



the Galleon



The Santa Maria Camera Club Newsletter September 2025

President's Message

Hi,

Sorry I will miss the September program – I would love to see Jim McKinniss's presentation – but alas, I will be in Japan. Hopefully, I will get a few good images I can show later.

Enjoy your time together! See you at our competition meeting on September 17. Have fun shooting those "intentional camera movement" images.

May your images glow in the golden hour,

Jeanne Sparks

Election of 2026 SMCC Officers

In November we will elect the SMCC Board of Directors for 2026. Up for election are the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Also, we need to elect six At-Large Board members. At-Large members are needed to have a quorum for board decisions.

Board terms are only for one year. Having a complete board is essential for the Santa Maria Camera Club to run.

We will announce the slate of candidates at the online **October 15 Competition meeting**, as well as by email. The election will take place at the **November 5 Program Meeting**. During the online October Competition Meeting, any member in good standing can announce their candidacy, if they have not already done so, and that announcement can also be made in advance by email.

The SMCC Nominating Committee

Alan Upshaw

September Program Meeting September 3, 2025

Photoshop Tutorial by Jim McKinniss

For our September program meeting Jim McKinniss will be presenting to us his knowledge of Photoshop. He will go over how to set up your workspace, his general workflow and how to use various tools that he finds essential for his work. No matter if you are experienced or new to photoshop, I am sure there will be something for everyone during this tutorial. After the presentation we will have an opportunity to share our images. Bring your images on a thumb drive if you would like to participate in sharing.

See you there.

Elaine



If your wife is angry with you, buy a new camera.
She will still be angry but at least you will have a new camera.

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULT

Judge: Dan Holmes

Digital Monochrome

1ST PLACE	Mission Santa Ines	Ron Calvert
2ND PLACE	Winter pond	Elaine Calvert
3RD PLACE	Performer # A-21	Jim McKinniss
HONORABLE MENTION	Performer with balls	Jim McKinniss

Digital color

1ST PLACE	Western kingbird	Elaine Calvert
2ND PLACE	The dreaded vole	Frank Tromp
3RD PLACE	Tanger and spider	Frank Tromp
HONORABLE MENTION	My feathered friend	Jeanne Sparks
HONORABLE MENTION	Three bridges	Jeanine Bognuda

Congratulation to everyone



By Elaine Calvert



By Ron Calvert



By Frank Tromp



By Elaine Calvert



By Frank Tromp Elaine Calvert



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanne Sparks



By Jim McKinniss



By Jeanine Bognuda

USEFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUB

Meetings	In September there will be a program meeting (September 3) and the competition meeting (September 17)
Location	Our first meeting of every month 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 santamariacameraclub@gmail.com</i>
Membership dues	\$ 35 per person; \$ 50 Family; \$ 30 to participate in the competition meeting. All the due are per year
2025 Club officers	President: Jeanne Sparks Vice President: Elaine Calvert Secretary: Frank Tromp Treasurer: Alan Upshaw
At-large Board Members	Nyla James, Harold Litwiler, Jim McKinniss, Flavio Parigi, Penni Powell, Diane Thomsen
2025 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
2025 Special Subjects	March – Altered reality. June – Celebrate what is right in the world. September – Intentional camera movement
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 on 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	Harold Litwiler
Saturday Chat	Jim McKinniss
Point Tabulator	Richard Russ & Flavio Parigi
Print Coordinators	Flavio Parigi & Jim Snodgrass
Slide Coordinator	Elaine Calvert
Image scoring	Elaine Calvert, Penni Powell
Program Recruitment	Elaine Calvert
Refreshment	Everyone
PSA Representative	Nyla Janes
Library Coordinator	Ed E Powell
Meeting room setup	Everyone
Membership recruitment	Richard Russ Penni Powell, Bob Mihelic, Rosie Brancacio, Bonnie Adams, Alan Upshaw, Greg Doudna
Field trips	Nyla James
Name Tags	

"When people ask what equipment I use, I tell them my eyes."

— Ansell Adams