



CALENDAR

January 10Color Slide & Electronic
Imaging Combined Evening
January 10Club Meeting
January 17Board Meeting
January 24 ...Prints **Photoshop Workshop**
January 26**Club Awards Banquet**

February 2Nature Division
February 2Travel Division
February 14 ...Electronic Imaging Division
February 14Club Meeting
February 21Board 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. Our divisions have member competitions and workshops. Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the photography at any time! The monthly club business meeting precedes the Color and Electronic Imaging Division meetings. 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 2006

Color Slide Division

Second Tuesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov
Director: Hope Price (916) 487-4088

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

Second Tuesday of Jan, Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct
Director:

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Davidson-Scheer

Happy New Year! 2006 will bring us the opportunity to capture many more beautiful images and the ability to learn more about photography through workshops the first of which is planned by Bob Hubbell, Director of the Print Division.

As many of you are aware, Bob Ashley has resigned as Director of the Electronic Imaging Division. We wish Bob all the best and know that he plans to continue his quest for learning even more about photography and will be traveling to India in February. **This leaves the position of Electronic Imaging Division Director open and I am asking those who have the expertise in digital imaging to consider volunteering for the position for the next two years.** Although Dolores Frank has generously offered to run the digital portion of the January meeting in conjunction with the new Color Director, Hope Price, she will not be able to continue in that position after that time. **Please contact me by email or phone to discuss volunteering for this directorship.** This is a pivotal role we need to fill in order to keep current with the digital trend that is progressing at a rapid rate.

Thanks for all the help at the Christmas party. First, I want to thank Carol Jordan for organizing and working to make the Christmas Potluck a big success. I also want to thank Nadine Cronkhite and Jim Cehand, who were among the first volunteers to arrive at the dinner meeting. The willingness of all attendees to bring delicious food, and to help with the cleanup made this a very successful party. The slide shows for the evening were given by Chuck Pivetti, Dolores Frank and Bob Ehrhart. Chuck surprised us with a show of the Color Slide of the Month winners for the last two years and a short, but stunning show on his recent trip to Africa. Dolores and Bob's show on their trip to the Everglades demonstrated the beauty of the birds and other wildlife in that area. It also showed their high level of expertise as photographers.

SIGN UP FOR THE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET. Please don't forget to sign up for the Annual Awards Banquet on January 26, 2006 at the Dante Club. **Mail in your reservation form and payment no later than January 17th to Ron Parker. Please make your checks payable to Sierra Camera Club. See the reservation form on page 7 for additional details.**

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COLOR PICTORIAL DIVISION 2006

Hope Price, Director 487-4088

The first competition of the year for the Color Pictorial Slide Division will be on January 10. This meeting will be shared with the Electronic Imaging Division and their images will also be judged. Even if you're not participating in Digital, I think we can enjoy the images and the judge's comments. Due to a reduced number of competitors, we now have only three classes, so you may have been reassigned to a different class for starting in 2006. I have made a list below of the members and their eligibility by class. The list will also be at the scoring table at our Color meeting on Tuesday, January 10. If I have overlooked anyone interested in competing, or you have any questions or concerns, please call me. Starting in February the Color Slide Division will **alternate** months on the second Tuesday with Electronic Imaging. Color Slides will meet in February, April, June, August, October, and November. Digital meetings will be held on the alternating months. Our judge for January will be the competent Jeff Burkholder, who is a professional photographer and very qualified to evaluate both slide and digital photography.

Class Reassignments:

Class AA

Bob Ashley
Ken Bosanko
Joyce Boyer
Heather Cline
Dorothy Farol
Gary Fregien
Deidre Johnson
Don Martin
Milo Nittler
Sandy Parker
Joan D-Scheer
Lillian Sinatra
Donna Sturla



Class AAA

Al Brock
Jim Chin
Robert Cothrin
Nadine Cronkhite
Gail Foley
Robert George
Peggy Gidding
Diane Hovey
Barbara Jones
Carol Jordon
Dick Kretsinger
Lila Lincoln
William Manasse
Melba Martin
Ron Parker
Marcia Sydor
Judy Tillson
BJ Ueltzen
Esther Wieting
John Wieting

Top Ten

Jim Cehand
Bob Ehrhart
Julius Fava
Margaret Fava
Dolores Frank
Laurie Friedman
Truman Holtzclaw
Susan Nielsen
Gail Parris
Willis Price

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Members are encouraged to provide Membership Committee Chair Sandy Parker with their new or updated email addresses so that the Gammagram can get to them in a timely fashion. This also applies to changes in addresses and phone numbers for the purpose of mailing the Gammagram. Happy New Year All.

