

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc.

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* * * * * **HAPPY NEW YEAR** * * * * *

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME

At Sierra Camera Club, people of all ages and backgrounds get together to share a passion for all kinds of photography. Our divisions have member competitions and workshops. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the photography any time!

General, Nature and Travel meetings held at The Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd, Sacramento, at 7:30 pm. Board meetings rotate between board members homes. Club members welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact a board member.

January Meetings

Tuesday January 8..... General Meeting
Tuesday January 15Nature and Travel
Wednesday January 16.....Awards Banquet
Wednesday January 23 Board Meeting

2008 Meeting Schedule

General Meetings 2nd Tuesdays
See the Grammagram for schedule of each meeting. Print Displays, Some Competitions, Some Workshops. (see page 3)

Nature and Travel3rd Tuesdays
of Jan., Feb., Mar., April and November. These will be competitions. (see page 4 and 5)

Organization

In 2008 we will have three divisions:

GENERAL DIVISION

This will include the business meeting, color and monochrome digital image competition, prints, and/ or workshops. The optional dinner before the meeting will continue. The General Division replaces the Digital Division of 2007. (page 3)

NATURE DIVISION

Will concentrate on competition, limited to digital nature images. (page 4)

TRAVEL DIVISION

Will concentrate on competition, limited to digital travel images. Entries may include both single images and series of between four and six images that reflect a travel experience. (page 5)

President's Message

From Bob Hubble

Off to another year of Fabulous Photos! Please read through the Gammagram to find out who our officers will be and how our meetings will be organized in 2008.

We welcome Dave and Gay Kent, Don and Melba Martin and Truman Holtzclaw onto the Board. Thank you folks very, extremely, bodaciously much for volunteering to help. (Hope no English teachers are reading this.) The Board had to make some changes in our meeting schedule and organization to match when our new directors are available. You'll see the new schedule in this Gammagram. We've reorganized the former Digital Division; we've had to discontinue the Prints Division competitions, although Prints will remain active in the General Meetings. Also, sadly, we've had to discontinue Slide competition. Who would have guessed, just a few years ago, how the digital revolution

would not only change the way we make photographs, but change the very nature of our club as well.

Speaking of photographs, put on your muffler and mittens and get out there. After the heavy snows of a few days ago the winter photography should be exciting. Don't forget, when you take a reading on snow your meter will lie to you. How can inanimate objects lie? Trust me, they can and they will. Open up one-and-a-half or even two stops. Bracket. If your camera has a histogram, use it. Try to keep your camera warm because batteries lose efficiency rapidly when they get cold. Don't want to get that cold? How 'bout wet? Rainy streets make wonderful color images. Finally, remember that when we have fog at this time of year often the coast is clear. Try SF, Marin or Monterey.

Annual Awards Banquet

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on
Wednesday January 16 at the
VIP Seafood Buffet, Mongolian BBQ, Sushi Restaurant
Located at 3405 El Camino Avenue, Sacramento
Social hour begins at 6:00 pm
Buffet Dinner to follow at 6:30 pm
Price is \$15.00 per person (includes tax and tip)
Beer and wine extra

Make checks out to "Sierra Camera Club"
Mail by January 10 to:
Glen Cunningham
780 Coronado Blvd
Sacramento CA 95864

Travel Division



Bandon Lighthouse by Truman Holtzclaw

Greetings Fellow Photographers

This is your new Travel Director, Truman Holtzclaw. Our first Travel meeting, along with the Nature Division will be on Tuesday, January the 15th at 7pm. It will be run just like it was with slides. Each person should enter two Travel Singles and one set (4-6 slides) of a Travel Sequence. There will be no slides, if you only have slides and would like to enter the Travel Division please find someone who can scan your slides for you. If you cannot find anyone, I will scan them for you. All images should be no larger than **1024 px X 768 px at 100 dpi**. If you do not know how to size your images, Please call me and I will direct you on how to size your images. Use the following examples to label your slides:

Travel Single:s (Two): Last Name,-1st Initial-Title
Example: "Holtzclaw-T- Yosemite "

