



## CALENDAR

December 4 .....GOLD RUSH  
 December 5...Electronic Imaging Division  
 December 13.....Club Christmas Party  
 December 13 .....Club Meeting  
 December 20 .....Board Meeting

January 10 .....Color Slide & Electronic  
 ...Imaging Combined Evening  
 January 10.....Club Meeting  
 January 17 .....Board Meeting  
 January 24 .....Prints Division  
 January 26 .....AWARDS BANQUET

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Joan Davidson-Scheer

I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving with your friends and family. We all have so much to be thankful for. Just look around you at the wonders of creation that you see and capture so beautifully in the lens of your camera. You all have been given a gift to share your talent and make this world a better place by reminding others of its beauty.

The Board of Directors joins with me in thanking you for your vote to amend the Constitution, Bylaws and Competition Rules to make our club more flexible in 2006. We always welcome your suggestions for improvement along with your willingness to help with implementing those improvements. After having been on a half dozen Boards of Directors of non-profit organizations, I have never experienced the kind of support and encouragement that this Board and club members have given me. This spirit of cooperation will continue to improve our club and all of our activities.

It is my Christmas wish that every one of you will attend the Christmas Party. This is the time to socialize and celebrate this glorious season of the year. Carol Jordan has done so much to make this party a success, so please ask her what you can do help her. Don't forget to cook and bring your favorite recipes and share them at the potluck. Speaking of celebrations, we want to reward you for your outstanding work throughout the year. Your chance to celebrate is coming at the Annual Awards Banquet on January 26, 2006. Please see the article in this Gammagram to get the details. We hope to see all of you there, so don't wait to sign up.

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION**

Thanks to the generosity of one of our members, we have had another anonymous donation of \$200. Contributions this year, including the equipment donation from the estate of Noel LaDue, have been instrumental in helping the club through some difficult financial times this year. We also want to thank those members who have given their time to support our division directors and meetings. This is really what a non-profit organization is all about. The more people who help, the better our club gets. We are planning to give you, our members, more opportunity to socialize, learn, and take field trips together in the coming year.

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**GOLD RUSH**

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### **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. Our 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.

#### 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: Pat Malott, (916) 369-6581

##### Photo Travel Slide Division

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

##### 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

**COLOR SLIDE DIVISION**  
**Director: Chuck Pivetti, (916) 359-7049**

In Class Top Ten, Willis Price is the trophy winner; Susan Nielsen takes the second-place award and Laurie Friedman the third-place award.

**November Meeting**

Our last competition of the year was very well attended and the images were all excellent.

Byron Hindman judged. Byron has held national offices in the Photographic Society of America for as long as I have known him (more than ten years). He is very active in PSA; he travels all over the country to meetings and all over California to judge at PSA affiliates' competitions.

Byron and his wife Marilyn, who also serves in national PSA offices, live up in the foothills near Cool. So we really owe them a big "Thank you" for driving down to our meeting and sharing their experience with us. It makes a late night for them.

Byron judged 68 slides, giving very educational comments as he did so. He awarded honors to the following thirteen:

Heather Cline	"Blue Mono"
Donna Sturla	"Pt. Reyes Dew"
Joyce Boyer	"Trumpet Flower," "Summer Swim." and "Searching for Lunch"
Gail Foley	"Relaxing Pair"
Carol Jordan	"Fall Leaves" and "Red Daisies"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Crater Lake Fall & Leaves"
Bob Ehrhart	"Morning Glow, Mono Lake"
James Cehand	"The Bridge"
Willis Price	"White Water"
Susan Nielsen	"Moroccan Village"

Carol Jordan won slide-of-the-month honors with "Red Daisies." Carol has really got the soft-light thing figured out.

**Thanks to all the Workers**

Marcia Sydor, Barbara Jones, and Nadine Cronkwhite recorded the scores and made up the ribbons. Truman and Jim Cehand projected the slides. Carol Jordan set up the refreshments. Bea Jones and Dorothy Sorenson supplied the cookies again. And a whole lot of people helped out.

