



# the Galleon



## The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter May 2023

### President's Message

Hi everyone,

Cottage Hospital is looking for artwork for its planned new and expanded rehabilitation center in Goleta. Photography is part of what they are looking for. License fee for image usage will be \$150. More information and the application form is at the Call for Artist project website: <https://aesthetics.submittable.com/submit/406023be-294b-40b0-89d4-e4dc9f8b939c/cottage-health-crh-gvch>. Applications will be accepted through the project website until 5 p.m. PST **June 19, 2023**.

The Santa Barbara County Fair will soon accept artwork entries for its competition and display. Entries must be filed online by May 15 and the photographs delivered by June 29 to the convention center at the fair park. More information is at <https://www.santamariafairpark.com> and in the Exhibitors Guide on page 73 at <https://indd.adobe.com/view/b4a96996-eb0e-41b2-907c-08af847d9293>.

I hope you all have been enjoying these wildflowers that seem to be blooming everywhere! I look forward to seeing your images at our program meeting on May 3.

Please invite photographers you know to join our club. They can come as your guest to an in-person or online meeting.

Best,

**Jeanne Sparks**

## **May 3, 2023, Program Meeting...Super bloom!**

### **7:00pm, Merrill Gardens**

This year's rains have produced an incredible super bloom of wildflowers throughout the Western United States, and especially in our local area. A lot of us have been roaming around with our cameras and catching the rainbow of colors. As things start to warm up and start to fade, let us share some of the best. Tonight's program will be a chance to do that. Additionally, it would be nice to also discuss the locations that had the best displays and talk about the techniques that were used to get the images.

Please try to limit yourself to submitting no more than 10 images. They can be sent to [santamariacameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:santamariacameraclub@gmail.com) no later than the night before the meeting, or brought in before the start of the meeting; we would like to start the meeting on time, and not overwhelm Greg as he sets up the equipment.

**It would be great to have a member share an *educational tip* at the start of the program. Please do not be shy...you will get applause no matter what!**

*Masks are no longer required at Merrill Gardens.* Please arrive before 7:00pm, as sometimes the doors are locked after 7:00pm where we regularly enter, and you will have to go all the way around to the front of the complex to get let in.

### ***Vp message***

A note from the VP

My chemo has been rearranged and if I am feeling ok, Larry and I should be able to attend the May program meeting. I hope to see everyone and your beautiful super bloom images. Our judge for May 17

is Theresa Gingras. She is an excellent judge from Santa Ynez who has judged for us many times in the past. Her website is [theresagingras.com](http://theresagingras.com). Theresa recently returned from a photography trip to Morocco, but she told me she has been too busy to get the images edited and onto her website. ...hmm anyone else identify.

**Cheryl**

## APRIL COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Dennis Hammon

### Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Boat in the mist	Ron Calvert
2ND PLACE	Among giants	Jeanine Bognuda
3RD PLACE	Desert Playa	Ron Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Clouds over Mt. Whitney	Gregory Doudna

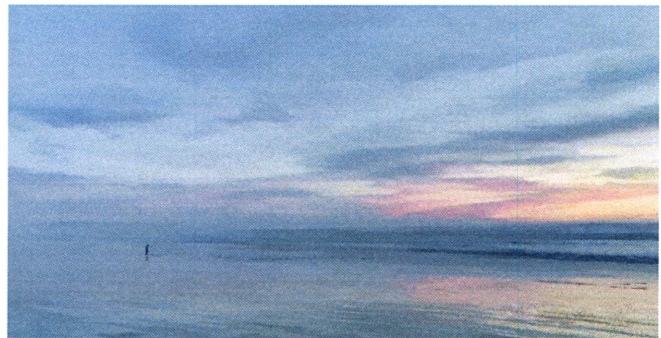
### Digital color

1ST PLACE	Serenity	Jeanne Sparks
	Winters come to Boyton	
2ND PLACE	canyon	Jeanine Bognuda
3RD PLACE	O Oly light	Elaine Calvert
HONORABLE MENTION	Just cruising along	Jeanine Bognuda
HONARBAL MENTION	Looking through	Rosie Brancacio

