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Sacramento, CA THE PRESIDENT"S MESSAGE Esther Wieting

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 dvisions 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) 4464407

As a result of the recent SCC audit, and to conform to improved accounting practices, the Board of Directors has agreed that we need to replace the North American International Exhibition Fund with a reserve fund solely to be used for replacement of existing equipment or for approved procurement of new and technically updated projection equipment.

Consequently, there will be a vote of the general membership at the June 14th Color Meeting whether or not to dissolve this fund and create a new reserve fund to be called "Capital Equipment Replacement Reserve" in the amount of \$4,000.00.

Since the club's income is still not sufficient to cover our operating expenses, a reserve is absdutely necessary to keep this club solvent. The monies we have received from Memorial Donations, sale of Noel La Due's estate items and other donations have improved our financial status; however, these funds will not be available in future years. The bard is actively engaged in lively discussions on how we can create a balanced financial situation for the betterment of this club.

Good News!!! I attended a meeting with a State Fish & Game Representative at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery and the Sierra Camera Club is invited to have a print display there during the Salmon Festival which is scheduled for October 8th & 9th.

The Director of the Salmon Festival would like to have prints depicting the nature aspect along the American River (birds, fish, animals, plants, habitat, etc.) as well as human recreational activities such as fishing, boating, hiking, biking, rafters, kayakers, gold panners; all to be along the American River. General scenes of the river are also desired.

I discussed this with Bob Hubbell, our Print Director before he left on his vacation, and he is all in favor of our participation. We have all summer to go out and photograph all the activities going on at the American River. The prints will be displayed indoors on our print racksprotected from sun, wind, and dust, and if we have more than we need, the Director agreed to make the selection.

This is a great opportunity to showcase some of our work as well as a fun time to get out there and photograph close to home. The Fish Hatchery has some good maps and brochures available including a visitor's guide. In case you don't know where the Fish Hatchery is located, take Hazel Ave to Gold Country Blvd, and follow the signs just past the intersection on Gold Country Blvdand Hazel Ave. It is directly opposite Nimbus Dam and Lake Natoma. There is ample parking and a bike trail as well as a ¼ mile river discovery trail, so hope to see you out there with your cameras and tripods.

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

May Meeting

Well, the Top Ten went wild. They brought in super stuff and scored a lot of points.

Richard Myren, an architect from Auburn, was our judge. Richard has had formal education in artand photography, and he has a great talent for being able to verbalize the elements that add to or detract from an image. Thank you, Richard. We appreciate your taking the time to drive down from Auburn and to spend the evening with us.

There were 58 slides entered, considerably fewer than normal. Let's hope there are lots of make-ups at the June meeting.

Richard awarded honors to the following 18 entries:

Heather Cline	"Zion NP Autumn Leaves
	and Streams"
Joan D-Scheer	"Protruding Petals"
Jim Chin	"Bryce Canyon Sunset"
Ron Parker	"Tufa Spires at Mono Lake"
Carol Jordan	"Three Irises"
Peggy Gidding	"Walking at Sunset"
Marcia Sydor	"Indian Wash"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Vidae Fall, Crater Lake"
Margaret Fava	"Morning Drive at
-	Bend, OR"
Susan Nielsen	"Valley of Fire Dawn"
Dolores Frank	"Tulips" and "Great Egret
	and Twig"
Willis Price	"Bodie with Clouds" and
	"Horses on the Move"
Jim Cehand	"Cables and Curved Steel"
Laurie Friedman	"The Eyes Have It"
Gail Parris	"Barn and Wheel" and
	"Reflection"

Slide-of-the-Month was "Reflection" by Gail Parris. Gail is currently leading the Top Ten.

Tip of the month: If you really want to take winning pictures and get lots of positive comments from judges, study the images entered by Gail Parris, Susan Nielsen, Willis Price, and Truman Holtzclaw.

Heather Cline takes the month's honors for the most words in slide titles, but she still didn't beat last month's "Female Mountain Goat and Kid Bedding on a Snow Patch" by Ron Parker who retains the Writers' Cramp Award. Gail Foley had the shortest title with "Kayak." Truman Holtzclaw still has the highest accumulæd score. But he has slipped to three off a perfect total, and Susan Nielsen, Willis Price, and Gail Paris are all right up there.

Thanks to the Workers

Truman Holtzclawand Jim Cehand projected. Nadine Cronkhite, Susan Nielsen, and Lila Lincoln recorded the scores. Carol Jordan and Judy Tillson set up the refreshment table. Dorothy Sorenson and Bea Jones brought terrific homemade cookies.

