



# the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 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

## 2017 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

[mamacash85@gmail.com](mailto:mamacash85@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events...

**March 3...** Saturday Chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 8am

**March 7...** Program Meeting, "Making & Editing a Video," 7pm

**March 11...** (Sunday Field Trip) Video & Still Photography at Morro Bay,  
4pm (see pg. 6 for more info)

**March 21...** Competition Meeting, 7pm. **The theme is "Pets."**

**April 4...** Program Meeting, 7pm

## 1st Saturday Chat

**This Saturday, March 3, 2018 is our next breakfast chat**

**Francisco's Country Kitchen ~ 8:00 AM**

**1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria**

For a friendly critique of your work, bring no more than 4-5 small prints (8"x11") and a Sharpie for marking up your work. If you have any questions or ideas for discussion, contact Jim McKinniss, the coordinator of this monthly get-together.

## President's Message:

Hi all. I hope you are out taking pictures this winter although it will more than likely not be of snow. Badger Pass in Yosemite has not opened this year due to lack of snow. I cannot ever remember that happening in the past.

Also, at our last board meeting a proposal was made to reduce our competition categories, possibly to two, Digital and Prints. This would be a big change, and change is difficult when we have done some things for so long. I would really like to hear what you think about this or any other changes to our competition categories. Most clubs that I know of now have only one category, Digital, and for our small club to have five categories seems a bit much. Please send me an email regarding this if it is a concern to you.

Richard Russ, President

## Competition Special Subjects



**March 2018**

*Pets*

**June 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.

## February Competition Results

**Judge: Michael Collins**

Small Prints		
1st	<i>World Champion at Speed...</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>My Days Were Useful Once</i>	Scott Clark
3rd	<i>Sunset Kayaker on the Salt River</i>	Ramona Cashmore
Monochrome Prints		
1st	<i>Man of Mexico</i>	Robert Ginn
2nd	<i>Fly By</i>	Elaine Calvert
3rd	<i>What's Up</i>	Ted Maddux
Large Color Prints		
1st	<i>Under the Stars in Palouse</i>	Elaine Calvert
2nd	<i>Sea Foam Sunset</i>	Janine Bognuda
3rd	<i>World Trade Center</i>	Tony Martindale
HM	<i>Storm Arrives on the Carrizo</i>	Scott Clark
Digital		
1st	<i>Sand Blown</i>	Nyla James
2nd	<i>Grover Station</i>	Alan Upshaw
3rd	<i>Looking North</i>	Alan Upshaw
HM	<i>Underneath It All</i>	Nyla James
Slides		
1st	<i>Merced River Reflection</i>	Penni Powell
2nd	<i>Firestone</i>	Penni Powell
3rd	<i>Before the Night</i>	Flavio Parigi

## TREASURY REPORT

*Currently we have 42 paid members  
and a Club bank balance of  
\$3069.84*

## **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

## **March Program Meeting Basic VIDEO Editing**

Nearly all digital cameras and cell phones are able to shoot video. There are many programs that will do the job of video editing. I will be using “iMovie” on an old Mac laptop. Most video editing programs are based on the same concepts, so the program used is really not important. What’s needed is planning and having the ingredients ready to go. My biggest challenge is what to make a video about in the first place. I’ll show the basics of editing on a timeline. At the end will be an short video thats been edited and re-edited several times. Far from being an expert, I will try to answer questions and other members can chip in, too. Anyone with a computer can make a video!



For Show & Tell...Please bring in your images from the Pets (or any other) field trip, the recent lunar eclipse, or anything else you would like to share. Limit 5 images per member.

Alan



**DON'T  
FORGET...  
to pay your dues!**

### **Benefits of Paying Your Dues ASAP:**

1. Allows you to compete this month and throughout the rest of this year (per our Club Bylaws).
2. Allows you to have your name and contact information printed in the Membership Directory (which goes to print this month).

See page 1 of the Galleon to calculate this year’s dues, make checks out to SMCC, and give to Bill Hood.

THANKS FOR BEING A MEMBER OF SMCC!

