



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 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...

Mar 2... Breakfast Chat at Francisco's Country Kitchen, 8 AM. (see page 6)

Mar 6... Program Meeting, 7 PM at Merrill Gardens (see page 2)

Mar 9... Field Trip, Wildflower Hunt on Figueroa Mountain, 6:30 AM (see page 7 for more info)

Mar 10... Field Trip, Wildflower Hunt at Wind Wolves Preserve, 7 AM (see page 7 for more info)

Mar 20... Competition Night, 7 PM at Merrill Gardens. The theme is Plant Life.

Mar 30... Field Trip, Mountain Men Encampment at La Purisima Mission, 8 AM. (see page 7 for more info)

President's Message:

Hi everyone. I'm just back from the North American Nature Photography Association Summit in Las Vegas. Thank you Alan Upshaw for running the club meeting while I was away.

The summit was inspiring with speakers such as Joel Sartore on his project "National Geographic Photo Ark;" Sue Flood on "From the North Pole to the South Pole and In Between;" and James Balog showing his film "The Human Element." We also heard from Florian Schulz on "Into the Last Great Wilderness;" and George Lepp on "Inspiration, Support, Transition and Awe: The Keys to Success in Nature Photography;" as well as many others.

I was thrilled to be recognized as a winner of a 2019 Top 250 Showcase award for my photo "Scat!" (pictured on page 2)

Back to Santa Maria, I invite all club members to go to Santa Maria Open Streets on March 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. On that Sunday, Main Street will be closed from Broadway to Blosser Rd, the first time that has been done for this type of event (or ever as far as I can tell).

This event will be filled with activities in the car-free street such as a running race, bike obstacle course, fitness classes, music, environmental education, health and wellness fair, dance, arts and crafts, food, farmers market, and more. Numerous community groups are participating, as well as local schools and businesses and the city

of Santa Maria. For more information, visit sbopenstreets.org.

Santa Maria Camera Club will have a booth there to encourage people to take street photography and bring it to a camera club meeting. This is an opportunity for our members to practice street photography and for us to recruit new members. If you would like to help with the booth that day, please let me know. Email me at smcc@sparkie.us.

Yours in finding photographic inspiration,

Jeanne Sparks, President



Program Meeting:

Our guest speaker will be Helen Tarbet, Recreation Technician (most commonly known as a Field Ranger) for the Los Padres National Forest. She has worked at the Santa Maria office for 22 years. Helen will be speaking about the Figueroa Mountain wildflowers as well as the wildflower program that she started 18 years ago, and will be handing out her guide to the wildflowers, which features her own photography. We have had Ranger Tarbet as a guest several years ago, and this should be a very informative evening. With Spring approaching, it's time to charge up the batteries and check out the blooms.

For Show & Tell, just bring in whatever you would like to show. Field trip images are especially welcome, and so are prints, old cameras and accessories.

Alan Upshaw

Competition Judge for March:

Our judge for the March competition will be new to SMCC, and her name is Alexandra Wallace. Here is some information about her.

She grew up in California and was adopted as a baby.... her parents met at Brooks in the 1970s. She spent high school interested in photography with 35mm film, and video production. She attended Brooks for a time to study film. For the last 7 years she has been self-employed as a photographer, and has had the opportunity to shoot everything from fashion campaigns to celebrity events to lots and *lots* of weddings. She offers classes in photography in Los Alamos and there is an upcoming class in April. <http://www.alexandra-wallace.com/workshop/>

She also teaches classes in flower arranging and will be the perfect judge for our “plant life” competition in March.

Cheryl Decker

Competition Special Subjects



March 2019

Plant Life

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.

