



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter October 2023

President's Message

I hope to see you all at our meetings in October.

Looking to do some night photography this month? PhotoPills has some suggestions. Visit photopills.com for a video on the following:

"These are some of the best events to photograph in October 2023: 4 conjunctions of the Moon with Jupiter, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter again, an Annular Solar Eclipse, the Crescent Moon, the Zodiacal Light, the aurora borealis (northern lights), the Orionids meteor shower, Venus at greatest western elongation, a Partial Lunar Eclipse, the Full Moon and the Milky Way and the Galactic Center."

May you find the light you are looking for,

Jeanne Sparks

Vp message

The program meeting for October is show and tell. Curate your summers photos (June-august) for us. Bring a thumb drive with up 20 photos. If you are up for a challenge, set the images to a video file and add music!

I hope to see some pics from field trips or vacays.

Our judge for October will be announced in a separate email. Watch for that.

Happy Autumn everyone.

Cheryl

2024 SMCC Board Election

It is time to choose the Board of Directors for 2024. The board consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and a Treasurer. Additionally, we have 6 At-Large board members, who help to plan the direction of the club, and can vote on the decisions we all make.

We will present the slate of candidates at the online competition on October 18. The election will be held in person at Merrill Gardens on November 1. The November Galleon will have a list of the candidates. As long as there is only one nominee per position, we can elect the board by acclamation, with just a raise of hands. Otherwise, we have to use paper ballots.

Currently Frank Tromp, our Secretary, and Alan Upshaw, our Treasurer, plan to stand for nomination. Jeanne Sparks, our President, would like to step down, as she would continue on the board as "Immediate Past President," a regular board position. However, anyone who would like to step forward for her current position, is more than welcome.

Cheryl Decker, our Vice-President, is planning to move out of the area by the end of this year. We thank her for her service serving as President for several years, and her current position of Vice-President. Part of the Vice-President's job is to plan the program meetings. Cheryl has also filled in as the recruiter for our competition judges, even though that is a completely independent position, not related to the board. Whoever becomes our next VP will not be required to be the Judge Recruiter. We must have someone step forward for Vice President, or we will not have any Program Meetings!

Feel free to contact me, Alan, with any questions.
The 2023 SMCC Nominating Committee



If you are interested, do not forget that from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th there is the Air Show at the airport in Santa Maria

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Dan Holmes

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Winter horse # 3	Jim McKinniss
2ND PLACE	Badland bison # 5	Jim McKinniss
3RD PLACE	Which way to grandma's house	Cheryl Decker

Digital color

1ST PLACE	The stalker	Cheryl Decker
2ND PLACE	Randon encounter in the wild	Larry Decker
3RD PLACE	Sunbird and gladiolus	Frank Tromp
HONORABLE MENTION	Blue dasher	Jeanne Sparks
HONORABLE MENTION	N-SINC	Frank Tromp

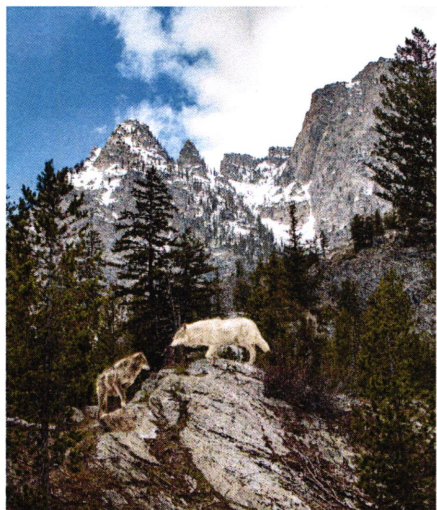
Congratulation to everyone



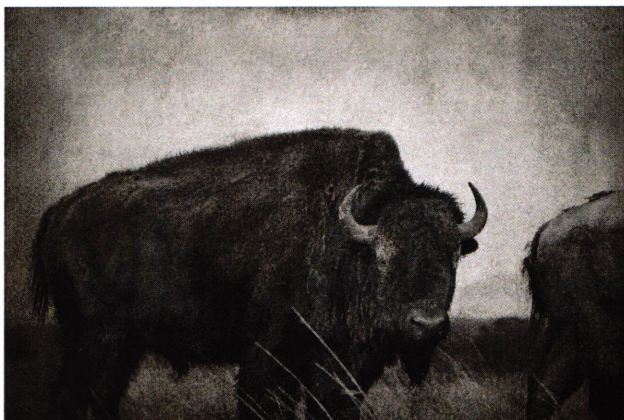
By Cheryl Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Larry Decker



By Jim McKinniss



By Frank Tromp



By Cheryl Decker



By Jeanne Sparks



By Frank Tromp

SMCC Field Trips for October 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.

