



the Galleon

the Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter November 2015



Affiliated since 1938

Meetings

1st & 3rd Wednesday
of the month
at 7:00 pm
(3rd Wednesday only
July & August)

Location

Merrill Gardens
Retirement Center
1350 N. Suey Rd.
Santa Maria, CA

Membership Dues

\$25 Individual or
\$35 Family
\$15 year Competitions

2015 Club Officers

President

Nyla James

Vice President

Dave Clary

Secretary

Janice Darby

Treasurer

Bill Hood

At-Large

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Elaine Calvert

Penni Powell

Ramona Cashmore

Flavio Parigi

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Upcoming Events

Nov 4... Program Meeting, Nyla James, Cell Phone Photography, 7pm

Nov 7... 1st Saturday Chat Group, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8am

Nov 18... Competition Meeting, Open Category, 7pm

Nov 21... Field Trip, Guadalupe After Dark, *details on page 3*

No Program or Competition Meetings in December

Dec 2... Christmas Potluck, Casa Grande, Santa Maria, 6pm

Contact sylviagilford@comcast.net Please email her with your dish.

Volunteers needed to help set up!

Dec 5th... 1st Saturday Chat Group, Francisco's, Santa Maria, 8am

Dec 12th... Field Trip, Cambria Holiday Lights

Dec 17th-20th... Overnight Field Trip, Monterey Exploring/Point Lobos

Jan 16... Awards Banquet, Santa Maria Inn, 6pm, *volunteers needed.*

Jan 20-25... Overnight Field Trip, Full Moon in Death Valley?



Update on Smartphone Photography

Tips, Tricks and More...

In just a few years, smartphones have become an important part of our lives, providing lots of useful programs at our fingertips. Among the most interesting and rapidly developing is smartphone photography. Our Prez, Nyla James, has done a presentation on smartphone photography in the past, but it has been a while and nothing stands still in the digital world we live in. Nyla has been thinking that it is time for an update.

Fortunately, Nyla and Bob recently attended a major PSA conference, where class sessions on smartphone photography were a significant part of the agenda. Nyla learned a lot about new and interesting apps, techniques and supplemental gear and will be passing on this information to us at our **Program Meeting on Wednesday, November 4, 2015**. So, join her in exploring the latest, amazing, photo possibilities for these unique cameras.

Though not many of us have been doing so, we are permitted (and encouraged) to enter photos taken with smartphones in any category at our monthly competitions. So attend this update, experiment and enter some smartphone photos.

This presentation is an evening of "fun" picture taking. Don't toss your expensive, high-end camera. Just mentally add your smartphone to your photographic repertoire.

The best camera you own is the one you have with you, and this is the type of camera we have with us virtually all the time. *See y'all Wednesday!*

Dave Clary

Merrill Gardens locks the outside doors at 7:00 PM.

Committee Chairs

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Greg Doudna

Digital Projectionist

Glenn Bolivar

Slide Projectionist

Ed E. Powell

SMCC Directory

Rosie Brancacio

Saturday Morning Chat

Bob Ginn

Historian & Name-tags

Nyla James

Judge Recruitment

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Point Tabulator

Bob Ginn

Print Coordinator

Flavio Parigi

Slide Coordinator

Elaine Calvert

Program Recruitment

Dave Clary

Publicity

Bob Ginn

Refreshments

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Nyla James

Library Coordinator

Ramona Cashmore

Meeting Room Setup

Dalton Pittman

Sunshine Lady

Bonnie Adams

Field Trips

Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic
Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio

Bonnie Adams

Alan Upshaw

November Election of Club Officers

A formal announcement of the candidates selected by the **Nominating Committee** will be made at the **Program Meeting** on **November 4, 2015**. This is required by the By-Laws. Additional candidates may be nominated by any member in good standing at that meeting.

Then the **final list of candidates**, including any nominated by the membership at the Program Meeting if any, will be **sent out by Email** to the membership **on or before Monday November 9, 2015**.

