SMCC Directory & Calendar**

Rosie Brancacio

### **Historian**

Nyla James

### **Judge Recruitment**

Dave Clary

### **Saturday Chat**

Jim McKinniss

### **Points Tabulator**

Tom Wahweotten

### **Print Coordinators**

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

### **Slide Coordinator**

Elaine Calvert

### **Image Scoring**

Elaine Calvert

Lynda Snodgrass

### **Program Recruitment**

Alan Upshaw

### **Refreshments**

Joyce Bolivar

### **PSA Representative**

Nyla James

### **Library Coordinator**

Larry Decker

### **Meeting Room Setup**

Dalton Pittman

### **Sunshine Lady**

Bonnie Adams

### **Field Trips**

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic

Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

### **Name Tags**

TBA



*"Waiting For Mom" ~ Chuck Ubele*



*"Woodpecker in a Century Plant" ~ Cheryl Decker*



*"Peacock" ~ Chuck Ubele*





*"Venice Canals #12"* ~ Jim McKinniss



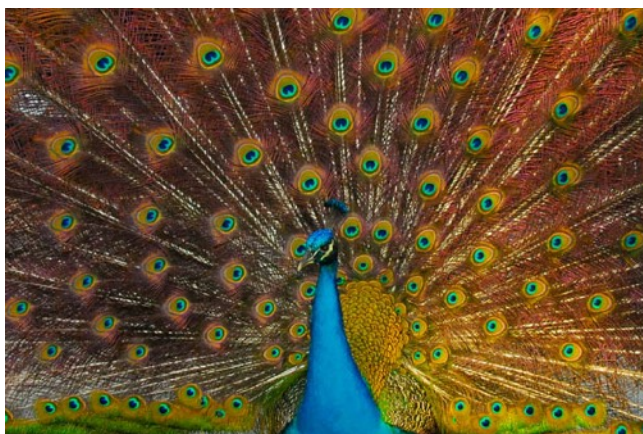
*"Punk Rock Pelican"* ~ Janine Bognuda



*"Graceful Flight"* ~ Jeanne Sparks



*"Great Blue Heron"* ~ Elaine Calvert



*"Proud As a Peacock"* ~ Larry Decker

## SMCC Field Trips for August and Sept 2018, and Beyond

by Penni Powell

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

### **Late August or Sept 2018? ~ Highway 395 Multi-Day Field Trip with Greg Doudna**

Greg is putting this trip together now. Please contact him for more info. Dates being considered feature the full moon or Milky Way night photography.  
Call Greg at 805.406.8198

**August - No other scheduled trips** - watch for Rosie's emailed calendar. *Thanks, Rosie!*

### **Sept 1st (Sat 7am start from AG) ~ SLO ULTRA Trail Running Event, SLO**

The event is being held at Dairy Creek Golf Course (across from Cuesta College)  
2990 Dairy Creek Rd, SLO 93405 <http://sloultra.com/>

- 6:30am start for the 50K run
- 8:30am start for the Half Marathon
- 9am start for the 5K
- 10am start for the Kid's race
- Stay for the bluegrass music festival, \$12.50 BBQ lunch

Parking is at the event center or at Cuesta College (\$5) so meet at Carl's Jr at Hwy 101 and Oak Park Blvd in AG for carpooling at 7am, or see you at the event. Bring chair/blanket if staying for the BBQ and music. Be ready to tramp around to find a vantage point.

Contact Penni for info 805.929.2420 home/363.1931 cell or pennipoo@hotmail.com

**Why go? – Photograph runners and then enjoy a BBQ with live music!**

and Beyond...

### **Oct 19-22 (Fri-Mon) Fall Color Weekend in the Western Sierras: Nevada City, CA Fall**



Bristlecone and Milky Way (Hwy 395)



Fall Color in the Western Sierras

# **Fall Color Weekend in the Western Sierras: Nevada City**

**October 19 - 22, 2018 (Fri-Mon)**



WITH NEVADA CITY AS A BASE, visitors can view fall colors in historic towns and along the “roads less traveled” — Hwys. 49, 174 & 20. Nevada City was built in 1849 during the California Gold Rush. The downtown area is beautifully preserved with natural brick buildings, saloon-style bars, and cobblestone sidewalks.

In Nevada City, you'll also find trees the miners and their descendants planted - mostly sugar and red maples - growing as tall as 80 feet. "Most of the maples that you see here are native to the eastern forest," says UCCE master gardener Lynn Lorenson. For leaf peeping, locals and visitors alike gravitate to Nevada Street, where liquidambars and maples put on excellent displays year after year, showing their colors against a picture-perfect small-town backdrop of white church steeples, green lawns, and picket fences. The giant maples right next to the courthouse downtown can also be astonishingly beautiful.

## **OTHER PLACES TO EXPLORE AND PHOTOGRAPH**

- Nevada City Historic District
- Nevada County Narrow Gauge Railroad Museum
- Malakoff Diggins State Historic Park
- Empire Mine State Historic Park
- Yuba-Donner Scenic Byway
- Hiking trails, wineries, etc.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Field trip recommended hotel: Outside Inn, Nevada City [outsideinn.com](http://outsideinn.com)

Camping/glamping close to town: Inn Town Campground [inntowncampground.com](http://inntowncampground.com)

## **MORE INFO?**

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