



CALENDAR

- January 11 Club Meeting
- January 11Color Division
- January 18Board Meeting
- January 20Annual Awards Dinner
- January 25Prints Division

- February 3Travel/Nature Divisions
- February 7 ... Electronic Imaging Div.
- February 8Club Meeting
- February 8Color Division
- February 15Board Meeting

Visitors are Welcome to SCC:

At Sierra Camera Club people of all ages and backgrounds get together to share a passion for all kinds of photography. All divisions have member competitions. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the photography at any time! The monthly club business meeting precedes the Color Division meeting. All Sierra Camera Club divisions meet at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento at 7:30 p.m.

SCC WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Sierra Camera Club

<http://legacy.macnexus.org/users/goldrush/sierra.html>

The Photographic Society of America :

<http://www.psa-photo.org>

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB DIVISIONS 2005

Color Slide Division

Second Tuesday of each month except Dec
Director: Chuck Pivetti (916) 359-7049

Nature Slide Division

First Thursday of Feb, Apr, May, Jun, Sept, Nov.
Director: Laurie Friedman, (530) 758-9668

Photo Travel Slide Division

First Thursday of Feb, Apr, May, Jun, Sept, Nov.
Director: Pat Mallott, (916) 369-6581

Print Division

Fourth Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov.
Director: Bob Hubbell, (916) 383-5188

Electronic Imaging Division

First Monday of Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, and Dec.
Director: Dolores Frank, (916) 446-4407

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Esther Wieting

Thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me President of the Sierra Camera Club. We have a big job ahead of us to build up our financial resources and one way to do that is to increase our membership and to improve our efforts in making new members feel welcome. Also we will be having raffles at our competition meetings to help build up the treasury.

Be sure to view the prints on display at the Garden & Art Center Foyer after Jan 6th. This is a new project for the club and hopefully, we may gain some new members through this effort. If you would like to see some of your own prints hanging there, please let me know as this is to be a revolving display and we will be changing the prints periodically depending on the interest and availability of new prints. The prints must be framed and under glass.

We want to have more members participate in Nature and Travel Competitions as the number of competitors has really dwindled down from past years. There are only six competitions during the year, and both Nature and Travel are on the same night now. Let's make a concerted effort to build these divisions back up so we don't end up losing them as we did with photojournalism. The Competition Rules define what Nature and Travel Slides should reflect so let's give either or both of them a try. Remember, you can have two makeups per year, and you can always mail your entries to your Division Directors who will put your slides in for you, if you have to miss any competitions. Pat Malott, Nature Director, and Laurie Friedman, Travel Director, plan on having refreshments again after the competitions, so there will be a relaxing social time as well for everyone's enjoyment.

Sandy Parker, our new Membership Chair, will have her laptop readily available at the Color Meetings to greet any new members and to take any address, telephone number, or e-mail address changes, so please be sure to let her know if any of your information has changed from the 2004 roster. Sandy plans on getting the new 2005 roster out once she gets all the membership renewal and enrollment information, so please send in your dues as soon as you can.

We have had some heart-breaking losses of good friends in the past several years and we miss them all dearly as they were all hard-working, dedicated members of SCC. So, we need to take a lesson from this and put more effort into our membership by taking an active role to help out where ever we see a need. Even if it is just helping to setup the equipment, or to step up and greet a new member, learn how to assist at the recording table, or help at the refreshment table. All of this goes together to improve the cohesiveness of our club, and, for this we thank you.

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NATURE DIVISION
Jim McKinney, Chair 451-8620

December Competition

Richard Myren from Auburn judged our December Nature Division meeting. Richard is new to judging for Sierra Camera Club, but given his excellent commentary and critiques, and the appreciative applause from the Nature Division, he will become a popular judge for the Club. Attendance was low, so Richard was able to spend a nice amount of time critiquing each image. He also shared some of his own work with us at the beginning. Thank you Richard, for judging for us on short notice.

Slide of the night went to Heather Cline for her moody shot of a deer in the mist in Olympic National Park. Bravo Heather! Two slides of the night in your first year of competition.

Many thanks to Marcia Sydor and Melba Cerrutti for entering the titles and scores, and to Jim Cehand for handling the slides.

End of Year Note
 Welcome to the Club and Nature Division to Gary and Heather and Don. You are all top notch nature photographers and add greatly to the mix of images we get to share in the Division. To the Clarks, Dee, Dorothy, Truman and Stuart, we miss your beautiful technique and keen eyes. Most of all, we miss Joyce, but remember her work and presence.

