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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Davidson-Scheer

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With the addition of Chuck Pivetti as the new Digital Imaging Director and Nadine Chronkhite-Watson as Publicity Chairperson, this truly has been a Happy New Year for the Sierra Camera Club.

In 2006, we will be trying different approaches in the Digital Imaging and Print Divisions. Please give Chuck Pivetti and Bob Hubbell your support by attending their meetings and workshops and being willing to try out new ideas.

Please also give Heather Cline your support in redesigning portions of the Gammagram. The board is in agreement that giving the Gammagram a "facelift" would be a welcome contribution to the club and we appreciate the thought and time it will take Heather to accomplish this.

Although we are publishing the Competition Rules in the 2006 Annual Book that Sandy Parker is working on, some of our new approaches will vary intentionally from our traditional approaches. We welcome your constructive feedback so that we can make changes that positively affect our members. My only expectation of you is that when you give feedback, recommend at least one potential improvement and be willing to help implement recommended changes. In turn, your directors will keep you informed in advance of any changes so that you can all compete fairly and learn more. Depending upon what works best, the best of 2006 will be reflected in the 2007 Competition Rules, the By-Laws, and the Constitution.

ANNUAL BANQUET

First, I want to thank everyone who helped with the Annual Banquet. It takes a lot of hard work to make this event successful and it is well worth the effort to celebrate accomplishment in photography. It also gives us a time to socialize and make new friends, which is one of the purposes that we exist. Thank you to all the members who attended the banquet and supported the club throughout 2005.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY WEEKEND

Over a dozen SCC members attended the Rocky Mountain School of Photography (RMSP) Digital Photography Weekend on January 21st and 22nd. Attending this event gave us a great opportunity to be together in a learning setting and further our knowledge of digital photography. The instructors were masterful in making a complex topic like Photoshop CS2 into an entertaining weekend by showing us how we could enhance images using such a powerful digital tool.

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COLOR DIVISION
Hope Price

The Color Slide Division shared Tuesday, January 10th with the 'Electronic Imaging Division'. Jeff Burkholder judged both divisions and we were still out the door by 10 pm. Our next Color Slide night will be the 2nd Tuesday in March, which will be March 14th. Electronic Imaging will be February 14th. Check your calendars that were sent along with the Gammagram. Below see the members that competed in January.

We need more members to be supportive of the slide division by competing. Just bring two make-up slides to cover January, plus the two slides you'll compete with for March. There will be six competitions for Color Slides this year. Check your calendar. If anyone has a concern or question about the class you've been assigned, please call me. Come on people, enter in March and give these members some competition. Jeff evaluated 28 slides and awarded honors to 8 entries. Congratulations to all of you.

Thanks to the Workers. Thanks to all of you who make my job as director so much easier. Nadine Cronkhite and Ken Bosanko for setting up, and whomever else helped.

Thanks to Truman Holtzclaw for projecting and Jim Cehand for focusing. Recording was accomplished expertly by Marcia Sydor, Lila Lincoln, Melba Martin, and Nadine Cronkhite. I sincerely appreciate all of you. And to my husband, Willis Price for packing in the supplies I needed for the evening and for putting the equipment away after the meeting. Thank you for whoever furnished the desserts.

Class AA

Joyce Boyer 23
Joan Scheer 23
Ken Bosanko 22

Class AAA

Peggy Gidding 23
Ron Parker 23
Marcia Sydor 22

Top Ten

Susan Nielson 25
Truman Holtzclaw 23
Willis Price 23
Jim Cehand 22
Julius Fava 22
Margaret Fava 22
Laurie Friedman 22
Gail Parris 22



"FEATHER TOTEM"

SUSAN NIELSON

January Honors were awarded to:

Joyce Boyer, Joan Scheer, Ron Parker, Peggy Gidding, Willis Price, Truman Holtzclaw, & Susan Nielson (2). Susan also earned slide of the night for "Feather Totem" shown above.



TRAVEL & NATURE DIVISION
Laurie Freedman

Ready for a new year? Travel and Nature will meet for their first competition of the year on Thursday, February 2nd, with Tal Lewis judging. I will be hosting both Divisions until Pat is able to come back and take over Nature. I look forward to seeing you all there!

ELECTRONIC DIVISION
Dolores Frank

This is my last month as the Division Leader. Chuck Pivetti has agreed to take over the leadership. I've had a good time working with you the past two plus years and I'm going to enjoy being a contributor this year.

I continue to be impressed with the quality of work which is produced by this club. I'm not alone in that assessment as it is a frequent comment from the judges.

This was the first time we had a combination meeting with the Color Division Jeff Burkholder was our Judge for both Divisions. The E Division had 98 images for judging in three categories, Traditional, Creative and Assignment. Jeff generously gave seventeen 12's in the Traditional category, seven in Creative and four in the Assignment category.

What was note-worthy about this meeting was the successful combination of the Color and the Electronic Divisions. Many clubs have been doing this for a few years and it was a pleasure for me to see it begin in the Sierra Club. The number of photographers who are using film is decreasing and the members who are going digital are increasing. Without slides, many of us would be forced to stop competing. We will be alternating meeting dates with Color for the remainder of this year. Our next meeting will be Feb. 14th. Combining the meetings will be easier and will help to keep the energy focused and newcomers and learn from the "ole-timers". If you're an ole-timer in digital, you're still a kid. So, hopefully, we will see more combined meetings in the future.

