



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter June 2019



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

2019 Club Officers

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Upcoming Events...

June 1... Breakfast Chat CANCELLED for this month due to a conflict.

June 2... Field Trip (Sun) to Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactment at Lebec, CA. Cost is \$10 and meetup time is 6:30 am. See pg. 7 for more info.

June 5... Program Meeting, 7 pm at Merrill Gardens. See page 5.

June 19... Competition Meeting, 7 pm at Merrill Gardens. The theme is Geometric Shapes. See pg. 8 for more info on this and the judge.

July 3... Program Meeting, 7 pm at Merrill Gardens.

"You might be a photographer if....

*Your eyesight from staring at the computer
has gone from F11 to F1.8"*

~ Naman Pokarna

President's Message:

I hope you all enjoyed the barbecue at Lake Marie Valley Club as much as I did. Thanks to Sharon Salerno and Jim Ogg for organizing it and bringing games, to Larry Decker for also bringing games, to Tom Wahweotten for cooking the meat, to Penni Powell for conducting a contest, to Heather Carden, Ken Hough, Nyla James and Bob Ginn for helping set up and to everyone for bringing food and helping clean up. Sorry if I missed anyone who played a major role. It was a fun way to get together.

I hope everyone will be able to come to the June program presented by Bob Ginn and to the competition two weeks later.

We need someone to organize a display at the fair if we are to participate this year. Dave Clary has written up what needs to be done, so it will be easy to do! Let me know if you will step up to handle it. You will receive abundant praise and accolades!

See you at the next meeting!

Jeanne Sparks

Competition Special Subjects



June 2019

*Squares, Circles & Triangles
(Geometry)*

September 2019

Doors and Windows



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:**

Greg Doudna

greg.doudna@sbcglobal.net

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.

May Competition Results

Judge: Len Wood

Small Prints

1st	<i>Waiting</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>He's an Inquisitive Little Guy</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>Cal U.S. Stanford</i>	Robert Ginn
HM	<i>Walk on the Beach</i>	Scott Clark

Monochrome Prints

1st	<i>View From the Bell Tower</i>	Jim McKinniss
2nd	<i>Dancers in Infrared</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>Death Valley Curiosity</i>	Ed Nailor

Large Color Prints

1st	<i>Soda Lake 2019</i>	Elaine Calvert
2nd	<i>A Quiet Evening on Surf Beach</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>There's Nowhere to Go</i>	Richard Russ
HM	<i>Old Barn Relic</i>	Cheryl Decker

Digital

1st	<i>Transformation</i>	Chuck Uebele
2nd	<i>Rescue</i>	Chuck Uebele
3rd	<i>The Dreamer</i>	Nyla James

Slides

1st	<i>Can We Play?</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Traffic Jam in Hong Kong</i>	Flavio Parigi
3rd	<i>Reflection In an Aircraft Nosecone</i>	Penni Powell

Treasury Report

The Club balance is \$1776.25 and
our membership is 43 people.

Committee Chairs & Club Volunteers

Webmaster

Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory & Calendar

Rosie Brancacio

Historian

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

Cheryl Decker

Saturday Chat

Jim McKinniss

Points Tabulator

Richard Russ

Print Coordinators

Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Image Scoring

Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore
and Penni Powell

Program Recruitment

Alan Upshaw

Refreshments

Joyce Bolivar

PSA Representative

Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Larry Decker

Meeting Room Setup

Everyone!

