

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc.

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2007 PHOTOS OF THE YEAR



Color Pictorial "Star Theater Staircase" by Willis Price



Digital "Bird in Flight" by Willis Price

PRINTS OF THE YEAR	
Color.....	Ron Parker
Monochrome.....	Julius Kovatch
Nature.....	Julius Kovatch



Travel Single "White Dove, Tucson Arizona" by Truman Holtzclaw



Nature "Great Egret and Reflection" by Willis Price

February Meetings

General Meeting

Tuesday February 12, 7:30 pm
Digital Competition and Pint Competition
Dinner at Spaghetti Factory 10th & J, 5:30

Nature and Travel

Wednesday February 20, 7:30 pm
Competition: Nature, Travel and Travel Sequence
Dinner Fresh Choice, Howe Avenue 5:30

Board Meeting

Wednesday February 23, 7:00
Home of Don and Melba Martin 7:00 pm

President's Message *From Bob Hubbell*

We're starting the year off right. The awards banquet was a big success, thanks to the work of lots of people. Does sushi mix with tri-tip? You bet! And our first meetings of the year, General Meeting and Nature/Travel, were well attended by an enthusiastic crowd. Yes, I know, "General Meeting" is cumbersome. The problem is that these meetings will include everything as we go through the year: color, monochrome, prints, workshops, discussion, maybe other things, as well as business meetings as necessary. Got a better idea for a name? Let me know.

RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale is at the end of March. Start piling up stuff now. We pay much of our rent with money made at the rummage sale but it only works if lots of people donate lots of good stuff.

WINTER WEATHER SHOOTS

Rainy weather these days. Looking for an indoor venue for photography? Try the state capitol, or the ag museum in Woodland or the cathedral downtown (unless there's a wedding or other service). All three are worthwhile and maybe a little challenging. Or maybe it's time to try tabletop photography. I'm shooting in the spare bedroom, using light from the window and a large reflector.

Brave the rain! The City Cemetery at Broadway and Riverside is lovely this time of year. Lots of flowers as well as old headstones and vistas. Catch it on a foggy day for extra atmosphere.

The Napa Valley Mustard Festival is coming up. There aren't as many vineyards with rows of mustard between the vines as there used to be but still lots to shoot. There's also a photography contest. <mustardfestival.org/art>

Closer to home, the Capay Valley Almond Festival along Highway 16 out of Esparto is on February 24. (530) 787-3242. To find the blossoms, look on the side roads off of 16. Local Color! And for exotic local color, the Chinese New Year and Festival and Parade in San Francisco are on February 23. It includes a 201-foot dragon that takes a hundred people to carry it.

And finally, February 20 is the next Travel/Nature meeting, but there's also a lunar eclipse that night. It's supposed to peak around 7:30PM. Arrgghh . . . You nature people are going to be deeply conflicted. If you do elect to shoot the eclipse, make sure to e-mail in your Nature and Travel images in first.

Bob Hubbell 383-5188

2008 MEETING SCHEDULE

GENERAL MEETING

Second Tuesday of every month. 7:30 pm

The General Meeting will vary with digital competition, print competition, workshops, and shows.

NATURE & TRAVEL DIVISIONS

Third Wednesday at 7:30 pm

January, February, March, April, and November

The Nature and Travel Divisions will meet jointly, with one judge evaluating both competitions.

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,

2008 OFFICERS

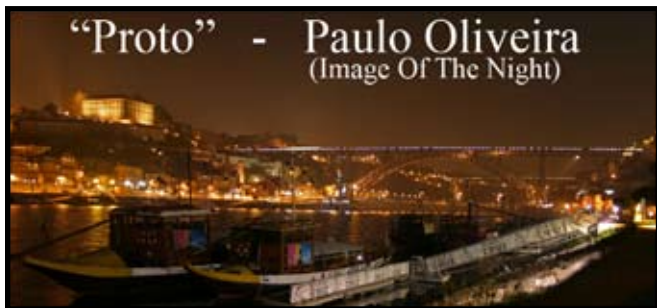
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COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Travel Division

