



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter November 2022

We receive the sad news from Nyla that one of our old members, Amy Malicki passed away on October 23, 2022. Her service will be held on November 8, 9:30 am at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church at 414 E Church Street, Santa Maria.

President's Message

"Is not this a true autumn day? Just the melancholy that I love - that makes life and nature harmonize"

George Eliot

I hope you have captured in your photography, the harmony of life and nature during this fall season. There is more than melancholy ahead though! The Santa Maria Camera Club has life and a future. Here is our plan for 2023.

1. The Board has decided that next year our image competitions will be entirely online and digital on the third Wednesday of the month. Our program meetings, held on the first Wednesday of the month will be in-person at Merrill Gardens. This will give us a chance for socializing, learning, and sharing. Some program meetings will include opportunities to show print images.
2. By membership vote: March theme is 'Minimalism', June theme is 'In the street of a city', September theme is 'Animals'
3. Holiday Party! Saturday, December 17 at the Decker's ranch. More on the potluck soon, hold the date
4. Annual Banquet. Saturday, January 14 at the Magic Dragon. Hold the date
5. Presentation of officers for 2023 prior to the November 2 competition (by acclamation unless there are new candidates)
6. Last Print Competition on November 2, Merrill Gardens 7pm. Mark Velasquez will judge
7. 2022 Diptych/Triptych project due 12/31/22 (winners to be announced at the Jan 14 banquet)

Cheryl

November 2022 Meetings

On **Wednesday, November 2, 7:00pm** we will hold an **in-person print competition** at Merrill Gardens. Our judge will be Mark Velasquez. Please arrive early with your entries!

Also, at this meeting, we will hold our election for 2023 club officers. If there are no challenges, we can elect our slate of candidates, in one fell swoop, by acclamation. The candidates are **Jeanne Sparks: President, Cheryl Decker: Vice-President, Frank Tromp: Secretary, and Alan Upshaw: Treasurer.** Our At-Large board member candidates are **Flavio Parigi, Tony Martindale, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, and Penni Powell.** We are waiting for confirmation from our 6th member.

note: Masks are currently required by Merrill Gardens for in-person meetings.

On **Wednesday, November 16, 7:00pm** we will have an online **Show & Tell.** Images should be submitted in advance (*at least the night before*) to santamariacameraclub@gmail.com . Please limit yourself to no more than 10 images. Seasonal images would be really nice!

Alan

Are you ready to have some fun?

End of the year is approaching extremely fast, and Christmas is closer and closer. Are you ready to wake up on December 25 and see what Santa Claus brings to you? And then, after few days the big party to celebrate the beginning of the new year

The Club will be making different parties: a Christmas party will be held at the president's house (thank you Decker's) on December 17 and the party to celebrate the year on January 14

I do not know you, but I am so excited to meet all of you and celebrate together

Flavio

October competition result

Judge: Rudy Vega

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Ranch mailboxes	Tony Martindale
2ND PLACE	At the PAC	Alan Upshaw
3RD PLACE	Amanda No 15	Jim McKinniss

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Muir woods	Kevin Miller
2ND PLACE	Golden hour	Larry Decker
3RD PLACE	Pelicans	Jeannie Sparks
HONORABLE MENTION	Cool Sundown	Ed E. Powell

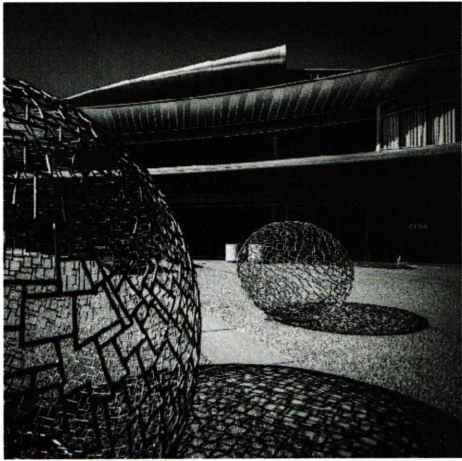
Congratulation to everyone



By Tony Martindale



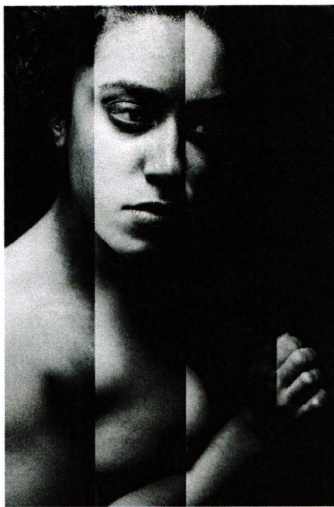
By Kevin Miller



By Alan Upshaw



By Larry Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeannie Sparks



By Ed E. Powell

SMCC Field Trips for November 2022 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.

Nov. 7th (Mon 3:00pm-dark) - Oceano Dunes Classic Photo Shoot

Meet at the Pacific Dunes Ranch RV Resort (1205 Silver Spur Place, Oceano 93445), parking in the dirt lot as you enter, trying to keep a low profile. We will walk up through the RV park to enter the dunes. Of course, the dunes are loose sand, and walking can be a challenge. Especially if there is any wind blowing, you will want to practice good camera/lens hygiene to keep sand out of your equipment. This day is picked for the field trip so we can photograph the moonrise over the dunes. Sunset is at 5:04pm and the moon will be clearing the coastal hills soon thereafter. We will need to be behind the first set of dunes for the best effect... BRING A LIGHT TO GET BACK TO THE PARKING AREA!

Afterwards we can have a bite to eat at Old Juan's Cantina at Hwy 1 and Pier Avenue and raise a glass to Edward Weston.



WHY GO? In the words of Edward Weston, "This then: to photograph a rock, have it look like a rock, but be more than a rock."

And Beyond...

December and January - TBA

Feb 21-26, 2022 - Multiday trip to the Salton Sea and Anza-Borrego State Park

Feb 21-23 at Glamis North Spa (Niland) \$50 per person for 2 nights in vacation home, Feb 23-26 at Borrego Springs motel or camp (Palm Cyn State CG) for 3 nights. Email Penni for info penpowell2020@gmail.com

March - Channel Islands National Park?

April - Mountain Man Rendezvous by Caliente, CA?

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm
Location	The first meeting in November will be in person at Merrill Garden. Please respect the procedure of the place regarding Covid The second meeting we will be held via WebEx If you want to participate, <i>please send an email to</i> santamariacameraclub@gmail.com
Membership dues	\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2022 Club officers	President: Cheryl Decker Vice President: Allan Upshaw Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Bob Ginn
At-large Board Members	Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Tony Martindale, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell
2023 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, Large Color print, Large Monochrome print, Small print
Immediate Past president	Jeanne Sparks
2023 Special Subjects	March – Minimalism June – In the street of the city September – Animals
Submit your images for digital competition to:	All the digital images can only be submitted by email at this email address santamariacameraclub@gmail.com All the digital images MUST 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
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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	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel
Name Tags	

- “There is one thing the photograph must contain, the humanity of the moment”
— Robert Frank