PRINT DIVISION

Director: Bob Hubbell (916) 383-5180

Happy New Year, Printers! And the rest of the club as well. Our first meeting of the year for the Print Division will feature workshops on general strategies for Photoshop, and on a better way to do dodge and burn. You are welcome to come even if you do not want to join our division, because there is something to learn for everyone.

For this division, bring two color and two monochrome prints for display and discussion. Prints need to be mounted so they can be displayed. Remember, we have expanded the permissible dimensions for print mounts to 18"X24" if you're feeling ambitious. We will also decide the specifics of our competition meetings (May and November). Our new format (workshops and competitions) is a work in progress, so come and participate and let's see what develops!

This is the last month that I will be the Director of the Electronic Division. I'm very proud of what we have done over the past two years. Thanks to Truman, who started this off in 2003 and to the out-standing contributions you all made in 2004 and 2005, we have a very enthusiastic division. And, we are really just beginning to show what we can do.

Next year, in 2006, there will be a new Director and a new meeting night. We are switching over to the second Tuesday of every other month with the exception of January which will be a shared meeting.

In January, we will have a combined meeting with the Color Division. Then, beginning in February, we will meet bi monthly. We will have meetings in February, April, June, August and October. There will be six meetings counting the combined one with Color. Mark your calendars.

Our Dec. meeting was different. We showed only assignments and we used three of our own members as judges. It worked. The feedback I received is that it was refreshing and fun and challenging. Thank you to Truman Holtzclaw, Barbara Jones and Ron Parker for being the judges and for the commentary they provided. Truman also provided a set-up of three electronic devices for the judges to use and the scores ranged from 2-4 for each judge. The accumulated number was what the image received for the evening.

The assignments were: Self-portraits, Reflections, Waterways and Vegetables. In retrospect, I think we might have benefited from having fewer assignments for a night, but this was a first. What was good about the evening was that we had new work and a lot of very funny pictures. Some people took the time to see exactly how humorous they could get and to our great delight, they did well.

Kudos to Bob Ehrhart for his two very funny images: *Protesting Peppers* (mooning peppers is what they really were) and *Waterways* (which was water spilling out of a toilet that was overflowing). How did you do it? Everyone wanted to know. Thank you for taking the time and the energy to submit pictures and to stay involved. You are a great group and I am really proud of the terrific images you create and show.

Traditional: Image of the Night -
Bob Ehrhart "Protesting Peppers"
Creative: Image of the Night -
Bob Ehrhart "Waterways"

The judges were tough and the only other 12's for the evening were: Judy Tillson for her Self Portrait and Heather Cline for her Self Portrait.

Thank you all for your work and most of all, thank you for your terrific enthusiasm.

Here are the scores:
TRADITIONAL Accumulative
PHOTOGRAPHY Score
Final Scores for 2005

Price, Willis	133
Price, Hope	132
Nielson, Susan	131
Tillson, Judy	131
Ehrhart, Bob	130
Frank, Dolores	130
Jordan, Carol	128
Parker, Ron	128
Pivetti, Chuck	127
Hovey, Diane	125
Cline, H.	123
Holtzclaw, Truman	123
Ashley, Bob	121
Scheer, Joan	117
Manasse, Bill	112

CREATIVE Scores
Final Scores for 2005

Nielson, Susan	132
Ehrhart, Bob	130
Holtzclaw, Truman	128
Jordan, Carol	128
Frank, Dolores	127
Pivetti, Chuck	126
Hovey, Diane	125
Scheer, Joan	125



PHOTOSHOP WORKSHOP

January 24 2006

Bob Hubbell 383-5188

Interested in Photoshop? Making prints? Digital photography? The Print Division will offer a series of workshops on these topics in 2005. This month we will focus on general strategies for Photohop, and a fancy technique for dodge & burn that protects the original image. Everyone is invited. You may bring two color prints and two monochrome prints if you wish but this is optional. There will be no competition or judging. More workshops will come in March, July, and September of this year, always on the fourth Tuesday.