January Honors Judged By: Bill Papke



"Proto" - Paulo Oliveira
(Image Of The Night)



"Farmer's Market Butcher" - Sandy Holtzclaw



"Mono Tufa At Sunset" - Jim Cehand



"Changing of the Guard, Athens" - Sandy Parker



Pemaquid Point Lighthouse - Melba Martin

H O N O R S



"Death Valley, Moving Rock" - Jim Cehand

Travel January 2008			
Singles / Sequence			
Bosanko, Ken	MU.....MU	Jones, Barbara	.....20.....11
Cehand, Jim	.....24.....11	Jordan, Carol	.....MU.....MU
Cline, Heather	.....21.....MU	Kent, Dave	.....20.....10
Cosulich, Charlotte	.....MU.....MU	Kent, Gay	.....MU.....MU
Cronkhite, Nadine	.....MU.....MU	Kovatch, Juluis	.....MU.....MU
Cunningham, Glen	.....20.....10	Martin, Don	.....20.....10
Ehrhart, Bob	.....Mu.....MU	Martin, Melba	.....22.....10
Esmanech, Tommaso	..21.....MU	Oliveira, Paulo	.....24.....12
Fava, Juluis	.....20.....MU	Parker, Ron	.....MU.....MU
Frank, Dolores	.....20.....11	Parker, Sandy	.....22.....11
Holtzclaw, Sandy	.....22.....11	Pivetti, Chuck	.....21.....12
Holtzclaw, Truman	.....22.....10	Price, Willis	.....21.....11
Hovey, Diane	.....MU.....MU	Rice, Morgan	.....20.....10
Hubbell, Bob	.....23.....12	Scheer, Joan	.....21.....MU
		Sturla, Donna	.....MU.....10
		Sydor, Marcia	.....20.....10
		Ueltsen, BJ	.....MU.....MU



"New York City At Dusk" - Bob Hubble

DIGITAL NATURE DIVISION

JANUARY 15, 2008 JUDGE: BILL PAPKE

NAME	IMAGE TITLE	PTS	IMAGE TITLE	PTS	YTD/PTS
Cline, Heather	Possum	11	Wolves	12	23
Ehrhart, Robert	Lion Male	11	Sally Lightfoot Crab-Galapagos	11	22
Esmanech, Tommaso	Flower	9	Mammatus	11	20
Fava, Julius	Tent Catapillars	11	Wolk Spider	11	22
Frank, Dolores	Anghinga Drying Wings Everglades	12	Little Blue Heron Cleaning Wings	11	23
Holtzclaw, Sandy	Male Impalas Cooling	11	Vervet Monkey	12	23
Holtzclaw, Truman	Flash Flood Patterns	11	Honey Mushrooms	12	23
Hovey, Diane	Galapagos Lava Lizard	11	Sea Otter Sitka Alaska	10	21
Hubbell, Robert	Geese in flight	10	Critter track Crisscross the Dunes	12	22
Jones, Barbara	Mushrooms Abound Following Rain	9	Tree Frog Hides on Leaf	11	20
Kent, Dave	Page Arizona	12	Slot Canyon	11	23
Kent, Gay	Sunrise Mummy Mountain	10	Tucson Sunset	10	20
Kovatch, Julius	Sandhill Crane in Bosque Del Apache	12	Sunset at the Crane Pool	12	24
Martin, Donald	Giraffes in Kenya	10	Lions in Africa	10	20
Martin, Melba	Butterfly & the Lady Bug	11	Snow Plan	10	21
Oliveira, Paulo	Bird in Lake	X	Tree and Moon	11	11
Parker, Sandy	Athens Sunset	10	Yellowstone Elk	10	20
Pivetti, Chuck	Leopard with Full Stomach	13 *	Mirabou Stork Fishing	12	25
Price, Willis	Blue Heron Feeding	11	Water Lilly	10	21
Rice, Morgan	Ants, Aphids & Hibiscus	10	Death Cap (Aminita Muscara)	12	22
Scheer, Joan	Koala Sleeping	11	Western Swallowtail	11	22
Sturla, Donna	Cape Buffalo 2	10	Fighting Gazelles	11	21
Sydor, Marcia	Alabama Hill Sunrise	10	Rogue River Gorge	10	20