**Year 2005 Standings**

The Total Scores Table shows the standings at the end of the year 2005. The Top Ten was the only Class with enough competitors to have a third-place award.

In Class B, Bob Ashley wins the first-place trophy and medal; Heather Cline takes second-place honors.

In Class A, Joan Scheer and Donna Sturla will share the trophy and will each get a first-place medal.

In Class AA; Jim Chin gets the trophy and first-place medal; BJ Ueltzen takes the second-place award

Carol Jordan gets the trophy and first-place medal in Class AAA; Diane Hovey takes second-place.

Truman Holtzclaw takes first in Class AAAA and Margaret Fava is in second-place.

**YEAR-END 2005  
TOTAL SCORES  
COLOR SLIDES**

**Class B**

Bob Ashley	237
Heather Cline	234
Sandy Parker	232
Lillian Sinatra	218

**Class A**

Joan D-Scheer	239
Donna Sturla	239
Joyce Boyer	235
Deidre Johnson	232
Ken Bosanko	216

**Class AA**

Jim Chin	243
BJ Ueltzen	235
Gail Foley	233

**Class AAA**

Carol Jordan	248
Diane Hovey	235
Peggy Gidding	234
Ron Parker	234
Marcia Sydor	229

**Class AAAA**

Truman Holtzclaw	254
Margaret Fava	233

**Class Top Ten**

Willis Price	252
Susan Nielsen	248
Laurie Friedman	246
Jim Cehand	239
Dolores Frank	238
Bob Ehrhart	232
Julius Fava	232
Gail Parris	222

**Next Meeting**

Our next meeting will be our annual Christmas Potluck on the evening of December 13.

**Annual Competition**

If you were a Competitor in the Color Division during the year you can enter up to six slides in the 2005 Annual Competition. Slides must be from those that were entered during the year. Turn your slides in to me at God Rush on December 4 or at the December 13th Christmas potluck.