TOM MYERS PHOTOGRAPHY

AT EFFIE YEAW IN JANUARY

(916) 443-8886

Tom Myers, our esteemed member, judge, and fabulous photographer, will present American River photography at Effie Yeaw Nature Center located in the beautiful Ancil Hoffman Park in Carmichael

The date to put on your calendars is **Saturday, January 14**, at 1:30 p.m. The Effie Yeaw Nature Center does not allow dogs. It is a nature preserve along the American River, and Tom's photographs grace the pages of several books on the American River Parkway. There could be deer, birds of prey, spring bloom, and wonderful surprises. If you have any questions, call Tom.



FRIENDSHIP CHAIR REPORT

Margaret Fava (916) 429-7656

With winter officially here, we wish you a bright New Year and a year filled with happiness and photography. It was great to see Mary Silva at the Sierra Camera Club's annual Christmas Potluck with her caretaker Brenda. Many of the members were photographed together with Mary, and all had a good time. Sam Clemons' wife Pat is progressing well after knee surgery and a stroke. Bill Sleuter's wife Lanier had a lumpectomy surgery in December and they are waiting for further results. Our friend and Nature Division Director Pat Malott is recovering from a recent heart attack and a stroke, and we wish you well, Pat.

Happy January Birthdays to: Joyce Boyer, Julius Fava, Jane Pivetti, Willis Price, B.J. Ueltzen, and Mary Silva, who will be 98 years old. We wish them many more.

PHOTO OPS January 2006

Bob Hubbell 383-5188

Oak trees! They will have no leaves now and make wonderful silhouettes. Try Scott Road, south of Highway 50 near Folsom, or wander around in the countryside. January and February are great bird months. The closest sanctuary is right at the west end of the causeway over the Yolo Bypass; exit just west of the causeway, go south under the freeway, take gravel road on your left over the levee (unless it is flooded...). Other refuges: Colusa and Sacramento out I5, and Grey Lodge off Highway 99 near Gridley. Bird watchers recommend you stay in your car and shoot out the window--the car works as a blind--but if you want to get out on your feet there are official trails at both Sacramento and Grey Lodge. Not into nature photography? Get art shots of flying birds at slow shutter speeds (bracket around 1/15). Stormy weather? Shoot those clouds. Also, mushrooms often come up right after rain. Look for them everywhere, even in your own yard. Fog? More art shots, especially at night with glistening streets and fog lit by streetlights and neons.

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB CALENDAR 2006

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



	ELEC- TRONIC 2nd Tues	TRAVEL* NATURE 1st Thu	COLOR 2nd Tue	BOARD 3rd Tue	PRINTS* 4th Tue	OTHER EVENTS	GOLD RUSH P.S.A.
JAN	10		10	17	24* Workshops	Awards Banquet 26	
FEB	14	2*		21			
MAR			14	21	28* Workshops		5
APR	11	6*		18			
MAY		4*	9	16	23* Competition		
JUN	13	8*		20			6
JUL			11	18	25* Workshops		
AUG	8			15			20
SEP		7*	12	19	26* Workshops		
OCT	10			17			
NOV		2*	14	21	28* Competition		
DEC			XMAS 12 PARTY	19			3

Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento

*Meets in East Room

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

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

The 2005 Annual Awards Banquet will be 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. The Oak Room will seat a goodsized 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.

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. We look forward to celebrating the best of our talented members' works, lives, and achievements. **The deadline has been extended: Mail in your banquet reservation and payment no later than January 17, 2006** to our Treasurer Ron Parker. (See the reservation coupon below.)



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 pm at 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 \$28, TAX AND TIP INCLUDED.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____ FOR _____ PEOPLE
Make check payable to Sierra Camera Club

Name [Print] _____

Telephone Nos (____) _____ (____) _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

MAIL TO: Ron Parker, Treasurer, 2005 Awards Banquet, 1815 Barn Valley Lane, Lincoln CA 95648

**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. 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.

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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MAIL TO: **Ron Parker, Sierra Camera Club Treasurer, 1845 Barn Valley Lane, Lincoln, CA 95648**

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