



# the Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2023

### President's Message

Happy June!

Have you all been enjoying meeting in person again each month? I am enjoying seeing all your smiling faces and rubbing elbows with you. Of course, I also enjoy staying home and participating online once a month where I can still see your smiling faces ... but no elbows.

Remember our competition theme this month is "In the Street of the City."

See you all soon!

Best,

**Jeanne Sparks**

**Photo by Penny**



## June 7, 2023, Program Meeting, 7:00pm

Tonight, we will meet *in person* at Merrill Gardens. Greg will be presenting a short presentation on **PhotoPills**, an indispensable app for mobile phones, as well as tablet computers such as iPads. It is used primarily for astrophotography, day, and night.

Following that, we will watch a YouTube video on Photoshop's newest tool: **Generative AI**, followed by a discussion. Time permitting, we will have a Show & Tell.

Please try to limit yourself to submitting no more than 10 images. They can be sent to [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com) no later than the night before the meeting, (or brought in before the start of the meeting. We would like to start the meeting on time, and not overwhelm Greg as he sets up the equipment.)

**Masks are no longer required at Merrill Gardens.** Please arrive before 7:00pm, as sometimes the doors where we regularly enter are locked after 7:00pm, and you will have to go all the way around to the front of the complex to get let in.

## Alan

### *Vp message*

'In the street of the city' is the theme for our June competition.

Our judge will be Marcy Dugan from the LA area. She is an experienced judge for PPA.

Additionally, her resume includes.

- PPA Certified Professional Photographer
- PPC Master Photographer
- PPA Master-Craftsman
- 2013 President of PPC
- 2014, 2018, 2019 and 2023 PPC Chairman of the Board

Marcy is retired and I do not think she has an active website but if I will find out differently, I will update the club.

## Cheryl



## MAY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Theresa Gingras

### Digital Monochrome

|                   |                          |               |
|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 1ST PLACE         | Horse on the beach # 24  | Jim McKinniss |
|                   | Boat at Fisherman's Warf |               |
| 2ND PLACE         | Monterrey                | Jim McKinniss |
| 3RD PLACE         | Rain in Venice # 6       | Jim McKinniss |
| HONORABLE MENTION | Separation anxiety       | Ed E Powell   |

### Digital color

|                   |                             |                |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 1ST PLACE         | Backwards attack            | Jeanne Sparks  |
| 2ND PLACE         | Night guard at # 8          | Cheryl Decker  |
| 3RD PLACE         | Peachy ranunculus           | Elaine Calvert |
| HONORABLE MENTION | The daisy and the butterfly | Penny Powell   |
| HONORABLE MENTION | Valley Moon                 | Ed E Powell    |