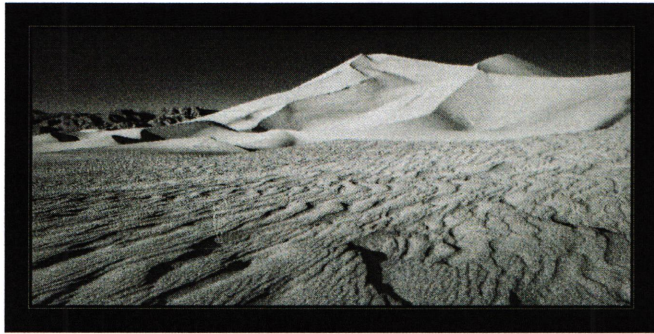
*Congratulation to everyone*



By Ron Calvert



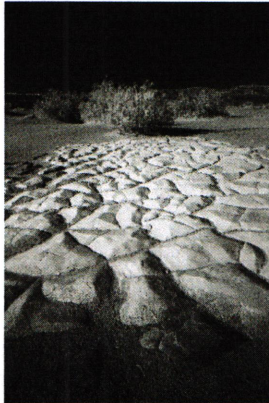
By Jeanne Sparks



By Jeanine Bognuda



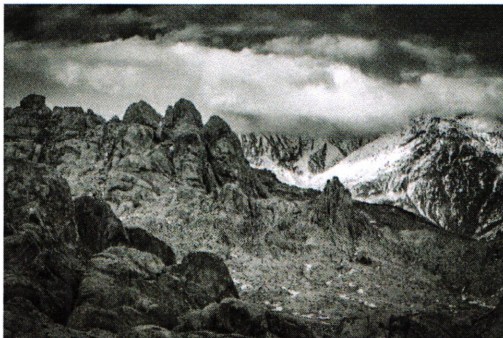
By Jeanine Bognuda



By Ron Calvert



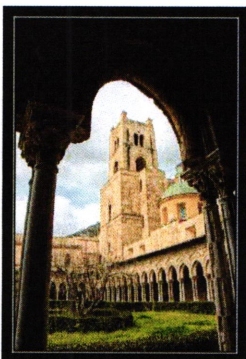
By Elaine Calvert



By Gregory Doudna



By Jeanine Bognuda



By Rosie Brancacio

## SMCC Field Trips for May 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 guidelines.

### May 9th (Tues 7:45am-afternoon) – Santa Barbara Zoo Animal Pics

Meet at Panera Bread off Betteravia and College in Santa Maria (540 E Betteravia Rd) at 7:45am. We will form carpools there and be on our way to the zoo! Parking in their lot costs \$11 so carpooling is helpful. The zoo address is 500 Ninos Drive, SB and off the 101 Fwy.

When you know you are attending the field trip, reserve your ticket online: <https://reservations.sbzoo.org>

Click on “May 9” and choose the “9:30am” time slot. This is when the zoo opens, and we will aim to be the first ones inside. Tickets are \$25 each. Per the usual field trip, bring what you will need to be comfortable for a while at the zoo: water, snacks, sunscreen, etc. Consider wearing dark/black clothing to reduce bright reflections on plexiglass enclosures. We will have lunch at the zoo and depart in the afternoon.

Email Penni for info [penpowell2020@gmail.com](mailto:penpowell2020@gmail.com) or cell 805.363.1931

**WHY GO? - Someone told me, It is all happening at the zoo, I do believe it, I do believe it is true. Let us see for ourselves!**



Zoo Photo Tip: Get at eye-level with your subject for best catchlight in the eyes.

**And Beyond...**

**June – No field trips arranged by me as I am taking a break this month.**

**July - TBA**

## USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

<b>Meetings</b>	On May 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	In May, 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>	March – Minimalism 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

- “To consult the rule of composition before taking a picture, is a little like consulting the law of gravitation before going for a walk”  
— Edward Weston