The election of officers for 2016 will be held at the Competition Meeting of November 18, 2015.

Currently we have one candidate for each of the four elected offices. Bill Hood will be running as incumbent for Treasurer, Current Secretary Janice Darby is running for re-election, Jeanne Sparks has accepted nomination for Vice President, Dave Clary will be on the ballot as our next President.



Sycamore Leaf by Dave Clary (see page 4)

Notice of Motions to be Voted Upon at the Nov. 4, 2015 Program Meeting

The Executive Board, has decided to submit the following motions to the general membership at the meeting of November 4, 2015 for their approval or disapproval.

- » A motion to announce the identity of judges sufficiently beforehand so that members would know in advance who would be judging a particular competition.
- » A motion to reduce the number of special subjects from 5 each year to a lesser number, to commence in the calendar year 2017.

If the motion passes, then a series of votes to select the number of special subjects per year... zero, one, two, three, or four.

- » A motion to eliminate slides as a category in the monthly competitions.
- » A motion to increase the number of At-Large executive board members from five to six.

Treasury Report

The Club has a balance of \$1681.69
Currently there are 47 paid members.

SMCC Field Trips November 2015 and Beyond

Please note: Rain or bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates as the date of the event draws near.

Nov 7th (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group - Meet at 8 am @ Francisco's Country Kitchen on North Broadway and Williams Street in Santa Maria, which is next to the Best Western Motel.

Why go? - Enjoy photo talk over breakfast and coffee.

Nov 21st (Sat 3:53 pm) Guadalupe After Dark (Weather permitting)

Meet at the Guadalupe Amtrak Station @ 3:53pm. There, scope out the tracks for where you'll be when the Surfliner comes through about 7:30pm, then we'll move either uptown or to the cemetery for sundown at 4:53pm. The almost full moon will already be high in the night sky to help light the way.

We'll choose our locations based on what's going on around town. After returning to the train station for the 7:30 Amtrak train, those wishing to have a bite to eat can go to Charly's Place (865 Guadalupe St.) before calling it quits.

Tip: Keep your car close as we move around to hold warm clothing, tripod, headlamp, light painting gear, water/snacks, etc. Come and go as you please, just check in/out with me and for safety's sake, pair up and try to keep others around you (Penni 363-1931 cell on the road or 929-2420 home for info).

Why go? - See Guadalupe in a New Light...

Other November Ideas - Rosie B will have her calendar out soon.

And Field Trips Beyond...

Dec 5th (Sat 8 am) First Saturday Chat Group

Dec 12th - Cambria Holiday Lights

Dec 17th - 20th Monterey Exploring/Point Lobos Bob M. will share more info on where to stay for this 3 night field trip via email and at the meetings.

Jan 20 - 25, 2016 - Death Valley? Let Penni know if you're interested.

March ??? Birding in Florida with Richard Russ

If you have an idea for a field trip,
please let anyone in the field trip committee know about it:
Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Bob Ginn, Rosie Brancacio,
Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw...at your service!



Llamas in Vermont by Janine Bognuda (see page 4)

Competition Special Subjects

February 2016...
Night Photography
April 2016...
Eyes
June 2016...
Flying Things

Competition Rules

3 entries per competition.
Categories of your choice,
not to exceed (2)
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:
Glenn Bolivar...

glennabolivar@gmail.com

Digital images can also
be submitted on a flash drive
or other media, and MUST
be received no later than
midnight on the Sunday
before the Competition.
Images not received in time
will not be entered into the
competition.

