



# the Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter May 2021

### President's Message

Hi my snap-happy friends,

A few notes to keep you informed about competitions and future plans.

1. The Board voted to approve the optional use of increased pixels on competition images. You may submit at the old pixels 1920x1280 or up to 3840px wide and 2560px vertical. Bear in mind that email may not send images greater than 25 MB and that you may need to send your images to Greg in separate emails if increased pixels. This change was made because our judges are enlarging the images to review before competition, and they have noted "noise" in lower pixel images.
2. Saturday chat has been changed to the 2nd Saturday morning of the month. May 8 will be the next chat and we will show and discuss "selfies".
3. Remember that we have a yearend project! Create a photo book(s) on any theme or topic. Alan is planning on a program this summer which will be about creating photo books.
4. And on the topic of program meetings...the Board decided not to take a summer break from programs. We will try to have a program on the first Wednesday of the month through November.
5. We may try an 'in person' and "hands-on" learning program meeting ...date to be announced.
6. We will not have a program meeting or competition in December, but the Board is hoping for a holiday gathering.
7. Eventually we will be allowed back in Merrill Gardens, but we may feel ready to have in person competitions and meetings before they are ready for us. If you are aware of a space that might accommodate our meetings, send me an email.

That is all folks!

**Cheryl**

## May 5 Program Meeting, 7-8:30pm

Last month the club held a special and unique field trip in the Nipomo Native Garden. Once there, out of place objects and surrealistic still life, were staged for the lenses of our members. Tonight, we will share the results.

Please submit 10 of your best images to Jim McKinniss [jimmckinniss@gmail.com](mailto:jimmckinniss@gmail.com) no later than Tuesday, May 4. Label your images in a way that will help Jim identify who took the photo and if it was from this field trip, such as "**membernameNipomo-01.jpg**", or something like that. Jim is substituting for Greg this month. If someone can figure out a way to have a Peoples' Choice Award, let me know.

Next, we will move on to a general Show & Tell. Members can submit up to 5 images to Jim. Please try to stay within the limit, so that the meeting can finish on time. Remember there is always next month, and many more months after that!

After the meeting, feel free to stay online and hang out.

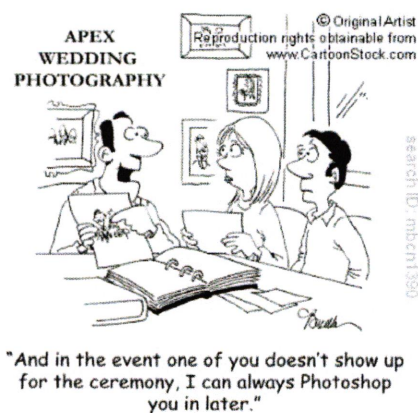
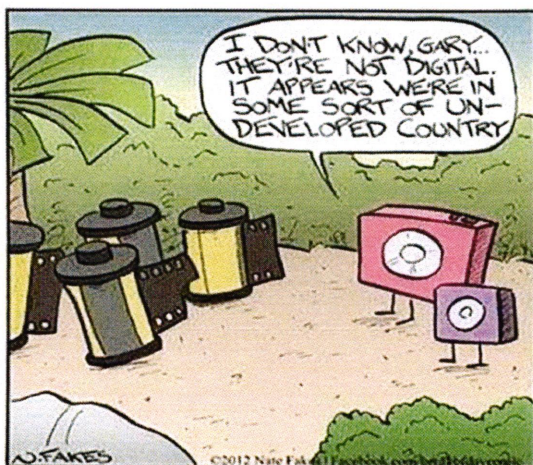
## Alan

## Judge for Competition Meeting

The judge for our next competition has backed out of doing it. We will let you know if I can find someone to take over so check your email for a communication or a revised Galleon.

## Tony

## Editor Message





## APRIL COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Paul Blieden

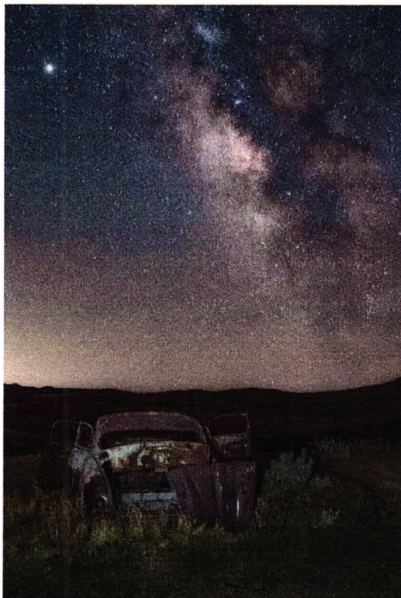
### Digital Monochrome

|                   |   |                 |
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| 1ST PLACE         | And there she goes walking on<br>by, singing Du Ah Whinny | Elaine Calvert  |
| 2ND PLACE         | Grandma' house  | Ed E Powell     |
| 3RD PLACE         | Valley view Yosemite                                      | Cheryl Decker   |
| HONORABLE MENTION | Chicago   | Tony Martindale |

