



# the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter March 2023

## President's Message

A drive-in movie theater where the cars have no wheels, a swing set in the Salton Sea, an old-fashioned phone booth on the beach — these were a few of the things we saw at Bombay Beach during our club sojourn to Joshua Tree, the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego.

Penni organized and led the Feb. 20 to Feb. 26 trip. Ed, Ken, Kevin, Cheryl, Rosie, and I camped or stayed in various lodging. Penni's sister Candyce joined us for part of the journey. What fun!

If you have not been on one of our club outings, I hope you'll find time to go. It's a great way to get to know other club members and to see sights you may never have seen. I generally am not inclined to seek out desert destinations, but I was pleasantly surprised by what I saw: eclectic artwork, creeks with water, a palm oasis, snow, cold, wind and rain. Ok, the last three items I would have enjoyed less of — much, much less of — but who knew a massive storm would blow through California during our trip.

Penni is a meticulous planner who builds in flexibility and great meals! We all had a good time and supported each other, especially in times of need. The first incident happened when Kevin sank into mud at the Salton Sea. Ed helped him wash the mud off his pants. I have to thank Ken and Kevin for helping me break out of the Palm Canyon Campground restroom and Penni for documenting it with a photo when I emerged. LOL.

We need to choose a project for our annual competition. We'll make a decision at our meeting on Wednesday, March 1. Hope to see you all then!

May the light be with you,

**Jeanne Sparks**

## **2023 Dues are still due, if you have not paid yet!**

Dues pay for our expenses, such as fees for competition judges, awards, website costs, mailing & printing fees, and other things. We charge dues annually, by calendar year.

Club dues are \$30.00 per year per person, \$45.00 per couple or \$45.00 per family. Full-time students are \$15.00 per year. An additional annual \$20.00 competition entry fee is charged for *each member* who wishes to compete during the year. ***You may not enter images in the March competition if you are not paid up!***

Dues are paid by check to Santa Maria Camera Club, and can be paid at any in-person meeting, or by mailing a check to our PO Box...

**Santa Maria Camera Club**

**PO Box 1605**

**Santa Maria, CA, 93456-1605**

***Alan***

### ***Vp message***

March 1 is the first Wednesday of the month and it is coming up fast!

We will have a short educational segment after club business and then we will have 'show and tell.'

Be prepared to show and discuss about 10 recent photos from field trips or other image making efforts. You may send your images to Greg or bring them on a thumb drive. Remember to size them as if for competition.

See you soon!

**Cheryl**

# TRIPTYCH ANNUAL COMETITION RESULT

Judge: **Leon Wood**

## Digital color

1ST PLACE	Picnic	Penny Powell
2ND PLACE	Bunker abstracts	Elaine Calvert
3RD PLACE	Dawn patrol	Kevin Miller
HONORABLE MENTION	Forest spirits	Gregory Doudna
HONORABLE MENTION	Finding shelter in the rain	Harold Litwiler

*Congratulation to everyone*



By Penny Powell



By Harold Litwiler



By Gregory Doudna



# FEBRUARY COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Ann Jastrab

## Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Stormy seascape	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	Cold and alone	Larry Decker
3RD PLACE	Alex 2013-09-01 # 2	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	We were here, Oceano dunes	Penny Powell
	Waves cashing on Morro	Jim
HONORABLE MENTION	Rock	McKinniss

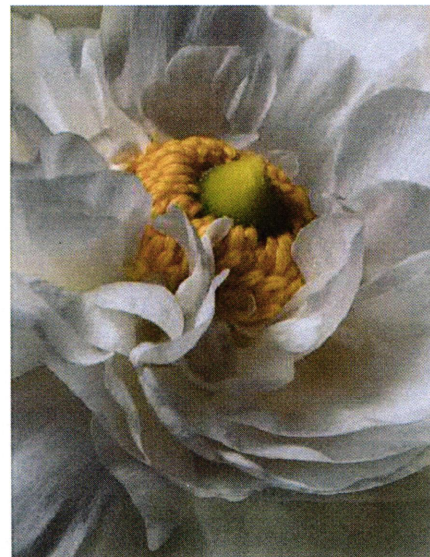
## Digital color

1ST PLACE	White ranunculus	Elaine Calvert
	A morning fog with winter	
2ND PLACE	tree	Cheryl Decker
3RD PLACE	A last gold at Bodie	Ed E Powell
HONORABLE MENTION	Storm and light on El Morro	Penny Powell
	A trying to get the right white	
HONORABLE MENTION	balance	Larry Decker