End of the Year Competition Results

Class B

Don Martin	123*
Gary Freigier	122*
Heather Cline	115

Class A

Margaret Fava	124*
Deidre Johnson	61#
Dorothy Farol	21#

Class AA

Jay Fava	134*
John Wieting	133*
Jim McKinney	121



Class AAA

Nadine Cronkite	137*
Esther Wieting	134*
Marcia Sydor	128
Joyce Kilmer	84#
Bill Clark	46#
Jan Clark	45#

Class AAAA

Robert Cothrin	136
James Cehand	134
Melba Cerrutti	133
Truman Holtzclaw	71#
Stuart Hahn	44#

* Advance to the next class for 2005 competitions.

Honor Awards for December 2004

Heather Cline	“Olympic National Park Buck and Wildflowers”
Jay Fava	“Spider”
Nadine Cronkhit	“Salt Appears As Water Evaporates Bad Water”
Esther Wieting	“Migratory Monarch Butterfly Resting on Leaf”
James Cehand	“Atlas Moth Emerging From Cocoon”
Bob Cothrin	“Colobia Mushrooms”

Slide of the Month

Heather Cline	“Olympic National Park Buck and Wildflowers”
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HOLIDAY FOLLIES

The Sierra Camera Club 2004 Christmas Holidays Dinner took place on December 14 at the center, with festive decorations of fresh leaves and berries on all the tables organized by Carol Jordan, and a delicious variety of food brought in by members to feed the large crowd, including some outstanding homemade desserts. The slide show presentations of the WWII memorial in Washington DC, nature photography, and Melba and Don’s wedding trip, were fabulous. The “Silent Auction” had a variety of items donated, from food to photography. The only thing that was missing was a real auctioneer. Little did we know that Don Martin fit the bill until he stepped up to the mike and began the final rounds of bids and generated a flurry of bidding that netted the club over \$300. Thanks to all who made the evening special.

ANNUAL 2004 AWARDS BANQUET

January 20, 2005

The 2004 Annual Awards Banquet will be held at The Dante Club on Fair Oaks Blvd. in Sacramento. The banquet facility has a huge parking lot and a bar. The banquet will take place on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The club will be in the Oak Room which will seat a good sized crowd. **A no-host cocktail hour begins at 6:00 pm at The Dante Club, at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. just east of Howe Avenue, with a buffet banquet beginning at 6:45 pm.** The phone number there is (916) 925-8230.

This traditional awards evening will include slide and electronic image shows of the year 2004's best photography in each division of the club. We look forward to celebrating the past year's achievements. It is not too late to sign up. Detach the reservation coupon in this newsletter and mail to 2004 VP Dee Johnson before January 15. Volunteers are welcome to come help set up after 5:00 pm. Please also ask your division directors if they need any help. We're looking forward to a wonderful time.

NELDA HANSON MEMORIAL

Contributions from Margaret Fava and Lila Lincoln

On December 19, former SCC member Nelda Brandenburger Hanson passed away at the age of 92. Nelda was a wonderful photographer active in the former creative division of SCC and was also an officer on the board. She was an avid supporter of music and art in the Sacramento community and helped found the Sacramento Symphony in the early 1960s. She was one of a group of women photographers known as Ten Eyes and her outstanding photo images were on display at various galleries. In SCC, she made a couple of field trips to Donner Lake possible, where members stayed at their family resort Loch Leven Lodge for weekends of fall photography. She accompanied Lila and others on a "Snowfari" winter trip to the Tetons and Yellowstone. She is remembered as very talented, energetic, generous and thoughtful. She has been missed in recent years due to the devastating illness Alzheimer's. We extend sympathy to her daughter, former member Linda Brandenburger, and the rest of her family. "Nelda, now you can join with the others who have left us and continue taking pictures for the Heavenly club". Remembrances may be directed to a fund in the name of Nelda and Samuel Hanson at the Crocker Art Museum Foundation.

FRIENDSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Margaret Fava (916) 429-7656

With Winter here we wish you a bright New Year and good health. January brings us cold crisp nights to bundle up and keep warm. This is the time of the year for mood pictures with foggy days, rainy days, reflections, and lights at dusk. Milo Nittler gave a generous donation to our camera club in memory of the loved members we lost. Thanks, Milo. We heard John Wieting had a brief hospital visit before Christmas and is waiting for further word on possible surgery.

On Saturday, January 29, Mary Silva will celebrate her 97th birthday. Congratulations, Mary! Also cheers to everyone who has a birthday in January, including: Joyce Boyer, Julius Fava, Jane Pivetti, Willis Price, and BJ Ueltzen. Happy New Year.

JANUARY COLOR MEETING

January 11, 2005

Color Division Director Chuck Pivetti sends New Years Greetings and an invitation to meet at the Old Spaghetti Factory on J Street before the January Color meeting on January 11. He says the food's not bad and it is not very expensive. They get together about 5:00 or so, and go in to dinner at about 5:30. It's an opportunity to meet the judge and socialize with other members. Let Chuck know if you are going to come so he knows for how many to reserve a table. The judge? The judge will be Bob Wall.