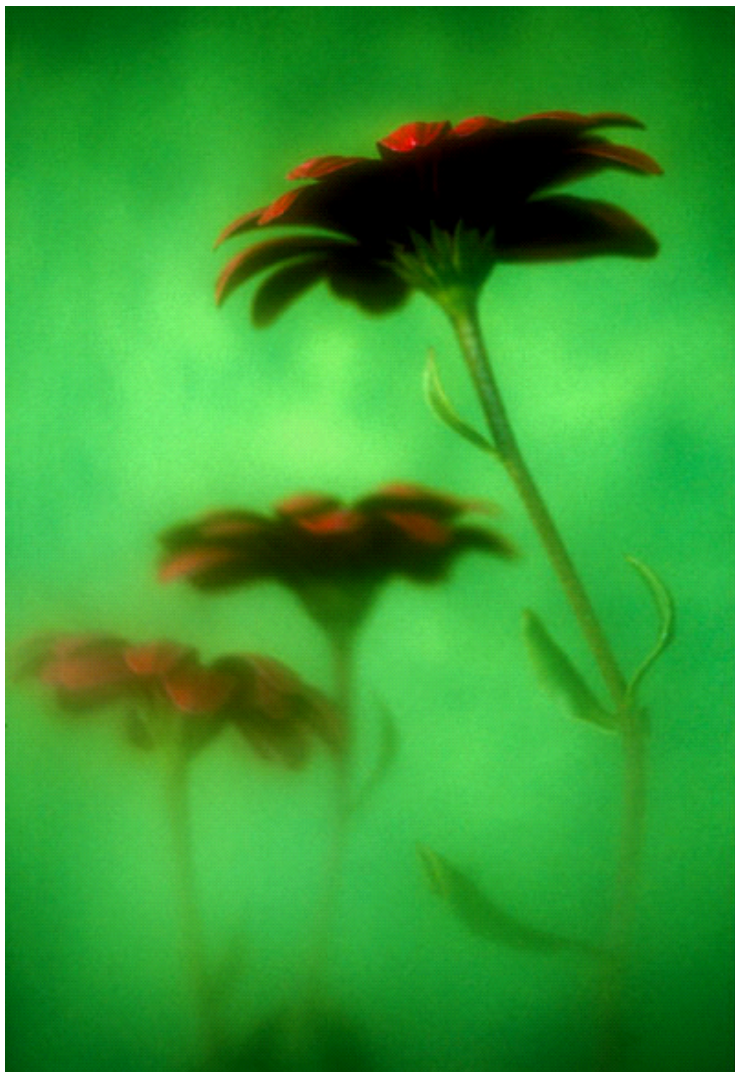
## Color Slide Division Next Year

My term as your Color-Slide Division Director ends with the year. It was a good year. There were lots of fabulous slides entered. And thank you all for the wonderful support; the meetings all went like clockwork with everybody pitching in to do the work that had to be done.

In six of the last ten years I have directed this Division, and I enjoyed every minute of it. It is not possible for me to continue for another term, because I can no longer drive at night.

The nominating committee has not yet found someone to take over the job. Come on, somebody, now that there are to be only five competitions per year, the job should be considerably easier.

Next year there will be only three classes in Colorslide competition: Class B, Class A, and Class Top Ten. The Board plans to place the year-end's B and A classes into the new Class B, the AA and AAA classes into the new Class A, and the AAAA and Top Ten into the new Top Ten. If any competitor would like to be assigned differently, please let the new Director know at the first competition in 2006.



**"Red Daisies"  
by Carol Jordan**

## EDITOR'S NOTES

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What a great experience it has been these past two years as the club's editor of the Gammagram. When I first volunteered to take over for Chuck Pivetti, so he could head up the Color Division again, I was Vice President and had just completed the annual awards banquet at Fuji's. Domino-like, as I took over for Chuck, Ron Parker stepped up to take that position. I remember calls of help to some board members, frustrated that the "easy" newsletter software program I selected had turned out to be so "difficult." Little did I know that it was my computer, not the program, that was crashing. One rebuilt computer later, I learned the program and settled in to the monthly creation of the Gammagram, getting most board and division reports by email.

As some of you know, I was working 10 to 15 hours a day in my job for the state, and had difficulty getting the newsletter out on time each month. In July of this year, I was offered a new position as an administrative law judge and happily began training in late August. This job has me traveling several weeks a month up and down the state presiding over Special Education due process hearings between school districts and parents of disabled children. As I write this, I am packing for two weeks up in Crescent City (yes, my camera is packed, and I hear that whales have been sighted earlier than usual). It is not possible for me to continue with the Gammagram, as I have no clue where I will be from week to week.

I have enjoyed getting to know the board members and thank them, and you, the members, for your support and patience (strained a bit, I know). Thanks especially to Sandy Parker, who kept me regularly updated with membership information and mailing labels. Thanks also to Diane Hovey and Barbara Jones for occasional mailing rescue services, and to Margaret Fava for her Friendship Report (look for it in the Jan. issue as space allows).

We have come a long way: the Gammagram is now delivered electronically to the majority of the members, and is now also posted on the club's website. We have about 34 members still receiving the paper newsletter. Electronic delivery has brought a regular financial savings to the club, thanks to your cooperation. I look forward to ending the year with the January awards edition, and then to being of "technical assistance" to our new Gammagram Editor, and to continue being a volunteer in other areas of club need, on an occasional basis (such as helping with field trips?). May you all have a warm and safe holiday season and a grand New Year. It is an honor to be in this club of talented photographers.

# PRINTS DIVISION

Director: Bob Hubbell (916) 383-5188

November has come and we finished another year with lots of interesting images. Bill Papke was our judge. There were 54 prints to evaluate. Bill provided lots of useful information and ideas we can apply when we're out shooting and when we're making prints in the "light room". We ended up with some close races in cumulative scores. In Monochrome Ron Parker won top honors but Truman and Chuck tied for second, just three points behind. In Nature, Truman ended up on top but Chuck was only one point behind. Ron Parker did all the scoring chores. I thank him as well as the folks who helped setting up the display equipment.