*Congratulation to everyone*

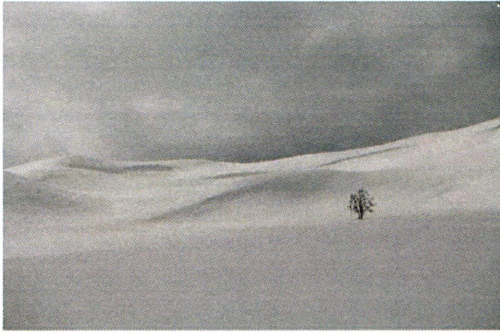


By Elaine Calvert

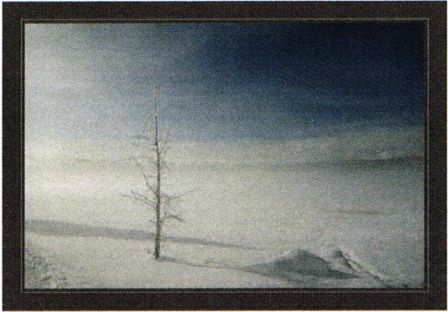


By Elaine Calvert





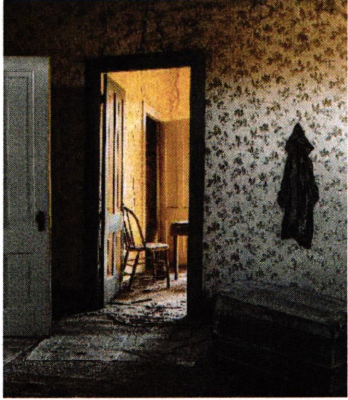
By Larry Decker



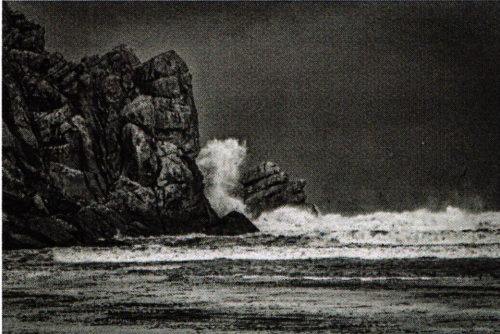
By Cheryl Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Ed E. Powell



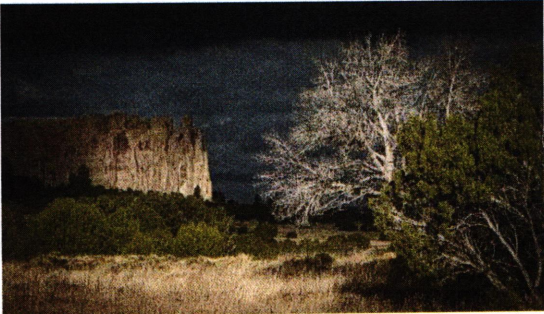
By Penny Powell



By Larry Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Penny Powell



## SMCC Field Trips for March 2023 and Beyond by Penni Powell

*Please note: Rain or severe weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates. Please follow COVID-19 guidelines.*

### **March 12<sup>th</sup> (Sun 7:15a-5:30p) - Channel Islands National Park (see flyer in this Galleon)**

An all-day excursion by Island Packers Ventura Harbor ferry to Santa Cruz Island.