Membership Recruitment

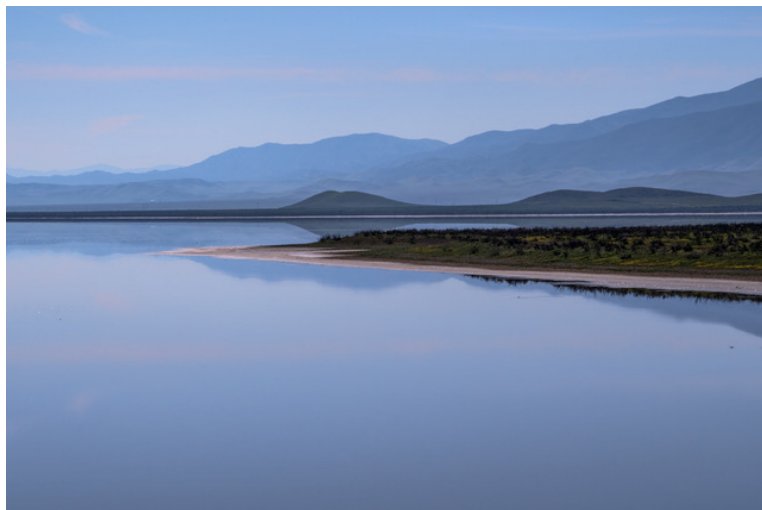
Richard Russ

Field Trips

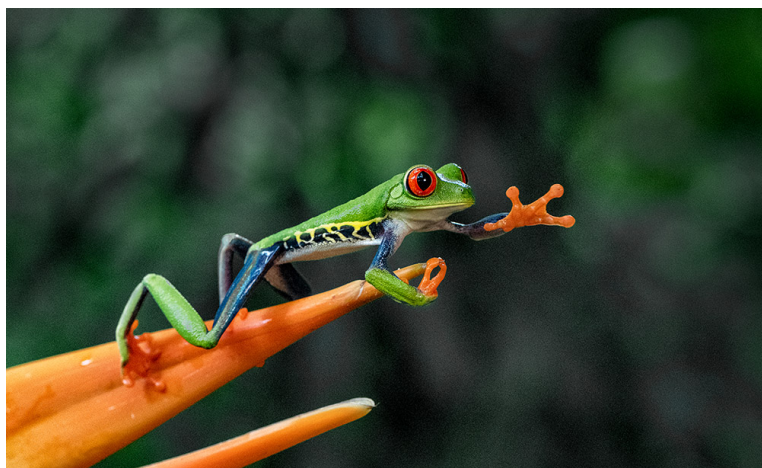
Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams
Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna

Name Tags

Nyla James & Amaya Rangel



"Soda Lake 2019" ~ Elaine Calvert



"There's Nowhere to Go" ~ Richard Russ



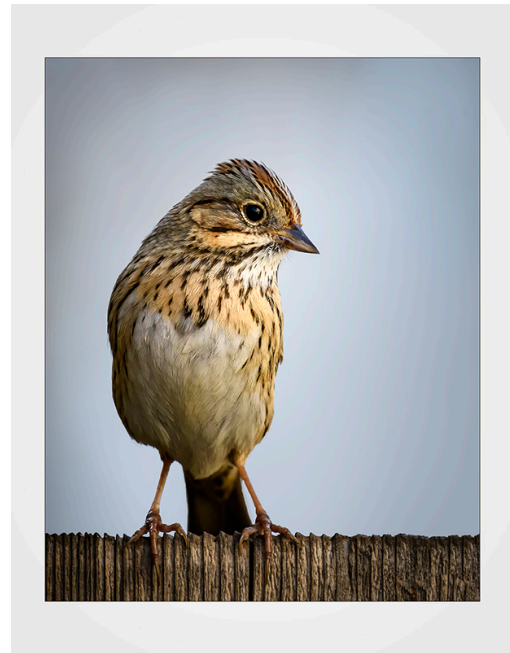
"View From the Bell Tower" ~ Jim McKinniss