Twenty honor awards were given, as follows:

## COLOR

**Julius Kovatch** "Autumn Snow on Buck rails"\*;  
Autumn View of Mt. Snefeels  
Chuck Pivetti "Leopard in Tree";  
"Suspension Cable"  
Joan D-Scheer "Branches in the Sunset"  
Sam Clemens "Pink Day Lily"  
Truman Holtzclaw "Abandoned"; "Dining Room"

## MONOCHROME

**Ron Parker** "Clay Conveyer"\*\*;  
"Anguish over Broken Glass";  
"Table & Chair"; "Outside Seating,  
Preston Castle"  
Truman Holtzclaw "Waterfall Way"  
Chuck Pivetti "Zebras at Water Hole"

## NATURE

Chuck Pivetti "Whiteheaded Buffalo Weavers Groom  
Each Other"; "African Brown Snake  
Eagle atop Candelabra Tree"  
Truman Holtzclaw "Hoh Rain Forest";  
"Horned Lizard Warming Itself"  
Sam Clemens "Canyon Dudleya Grows in Rock  
Crevices"; Lupine Grows around Boulder"

\*Color Print of the Month

\*\*Monochrome Print of the Month

## CUMMULATIVE PRINT SCORES AND RANKS

### Color

Julius Kovatch	140
Truman Holtzclaw	134
Chuck Pivetti	131
Ron Parker	129
Sam Clemens	112
Joan D-Sheer	109

### Monochrome

Ron Parker	138
Truman Holtzclaw	135
Chuck Pivetti	135

### Nature

Truman Holtzclaw	137
Chuck Pivetti	136
Julius Kovatch	133
Sam Clemens	111



## PHOTO OPS December 2005

Bob Hubbell 383-5188

Hurry! The Sacramento Marathon is coming up Sunday, December 4. Exciting pictures if you can get near the start. Also interesting pictures at the finish: tired runners giving their last push, faces full of pain and pride. Try some shots at 1/15 or 1/10 for motion effect. Google: "sacramento marathon" Now is a good time to visit San Francisco; China Town, downtown store windows with Christmas decorations, Golden Gate Bridge, etc. Check the weather prediction first. Many days in December are clear and cool.

On your way back, exit the bay bridge to Treasure Island, then drive down to the entrance to Treasure Island: SF skyline is gorgeous from here. If it's not foggy try for dusk. Cobalt sky, SF lights, maybe some clouds or sunset! Closer to home, don't forget homes decorated with Christmas lights. The Sac Bee will have a listing of them, usually in Ticket around the second week of December. They're all over town but my favorite remains 53rd & S Sts. Hoops over the sidewalks make tunnels of colored lights, plus lots of lights in yards, etc. Can be crowded but if you go around 9:PM all the kids should be in bed. I find that daylight film or digital setting works fine for Christmas lights. Bring your tripod and don't forget to bracket. New Years Eve there will be fireworks near Old Town Folsom Old Town (Sutter St.) will have luminaries as well as other activities.

**PHOTO TRAVEL DIVISION**  
**Director: Laurie Friedman**  
**(530) 758-9668**

I am a little sad, as we had our last competition for the year in November, but there's always next year. Bob Wall was our judge, and did a wonderful job, as usual.

Thanks so much to everyone who helped throughout the year with equipment and scoring, making everything go smoothly. Thanks, also, to Bea and Dorothy (the "Tea Team") who coordinated hospitality for the year, as well as the folks who brought the goodies. We saw some amazing work this year. It was great to see the work of the Nature competitors who joined Travel this year, and I hope they do so again.

Below are the year's score totals, on which the medals and trophies will be based (by the way, please bring your 2004 trophies to the December Holiday Party):

***SEQUENCE HONORS***

- Bob Cothrin "Winter at Arches National Park"
- Peggy Gidding "October Heritage Days, Warsaw MO, features Old Timers crafts and music"
- Truman Holtzclaw "Bryce erosion creates a beautiful and strange land"

***SINGLE SLIDE HONORS***

- Peggy Gidding "Yellowstone River and twisted tree roots"
- Laurie Friedman "Brick carrier, India"
- Marcia Sydor "Wise man"
- Milo Nittler "Peruvian lady with llamas"
- Pat Malott "Artist at work near Dazu, China"
- Truman Holtzclaw "Rhyolite sunburst" and "Mt. Ranier lupin"