* IMAGE OF THE MONTH



Leopard with Full Stomach Chuck Pivetti *

Honors Nature Digital Images



Truman Holzclaw



Heather Cline



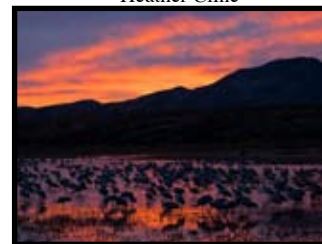
Dave Kent



Dolores Frank



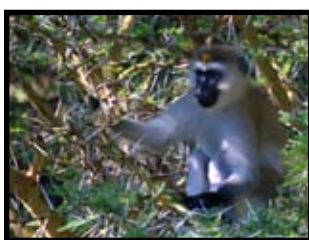
Julius Kovatch



Julius Kovatch



Robert Hubbell



Sandy Holtzclaw



Chuck Pivetti



Morgan Rice

GENERAL MEETING INFORMATION

The General Meeting (formerly called The Color Meeting) is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

In February we will have competitions for Digital Images and Prints. You may enter two digital images and you may enter two prints. We will not have categories. Everything is open.

This is one of at least four competitions which will be held this year. We may have more competitions and that will be determined in the near future.

We are also planning to show a video of work of many photographers. Sam Shaw pulled together the work of about 30 photographers and created the video. It is worth watching for a couple of reasons. Number one, it is fun to see the pictures. Number two it is eye-opening to see the "possibilities". All of the photographers are people like all of our members....some know Photoshop very well and some are almost beginners.

The video will give you an idea of what you can do with the tools available. Some of the pictures were worked in Elements...some in Photoshop...and probably some, in other programs. The video is about 20 minutes.

Our business meeting will be short and sweet so we can make good use of our time. If the meeting goes smoothly, we will have a surprise for you. If the meeting runs too long, we won't...but, we'll save the surprise for another meeting.

DINNER: Meet with us at the Old Spaghetti Factory between 5:00 and 5:30 before the meeting. Let Chuck Pivetti know, please, if you are going to make it so we will know how large a table to reserve. Chuck is at (916) 359-7049 or cpivetti@winfirst.com (Chuck has offered to help with this and it is greatly appreciated).

Something to think about. Our meeting for March has not been firmed up as yet. However, one of the things I'd like to see is the pictures which get honors in February viewed again and have the makers talk about their work.

Additionally, we are looking at having a "show and tell" type meeting where members can bring their work and comments can be made from anyone who wishes to contribute. This could be a good way to "grow" as photographers. We hope to plan some sort of entertainment and will keep you posted.

Dolores Frank dfrank9678@surewest.net 916-446-4407

Hint for the Month

One of the worst things that photographers do in Photoshop is to sharpen their images too much. Ease off on the sharpening and try applying it only to the area of the image where it is really needed.

UP-COMMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Annie Leibovitz: A Photographer's Life 1990-2005
March 1, 2008 - May 25, 2008
Exhibit at the Legion of Honor, San Francisco
Website www.famsf.org Phone 415-750-3600

Moab Photo Symposium (Utah) May 1-4, 2008
keynote speaker: David Hiser (National Geographic). See web site for presenters and field workshops. www.moabphotosym.com

March 16, 2008 Gold Rush Chapter Meeting
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. For program and more information www.psgoldrush.org

March 15 is the Digital Meeting at American River College. 1-4

Your SCC Dues are due. Our new rosters are in production --don't get left out.

From Your Gammagram Editor

Please submit articles and information by the 25th of the month. We welcome submissions from all members. We would love an article about someplace you have visited with a couple of pictures.

Next month look for our "swap meet section". Have anything to sell or give away?