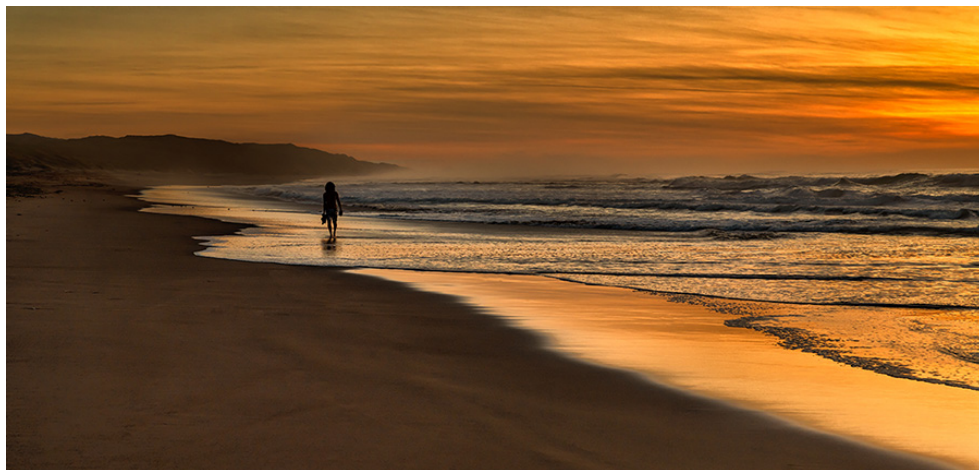
"Transformation" ~ Chuck Uebele



"The Dreamer" ~ Nyla James



"He's An Inquisitive Little Guy" ~ Janine Bognuda



"Walk on the Beach" ~ Scott Clark



"A Quiet Evening on Surf Beach" ~ Janine Bognuda



"Rescue" ~ Chuck Uebele

June Program Meeting



This month on June 5, at 7:00 pm, our very own Bob Ginn will present a program on how to create winning images for competitions. He will offer a 35 minute power point presentation showing some of the winning images from the 2019 Georgia Circuit Competition. We will see examples of what judges are looking for, why these images were winners, and the variety of images showcasing the skills of photographers.

After the break, using various images, he will also demonstrate how to correct and manipulate photos using nothing more than Microsoft Windows. No Photoshop needed. Some of it's tools correct things such as cropping, luminescence, contrast, clarity, shadows, exposure, red-eye, and spot work. He will show images that are overly common or too heavy-handed, and what can be done to make improvements. We will also be able to see the before and after effect of this program and Bob said corrections are so easy, images can be completed in just a couple of minutes.

Since there won't be any hand-outs, you might want to come prepared to take notes, and of course, there will be time for



Points North and East For June 2019

The Superbloom has mostly passed but the impact of the near record rain and snow fall continues. Much of the High Sierra is still Winter. Tioga Pass may be opened mid-June at the earliest and Mammoth Mountain Ski area is still planning to be open until the Fourth of July. The last time Mammoth had this kind of Winter, Mammoth stayed open until Mid-August and hosted the US Ski Team's Summer practice!!!! The Summer practice is usually held in the Southern Hemisphere.

Mammoth Lakes Basin is usually open by Memorial Day weekend. Also by late May, breakup is finished, nearly all trailheads are accessible, the upper Steppe wildflowers are blooming and Forest wildflowers are starting. The Irises in the Bishop area and the Desert Peach in the upper Steppe bloom late May or early June. Lower Steppe, Owens Valley and Mojave wildflowers are usually past their peak.

Mammoth can still have snow storms in June. These I call "last snow." Last snow is often much more photogenic than mid-winter snow. And with last snow, access is often better. Depending on access and snow level, McGee Canyon, Convict Lake, Little Lakes Valley, and Mammoth Lakes Basin are places to check for last snow.

With the opening of Tioga Pass, access to Tuolumne Meadows is available from Mammoth. The initial interest is "High Water" at Cathedral Cascade, Upper Tuolumne River, Dana Fork, and Lyell Fork in the Tuolumne area. Also of interest are Minaret Falls and Rainbow Falls in the San Joaquin River Basin and Lundy Canyon Falls and Cascades.

