

# The Galleon

The VOICE of the Santa Maria Camera Club for 75 years    **March 2014**

## February Competition Winners 2014



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DIGITAL: 3rd Place    Glen Bolivar    Morro Trio Cormorants

The Santa Maria Camera Club  
Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
of each month, except July & August, at  
7:00pm on the second floor of the main  
building, in the activities room of  
**Merrill Gardens**  
**1350 North Suey Road**  
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello:

At our board meeting earlier this month we decided to make some changes to our once a month competitions. We have added two special subject competition nights to bring our total to five (see the minutes for months and subjects). We now have 6 open competitions and 5 special subject competitions. The reason for this change is to make the competitions more current and more competitive. The judges will have a bit easier time of it judging the same subject from each person instead of trying to judge between a landscape and a portrait at the same competition. If you have any questions or comments on this change, please contact myself or any of the board members

Richard Russ  
President

### 2014 Special Subject Competitions

In all 5 divisions.

**MARCH , 2014**

**MAY, 2014**

**JULY, 2014**

**SEPT. 2014**

**NOV. 2014**

**LEAVES**

**STRIPES**

**LANDSCAPES**

**BODY PARTS**

**ON THE STREET**

**Remember** that your digital entries must be E-mailed to: **Glenn Bolivar**  
**NO LATER THAN SUNDAY MIDNIGHT**  
At [glennabloivar@gmail.com](mailto:glennabloivar@gmail.com)

**Reminder:** Use this opportunity to show us your fine work!

The 2014 competition year is open to everyone in the SMCC.

You can enter three (3) different images in any combination of Divisions at each competition meeting!

This means that you can enter 3 of your images in one Division, or 1 in any 3 Divisions which you are qualified for, or two in one and one in another.



DIGITAL: First Nyla James



MONOCHROME PRINT—Large Back  
Second: Nyla James



## Points North and East For March 2014 by Jim Ogg

March is usually the prime month for Central Coast wildflowers. The Beach Dunes, Sea Bluffs and some Coastal Scrub plant zone's wildflowers will continue to happen and usually peak in March. Also the Chaparral, Oak Grassland, Oak Woodland, and Streamside Woodland wildflowers should peak. Lopez Lake Rec. Area, Santa Margarita Lake Rec. Area, Montana De Oro SP, and Lake San Antonio Rec. Area are locations to checkout. Carrizo Plain's wildflowers may also be peaking. And continue checking Shell Creek. Because of poor prospects, the Santa Margarita Wildflower Festival has been cancelled for 2014.

March is usually the month for waterfalls and wildflowers along the Big Sur coastline and wildflowers in the Big Sur eastern valleys especially Carmel Valley Road and San Antonio Mission. Also Pinnacles National Park often has wildflowers but with a short season.

Watch for Vernal Pools during March and April. Obviously these are very dependent on the rainfall amounts and pattern. With its heavy rainfall in January and February, 2008 was a great year for vernal pools. Laguna Lake Open Space may have Vernal Pools. Also look for Vernal Pools in San Simeon SP and Carrizo Plains. In the Sierra western foothills, McKenzie Big Table Mountain Preserve NE of Fresno usually has Vernal Pools. And look for them in the eastern San Joaquin Valley.

Usually March is the start of the San Joaquin Valley wildflowers. Fresno's Blossom Trail usually peaks the first or second weekend. Blossom Blizzard (SR214) depicts a massive blossom fall. The "Blossom Blizzard" 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 Western Sierra, High Sierra, Eastern Sierra and Central Coast of California.

Also the Sierra foothills north, east and southeast of Fresno often have extensive wildflower displays. The wildflowers at Hite Cove, west of El Portal, are often spectacular during late March and early April.

The California Lilac is not really a Lilac but a Ceanothus! However with their spectacular blue-purple haze color, almost tree size, and chaparral dominance, they are worthy of being called the California "Lilac". They are actually about a half dozen species of Ceanothus. They bloom in March - April and can found on the Questa Grade, along Hwy 41 between Atascadero and Morro Bay, north of Piedros Blanco, along Big Sur and at Point Lobos. In 2004-2005 the California Lilacs dominated the recovery succession after the Hwy 41 fire making a forest of bluish purple. Look at recent forest fire areas for a repeat.

In early March the area east and south of Fresno, California, has the Blossom Trail. This major agricultural area is hundreds of square miles of tree fruit and nut blossoms in a near rainbow of colors. And sometimes if one is fortunate enough to be at a grove at the time that all the blossoms fall, a blossom blizzard may be experienced.



