



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter November 2023

President's Message

Hope to see you all at our November 1 meeting at Merrill Gardens when we will elect the board (thanks Alan for recruiting board members) and talk about rules for AI in competitions (thanks Jim for leading the discussion on this topic). Bring your photos for Show 'N Tell!

And perhaps some of you will be interested in submitting photos for UCI Health-Irvine's new hospital. The deadline to submit is November 20. More information is at Aesthetics.net under the Call for Artists tab.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14 at 7 p.m. via Webex. All members are welcome to attend. We will start planning events for 2024 during that meeting.

Our next competition is Wednesday, November 15. Hope to see you there as well!

And be sure to put December 16 on your calendar for our Christmas Potluck. Thanks to Nyla for organizing the dinner!

Jeanne Sparks

Vp message

Our November program meeting is coming up fast!!!! Please bring a thumb drive with pictures taken this summer. Bring up to 20 images of vacation, travel, field trip or other activity. If you have time, you can present images in a short video with music.

The program meeting is this Wednesday at Merrill Gardens. Plan to arrive by 6:45, the meeting begins at 7:00.

Cheryl

**The election for the 2024 SMCC Board of Directors will take place
at the November 1 Program meeting, at Merrill Gardens**

Our slate of candidates is as follows:

President: Jeanne Sparks

Vice President: Elaine Calvert

Secretary: Frank Tromp

Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At Large board members, 6 total:

Harold Litwiler, Dian Thomsen, Flavio Parigi, Jim McKinniss, Penni Powell, with one position vacant. *Someone can come forward as a nominee at the November 1 meeting and fill the open position.*

If there is no more than one candidate for all the positions, then we can vote by acclamation, and avoid a paper ballot. *Thank you all for stepping forward.* We still need to fill one At-Large board position.

Alan

SMCC 2024 Nominating Committee

Annual Christmas Potluck, *Saturday, December 16, 2023*

Casa Grande Mobile Estates, Santa Maria

Our annual potluck is less than two months away! We were not sure that it would take place at Casa Grande, but it turned out that it will. So, get out your cookbooks, and pots & pans, and let us have a fun time together.

Nyla will be our coordinator. She will need a few volunteers and plans to bring sign-up sheets for what food you would like to bring, to the November 1 meeting at Merrill Gardens.

This is always a fun event, and we hope everyone can attend. It is a wonderful way to look back on the past year and share some holiday spirit. It seems like 2023 flew by. Here is to another wonderful year with some great company!

Alan

OCTOBER COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Bernard Fallon

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Light and shadow	Ed E Powell
2ND PLACE	Into the cave	Penny Powell
3RD PLACE	Three pears	Jim McKinniss

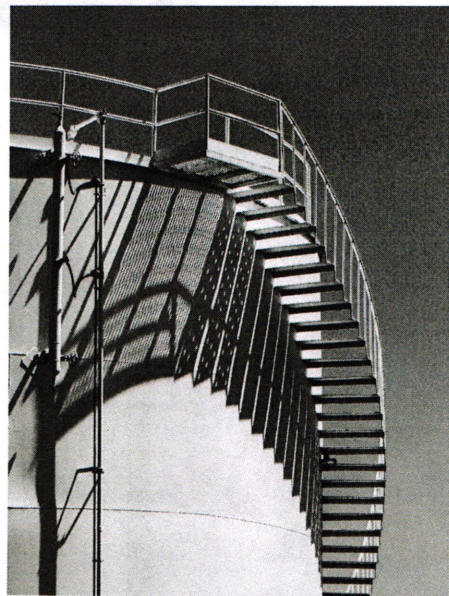
Digital color

1ST PLACE	Reflection on the Andes	Larry Decker
2ND PLACE	Across the canyon	Ed E Powell
3RD PLACE	Twitchell Reservoir	Jeannie Sparks
HONORABLE MENTION	Work horse	Larry Decker

