



# the Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter July 2025

### President's Message

Happy Independence Day!

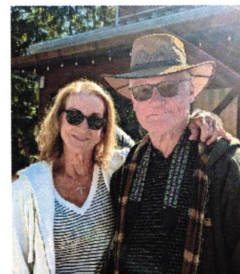
Hope you all have exciting plans for the 4th of July and the rest of the month. Traveling anyone?

Remember there is no in-person meeting at Merrill Gardens this month, but Penni has a field trip planned to the fair in Santa Maria. We can meet up there to check out the fantastic photo entries and take some photos of the interesting sights at the fair.

We will have an open category competition on the third Wednesday as usual.

Hope to see you soon!

Jeanne Sparks

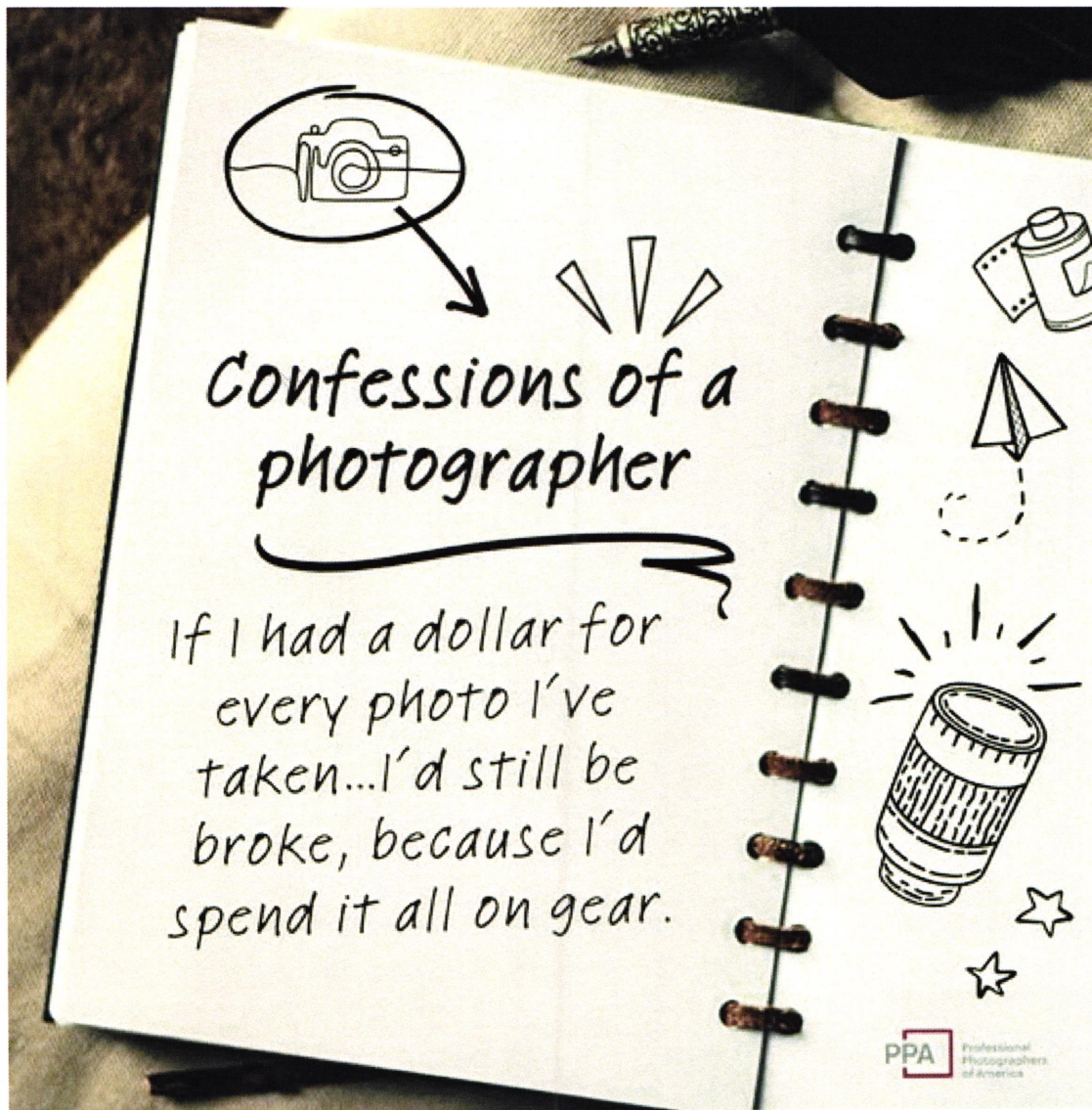


## Note from the editor.

In July, due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday, there will be no program meeting but only competition meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Jim McKinniss for First Place in Open Category/Best of Show in SM Sun/New Times photo contest for "Two Tulips" and First Place in the Travel Category for "Thierry and Carmella at the Doges Palace #1."