*Congratulation to everyone*

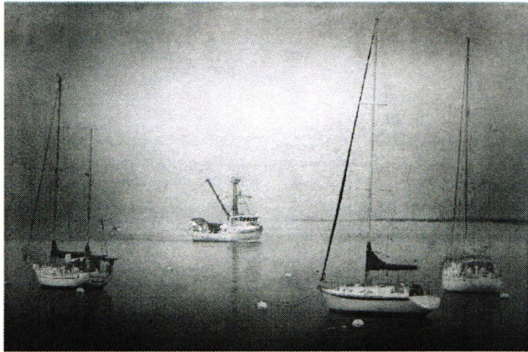


By Jim McKinniss

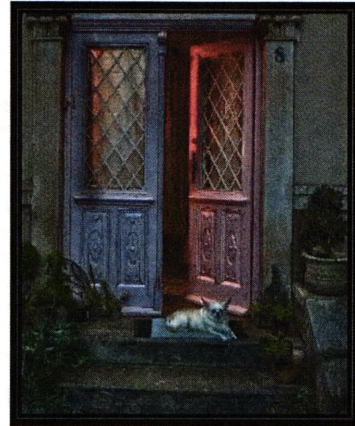


By Jeanne Spark





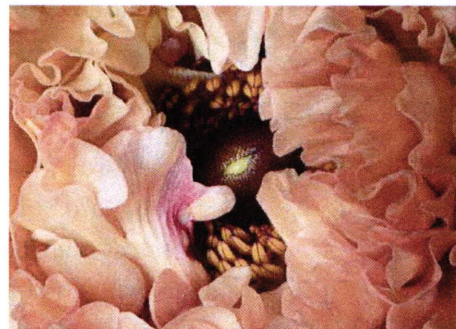
By Jim McKinniss



By Cheryl decker



By Jim McKinniss



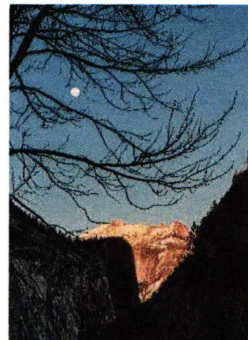
By Elaine Calvert



By Ed E Powell



By Penny Powell



By Ed E Powell

## SMCC Field Trips for the future 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 guidelines.

### Upcoming Field Trip Ideas

Dates are more tentative as we look further out. I would appreciate it if you would let me know if you are interested in any of these trips: [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)  
Thanks!

July 13 (Thursday pm)

An Evening at the Santa Barbara Fair in Santa Maria

Meet for dinner and then go the fair for blue hour photos and view the photo contest.

August 9 (Wed)?

Fun Day at the Paso Robles Ravine Water Park

Reserve with Penni in advance! There's room for 8 in the cabana seating with food and drink delivery. Cost is \$21 per senior and \$37 per younger plus cabana rent of \$160 to share. First come, first served till there is 8.

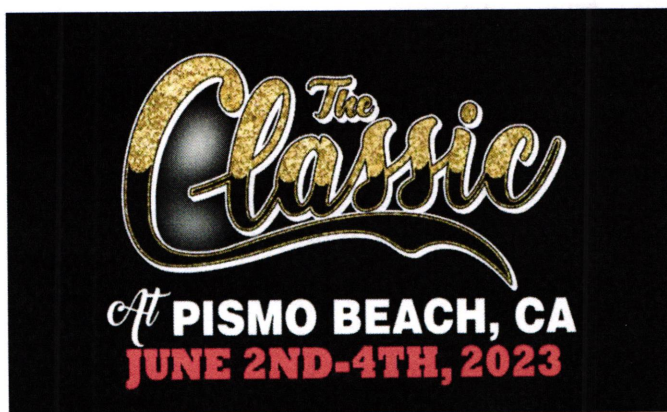
September - Open for anyone to lead a trip this month.

October - Pumpkins and Scarecrows in Solvang.

End of October - Pinnacles NP overnight with tent cabin rental or camp out midweek. Condor hike, Bear Gulch Cave, et

## Opportunity in June

*If you are interested in car show and you like to take photos of old and vintage car, do not forget these two-car show in June.*





## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

|   |   |
|---|---|
| <b>Meetings</b>                                       | On June 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm  |
| <b>Location</b>                                       | In June, 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.<br>If you want to participate, <i>please send an email to</i> <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a>  |
| <b>Membership dues</b>                                | \$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year   |
| <b>2023 Club officers</b>                             | President: Jeanne Sparks<br>Vice President: Cheryl Decker<br>Secretary: Frank Tromp<br>Treasurer: Alan Upshaw   |
| <b>At-large Board Members</b>                         | Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell   |
| <b>2023 Competition Rules</b>                         | Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.  |
| <b>Categories will be:</b>                            | Digital Color, Digital Monochrome   |
| <b>Immediate Past president</b>                       | Cheryl Decker   |
| <b>2023 Special Subjects</b>                          | March – Minimalism<br>June – In the street of the city<br>September – Animals   |
| <b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b> | All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a><br>All the digital images <b>MUST</b> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition |
| <b>Galleon Director</b>                               | Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>  |

## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <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>             | Cheryl Decker  |
| <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,<br>Penni Powell   |
| <b>Program Recruitment</b>           | Alan Upshaw  |
| <b>Refreshment</b>                   | Everyone   |
| <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<br>Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan<br>Upshaw, Greg Doudna |
| <b>Name Tags</b>                     | Nyla James & Amaya Rangel  |

- “The whole point of taking pictures is so that you don’t have to explain things with words.”  
— Elliott Erwitt