Travel Sequence(4-6 slides): Last Name,-1st Initial-Title& # (some e-mail programs do not allow dashes, just use a space)

Example: "Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-01
"Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-02
"Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-03
"Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-04
"Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-05
"Holtzclaw-T- Roman Castles-06

Send your Images to scctravel@comcast.net
If you have any questions, please call me at 966-2917. The winning images for each month will be placed on the Picasa Web site. Each month I will send you the url for that month's winners.
Sincerely, Truman Holtzclaw

Want a Winter Shoot? Try Mushrooms

Get out your reflectors and right-angle-viewfinders. Now is a good time to look for mushrooms. Fall, winter and spring are the best times for mushrooms. Mushrooms are classified as fungi along with Slime Moles, Bread Moles and others. They have no roots, stems or leaves, and they cannot make their own food like plants can. They live on other dead or living



Amanita Panther Mushroom

things. Athlete's Foot is a fungus that lives on humans. Forests (Pine, Oak or Redwood) floors are great places to find photogenic mushrooms (Macro fungi). Some mushrooms such as the Amanita Death Caps and the Amanita Panther Mushrooms are extremely poisonous! But others such as the Pink Coral Mushrooms and the Inky Caps (or Shaggy Mane) mushrooms are very good eating. Only experienced mushroom hunters should try to find and eat wild mushrooms. The rest of us should get ours from Safeway & Raleys. The "mushrooms" that we see are actually the fruit of the mushroom. The mycelium (primitive root like structures) are the actual organism itself. Mushrooms and other fungi play a very vital role in turning fallen trees and branches back into soil. Many of our mushrooms make for beautiful photographic images. Reflectors and right-angle viewfinders make it much easier to photograph mushrooms. Folsom Lake is a good place to start looking for mushrooms. "Happy mushroom hunting to you!"
Sincerely, Truman Holtzclaw



Pink Coral Mushroom



Inky Caps Mushroom

General Meeting

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING (Formerly the Digital Division)

Wednesday January 8 will be our first meeting of the year. Want to share some of your pictures? Want some low-key feedback on your images? Do you ever see a great subject but somehow your photograph doesn't do it justice? This is the meeting for you! First we will view and discuss your images. Please e-mail two images to Bob Hubbell (hubjo@sbcglobal.net) before January 5. There will be no competition; just an exchange of ideas about how to make good images.

We'll also look at prints, so if you are a printer please **bring two prints** for viewing and discussion. The print racks will be up so your prints can be displayed properly.

And finally, Bob will present a workshop in which the Secrets of Composition will be revealed. TADA! I can hardly wait!

Director: Dolores Frank

GENERAL MEETING DINNER

Optional before meeting dinner 5:00-5:30 pm at the Old Spaghetti Factory 19th and J Street Sacramento. Let Chuck know if you plan to attend so he can make the reservation. (916) 359-7049 or cpivetti@winfirst.com

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

GENERAL DIVISION:

Second Tuesday of every month.
(December is the Christmas Party)

NATURE DIVISION

Third Tuesday of
January, February, March, April, and November

TRAVEL DIVISION

January, February, March, April, and November

The Nature and Travel Divisions will meet jointly, with one judge evaluating both competitions. Why the odd schedule for Nature and Travel you ask? Those are the only months that the directors will be available.

Nature Division

Welcome

Welcome to the 2008 Digital Sierra Camera Club Nature Division. This will be our first attempt at running a Digital Nature Competition, we will try very hard to make everything run smooth and still make it fun.

We would like to see everyone out shooting fresh new images for the competitions. New BUGS, MUSHROOMS, ANIMALS, TREES, ROCKS, WATER & whatever you can think of that could win you the PRIZE for the best NATURE IMAGE of 2008. Our first competition is on January 15, 2008, Come One - Come All

Thanks, Don & Melba Martin

Guidelines for Competition

Nature Competition generally follows the guidelines set forth by the Photographic Society of America known as PSA. Images should tell a "nature story". They should not include human elements, man-made objects, domestic animals, cultivated plants, mounted specimens, derivations or manipulations that alter the content

Guidelines for Code of Practice

The Nature Division of the Photographic Society of America, in order to help protect all nature subjects and the environment, has adopted a Code of practice as a guide-line for all photographers to follow.