October Competition Results

Judge: Tom Meinhold

Monochrome Prints

1 st Place	<i>Yellow = Grey</i>	Richard Russ
2 nd Place	<i>Aspen Leaves on a Reflecting Pond</i>	Ron Calvert
3 rd Place	<i>The Shades of Fall</i>	Ed E. Powell

Small Prints

1 st Place	<i>Llamas in Vermont</i>	Janine Bognuda
2 nd Place	<i>Kaleidoscope Trees</i>	Elaine Calvert
3 rd Place	<i>Full Leaves</i>	Robert Ginn
HM	<i>Fall in the Palouse</i>	Robert Ginn

Large Color Prints

1 st Place	<i>Fall on the Virgin River</i>	Janine Bognuda
2 nd Place	<i>The Last to Fall</i>	Elaine Calvert
3 rd Place	<i>Fall Comes to County Road #12</i>	Ron Calvert
HM	<i>Abandoned Building in Morning Fog</i>	Jim McKinniss

Digital

1 st Place	<i>Babe in the Woods</i>	Nyla James
2 nd Place	<i>Sycamore Leaf</i>	Dave Clary
3 rd Place	<i>Teton Trees</i>	Bonnie Adams
HM	<i>Winding Road</i>	Bonnie Adams

Slides

1 st Place	<i>Golden Majesty</i>	Penni Powell
2 nd Place	<i>Ripe for the Picking</i>	Penni Powell
3 rd Place	<i>Pumpkins for Sale</i>	Alan Upshaw



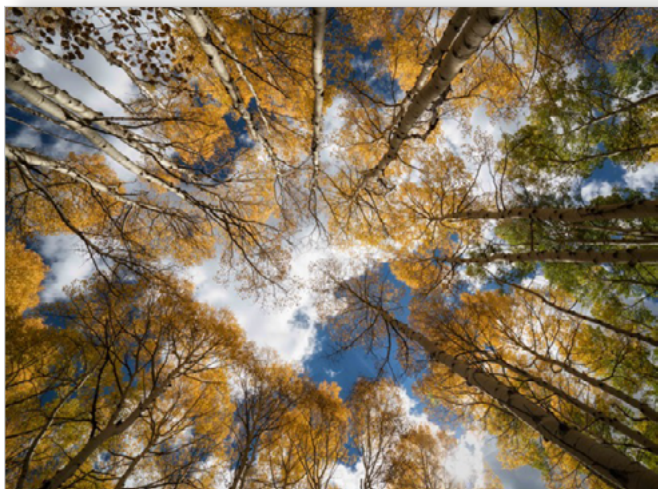
Teton Trees by Bonnie Adams



The Last to Fall by Elaine Calvert



Winding Road by Bonnie Adams



Kaleidoscope Trees by Elaine Calvert

A Selection of the
Winning Images from the
October 2015 Competition.
These & many more images
from SMCC club members
can be found on our website
[santamariacameraclub.org/
gallery.html](http://santamariacameraclub.org/gallery.html)



Fall on the Virgin River by Janine Bognuda

Points North and East For November 2015 *by Jim Ogg*

Yosemite Valley Black Oaks could still be promising for early November. The Central Coast vineyards are turning and Central Coast Fall Color usually starts late in the month of October. I will be checking out Huasna, Adelaida, and the vineyards west and east of Paso Robles; western side of Salinas Valley in Monterey County, and the Edna Valley. The vineyard that was part of the Club's field trip last February, Pomar Junction Vineyard & Winery had started to turn by late October. Sealth Image SR173, "Vineyard's Fall", shows the Vineyards of Salinas Valley. Though not as famous as its sister area of Napa-Sonoma, they sometimes have very colorful fall colors. And when overlaid on the vine rows interesting patterns are sometimes seen.

Many of our beaches and dunes of the Central Coast are only accessible by humans during the period from October 1st to March 1st. The best opportunity for shooting on these beaches and dunes is early in the winter season; fewer footprints, more animal tracks and some undisturbed sand ripples can still be found. The three miles of the Sand (Dunes) Spit of Montana De Oro SP is especially productive and the Pismo Dunes Preserve and Oso Flaco Dunes should be checked out.