# COMPETITION WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY 2014

## MONO PRINT—LARGE BACK

First: Elaine Calvert  
Second: Nyla James  
Third: Ted Maddux

Weary in the Saddle  
Revenge of a Gunfighter  
Eagles #3

## DIGITAL

First: Nyla James  
Second: Dave Clary  
Third : Glenn Bolivar  
HM: Jeanne Sparks

Death Valley Dune  
An Argument  
Morro Trio Cormorants  
Thoughtful

## SLIDES

First: Bonnie Adams  
Second: Penni Powell  
Third: Dalton Pittman  
HM: Penni Powell

Sugar Beets at Serrano  
Sea Grass Calligraphy  
Chapel, Air Force Academy  
Morning Light, Zabriskie Point

## COLOR PRINT—LARGE BACK

First: Ted Maddux  
Second: Ted Maddux  
Third: Ed. E. Powell  
HM: Nyla James

Pitts  
Guinness, Dublin  
Sunset at Cape Meares Lighthouse  
The Post Horn Gallop

## SMALL PRINTS

First: Elaine Calvert  
Second: Ron Calvert  
Third: Robert Ginn  
HM:

California Quail  
King of the Hill  
The Base Player

Judge: Luis Escobar

## **REMINDER ... CALANDER EVENTS**



BBQ—May 24th 2014

Christmas Potluck—December 10th @ 6:00pm

Awards dinner—January 10th, 2015

## SMCC board meeting minutes—feb. 2014

SMCC board meeting- February 8, 2014 9:30am

Richard Russ, Bill Hood, Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio, Flavio Parigi, Nyla James, Elaine Calvert, Ron Calvert, Patti Linane, Janice Darby, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell

Membership and Treasurer's report= 26 paid, \$1,425.00 in account.

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Self-judging on hold for now.

Judge Recruitment- Ramona has judges thru March. Need to expand on sheet of instructions that is sent to the judges. How do they judge a portrait from a landscape? Content awareness over technical.

Addendum made to the rules: NO ADDED NAMES/ TITLES OR TEXT allowed on photos.

Janice makes motion, Nyla seconds.

The president will make an announcement at the night of the competition/ special category night to pull your photo if it does not fit the "theme".

The board votes to add another special category. There are concerns that people don't enter special categories. The purpose is to improve your photography skills, and, having a special category makes it easier to judge.

Special categories for 2014 are:

March- LEAVES (as in a tree, plant, flower, etc...)

May- STRIPES

July- LANDSCAPES

September- BODYPARTS

Ramona makes a motion to add "on the street" for November, Bill Hood seconds.

November- ON THE STREET

PSA event:

Nyla has applied and been approved in:

1. photo journalism (not PID open category)

2. nature

open: 3. color

4. monochrome

\$25.00 per section

metals issued by PSA. Nyla will give silver awards at 25.00 per section.

Nyla needs help with website software (exhibition)

March 1st- enter open date  
July 26/27th- deadline for entries  
Price:  
\$12.00 - 1 section  
\$15.00 - 2 sections  
\$18.00 - 3 sections  
\$20.00 - 4 sections  
Judging in August.  
NEED A COMMITTEE ASAP!!!!

Small prints will not be displayed in the library.  
Small prints must be backed due to falling while displayed for judging. Other options, board can supply a foam core board and clip. Flavio will clip and un-clip each photo for judging.

Field trips: Penni

March- to Pinnacles National Park on the west side, star tracks, day/night trip. leave at 10:00, lunch in Soledad, dinner on the way home. No date yet, 1st or 4 weeks after?

April to Santa Barbara Zoo- good for body parts!

Bolsa Chica bird photography- end of April? no date yet.

Jim Ogg- floral, wildflowers in Atascadero in February? I(Janice) will send e-mails with date and directions.

Performing Arts Center- need to ask Bob M.

Programs:

New members here thru April- have them do a show on their gallery?

Bill Hoods phone number will go into newspaper for contact #. Christina is too busy.

Need sign up list- what do you want to learn? Ideas for programs? Learn from each other, do you have an area of expertise?

Street photography program, September 3rd- Bob Ginn and field trip following. Saturday Chat(September 6th), break, go shoot, meet back to discuss images.

October 1st program- Each person to submit 20 images to Bob Ginn to show at program.