February Competition Results

Judge: Henry Rasmussen

Small Prints

1st	<i>West Bound Flight</i>	Scott Clark
2nd	<i>What's She Thinking?</i>	Robert Ginn
3rd	<i>The Hitchhiker</i>	Elaine Calvert

Monochrome Prints

1st	<i>Girl in Car</i>	Jim McKinniss
2nd	<i>Dive</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>Catching Some Light</i>	Elaine Calvert
HM	<i>Nacho</i>	Scott Clark

Large Color Prints

1st	<i>Stepping Stones to the Sea</i>	Janine Bognuda
2nd	<i>Mongolian Eagle Hunter #2</i>	Ted Maddux
3rd	<i>Moonlit San Diego</i>	Scott Clark
HM	<i>Diving With Style</i>	Janine Bognuda

Digital

1st	<i>Road May Flood</i>	Tony Martindale
2nd	<i>Volunteer</i>	Chuck Ubele
3rd	<i>Rocks and Surf</i>	Chuck Ubele
HM	<i>Storm Over the Reservation</i>	Greg Doudna

Slides

1st	<i>New York, New York</i>	Flavio Parigi
2nd	<i>Damp and Dismal in Yosemite</i>	Penni Powell
3rd	<i>Yosemite</i>	Flavio Parigi

*"The camera is an excuse to be
someplace you otherwise
don't belong. It gives you both
a point of connection
and a point of separation."*

~ Susan Meiselas

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Greg Doudna & Chuck Ubele

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Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore
and Penni Powell

Program Recruitment

Alan Upshaw

Refreshments

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Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Larry Decker

Meeting Room Setup

Everyone!

Membership Recruitment

Richard Russ

Field Trips

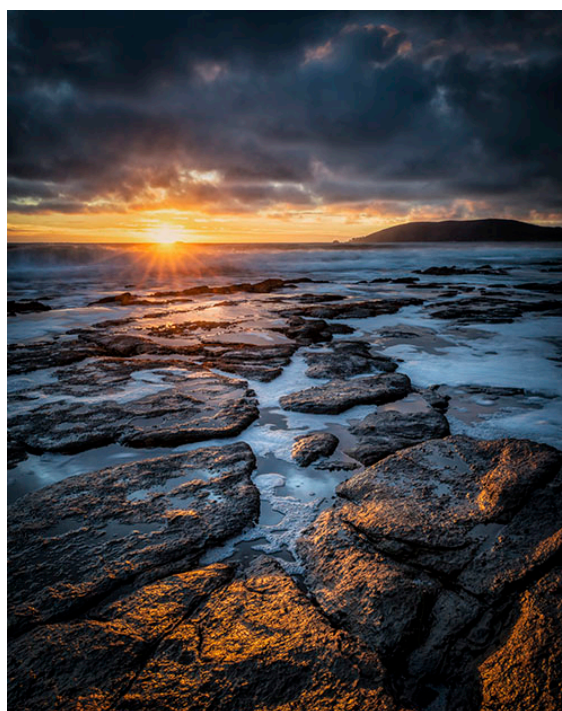
Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams
Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna

