



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 2021

President's Message

"Dear March, come in! How glad I am. "(E. Dickenson)

For so many reasons...rain and wind and sun and green and flowers...reduced plague and vaccine protection...maybe travel and gathering and hugs!

I am so grateful for all you and how you influence me to think like a photographer and how you inspire my creativity. I have come to cherish friendships and mentors in the SMCC members. I hope you have paid your dues; you do not want to miss out on what is ahead.

Enjoy March's variable weather... get out there and make great images!

Cheryl

March 3 Program Meeting, Online with Webex

This month, club member Bernard Fallon will present 20 of his images from Liverpool, UK, shot on black & white film in the 1960s. He showed many of his photos last fall at the Saturday Chat, and I think they are definitely worth seeing again. Three of his photos were used in Terence Davies' film **Of Time and the City** (*available on Amazon Prime*). The stories behind them are as fascinating as the images themselves.

Following Bernard, this would be the time to show images from the club field trip to Yosemite. Also, we will have a regular Show & Tell. Anything goes, and it does not have to be limited to photos. Got any new camera gear? Feel free to show the group. Images (no limit be reasonable) can be sent to Greg Doudna by Tuesday, March 2 gndoudna@gmail.com. Also, images can be shared on Webex using **screen sharing**, as an alternative.

This month we will have **Reflection** as the **Special Subject** for the March 17 Competition.

Greg will email the invitation prior to the meeting. Please log on early so we can start the meeting on-time. Background noise can be a bit disturbing, so please learn how to mute and unmute yourself, by clicking on the mute button, or using the spacebar.

Alan

Judge for Competition Meeting

Our judge for the March Reflections competition is Mark Velasquez. He is a talented photographer and artist who was born and raised in Santa Maria. His website is at <https://www.markvelasquez.com>

Mark Velasquez

Photographer Mark Velasquez was born and raised in Santa Maria, California and received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Cornish College in Seattle in the year 2000. Since then, he has worked as a freelance photographer across Europe and the Americas shooting for publications, creating his own photo books, and documenting his travels while spreading his unique sense of humor and creative energy along the way.

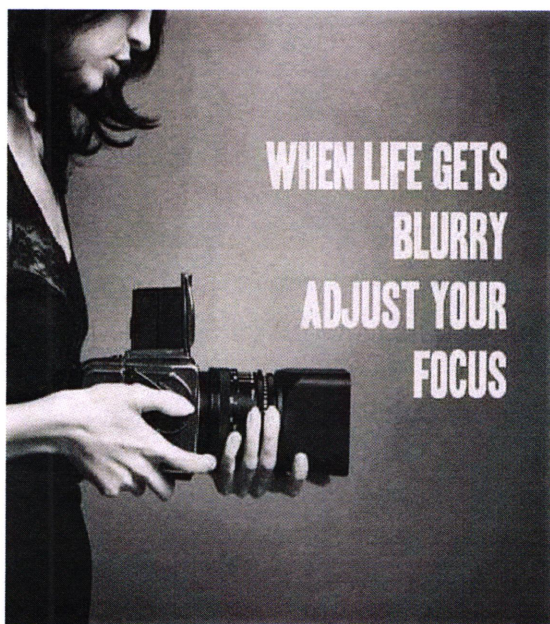
He also survived eight out of ten challenges on the first season of Bravo's reality competition "Work Of Art: The Next Great Artist" in 2010. Somehow his family still remains proud of him.

Mark is a teacher, painter, sculptor, videographer, and graphic designer. Most importantly, he is a husband, father, and family man trying to do his best. Today he can be found somewhere on the West Coast, camera in hand, mind reeling.

<https://www.markvelasquez.com>

Tony

Editor's Message



'Ok, last night you did the dishes...today you are folding the laundry. What lens and how much was it?'



Flavio

FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Daniel Dreifuss

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Portrait of performer in net hat with birds 2010	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Victoria web	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	Skyline	Tony Martindale
HONORABLE MENTION	Café conversation	Cheryl Decker

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Street entertainer	Rosie Brancacio
2ND PLACE	The stare down	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	The crossing	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Frog	Ed E Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Smoke break	Rosie Brancacio