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**TRAVEL and NATURE DIVISIONS
COMBINE MEETINGS,
BUT COMPETE SEPARATELY**
Laurie Friedman, Travel Director (530)
Pat Malott, Nature Director (916)

Just a heads-up for those who plan ahead: The first combined meeting date for the Nature and Travel Divisions will be **Thursday, February 3rd, 2005** at 7:30 p.m., with Jeff Burkholder judging. Each division will run separately using the same judge, who will change "hats" in evaluating entries according to the rules and criteria for each division.

Each division's members will enjoy learning about the other division and seeing their entries. Scoring will remain completely separate. We are hoping that the avid Nature competitors might consider entering in Travel, too: For Travel competition, you could enter with just two single slides showing travel, people and places, without having to come up with a travel sequence. Even Melba's wedding

cruise to Mexico might provide some good slides. Travel slides closer to home (for the six of us that didn't go on the cruise) could work as well. We will explain travel sequence competition at the first meeting. Laurie is off to Bolivia until February 10, so if there are any questions for her, please call Marcia Sydor at 782-7827.

Vice versa for regular Travel competitors who might want to enter the wonderful world of Nature. In Nature competition, enter two slides at each competition. Pictorial quality takes a back seat to telling story about Nature and natural history, without human elements. Check the club's Competition Rules for specifics in each division.

We have excellent judges scheduled for the first Thursdays in February, April, May, June, September, and November, and are encouraging the judges to bring small programs so that there will be an educational or informational bent to the evenings as well. Also a caloric bent, as there will be nice refreshments at the end of the competitions. All are welcome.



SIERRA Camera Club

2004 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION for Thursday, JANUARY 20, 2005

___ YES! I am coming to the 2004 Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, January 20, 2005, at The Dante Club
No-Host Cocktail Hour beginning at 6:00 pmat 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento CA 95825 (916) 925 - 8230

BUFFET BANQUET at 6:45 pm: Salad, garlic bread, a meat sauce rigatoni pasta dish, a portabella mushroom ravioli pasta dish, sautéed vegetables, a chicken entrée (marsala with red wine, mushrooms) and a beef entrée (braised beef in a Chianti sauce), plus coffee and tea. (No entrée selection required.)

PER PERSON PRICE IS \$22, TAX AND TIP INCLUDED.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ FOR _____ PEOPLE

Name [Print] _____


Telephone Nos (____) _____ (____) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO: Dee Johnson, VP, 2004 Awards Banquet, 18 Kittiwake Court, Sacramento, CA 95833

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB CALENDAR 2005

All Sierra Camera Club Meetings are Held at the Sacramento Garden & Arts Center in McKinley Park

	ELEC- TRONIC 1st Mon	TRAVEL* NATURE 1st Thu	COLOR 2nd Tue	BOARD 3rd Tue	PRINTS* 4th Tue	OTHER EVENTS	GOLD RUSH P.S.A.
JAN			11	18	25*	Awards 20 Banquet	
FEB	7	3*	8	15			
MAR			8	15	22*	Macro 3* Work Shop	6†
APR	4	7*	12	19			
MAY		5*	10	17	24*		
JUN	6	2*	14	21			5†
JUL			12	19	26*		
AUG	1		9	16		Flash 4* Work Shop	
SEP		1*	13	20	27*		
OCT	3		11	18			
NOV		3*	8	15	22*		
DEC	5		XMAS 13 PARTY	20			

Shaded cells indicate competition dates

Sierra Camera Club meets at Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

Gold Rush Chapter of the Photographic Society of America meets at Holiday Inn, 5321 Dale Ave., Sacramento

*Meets in East Room †Digital Imagers Sat. Afternoon Before

(Garden Center Phone 264-8800)

Note, this calendar may not be 100% correct or 100% complete, Chuck Pivetti, 1/5/2005



SIERRA Camera Club
New & Renewal MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER

JOIN US in becoming a member of SCC.

Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after March 1. Payment from existing members is due before March 1 for competition and inclusion in the club directory. New members after July 1 pay half the annual rate.

Annual DUES**		One Time Initiation Fee	**Dues Increase for 2005
Single Membership	\$45	\$5.00	
Family Membership	\$70	\$7.00	
"Gammagram Only"	\$12	\$2.50 *	* Subscribers are not voting members of the club.

YES! Send me more information about becoming a member of Sierra Camera Club, including a membership application.
[Make checks payable to Sierra Camera Club.]

RENEWING! I am renewing my membership. AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

I need to have the Gammagram Newsletter delivered by regular US mail instead of via Email.

Name [Print] _____

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DATE _____

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