CREATIVE		TRADITIONAL		ASSIGNMENT	
Dolores Frank	24	Willis Price	25	Barbara Jones	13
Carol Jordan	23	Heather Cline	24	Carol Jordan	12
M Martin	23	J Kovatch	24	Chuck Pivetti	12
Susan Nielson	23	Susan Nielson	24	Chuck Pivetti	12
Donna Sturla	23	Bob Erhart	23	Marcia Sydor	12
Marcia Sydor	23	Dolores Frank	23	Willis Price	11
Diane Hovey	22	Diane Hovey	23	Heather Cline	11
Willis Price	22	Carol Jordan	23	Bob Erhart	11
Joan Scheer	22	M Martin	23	Diane Hovey	11
R George	21	D Martin	23	M Martin	11
S Holtzclaw	21	Chuck Pivetti	23	D Martin	11
T Holtzclaw	21	Donna Sturla	23	J Tillson	11
Barbara Jones	21	J Tillson	23	T Holtzclaw	11
D Martin	21	R George	22	S Holtzclaw	11
Chuck Pivetti	21	T Holtzclaw	22	Ron Parker	11
Bob Erhart	20	S Holtclaw	22	Joan Scheer	11
B Manasse	20	Ron Parker	22	Dolores Frank	10
		Hope Price	22	Donna Sturla	10
		Barbara Jones	21	B Manasse	10
		B Manasse	21		
		Joan Scheer	21		
		Marcia Sydor	21		
		B Benton	10		



"FISH NET FLOATS" WILLIS PRICE

Traditional Honors were awarded to: Diane Hovey, Dolores Frank, Julius Kovatch (2), Melba Martin, Susan Nielson (2), Chuck Pivetti, Judy Tillson, Heather Cline (2), Bob Ehrhart, Truman Holtzclaw, Carol Jordan, Don Martin, & Willis Price (2). **Image of the Night: Willis Price "Fish Net Floats"**

Creative Honors were awarded to: Dolores Frank (2), Carol Jordan, Melba Martin, Donna Sturla, Marcia Sydor, & Susan Nielson. **Image of the Night: Susan Nielson "Pal e Forest"**

"Red" Assignment Honors were awarded to: Carol Jordan, Chuck Pivetti, Marcia Sydor, & Barbara Jones. **Image of the Night: Barbara Jones "Red Flower"**

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, COMMERCIAL WORKSHOPS, & FIELD TRIPS

Bob Hubbell

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February 4 – SACRAMENTO ZOO FIELD TRIP. Free admission. Open 9-4. Club members will meet at the entrance @ 11:30 for a picnic (BYO Picnic).

- February 4 – Air Museum at McClelland off of Watt, also free that day.
- February 26 - The Almond Festival www.espartochamber.org/almond_festival.html
- Esparto/Capay Valley: Take side roads off Hwy 16, especially between Esparto and the casino. Watch for orchards full of blossoms.
- Napa Valley: Look for mustard growing between rows of vines. Duhig Road is a favorite although there has been less mustard in recent years; also drive around in the Carneros region. Come back through Berryessa & Winters (Hwy 121 & 128).
- Montezuma Hills area: Take Birds Landing Road south from Hwy 12, then turn left on Montezuma Hills to Rio Vista; Lovely rolling hills; with luck you'll find sheep and lambs, backlit in the afternoon. On your way down there, visit the Western Railroad Museum on Hwy 12, with lots of streetcars, etc.
- Lodi spring arts show & photo contest; submissions are in early March, so get to shooting (Lodi Arts Center 209-333-3855).
- It's been mighty wet at the Consumnes Preserve. Hard to predict but there could be lots of 'shrooms sprouting now, especially after the next rain.
- Arizona Highways Magazine: Nice workshops/fieldtrips in the southwest red rock country. www.friendsofhighways.com
- Rocky Mountain School of Photography: One the best. Class instruction & field work. www.msp.com
- Santa Fe Photography Workshops: Also Class instruction & field work. Send for their catalog if nothing else; a great wish-book and lots of interesting images. www.santafeworkshops.com
- Want intensive instruction in an Ansel Adams approach? Stuart Scofield runs workshops through UC Santa Cruz Extension. The big one meets in the bristlecone (White Mts.) for a week. over half the time is in class, though, not roaming through the 'cones. www.monobasin@QNET.com
- UC Santa Cruz Extension. Numerous photography workshops, some at Santa Cruz and others out in the field. www.UCSC-extension.edu
- Point Reyes Field Seminars: Weekend workshops, all with field work. Inexpensive but you bring potluck. Good and close to home. www.ptreyes.org
- If you're 55 or over (I'm not asking), Elderhostel has occasional photography trips among their many travel offerings. www.elderhostel.org
- Photoshop workshop by an expert, Julieanne Kost. They don't happen too often but maybe you can get on her mailing list. <http://direct.adobe.com/r?xcwvjhpejnhvptwqlv>



JIn the winter issue of the Sacramento Business Journal, Sharon Havranek had a write up about her Aunt Bertha Koch, "A Fine Life Adventure". Sharon became a pupil of Bertha and considered her aunt a photographic master. Life is an adventure, so live it up!