For all the detailed guidelines go to the web site: www.psa-photo.org *Click on resource, then code of practice*

General Guidelines

Always be considerate of your subjects, be they animal, vegetable or mineral. Killing or injuring any living thing is not a proper part of our nature photography.

For the good name of nature photography, observe normal courtesies. Permission should be obtained before trespassing on land on which there is not customarily free access. Be courteous to your fellow photographer.

Be familiar with the life history and the geographic or geologic setting of your subject. The more complex the life form and rarer the species, the greater your knowledge, care and respect should be.

Abide by all requests of rangers and wardens in national and State Parks and wildlife refuges.

More Photography Opportunities

PSA is a worldwide interactive organization for anyone interested in photography, be they casual, serious amateurs or professional photographers. Individual, Camera Club, Chapter and Council members are offered a wide variety of activities: a monthly magazine, photo and digital competitions, study groups via mail and the internet, how-to programs, an annual conference and a raft of other activities and services.



www.psa-photo.org

The Photographic Society of America was founded in 1934 to "Promote the Arts and Sciences of Photography and to further public education therein". There are members in all 50 states as well as 60 other countries of the world. PSA Headquarters are located in Oklahoma City, OK.

Dues are \$45 per year and the PSA Journal Magazine is outstanding. Anyone can visit the web site



2008 International
PSA Conference
Portland, Oregon
Aug. 31 - Sept. 1, 2008

This year the International Conference will be in Portland. An excellent opportunity to visit Oregon. The conference will offer workshops, shows and field trips. Some additional sites on the way could include Crater Lake, Mount Hood or the Oregon Coast.

GOLD RUSH CHAPTER

The local chapter of PSA is the "Gold Rush Chapter".

We are lucky to have the meetings held in Sacramento. Gold Rush includes 18 camera clubs in the following Counties of California: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kern, Kings, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba. Plus the following Nevada counties: Churchill, Douglas, Lyon, Ormsby, Storey, and Washoe

Presentations given by outstanding photographers from all over California and beyond. It's a great chance to see what's being done and to meet other photographers.

For more information go to the web site:

www.psa-goldrush.org

MEETING INFORMATION

Visitors Are Always Welcome!

Gold Rush Chapter Meetings are held four times per year at the Holiday Inn N.E. (Holidome), at 5321 Date Avenue, (Madison Avenue at I-80), Sacramento, CA. Meetings are from 9am-3pm with an optional lunch.

March 16, 2008 Gold Rush Chapter Meeting

June 1, 2008 Gold Rush Chapter Meeting

August 17, 2008 Gold Rush Chapter Meeting

December 7, 2008 Gold Rush Chapter Meeting

The Saturday before each meeting a digital workshop/discussion group is held at American River College from 1-4 pm. (Mar 15, May 31, Aug 16, and Dec 6.)

Our own Marcia Sydor is the Gold Rush Chapter Chairman!

2008 Annual Membership & Newsletter

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc. is an incorporated, non-profit club whose members join together to promote all aspects of photography. Members participate in club competitions, workshops, field trips, and other activities designed to further expertise in, and appreciation of photography. Anyone interested can join using the form below. This form can be mailed or brought to a meeting renewals for 2008: Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after January 1, 2008. Any member whose dues are in arrears for two months, i.e., not paid by March 1st, will be dropped from the membership roll after notification by the Treasurer, not included in the club directory, and ineligible for competition.

<u>Subscription Type</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
Single Membership	\$45
Family Membership	\$70
Juniors (Under 18)	\$10
FT Students (under 22)	\$22.50
Gammagram Only *	\$15
(* Not voting members of the club)	

Members agree to abide by the club constitution, by-laws, and competition rules.

Name (print) _____

Street Address: _____ City _____ zip _____

Phone(s) () _____

Birth Month: _____ Email: _____

Photography Interests: _____

Signature _____

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Sierra Camera Club

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SCC Treasurer,
780 Coronado Blvd
Sacramento, CA 95864

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