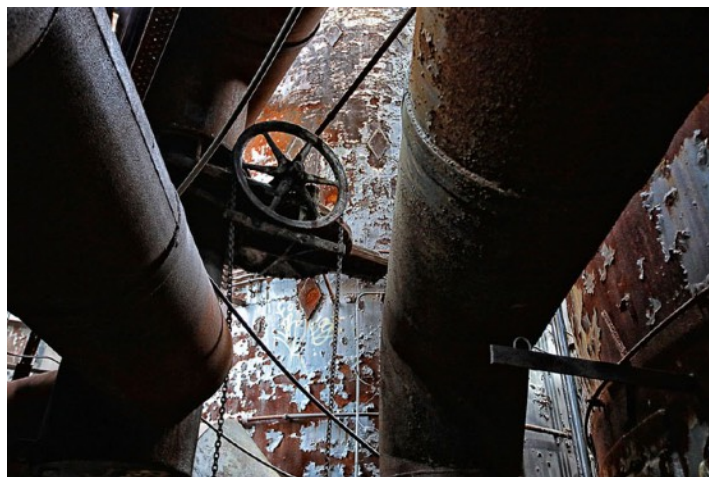




**Here are a few of  
the winning images  
from our February  
Competition meeting!**



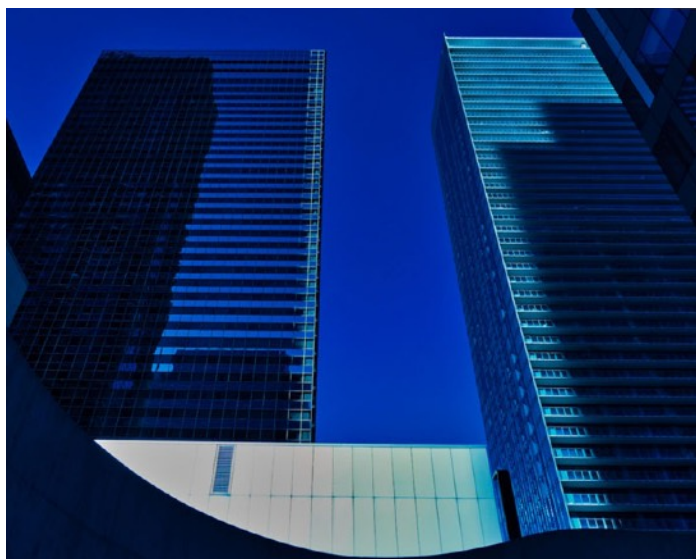
*Sea Foam Sunset ~ Janine Bognuda*



*Underneath It All ~ Nyla James*



*Sand Blown ~ Nyla James*



*Looking North ~ Alan Upshaw*



*Under the Stars in Palouse ~ Elaine Calvert*





*Grover Station ~ Alan Upshaw*



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*Sunset Kayaker on the Salt River ~ Ramona Cashmore*



*Storm Arrives on the Carrizo ~ Scott Clark*



*World Trade Center ~ Tony Martindale*

# SMCC Field Trips for February 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.

## **March 1 1th (Sun) 4pm - Video (and Still) Photography @ Morro Bay**

Take video or stills of the Morro Bay waterfront with Alan Upshaw, followed by dinner at the Hofbrau (901 Embarcadero). Perhaps there will be otters, fishing boats, or surfers in action so you can practice using your camera's video.

Meet at the Arroyo Grande Carl's Jr. off Hwy 101 at Oak Park (head left down the frontage road at the exit) at 3:15pm for carpooling to Morro Bay with Ed & Penni Powell.

Or meet Alan at 4pm at the South T Pier parking area at Embarcadero/foot of Beach Street. That's in front of the Great American Fish Company.

Bring a tripod and wear warm clothing. If it's raining, check on a possible trip cancellation by calling Alan on his cell 805-748-5171 or by email at [abupshaw53@yahoo.com](mailto:abupshaw53@yahoo.com)

Why go? - Pretend to be a tourist and photograph the local sights!

**Other March events:** Be on the lookout for Rosie's emailed calendars.

Thanks, Rosie!

- March 17-18th Civil War Re-enactment in Moorpark (\$)
- March 24-25th Lompoc Renaissance Faire at River Park (\$)

and Beyond...

## **April 27-29 (Fri - Sun) Yosemite Valley - Rainbows and Moonbows in the Falls**

Capture rainbows in the mists of Yosemite Valley waterfalls during daylight, and then moonbows after nautical sunset. Photograph Yosemite lighted by the full moon! Dogwoods and other trees should be in bloom.