And a whole lot of other people pitched in. Thanks.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on June 14. The judge will be Jeff Burkholder, a longtime friend of Sierra Camera Club. Jeff is a commercial photographer and partner in a media company. He has done extensive commercial work in advertising and corporate photography, and he has also taught photography at the college level.

Join us at the Old Spaghetti Factory on J Street before the meeting. The food is pretty good and it is very inexpensive. We get together about 5:00 and go in to dinner at about 5:30. The judge is our guest at dinner. Please give me a call the day before so I can have an idea of how many to make a reservation for.

Slide of the Month



"Reflection" by Gail Parris

COLOR SLIDES TOTAL SCORES

Class B Heather Cline Bob Ashley Sandy Parker Lillian Sinatra* Dorothy Farol Sherry Bradley	106 105 105 78 41 21
Class A Joan D-Scheer Joyce Boyer Gary Fregien Ken Bosanko Deidre Johnson* Donna Sturla*	110 107 105 92 90 85
Class AA Jim Chin Gail Foley BJ Ueltzen* Judy Tillson* Barbara Jones**	111 107 84 83 63
Class AAA Carol Jordan Ron Parker Peggy Gidding Marcia Sydor Diane Hovey* William Manasse	112 109 104 102 83 58
Class AAAA Truman Holtzclaw Margaret Fava Esther Wieting* Theo Benson	117 101 81 43
Class Top Ten Gail Parris Susan Nielsen Willis Price Jim Cehand Laurie Friedman Julius Fava Dolores Frank Bob Ehrhart John Wieting* Nadine Cronkhite	116 115 114 112 111 109 106 104 85 39
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PRINT DIVISION **Director: Bob Hubbell** (916) 383-5180

The scores from our May meeting will be in the July Gammagram. At the last Board meeting it was passed that there will be three Prints of the Month, one each in Color, Mono and Nature, rather than the two we presently have.

This must be voted on at the next Color meeting. If voted on, it cannot go into effect until January, 2006, when we begin a new year of competition. In the meantime, get those pixels popping or that film flapping. Strive for something outstanding for our July meeting. See you then.



JUNE 18 WORKSHOP"SHADOWS" From Bob Wall (916) 393-1034 bob_di@pacbell.net

Advertisement:

Wall Projections announces a workshop and photo session on "SHADOWS" in Old Sacramento on Saturday, June 18, 2005 from 7:30 am to 9:30 am. Later, on June 30, in the evening, there will be a review session at Bob Wall's home at 67 Goodwin Circle, Sacramento, CA 95823.

Call or email Bob to register for this opportunity to do an indepth study of light and shadow with notepad, tripd, reflectors, flash, and slow slide film. Bob's flyer indicates: "This assignment is a challenge to your creativity. Slide film has a 5 stop range. The range of contrast from shadows to highlights can be from 1 stop to 8or 9 stops apart.[p]hotograph objects with hard shadows, soft shadows, no shadows or all shadows. You have to figure out how the shadows help the image and how you can tell a story with shadows....how shadows can be negative and harm the image...."

NATURE DIVISION Pat Malott, Chair (916) 369-6581

May Competition

Dean Taylor of the Stockton Camera Club judged our May competition and awarded seven honors. Dean has many years of experience in photography and is an excellent photographer. We appreciate his taking time to be with us and offer his perceptive comments on each slide.

Thank you Ron Parker, Lila Lincoln, and Laurie Friedman for a superb job of recording our entries and scores. Jim Cehand we thank you for projecting all our slides in both Nature and Photo Travel and keeping it so well organized. Dorothy Sorenson and Bea Jones—we appreciate all you do in managing our refreshments, and we thank Laura Berand, Jim Cehand and Diane Hovey for bringing those refreshments. It adds a great soial touch to our meetings. We thank all our members who are so generous in helping set up all our equipment and then putting it away after the meeting Without you there could be no competition.

The following honors were awarded for Nature entries:

Margaret Fava	"Multnomah Falls"
Sandy Parker	"Bryce Hoodoos in Winter"
Diane Hovey	"East African Crowned Cranes
	In Courtship Dance"
William Manasse	"Lion Cub on African Safari"
Jim Cehand	"Mushrooms on Forest Floor"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Mountain Lion" and
	"Bisti Badlands Monolith
	Caused by Erosion"

Slide of the Month

Truman Holtzclaw "Bisti Badlands Monolith Caused by Erosion" Remember to have your name on your slides, have them titled and spotted for projection. Remember "cutesy" titles cannot be accepted in Nature. Please shorten your titles—23 letters is the maximum for PSA, so you can do it too. It takes a long time to record slides for scoring and your cooperation is appreciated.