### Digital color

|                   |                       |                |
|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 1ST PLACE         | Time waits for no one | Elaine Calvert |
| 2ND PLACE         | Little surfer girl    | Penni Powell   |
| 3RD PLACE         | Ruffled               | Frank Tromp    |
| HONORABLE MENTION | Humpback in Avila     | Chuck Uebele   |

*Congratulation to everyone*



By Elaine Calvert

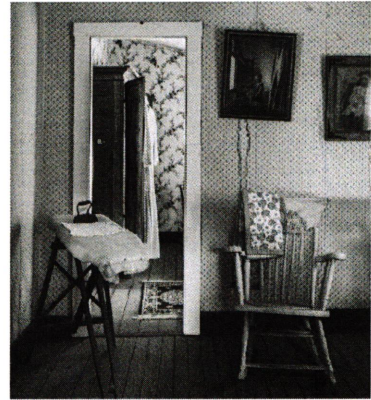


By Elaine Calvert





By Penni Powell



By Ed E Powell



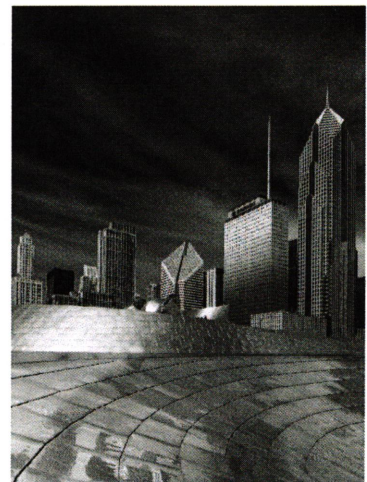
By Frank Tromp



By Cheryl Decker



By Chuck Uebele



By Tony Martindale



## **SMCC Field Trips for May 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.***

THANK YOU TO ROSIE, GREG, AND BOB M. FOR PLANNING AND LEADING FIELD TRIPS IN APRIL AND MAY.

### **IT IS GOOD FUN!**

The Lost Kite Graveyard by Ed E. Powell

Photographed at Greg's Surrealistic Still Life's in the Forest Field Trip, April 11<sup>th</sup> ((Penni and Jeanne)



### **May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sat 7am on location) The Machines of Sunny Acres, San Luis Obispo –**

Rosie B. leads this field trip to capture photos of machinery, an upcoming special competition. Look for more details about this field trip in an email as the date comes closer.

Sunny Acres is a clean and sober living community located on the beautiful Central Coast of California. It sits on a 72-acre ranch at the edge of the city limits of San Luis Obispo at 10660 Los Osos Valley Road. They are a non-profit organization.

**Why Go? Vintage tractors are cool!**



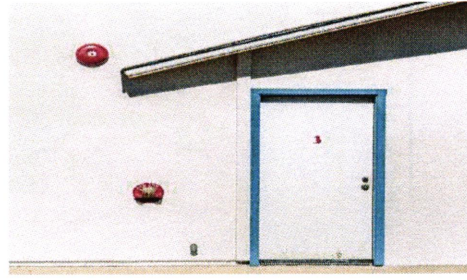
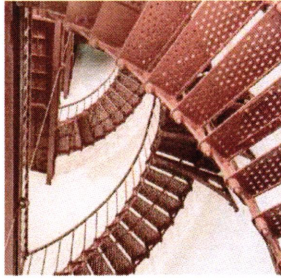
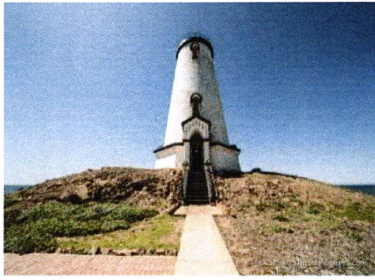
### **May 26<sup>th</sup> (Wed 4:18am) A Total Lunar Eclipse – Where will you be? and Beyond...**

**June 19<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Piedras Blancas Light Station Tour, North of Hearst Castle on Hwy 1** – You will want to get your ticket right away for this ***reservation only*** field trip led by Penni. See more info in this Galleon on getting tickets **ASAP** before they are sold out.