Gay Kent kent@macnexus.org (916) 849-9977

BLACK ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

at 1625 Watt Avenue 916-973-1901

Provided the prize for our January Nature Meeting

*When you dine there please let **manager Eric Hudson** know how much we appreciate his support.*

2007 ANNUAL COMPETITION HONORS

Color Pictorial, Nature, and Photo-Travel Slide and Print Divisions 2007

The Annual Color Slide competition was judged by Rich Myren from Auburn, who was quite impressed with the quality of the photography of our members.

COLOR PICTORIAL DIVISION

Peggy Gidding
"Clouds & Snow, November"
Marcia Sydor
"Point Reyes"
Julius Fava
"San Xavier Mission"
Margaret Fava
"Walnut Orchard, Springtime"
"Folsom Lake Ravine"
Truman Holtzclaw
"Yankee Boy Canyon, Colorado"
"Morning Dew"
"Peacock Color"
Laurie Friedman
"Indian Portrait in Red"
"New England Fall Reflection #1"
"New England House Amidst Fall Colors"
"Rocky Gorge Fall Colors"
Willis Price
"White Water Spin"
"Death Valley Dunes At Sunset"
"Low Tide"
Color Slide of the Year
"Star Theater Staircase", Willis Price

TRAVEL SEQUENCES DIVISION

Truman Holtzclaw
"The Citadel At Halifax, Nova Scotia"
Laurie Friedman
"Going to Everest, Base Camp"
Travel Slide Sequence of the Year
"Oregon Coast Beaches Offers Both Beauty, and Spectacular Sunsets" Willis Price

NATURE DIVISION

Truman Holtzclaw
"Erosion Figures, Devil's Garden, Utah"
Peggy Gidding
"Stellars Sea Lions, Sea Lion Caves, Oregon"
"Banana Slugs With Fungus"
Laurie Friedman
"Weaver Bird Gathers Nesting Materials"

"Macaque Mother Catches Forty Winks"
"Baby Japanese Snow Monkey"

Willis Price
"Tomato Hornworm"
"Male Ruby-Throated Hummingbird"
"Fall Leaves & Ice"
"Great Egret In Flight"
"Great Egret With Fish"

Nature Slide of the Year
"Great Egret & Reflection", Willis Price

TRAVEL SINGLES DIVISION

Marcia Sydor
"Yosemite Falls"
Julius Fava
"Golden Gate"
"South Grand Canyon Overlook"
Laurie Friedman
"Ceremonial Dress, Papua Guinea"
"Welcome Shoes"
"Young Tibetan Trucker"
"Chinese Checkers"
Willis Price
"Catch Of The Day"
"Scottish Warrior"
"Portland's Japanese Gardens"
"Monument Valley Sunset"
Truman Holtzclaw
"Hold'er Down"
Singles Slide of the Year
"White Dove, Tucson, Arizona" Truman Holtzclaw

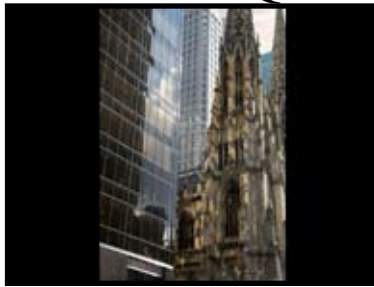
PRINT DIVISION

Color Print of the Year
"San Francisco New Years 2007" Ron Parker:
Color Honors:
"Snowfall in Brice" Julius Kovatch
"Crystal Mill in Autumn" Julius Kovatch
"Bridal Veil Vista" Julius Kovatch
Monochrome Print of the Year.
"Log Cabin" Julius Kovatch
Monochrome Honors
"Grain Elevator" Ron Parker
"Bannack Hotel" Ron Parker
Nature Print of the Year
"Survival on Top of the Rock, Zion" Julius Kovatch
Nature Honors
"Rock on the Move" Jim Cehand
"Colorado Aspen Glow" Julius Kovatch

JANUARY TRAVEL SEQUENCE HONORS

"The Streets Of
New York City"

By: Bob Hubbell



"A Visit To The Ghost
Town Of Bodie CA"

By: Paulo Oliveira



"An Underground
Pottery Factory
At Cappadocia"

By: Chuck Pivetti



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 club 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.

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Photography Interests: _____

Signature _____

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