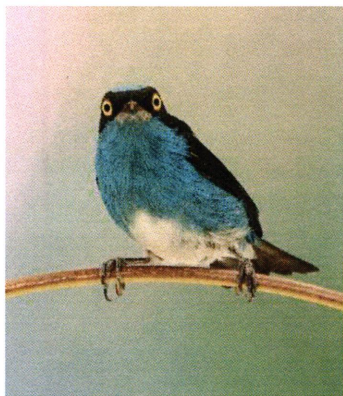
Congratulation to everyone



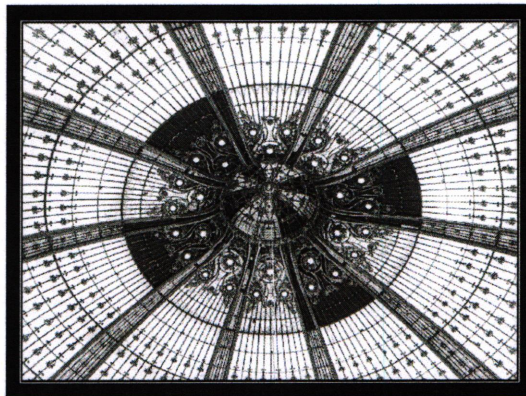
By Rosie Brancacio



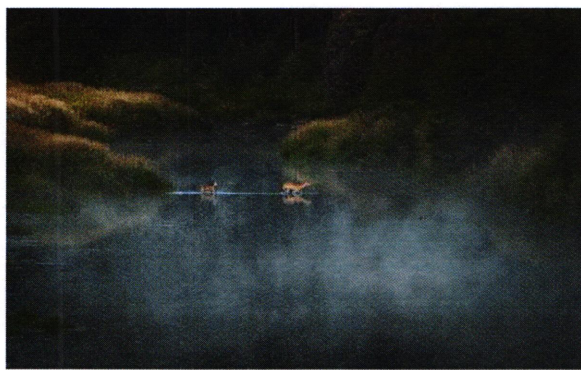
By Jim McKinniss



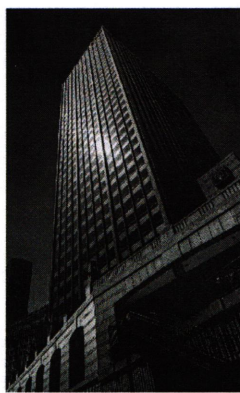
By Frank Tromp



By Cheryl Decker



By Elaine Calvert



By Tony Martindale



By Ed E Powell



By Cheryl Decker



By Rosie Brancacio

SMCC Field Trips for March 2021 by Penni Powell 805.363.1931

penpowell2020@gmail.com

Please note: Bad weather or Covid 19 can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. **Check your email for any updates.**

March 19TH, 2021 (Fri 5:45 – 8:45pm) Point San Luis Lighthouse Sunset Photo Shoot –

A big THANK YOU to Bob Mihelic who has organized this event and stayed with it for a year now! At the time of the Galleon publication at the beginning of March, the trip is in LIMBO as PG&E has the final say on the matter.

You will get an email as soon as the outcome is known. If it is going to happen, the email will include the details on how to sign up, the cost, etc.

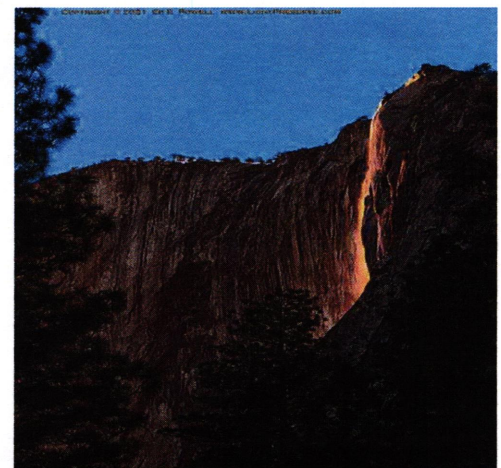
March 20th (Sat 6am-6pm) Day Trip to the EAST SIDE of Pinnacles National Park (by King City/Hollister) – The Pinnacles is a busy place most years in the Spring as wildflowers bring many visitors and the temperatures are mild. They have received more rain than we have, and I hope the flowers will be blooming! Regardless, the condors will be flying...

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the caves are currently closed, but entry fees are waived. It is suggested to be in the park before 9:30am in order to find parking, so that means an early start for the 140+ miles to drive to the East Entrance from Santa Maria, say 6am. Use the directions on the NPS.GOV website, which is also handy to learn about the park. A later meet up at 11:30am can accommodate late arrivals.

1. We will meet up at the Moses Spring parking area at 9am. Options include a 1.6-mile RT hike to Bear Gulch Reservoir or more hiking depending on the interests of the participants.
2. We will meet up at the Pinnacles Visitors Center/Campground Store at 11:30am. Eat lunch social distanced (bring your own lunch) and then stroll a flat trail to the Bacon Homestead (0.5 mile) and Butterfield Ranch (another mile) to photograph buildings from the late 1800s (house, barn, outbuildings from farm and ranch operations).

I want to hear from you by the March 17th competition meeting if you are planning to attend the field trip. Together we can gear the trip to the interests of those coming and share the resulting plan with the club by email before the 20th.

For more info contact Penni Powell at penpowell2020@gmail.com or 805-929-2420.



Why Do This? Spring is a great time.
to visit the Pinnacles!

Hey, do you have an idea for a field trip? CALL or EMAIL ME!

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	Via WebEx due to the Covid problem If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on Join Meeting will connect you to this virtual video program meeting
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2021 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary Rosie Brancacio Treasurer: Bill Hood
At-large Board Members	Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2021 Competition Rules	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
Categories will be:	Digital color Digital Monochrome
Immediate Past president	Jeanne Sparks
2021 Special Subjects	March – Reflection July – Machines September - Silhouette
Submit your images for digital competition to:	Greg Doudna gndoudna@gmail.com Digital images can only be submitted by email. All the digital images <u>MUST</u> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
Galleon Director	Flavio Parigi fparigi@aol.com

COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Webmaster	Greg Doudna
Digital Projectionist	Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Tony Martindale
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Ramona Cashmore, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Alan Upshaw
Refreshment	Joyce Bolivar
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone !!
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

Treasury Report

We have in our bank \$ 2,198.87

- “A thing that you see in my pictures is that I was not afraid to fall in love with these people.”
— Annie Leibovitz