Mary Silva celebrated her 98th birthday at a luncheon with her dear friends and we hope many more for Mary.

Jane Pivetti had knee surgery at Kaiser Hospital. It was successful. Chuck has been a great caretaker and Jane is up and around, using a walker.

Pat Malott was recently hospitalized at Mercy General Hospital with a heart attack, stroke, and hip surgery that was performed by placing a pin in her hip. She has now been moved to Sherwood Health Care Center for physical therapy. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged. The address is 4700 Elvas Avenue in Sacramento. The phone number to the center is (916) 454-4700; room number 5b. We wish Pat well and hope she continues to feel better with each new day.

Raymond and Eleanor are both under the weather. Raymond is experiencing knee problems, but is taking injections in an effort to avoid knee surgery. Eleanor is under doctor's care and having tests done to deal with a health issue.

We lost a dear friend, Earl Payne due to cancer. Earl was a professional photographer for many years as well as a teacher and judge for the club at the annual banquet. Many club members had attended his adult classes taught at El Camino High School. He touched our lives with his love photography, wild flowers, and nature. We extend our sympathies to his wife Muriel and family.

February Birthday Celebrations:

Phyllis Gray ▪ *Raymond Harmsen* ▪ *Richard Kretsinger* ▪ *Estelle Manasse* ▪ *Chuck Pivetti* ▪ *Margaret Meyer*

EDITORS NOTES
Heather Cline

HHello! This is my first official month as your Gammagram editor. I am excited to be in this position and contributing to the success of the club. You may have noticed a slightly different look to the February newsletter. My goal is to make our publication more appealing to existing and potential members. I hope you support this change as well as my proposal to refurbish our logo for a more modern, polished, and artistic appearance!

Help make the Gammagram more dynamic - Please send stories, travel information, contests, regional events, photo opportunities, websites, and of course images to hcline_photography@hotmail.com.

Photo Needs: Slide of the night ▪ Members, Meetings, & Events ▪ Nature ▪ Travel ▪ Seasonal

Did you know some of your fellow club members have their own websites? Check these out!

Sandy Parker	www.lharts.org/sandeparkerpage/sandraparkerpage.htm
Willis Price	www.willispricephotography.com
Truman Holtzclaw	www.otruman.com
Judy Tillson	www.photosbyjudy.com
Heather Cline	www.hclinephotography.com

VISITORS ARE WELCOME
Sierra Camera Club

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! The monthly club business meeting precedes the Color and Electronics Imaging division meetings. All Sierra Camera Club divisions meet at the Shepard Garden & Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento at 7:30 pm.

CLUB DIVISIONS

COLOR Hope Price 916.487.4088	Meets: Second Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov
NATURE* & TRAVEL Laurie Freedman 530.758.9668	Meets: First Thursday in Feb, Apr, May, Jun, Sep, & Nov
PRINTS Bob Hubbell 916.383.5188	Meets: Fourth Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov
ELECTRONIC Chuck Pivetti 916.359.7049	Meets: Second Tuesday in Jan, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, & Oct

**Laurie Freedman is managing the Nature division during Pat Malott's absence.*

FEBRUARY
Calendar

			1	2 NATURE/ TRAVEL MEETING	3	4 SAC ZOO FIELDTRIP – FREE ADMISSION MEET AT 11:30 BYO LUNCH
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 ELECTRONIC/ CLUB MEETING	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 BOARD MEETING	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

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EVENTS
Annual Banquet

The Annual Banquet held on January 26th was a fun and festive event! Thank you to Truman Holtzclaw for taking the time to get some great shots of the members enjoying the night.



BOB HUBBELL, DOLORES FRANK,
& AL BROCK



WILLIS & HOPE PRICE



SUSAN NIELSON, LAURIE CONNIE,
FREEDMAN, & DEE JOHNSON



CAROL JORDAN WITH SERVICE
AWARD & TROPHIES



TRUMAN & SANDY HOLTZCLAW



ESTELLE & BILL MANASSEE



TOM & SALLY MEYERS



DIANE HOVEY WITH TROPHY



PEGGY GIDDING & LILA LINCOLN



DON & MELBA MARTIN



TOD BICE & JUDY TILLSON



MARGRET & JULIUS KOVATCH

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE JANUARY 1 AND ARE DELINQUENT AFTER JANUARY 1, 2006. 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. NEW MEMBERS, AFTER JULY 1, PAY HALF THE ANNUAL RATE.

SUBSCRIPTION TYPE	ANNUAL DUES/INITIATION FEE*		TOTAL (NEW MEMBER)		TOTAL (RENEWING)	
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45 +	\$5*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$50	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	\$45
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$70 +	\$7*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$77	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	\$70
JUNIORS (UNDER 18)	\$10 +	\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$12.50	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	\$10
FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22)	\$22.50 +	\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$25.00	OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL	\$22.50
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