Snow Plants provide bright red color in the drab ground following snow melt. I look for Snow Plants at Glacier Point, Yosemite Creek, and Devils Postpile. And Snow Plants can be found in the Sierra Forest, northeast of Oakhurst. In the El Portal area, the Matilija Poppies can be found.. These 4-7 inch white flowers on 4-8 foot stems are California's largest natives and among the most photogenic. The Sealth Image, "Matilija Poppies Pilot (SR184)," shows them.

The Irises may fill meadows with masses of intense deep blue. The meadows of Mono Lake, Bridgeport and Bodie should happen in June and early July. Also the upper Steppe wildflowers should peak in June or early July. In some locations "gardens" can be found. These may have up to two dozen varieties and a dozen different colors. The gardens of McGee Canyon, Walker Creek-Parker Creek, Heart Lake, and Mono Lake Marina could be well worth visiting. Also Lee Vining Creek, Tioga Pass roadside, Parker Lake, Walker Lake, and Lundy Canyon, are places to checkout for Upper Steppe wildflowers although some hiking may be necessary. Those who went on the club's Eastern Sierra trip in 2005 should have fond memories of McGee Gardens and Lundy Canyon.

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Matilija Poppies Pilot (SR184)

For a few weeks in Spring, the largest lilies in California are found west of Yosemite Valley near El Portal. The Matilija Poppy flowers are half a foot (150 millimeters) in diameter and they are on stems more than six feet (2 meters) high. The stems are so spindly and the flowers so large that they need a pilot. The "Mitilija Poppies Pilot" 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 El Portal, Western Sierra, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



SMCC Field Trips for June 2019 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.**

June 2nd (Sun 6:30am start) – Fort Tejon Civil War Reenactment, Lebec, CA:

Carpool from Panera Bread in SM to Fort Tejon State Park to photograph the Blue and Grey in two battles, tour the Union and Confederate camps, see artillery demonstrations and meet presidents Jefferson Davis and Abraham Lincoln and their generals Grant and Lee. \$10 admission for adults.

Meet at Panera Bread, College and Betteravia (540 East Betteravia Rd), for carpooling at 6:30am. You'll need to bring a picnic lunch (available at Panera, if you like) and camp chairs for the battles are optional.

Contact leader Penni Powell at pennipoo@hotmail.com or 805.363.1931 (cell) for info.

Why Go? Here's your chance to recreate tintype photos in your digital darkroom a la Mathew Brady:
"The camera is the eye of history."

Other June events: Be on the lookout for Rosie's emailed calendar.

Thanks, Rosie!



and Beyond...

July 4th (Thurs 6am) – Cayucos' 4th of July celebration: Meet me at the Nipomo Starbuck's (next to Miner's Ace Hardware, 581 West Tefft St.) for a morning of varied photography at the seaside town of Cayucos. We'll start at the Point Estero shipwreck at low tide and then move to the pier for the sand sculpturing contest that has been in progress since 5am. The parade starts at 10am, and fireworks at night if you're staying all day...

August 3rd – "Butterflies Alive!" exhibit at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum



**** If you would like to lead a field trip in September, please let me know! 805.363.1931 ****

“It takes a lot of imagination to be a good photographer. You need less imagination to be a painter because you can invent things. But in photography everything is so ordinary; it takes a lot of looking before you learn to see the extraordinary.”

~ David Bailey

JUNE COMPETITION ~ THEMED MONTH

Our competition meeting for June is the 19th at 7:00 pm and the theme is “Geometric Shapes.” Your image can have any geometric design elements such as circles, squares, triangles, etc.

Our judge for the evening will be Christine Lester-Deats, who has judged previously for SMCC and is a Brooks graduate. She and her son Logan, have a local photography business in Buellton and their website is christineandlogan.photography.

Christine's primary focus is portraits, events and commercial work but she also has other interests. To see some of her work, click the link above and peruse the website.



Cheryl



Image submitted by Ed E. Powell

Check out this image taken on the Sensorium Field Trip in Paso Robles this week. If you didn't get to go, this is what you missed.

An evening view of the vineyards blanketed in lights!