***SLIDE OF THE MONTH***

- Truman Holtzclaw "Rhyolite sunburst"

***SEQUENCES***

Laurie Friedman	69
Bob Cothrin	68
Truman Holtzclaw	67
Marcia Sydor	66
Peggy Gidding	63
Julius Fava	61
Esther Wieting	51
Joyce Boyer	20
Jim Chin	12
Theo Benson	11
Pat Malott	10
Dick Kretsinger	10
Gary Fregien	10
Sherry Bradley	9

***SINGLE SLIDES***

Truman Holtzclaw	138
Laurie Friedman	135
Pat Malott	134
Peggy Gidding	132
Marcia Sydor	131
Milo Nittler	131
Julius Fava	128
Bob Cothrin	125
Wendell Johnson	117
Esther Wieting	106
Dick Kretsinger	105
Joyce Boyer	41
Dorothy Farol	38
Sherry Bradley	36
Jim Chin	25
Theo Benson	21
Bill Manasse	20
Gary Fregien	19

**ANNUAL BEST OF THE YEAR 2005  
 AWARDS AND BANQUET ON 1-26-06**

Since the annual banquet was such a success last year, we will once again be having the **2005 Annual Awards Banquet at The Dante Club at 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd. in Sacramento.** This banquet facility has a huge parking lot and an ample no-host bar. **The banquet will take place on Thursday, January 26, 2006. No-Host Cocktail Hour begins at 6:00 pm and the Buffet Banquet starts at 6:45 pm. Mail in your banquet reservation and payment no later than January 10, 2006 to Ron Parker if you are planning to attend.** The Oak Room will seat a good sized crowd. Last year about 60 people enjoyed the awards dinner and there's room for more.

Eligible members are invited to enter their best slides digital images, and prints in the annual division competitions. **Last year's winners should turn in their trophies no later than December 13th at the Christmas Potluck.** The best of this past year's entries in every division now compete for the annual 2005 awards and trophies. This fabulous dinner banquet will include slide and electronic image shows and a print display of our 2005 year's best, and an awards presentation by each division director of the club. **Entries should be turned in to each division director by December 13th, unless they specify earlier.** Please turn in trophies to Joan Scheer, President (or any division director). We look forward to celebrating the best of our talented members' works, lives, and achievements

# NATURE DIVISION

Pat Malott, Chair

(916) 369-6581

Bob Wall of Sacramento judged our slides. Bob is a former instructor at American River College, gives individual instruction in photography and conducts regular workshops and group meetings for followup evaluations. His pertinent, helpful comments were very much appreciated.

Thank you Dick Kretsinger and Lila Lincoln for recording all the entries and scores, Jim Cehand for projecting our slides, Chuck Pivetti for your help in ensuring a smooth operatin, and many thanks to all who helped set up and then store again all our equipment. Thank you, Bea Jones and Dorothy Sorensen for taking charge of our refreshments and thank you Peggy Gidding and Wendell Johnson for bringing the delicious cookies. We very much appreciate everyone's help and cooperation.

### Honors

Sandy Parker "Wind Sculpting"  
Julius Fava "Monarch Butterfly"  
Diane Hovey "Adelie Penguins and Crab Eater Seal"  
Jim Cehand "Mycena Galericate"

### Slide of the Month

Jim Cehand "Bull Thistle"

### Total Scores

#### Class AA

Peggy Gidding 133  
Dorothy Farol 132  
Margaret Fava 128  
Sandy Parker 128  
Wendell Johnson 124  
Milo Nittler 10

#### Class AAA

Diane Hovey 133  
Patricia Malott 130  
Julius Fava 129  
William Manasse 129  
Marcia Sydor 128  
John Wieting 107

#### Class AAAA

Truman Holtzclaw 144  
Jim Cehand 137  
Robert Cothrin 135  
Esther Wieting 125  
Richard Kretsinger 111



SIERRA Camera Club

2005 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATION for Thursday, JANUARY 26, 2006

\_\_\_ YES! I am coming to the 2005 Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, January 26, 2006, 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, pasta, seasonal vegetables, a turkey entrée (with a Fontina Cheese and Sage Sauce) a pork entrée (short ribs with an Apple Cider BBQ Sauce), and ice cream, plus coffee and tea. (No entrée selection required but please indicate on this form if you need a vegetarian entrée).