**July – Prime time for Milky Way Photography!**

**Save the date! Get your tickets now before they are gone!!!**





## Piedras Blancas Light Station Field Trip June 19, 2021 9:45am

“This tour is more than just a walk-through history. During this 2-hour tour you will not only learn about the importance of light houses to the maritime history of California, but you will see amazing wildlife which could include whales, elephant seals, Peregrine Falcons, and any of the 100s of species which call Piedras Blancas Home. Your knowledgeable docent will guide you on an easy 1/2 mile walk through our nature preserve and historic buildings including the 140-year-old Piedras Blancas Light House.”

Access to the light station is limited to ticketed tours. Currently the **tours are self-guided** with the docents available to answer questions. *I think this will make photography much easier!* Individual family or household groups will briefly be allowed to be inside the key buildings, including the fog signal building and the circa 1875 lighthouse's main floor. Stairs to the top of the tower have been closed to the public for years. Masks and social distancing are required, as well as **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS**. Go to [www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/252948](http://www.recreation.gov/ticket/facility/252948) or search for “Piedras Blancas Light Station at recreation.gov.”

Only 30 people are on the tour and we will be part of the regular mix of folks. Rates are Adult \$10 or \$5 with Senior National Parks pass (you input the pass number in check out) plus \$1 reservation fee per ticket, nonrefundable. **WHAT A DEAL! As of May 1<sup>st</sup>, there are 24 tickets available, so GET YOURS NOW!!!** Directions and instructions are on the website. The lighthouse is about six miles North of Hearst Castle and on the ocean side of Hwy 1 (duh!), past the main elephant seal viewing areas. The tour does not meet at the gate of the light station, but at the Piedras Blancas Motel 1.5 miles north of the gate.

Please dress in layers the weather can change quickly. The field trip meets at Starbucks on Tefft Street, Nipomo, by Miners Hardware at 6am. Carpooling ok if vaccinated. We will head to Cambria and view the lighthouse lens, visit the elephant seals, and be early to the Piedras Blancas Motel to photograph there before the tour begins.

After the tour, how about a bite to eat? The group can decide where to go for lunch. For more info, contact Penni at [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com) or (805) 363-1931

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

|   |   |
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| <b>Meetings</b>                                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm   |
| <b>Location</b>                                       | Via WebEx due to the Covid problem<br>If you want to participate, please contact Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:gndoudna@gmail.com">gndoudna@gmail.com</a> You will receive a Join the Meeting invitation email from Greg shortly after 6:45pm the evening of the meeting. Simply clicking on <b>Join Meeting</b> will connect you to this virtual video program meeting |
| <b>Membership dues</b>                                | \$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year   |
| <b>2021 Club officers</b>                             | President: Cheryl Decker<br>Vice President: Allan Upshaw<br>Secretary Rosie Brancacio<br>Treasurer: Bill Hood   |
| <b>At-large Board Members</b>                         | Patty Blyte, Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell   |
| <b>2021 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<br>Digital Monochrome   |
| <b>Immediate Past president</b>                       | Jeanne Sparks   |
| <b>2021 Special Subjects</b>                          | March – Reflection<br>July – Machines<br>September - Silhouette   |
| <b>Submit your images for digital competition to:</b> | Greg Doudna <a href="mailto:gndoudna@gmail.com">gndoudna@gmail.com</a><br>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  |
| <b>Galleon Director</b>                               | Flavio Parigi <a href="mailto:fparigi@aol.com">fparigi@aol.com</a>  |



## **COMMITTEE CHAIRS & CLUB VOLUNTEERS**

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|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Webmaster</b>                     | Greg Doudna  |
| <b>Digital Projectionist</b>         | Greg Doudna & Chuck Uebele   |
| <b>Slide Projectionist</b>           | Ed E. Powel  |
| <b>SMCC Directory &amp; Calendar</b> | Rosie Brancacio  |
| <b>Historian</b>                     | Nyla James   |
| <b>Judge Recruitment</b>             | Tony Martindale  |
| <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,<br>Penni Powell   |
| <b>Program Recruitment</b>           | Alan Upshaw  |
| <b>Refreshment</b>                   | Joyce Bolivar  |
| <b>PSA Representative</b>            | Nyla Janes   |
| <b>Library Coordinator</b>           | Larry Decker   |
| <b>Meeting room setup</b>            | Everyone !!  |
| <b>Membership recruitment</b>        | Richard Russ<br>Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie<br>Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan<br>Upshaw, Greg Doudna |
| <b>Field trips</b>                   | Nyla James & Amaya Rangel  |
| <b>Name Tags</b>                     |  |

### **Treasury Report**

We have in our bank \$ 1.894.23

- “It is an illusion that photos are made with the camera. They are made with the eye, the heart, and head”  
— Henry Cartier-Bresson.