A big congratulation also to Jeanne Sparks because one of her images "You Otter Do Yoga" took first place in the Animal Category and was featured as the Cover photo in Thursday's SM Sun.





# JUNE COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Ander Fieschko

## Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Walking baby on the beach	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Reunion	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	Four little birds	Penny Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	The comfort of friends	Elaine Calvert

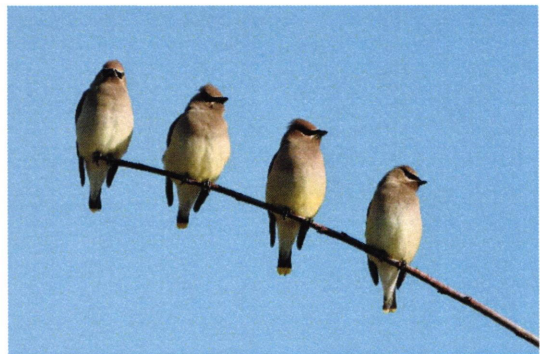
## Digital color

1ST PLACE	Sunrise	Frank Tromp
2ND PLACE	Tritonia	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	Celebrating one mosquito less in the world	Cheryl Decker
HONORABLE MENTION	Dance will set you free	Ed E Powell

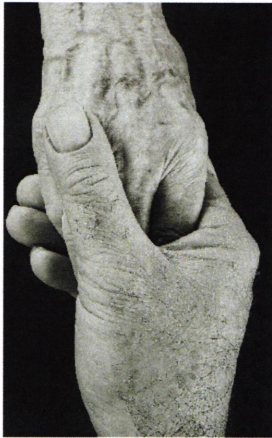
*Congratulation to everyone*



By Jim McKinniss



By Frank Tromp



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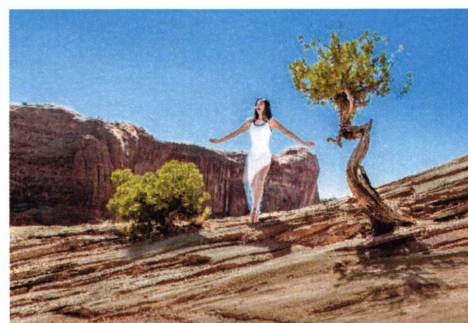
By Penny Powell



By Cheryl Decker



By Elaine Calvert



By Ed E Powell



## SMCC Field Trips for July 2025 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.

### **July 10<sup>th</sup> (Thurs 4:30pm – dinner) – Santa Barbara County Fair in Santa Maria**

4:30 pm Fairground meetup inside at the Fine Arts Exhibits of Photography (Convention Hall). For seniors (62+), enter the fair before 6pm and pay only \$6. Parking is \$10.

Members who I know have submitted entries are:

- Jim McKinniss
- Ed Powell
- Penni Powell
- Jeanne Sparks
- Tim Towne

Connect with me via cellphone if you are trying to find us: 363-1931.

**Why go? – See what other local photographers are creating and be inspired!**

Need more info? Contact Penni at [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com) or cell 363-1931.



## And Beyond...

I am taking a break for a few months so the next field trip might be in October.

I encourage anyone with an urge to lead a field trip to send details via email to SMCC/Frank and he will send your trip information to the members.

Enjoy your Summer! Penni

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

### Meetings

In July there will be no program meeting but only the competition meeting (July 17)

### Location

Our first meeting of every month 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](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com)

### Membership dues

\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

### 2025 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

### 2025 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

### 2025 Special Subjects

March – Altered reality.  
June – Celebrate what is right in the world.  
September – Intentional camera movement

### 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 on 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
<b>Slide Projectionist</b>	Ed E. Powel
<b>SMCC Directory &amp; Calendar</b>	Rosie Brancacio
<b>Historian</b>	Nyla James
<b>Judge Recruitment</b>	Harold Litwiler
<b>Saturday Chat</b>	Jim McKinniss
<b>Point Tabulator</b>	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
<b>Print Coordinators</b>	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
<b>Slide Coordinator</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Image scoring</b>	Elaine Calvert, Penni Powell
<b>Program Recruitment</b>	Elaine Calvert
<b>Refreshment</b>	Everyone
<b>PSA Representative</b>	Nyla Janes
<b>Library Coordinator</b>	Ed E Powell
<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>	
<b>Name Tags</b>	Nyla James

"If you want to be a better photographer, stay in front of more interesting stuff."

— Jim Richardson