Tickets for the ferry need to be purchased ASAP (Adult \$63, Senior \$58 for roundtrip)

Email Penni for info [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)

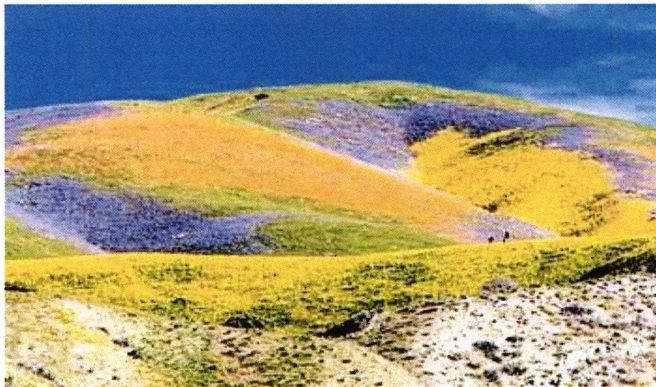
**3-1-23 UPDATE:** Ferry tickets are sold out. If you missed getting tickets and want to go, you could check back at the website in case there are cancellations, etc.

**WHY GO?** Visit our local National Park!

And Beyond...

### **April 1st (Sat) – Carrizo Plains Feral Flower Photo Shoot**

Details to come in an email a week or two before. The field trip will be dependent on those fickle wildflowers and since the weather has been crazy, this might not be a good date.



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**~~April 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – Paiute Mountain Rendezvous by Caliente, CA – CANCELLED-~~**  
Maybe next time!

May - TBA



# Channel Islands Scorpion Anchorage Day Trip

## Sunday March 12, 2023

There is plenty to discover on a Scorpion Anchorage Day Trip with Island Packers Cruises, beginning with a visit to the island visitors center located at historic Scorpion Ranch. Panel displays, exhibits and a topographic relief map describe the vast bio-diversity and rich cultural history of Santa Cruz Island.

There are vault style restrooms, tree shaded picnic tables and potable drinking water available. In March, the island wildflowers are in bloom and there's a possibility to photograph gray whales on the ferry crossing.



If you want to go... DON'T HESITATE! Seating on the ferry sells out quickly.

- Email Penni your intent to join the field trip. You will get crucial information about the trip. [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com)
- Buy an online ticket for the roundtrip ferry to Santa Cruz Island, Scorpion Cove from Ventura Harbor with Island Packers. The roundtrip costs \$63 for adults or \$58 for seniors. [islandpackers.com/scorpion-cove-sci/](https://islandpackers.com/scorpion-cove-sci/) We leave Ventura Harbor on the Sunday March 12, 2023 8am ferry and return on the 4:30pm ferry. (They have a 72-hour cancellation policy for a refund if you can't make it after all.) If more convenient for you, there is also a 9am or 2pm departure option and earlier return times, also.
- Consider staying near the Ventura Harbor on Saturday night because you'll have to be there by 7:15am to catch the 8am ferry. I will be getting a room at the Best Western Oxnard, the official motel for this trip. [Best Western Inn Oxnard](#)

If you missed getting tickets, check for cancellations and maybe get lucky!

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

<b>Meetings</b>	On March 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	In March, the first meeting will be held at Merrill Garden Retirements Center at 1350 N. Suey Road, Santa Maria. The second meeting will be via WebEx. If you want to participate, <i>please send an email to</i> <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a>
<b>Membership dues</b>	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
<b>2023 Club officers</b>	President: Jeanne Sparks Vice President: Cheryl Decker Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Allan Upshaw
<b>At-large Board Members</b>	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
<b>2023 Competition Rules</b>	Each member may submit a maximum of 3 total image submissions in any category per competition.
<b>Categories will be:</b>	Digital Color, Digital Monochrome
<b>Immediate Past president</b>	Cheryl Decker
<b>2023 Special Subjects</b>	<b>March – Minimalism</b> June – In the street of the city September – Animals
<b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b>	All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address <a href="mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com">santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</a> All the digital images <b>MUST</b> be received no later than the Sunday prior to the Wednesday competition. Images not received in time, will not be entered in the competition
<b>Galleon Director</b>	Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>



## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

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

- “For me, the subject of the picture is more important than the picture”  
— Diane Arbus