PER PERSON PRICE IS \$25, TAX AND TIP INCLUDED.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_ FOR \_\_\_\_\_ PEOPLE

Name [Print] \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Nos (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

MAIL TO: Ron Parker, Treasurer, 2005 Awards Banquet, 1845 Barn Valley Lane, Lincoln CA 95648

**Gold Rush Chapter,  
Photographic Society of America (PSA) invites you to . . . .**

## **SPEND A FEW HOURS WITH US ON**

**Sunday, December 4, 2005**

**Holiday Inn Northeast**

**5321 Date Ave. (I-80 at Madison Ave.)**

**Sacramento, California**

**Visitors are always welcome at Gold Rush Chapter programs. Admission is only \$5 for non-members, \$3 for students. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and programs start at 9:30. Presented for your enjoyment will be:**

### **ENGLISH COUNTRY LIFE**

Presenter, Don Lyon from Close-Up Expeditions leads small group travel adventures throughout the world. This program showing country life in England was recently presented at the PSA International Conference.

### **PRINT REVIEW**

Members are invited to bring old or new printing endeavors for display and evaluation by Pauline Fredrickson, Hon. PSA, FPSA who will offer constructive praise or suggestions for improvement.

### **ADVENTURES IN ASIA**

Presenters Allen and Hermese Stevens prefer less-traveled places where they can enjoy natural beauty and wildlife. This show documents trips to Mongolia and Tibet where they photographed horse racing and wrestling festivals, visited monasteries, Tibet's most sacred temple and camped near Mt. Everest base camp.

### **USING SLIDESHOW SOFTWARE**

Three 20-minute digital programs illustrate the use of two computer programs – *Proshow* and *Slide Show to Go*. Sierra Camera Club member Delores Frank takes us through the Florida Everglades; Roger Recher, long-time member of the Cordova Camera Club, highlights the Grandeur of the West; and Bill Papke, Cordova Camera Club and Digital Imagers, shows a river adventure and an exciting waterfall climbing experience.

### **MOUNT ST. HELENS**

Presenter, Shirley Ward, APSA, PPSA, made five visits to the Mount St. Helens area to show the mountain's rebirth from the devastation of the eruption in 1980 to the present.

### **2005 CHAPTERS SHOWCASE**

Gold Rush Chapter competed with other PSA Chapters in the annual Showcase and won first place. Top scoring slide for Gold Rush was "Polar Bear at Sunrise" by Norma Mastin, FPSA, presenter of this program.

Note: Lunch with the group is optional for \$20.50 including tax, gratuity and helps pay cost of meeting room. It is an opportunity to meet and talk with other photographers from Northern California and Western Nevada. Please call (916) 455-5111 or (916) 456-4406 for more information or to make a reservation.

**2006 SIERRA Camera Club  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL**

**RENEW your membership in Sierra Camera Club for 2006:**

Membership dues are due on January 1, and are delinquent after January 1, 2006. Per the Bylaws, any member whose dues are in arrears for two months, i.e., not paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>, will be dropped from the rolls, not included in the club directory, and ineligible for competition.

Annual dues		One Time Initiation Fee	
Single Membership	\$45		\$5.00
Family Membership	\$70		\$7.00
"Gammagram Only"	\$12		Subscribers are not voting members of the club
Juniors (Under 18)	\$10	Full-time Students (under 22)	\$22.50
			\$2.50

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

STREET \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed Find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Dues And \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Initiation Fee  
***Make Check Payable To "Sierra Camera Club"***

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Family Members (Spouse, Son, Or Daughter):

\_\_\_\_\_ Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Month of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Sierra Camera Club**

<http://psagoldrush.org/sierra.html>

**The Photographic Society of America**

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