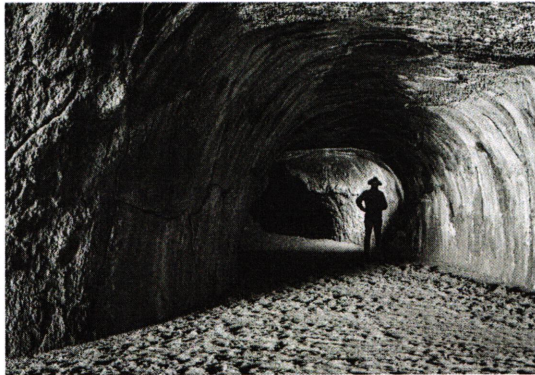
Congratulation to everyone



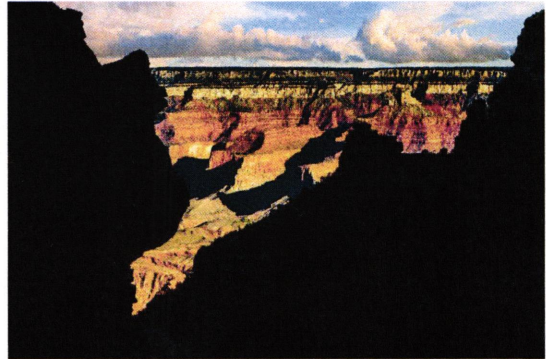
By Larry Decker



By Ed E Powell



By Penny Powell



By Ed E Powell



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeannie Sparks



By Larry Decker

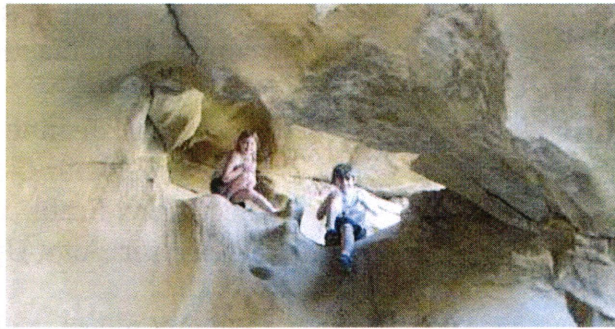
SMCC Field Trips for November 2023 and Beyond by Penni Powell

Please note: Bad weather can cancel outdoor activities. Contact the leader if you are in doubt. Check your email for any updates.

Nov 6-10th? (Multiday) – Death Valley Post-Flood in Midweek with the Powell's

Join us in Death Valley to check out the return of Lake Manly (Badwater Basin underwater). We are camping but can coordinate with others staying in Furnace Creek, etc. If you are interested, contact Penni to plan this trip together: Penpowell2020@gmail.com

WHY GO? - Lake Manly is going, going, GONE! Let us see it while we can.



Nov 18th (Sat 12 noon – 6pm) – Exploring Gaviota State Beach (Hwy 101)

Bring a picnic lunch with you to the meetup at Panera Bakery (Betteravia & College, SM) on Saturday noon and we will head South to Gaviota Beach to eat lunch and explore until sunset (about 5pm). A \$10 day use fee is charged or check out a CA State Park free pass at your local library (Outdoors for All initiative).

Besides the beach, we can take the 2.5 mi moderate, and sometimes steep, hike to the Wind Caves (wear hiking shoes).

For more info, contact Penni at penpowell2020@gmail.com or text to 805.363.1931.

WHY GO? - Finally, do not just drive by this park but stop and photograph what is here!

And Beyond...

December possibilities: Big Sur coast, the Getty at dusk... Maybe you have an idea to share?

2024 possibilities: Kern Co. Pioneer Village and Pixley sandhill crane fly-in, Carmel/Monterey, Sacramento Birding, Total Eclipse in Texas April 8th (I have a camping spot available in Bandera TX, text me if you are interested), Gold Rush and Hwy 49

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings

On November 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm

Location

In November, 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, *please send an email to* santamariacameraclub@gmail.com

Membership dues

\$ 30 per person; \$ 45 Family; \$ 20 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year

2023 Club officers

President: Jeanne Sparks

Vice President: Cheryl Decker

Secretary: Frank Tromp

Treasurer: Alan Upshaw

At-large Board Members

Elaine Calvert, Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, 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

Immediate Past president

Cheryl Decker

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
Slide Projectionist	Ed E. Powel
SMCC Directory & Calendar	Rosie Brancacio
Historian	Nyla James
Judge Recruitment	Cheryl Decker
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	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Larry Decker
Meeting room setup	Everyone
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ
Field trips	Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Name Tags	Nyla James & Amaya Rangel

- “Not everybody trusts paintings, but people believe photographs.”
— Ansel Adams