Oct 7th – Worldwide Photo Walk – Scott Kelby <https://worldwidephotowalk.com/>

To find out more, check the website. There, search for a walk nearby and sign up online. “Every year, photographers and enthusiasts worldwide grab their cameras and gather at chosen spots in their towns.” (Not a SMCC event but I recommend it. PP)

Oct 22nd (Sun 8am? TBA) -Solvang Pumpkins and Scarecrows Look *for an email prior to the field trip with the meetup time.*

We will meet at Panera Bakery (Betteravia & College, SM) on Sunday am and head to Solvang and the Pumpkin Patch. After the pumpkins, we will track down some of the local scarecrows and have lunch somewhere, like Buellton, before heading home.

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

WHY GO? - Get in the Fall mood and put the spice in pumpkin spice!



Oct 29th-30th (Sun am – Mon pm) - Pinnacles NP overnight with tent cabin rental (\$129) or camp out (\$40-59) with one day up and back option for non-campers. On the Eastside, the Bear Gulch Cave is supposed to be *fully open* the last week in October and it is nearly a full moon, too. See the *flyer in this Galleon for more info*. There will be an email prior to the event with meetup time and place on Sunday.

WHY GO? - Come see the whole picture and spend time just hanging around with friends!

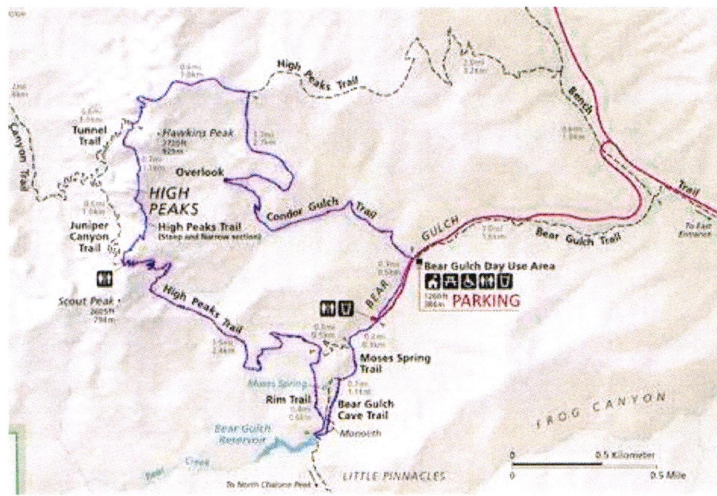
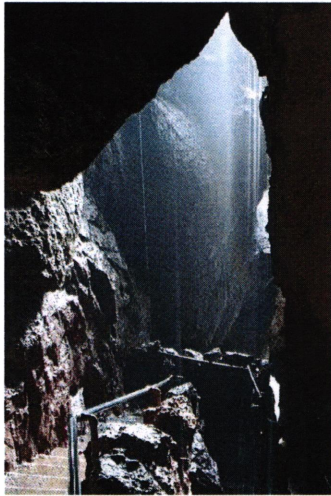
And Beyond...

November possibilities: Kern Co. Pioneer Village and Pixley sandhill crane fly-in, Big Sur coast, the Getty at dusk... Maybe you have an idea to share?

2024 possibilities: Death Valley, Carmel/Monterey, Sacramento Birding, Total Eclipse in Texas April 8th (I have a camping spot available in Bandera TX, Let me know if you are interested), Gold Rush and Hwy 49

Field Trip to Pinnacles National Park (Eastside)

Sunday October 29th (with overnight camp option)



- Explore the Bear Gulch Cave, both upper and lower sections (if open as planned)
- Maybe spot the endangered California condor, but also look for turkey vultures, falcons, golden eagles, hawks, owls, wrens, swallows, etc.
- Camp out Sunday night with moonlight photo shoot if conditions permit

The Bear Gulch Cave has a main (lower) section plus a smaller chamber (upper) at the top of the cave. The cave is often inhabited by bats, including the Townsend's Big-Eared bat, and the park service restricts access by humans depending on the bats' activities. In October, especially the end of the month, the lower and upper sections are both open for exploring. A trail leads up and through the cave and to the Bear Gulch reservoir (2.2 miles round trip and 2-3 hours).

National park entrance fees apply. Cell service is extremely limited. Bring a headlamp or flashlight for the cave. A tripod might be handy for the cave and night photos. Gas up as you leave Hwy 101. Directions need to be to the East entrance of Pinnacles (5000 E Entrance Road, Paicines 95043) heading North on Hwy 101 to King City and CA-25 to Pinnacles.

For the overnight camp option, reserve either a campsite or tent cabin through Recreation.gov for October 29th. Campsites start at \$35 and tent cabins with electricity \$129. So far, we have reserved campsites #4 and 5, and tent cabin #117. If we want to and the weather is good, it is nearly a full moon on Sunday night for nighttime shooting.

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USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	On October 1 st and 3 rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm
Location	In October, 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> 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

- “Actually, it is nature itself that create the most beautiful pictures himself pictures, I am only choosing the perspective”
— Katija Michael