Photoshop expert- James Crawford for program?

Directory changes:

Samy's camera is moving.

Light Photographic is closing their doors. WORKSHOPS are still open.

No summary of rules to be put in directory.

Ed- PDF on website.

Galleon:

Need printed ones to Bill Hood.

Problems with small prints not being put in Galleon.

Help for Tony and Anne.

Do we need a galleon? YES, it serves as a historic representation of the club.

Preview first by member, or take as is?

Richard to talk to Tony- what can we do to make things easier? Send all info to Anne Whitten.

Add to directory where to send submissions for Galleon, add Anne Whitten's name and e-mail in the directory. Make her an honorary member. Thanks Patti for hosting. Meeting over at 12:15

## **SMCC Field Trips March 2014 and Beyond**

*Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates as winter weather makes advance planning more difficult.*

**March 1st (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group** - Meet at 8 am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen on North Broadway and Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

*Why go? - Enjoy photo talk over breakfast and coffee.*

**CANCELLED - March 8th Cottonwood Winery (maybe later?)**

**March 22 (Sat 9a-late pm) Discovering Pinnacles N.P. All Day Trip** - If you're seeking a spiritual experience, this is the place where you're likely to find one. Activities from the West Pinnacles entrance include hiking 2.4 mi RT to the caves, getting close to rock climbers in action, maybe spotting a condor or two, and spending the golden hour before sunset photographing the unique rock formations. Bring water, sunscreen, snacks, and lights for the caves. It can be damp/slippery in the caves so wear sturdy shoes.

There are two meet & carpool spots:

1. Santa Maria @ 9:00 am, Francisco's Country Kitchen (see Chat info)
2. Arroyo Grande @ 9:35 am, Carl's Jr. by Kmart, Oak Park exit off 101

It's about a 3.5-4 hour drive to West Pinnacles, East of Soledad up 101. We'll have lunch before heading into the park and dinner after sunset in King City on the way home.

There's a \$5 entrance fee, pets are ok except on the trails.

Call Penni @ 929-2420 or 363-1931 on the road. Bob Mihelic will have an info packet at the March 5th meeting.

*Why go? - Visit our newest National Park at it's peak season.*

**Other March Photo Subjects: Join the SLOCC @ the Oceano Dunes on March 15th for Sunset and Moonrise, March 29th is Mountain Men @ La Purisima Mission, Lompoc.**

**And Beyond...**

**April 5th (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group** - Meet at 8 am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen on North Broadway and Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

**April 5-6 (Sat/Sun) L.A. Overnighter SAVE THE DATE**

1. Apr 5 (10a-7p) **The Renaissance Pleasure Faire @Irwindale**
2. Apr 6 (dawn) **Bird Photography @ Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve, Huntington Beach**





COLOR PRINT—LARGE BACK

HM: Nyla James

**DUES PER YEAR      TREASURE'S REPORT**

*\$25.00 per person*

*\$35.00 per couple or family*

*\$15.00 for full-time student*

An additional annual \$15.00 competition entry fee is charged for any member who wishes to compete during the year.

As of this issue, we have 37 paid members with a working balance of \$1,553.26. Thank you. Bill Hood

**Dues are now due!!** Pardon the pun, but, we don't want you all falling into the past due column. Thank

**The GALLEON is a photo/info magazine!**

If you have something from any SMCC event, or of its members, monthly competition winners or images which won in any other contests anywhere in the world etc., which you think should be in the GALLEON then take the time send it to

**TONY WHITTEN ( [anne@whittenart.com](mailto:anne@whittenart.com) ) as a jpg!**

PLEASE send them to me as .jpg files and as an attachment— of the many ways to get images to me - this is the fastest , along with MS Word with your information to go with your images! Thanks.



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**REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR March 5, 2014**  
**The SMCC competition meeting March 19th@**  
2013 AT MERRILL GARDENS  
1350 North Suey Road, Santa Maria

## **March Subjects : Leaves**

As is a tree, plant, flower, etc. . How many can you find???



When we have show and tell.....

Bring up to 3 images for "Show & Tell". Remember that you don't have to follow the challenge theme. You may bring anything that you are working on that you would like to share.

**March 1st - Saturday Chat is at 8am at**

**Francisco's in Santa Maria**

**Bring Your Laptops & Some of YOUR Photos To Show & Talk About.**  
**It's a Great Time To Get Feedback Without The Competition Or Any Judges!**