Name Tags

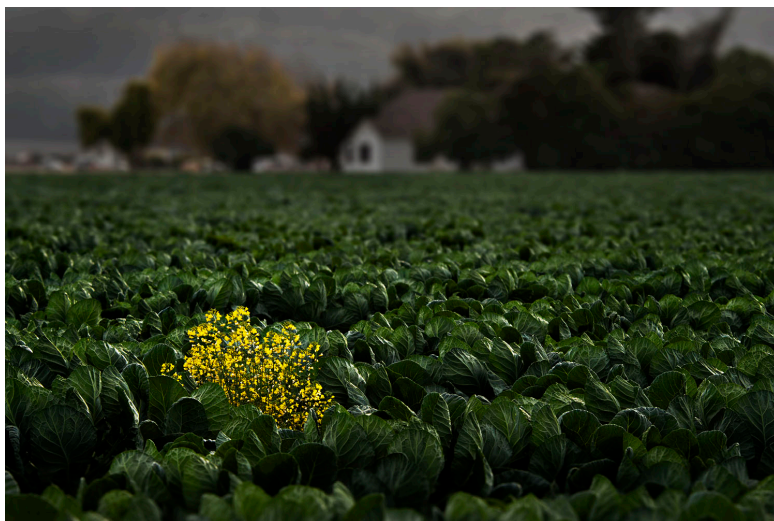
Nyla James & Amaya Rangel



"West Bound Flight" ~ Scott Clark



"Stepping Stones to the Sea" ~ Janine Bognuda



"Volunteer" ~ Chuck Ubele



"The Hitchhiker" ~ Elaine Calvert



"Catching Some Light" ~ Elaine Calvert



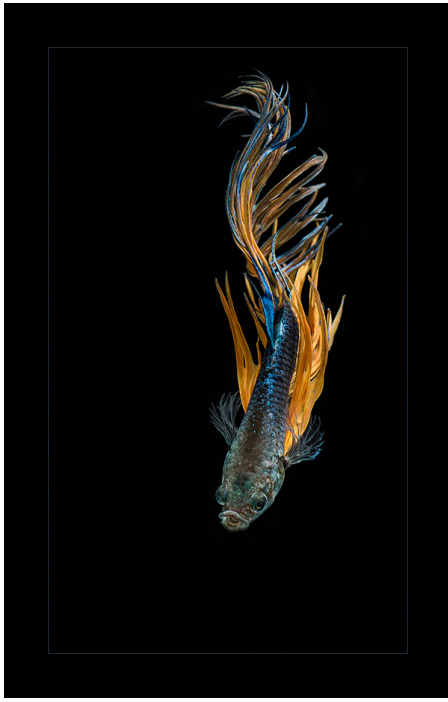
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"Nacho" ~ Scott Clark



"Moonlit San Diego" ~ Scott Clark

BREAKFAST CHAT

on Saturday, March 2 at 8 AM
 Francisco's Country Kitchen
 1701 N. Broadway
 in Santa Maria.
 Come enjoy breakfast, a good
 photo chat, and good friends.

Treasury Report

The Club balance is \$1754.00
 and our membership is now 45.

Remember to invite your friends and
 others so we can grow the club!



SMCC Field Trips for March 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.***

Mar 9th (Sat 6:30 am) Wildflower Hunt on Figueroa Mountain

Meet at Panera Bread at 6:30am (540 East Betteravia Road at College) and carpool if able to Figueroa Mountain out of Los Olivos/Hwy 154. The road is steep and narrow so carpooling is good.

Mar 10th (Sun 7:00 am daylight saving time) Wildflower Hunt at Wind Wolves Preserve

Meet at North Santa Maria Starbucks at 7am DST (1737 N Broadway) and then take the 2 hour drive out Hwy 166 to the Preserve. Entrance fee is a donation. We will be hiking here.

BASIC INFO FOR BOTH FIELD TRIPS:

- Layered clothing in case it's chilly and close-toed/hiking shoes (assume muddy conditions)
- Water/snacks/cash for lunch after the hunt
- Sun and wind protection
- Tripod, macros, reflectors or diffusers for flower portraiture, knee pads for groundwork

Contact the leader Penni at pennipoo@hotmail.com or 929-2420 home 363-1931cell

Why Go? To quote Ralph Waldo Emerson,
“Earth laughs in flowers, to see her boastful boys”

Mar 30th (Sat 8 am) Mountain Men Encampment at La Purisima Mission, Lompoc

Meet at Panera Bread at 8 am (540 East Betteravia Road at College) and carpool (if able) to La Purisima Mission in Lompoc to photograph the Mountain Men Encampment and the mission itself. State park fee applies. We'll find lunch in Lompoc before heading back to Santa Maria.

Contact the leader Penni at pennipoo@hotmail.com or 929-2420 home 363-1931cell

Why Go? Time travel back to the 1800s with your digital camera – PERFECT!



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

and Beyond... More info to come!

April – Carrizo Plains Camping, anyone?

May – Club Picnic

June – “Field of Light” in Paso Robles An art installation at Sensorio by Bruce Munro

Points North and East For March 2019 by Jim Ogg

As of late February, the rainfall has been much above normal at “Aussie Oaks” and Almond Blossoms were right on schedule; the third weekend in February. Almond blossoms were found east of Templeton, west of Paso Robles and along “Aussie Oaks’s” driveway. Because of the extensive rain, there is the possibility of a Super bloom in the Carrizo Plains as happened year before last. For an example, see the Sealth Image “Carrizo Wildflowers Carpet” below.

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 Recreation Area are locations to checkout. Carrizo Plains wildflowers may also be peaking. 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.

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 northeast 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 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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Carrizo Wildflowers Carpet (SR232)

Wildflowers carpeted Carrizo Plains National Monument after the two great rain seasons of 2004-05 and 2005-06.

The “Carrizo Wildflower Carpet” 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 Carrizo Plains, San Luis Obispo, Big Sur, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.