November is the start of daytime low tide access to the local beaches. Usually low tide occurs between noon and sunset and is often very low (minus) tides. This has the benefit that the tidal pools, coves and beaches are most accessible with fewest visitors. If it is not raining the beaches have comparable temperatures to summer with more sunlight and better sun lighting angles. Some early "winter" wildflowers may start blooming in the Beach Dunes, Sea Bluffs and Coastal Scrub plant zones. Montana De Oro SP, San Simeon Point, Elfin Forest Loop Trail, East-West Ranch Bluff Trail, Estero Bluffs SB, Morro Bay SP, Pismo Dunes Preserve, Oceano Dunes and Oso Flaco Dunes are places to look for low tide opportunities and/or "winter" coastal wildflowers.

Usually the first opportunity for the drenching rainfall Fungi seem to need is November. The Fungi then appear one-to-four weeks after. In 2005-06 we had a series of drenching rainfalls hence a great Fungi year. That year's Club trip to Cambria Cemetery succeeded in finding many Fungi including Bolettes, Fly Alaric, Chanterelles, Jack-in-the-Box, and Turkey Tail. Fungi can also be found at East-West Ranch, particularly the Southeast corner; San Simeon State Park; San Simeon Point; Stadium Park and Jim Green Trail in Atascadero; Los Osos Oaks Preserve, Eagle Rock Loop trail in El Chorro Park and Ferrini Ranch Open Space near SLO. If El Niño holds we may get comparable drenching rainfalls this season.

The Butterflies and Elephant Seals return to the Central Coast in November. The non-breeding Elephant Seals haul-out at Piedras Blancas early in November. The Bull Elephant Seals start arriving mid November. Soon after their arrival they contend for control of the beaches with often bloody fights.

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Vineyards Fall (SR173)

Although vineyards around Salinas Valley are not as famous as its sister area of Napa-Sonoma, they sometimes have very colorful fall colors. And when overlaid on the vine rows interesting patterns are sometimes seen.

The "Vineyards Fall" 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 Vineyards, Salinas Valley, Big Sur, Eastern Sierra, High Sierra and Central Coast of California.



Minutes from the SMCC Board Meeting

October 10, 2015 *draft*

Francisco's Country Kitchen in Santa Maria

Meeting called to order by President Nyla James at 9:33am.

In attendance: Nyla James, Jim Tonge, Dave Clary, Bob Ginn, Richard Russ, Janice Darby, Ramona Cashmore, Rosie Brancacio, Lynda Snodgrass, Alan Upshaw, Penni Powell

Minutes read by Janice Darby and approved by Lynda Snodgrass, Ramona Cashmore seconds.

Treasurer's Report: approx. \$1729.63 with 49 paid members

Galleon: No links will be sent at this time.

Richard Russ makes a motion for the most recent recipient of the John Hidy award to head a committee of former recipients, at least a total of three, to pick the newest person to be awarded this honor and will be announced at the awards banquet. Alan Upshaw seconds. Board approves.

Upcoming field trips:

- * **October** - fall color
- * **October** - lighthouse
- * **November** - night in Guadalupe
- * **December** - Cambria Christmas
- * **December** - Monterey trip 17th-20th, Point Lobos trip for sunset pictures
- * **January** - Death Valley, full moon, maybe Bodie Ghost town
- * **Spring 2016** - Nelson Nevada- Ghost town, stay in Bolder City, Venice Beach

Judges: - Ramona welcomes ideas!

Jim Tonge makes a motion to announce the judges ahead of time to all members starting in 2016.

The question for announcing judges before competition will be put to the general membership for a vote at the November 4th program meeting. Board votes, 7 for, 1 against. Two people, Penni and Ramona, were selected to write the pros and cons for the discussion.

Alan Upshaw, head of nomination committee has not found a vice president yet, no VP, no programs.

Dave Clary makes a motion to bring up dropping slides from competition at the next meeting and having members vote on it. Jim Tonge seconds. Board votes and passes.

Penni makes a motion to do 3 special theme competitions and drop the bottom 2 subjects for 2016. Lynda Snodgrass seconds. Board votes against to keep as is for 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55am



Yellow = Grey by Richard Russ (see page 4)



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Babe in the Woods by Nyla James (see page 4)