This is leader Greg Doudna's concept for the field trip. He needs a minimum of 4 participants to make it work, so he would like to hear from you ASAP (or by the March 21st club meeting). He will share with you El Portal lodging info and sun and moon data for the trip. He can be flexible on the dates, one day either way. Contact Greg at [greg.doudna@sbcglobal.net](mailto:greg.doudna@sbcglobal.net) to get more information.





## Points North and East For March 2018 ~ by Jim Ogg

The draught conditions continued through February. However the North SLO County Almond blossom bloom was on schedule but the ground was more brown than last year's green. 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 Plains wildflowers may also be peaking but another superbloom is unlikely. And continue checking Shell Creek.

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 Monument often has wildflowers but with a short season. As shown in the Sealth image "Monterey Bay Ice Plant (SR194)", on the south side of Monterey Bay, the alien species, ice plant and weathered granite provide masses of color on the very dramatic shoreline of Pacific Grove.

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. 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". There are actually about a half dozen species of Ceanothus. They bloom in March - April and can be found on the Questa Grade, along Hwy 41 between Atascadero and Morro Bay, north of Piedras Blancas, 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.

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### Monterey Bay Ice Plant (SR194)

On the south side of Monterey Bay, the alien species, ice plant and weathered granite provide masses of color on the very dramatic shoreline of Pacific Grove.

The "Monterey Bay Ice Plant" 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 Pacific Grove, Monteret Bay, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra, and Central Coast of California.





# **We celebrated SMCC's 80th year at our Annual Awards Banquet held January 10, 2018 at the Santa Maria Inn.**

Photos by Tom Wahweotten



Memorabilia representing the 1930's - 40's

Sharon Salerno & Jim Ogg,  
Event Organizers.



Mary Goodspeed & Nyla James,  
2 of our long time members.



Members voting for People's Choice awards.

Members enjoying the evening's events.







Ken Hough, Jeanne Sparks, Bolivar's (seated), the Cashmore's, and Alan Upshaw & his mother.



Jeanne Sparks and others are happy to dig in to the Taco Buffet!



The Parigi's & Veronica's mother, the Maddux's, and the Clary's.



The Calvert's, Jim McKinnis, Bob Ginn, Nyla James, and Greg Doudna.



Sharon Salerno, Jim Ogg, Gene Goodspeed, and the Hammond's.



Russ's, Decker's (standing), and the Hood's



Mary Goodspeed, the Powell's, Janine Bognuda, and Scott Clark.





### People's Choice Awards

Richard Russ, 3rd Place; Robert Ginn, 1st Place; Janine Bognuda, 2nd Place, and Penni Powell, organizer.



Past President Dave Clary (right), passing the gavel to Incoming President Richard Russ.



### 2018 SMCC Board

(Back to front, left to right) Flavio Parigi, Nyla James, Ramona Cashmore, Jim Ogg, Sharon Salerno, Penni Powell, Pres. Richard Russ, Vice Pres. Alan Upshaw, Treasurer Bill Hood, Immediate Past Pres. Dave Clary, and Secretary Rosie Brancacio (not present).

## Congratulations to the Top Winners of 2017 !

Judge Richard Giachetto selected the winning Prints of the Year from the group of images that won throughout the year.

**Monochrome Print of the Year** - *Man in Black* - Jim McKinniss

**Small Print of the Year** - *Go With the Flow* - Scott Clark

**Color Print of the Year** - *Camels at Sunrise* - Robert Ginn

**Slide of the Year** - *Green Layers* - Penni Powell

**Digital Image of the Year** - *Yellow Boat at Bay Bridge* - Jeanne Sparks

**High Points Award, Monochrome** - Nyla James

**High Points Award, Small Prints** - Robert Ginn

**High Points Award, Color Prints** - Robert Ginn

**High Points Award, Color Slides** - Flavio Parigi

**High Points Award, Digital Images** - Alan Upshaw

**High Points Award, Photographer of the Year** - Robert Ginn

**Peoples Choice Award, 1st Place** - *Puffin With a Meal* - Robert Ginn

**Peoples Choice Award, 2nd Place** - *Getting a Lecture in La Jolla* - Janine Bognuda

**Peoples Choice Award, 3rd Place** - *Snowy Owl* - Richard Russ

**John Hidy Award** - Jim & Lynda Snodgrass