Our next meeting isJune 2, come at 7 pm so we can be ready to start at 7:30 pm. Remember your makeups. Thank you.

Total Scores:

Class AA	
Peggy Gidding	69
Margaret Fava	66
Gary Fregien	66
Wendell Johnson	65
Sandy Parker	64
Dorothy Farol	43*
Joyce Boyer	41*
Class AAA	
Julius Fava	66
Diane Hovey	66
Patricia Malott	65
William Manasse	65
Marcia Sydor	65
John Wieting	42*
Class AAAA	
Truman Holtzclaw	73
Jim Cehand	67
Robert Cothrin	46*
Richard Kretsinger	44*
Esther Wieting	43*
Nadine Cronkhite	**

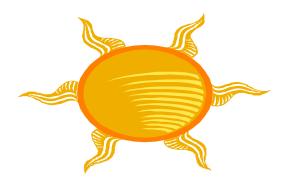


PHOTO TRAVEL DIVISION Director: Laurie Friedman (530) 758-9668

Many thanks to Dean Taylor who did a wonderful, astute job judging both Travel and Nature this past month, not to mention being an all around nice person. Thanks, too, to all the helpers who make the programs happen. See Pat Malott's Nature Division report in this month's edition for all the specifics. We have agreed to share the overall evening's reporting, and provide separate reports for each division's competition results. Welcome to new competitors.

Photo Travel's next competition is on Thursday, June 2, with David Rosen judging.

Sequence	Honors
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Marcia Sydor "Scottish games now include

Medieval scenes"

Laurie Friedman "Sunrise at the San Francisco

church in Taos, New Mexico"

Truman Holtzclaw "Fort Ross visit"

Single Slide Honors

Pat Malott "Fixing dinner in Shilin China" and

"Village Barber, Dazu, China"

Milo Nittler "Lacquer workers, Burma" Truman Holtzclaw "Death Valley beauty" and

"Pemaquin lighthouse"

Slide of the Month

Pat Malott "Fixing dinner in Shilin, China"

Total Scores:

Single Slides	
Truman Holtzclaw	70
Marcia Sydor	69
Pat Malott	68
Peggy Giddings	67
Milo Nittler	65
Laurie Friedman	64
Julius Fava	63
Wendell Johnson	59
Dick Kretsinger	45*
Bob Cothrin	44*
Esther Wieting	43*
Joyce Boyer	41*
Dorothy Farol	38
Sherry Bradley	36*
Jim Chin	25*
Thea Benson	21
Gary Fregien	19
Sequences	
Truman Holtzclaw	34
Laurie Friedman	34
Marcia Sydor	33
Julius Fava	31
Peggy Giddings	29
Robert Cothrin	22*

Joyce Boyer 20*
Esther Wieting 20*
Jim Chin 12*
Theo Benson 11
Pat Malott 10*
Dick Kretsinger 10*

Gary Fregien 10 Sherry Bradley 9*

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Publication Breakdown! (**Or, Publisher's Breakdown...**) Please accept my apologies for the delay in publishing the June newsletter. It is difficult for me to keep my commitment to do the Gammagram in a timely fashion. It is time to ask someone else to step forward and do this. I will show you the program! Volunteers anyone?

Please send any and all newsworthy announcements to my attention byJune 27. This includes member travels, photo opportunities, and upcoming regional events.

^{*} Bring makeups.

FRIENDSHIP CHAIR REPORT Margaret Fava (916) 429-7656

Summer is on its way with graduations, vacations, and Father's Day is just around the corner, all providing so many photo opportunities— have fun. We were glad that Nadine Cronkhite is back at the soreboard after being ill. John Wieting's hand and wrist surgery went well, we here, and is wearing a splint for a while. June Birthday Celebrations: Happy birthday to Bob Ehrhart, Truman Holtzclaw, Carol Jordan, Melba Martin, Sally Myers, Thomas Roth, and Marcia Sydor, among others.

Surprise News: Pat LaDue has informed your Friendship reporter that she has married S. Sgt. J.C. Terry in Reno at the Chapel of the Bells. S. Sgt. Terry is retired, a docent at the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, and fought in four wars in Special Forces. Pat is also a docent and they have a busy traveling schedule this year in Mexico, Australia, Vietnam, Germany and other places. Pat hopes to have us meet Terry soon, and sent some photos I have made into an album for SCC members to see. Pat has also been initiated as Jr. Vice President in the Ladies Auxiliary of the Purple Heart. Congratulations, Pat, and our warmest good wishes.

PHOTO OPS Bob Hubbell (916) 383-5188

Think you'll take a drive this summer? Look in www.byways.org for scenic byways. This site covers the whole USA. On the right side of the home page you can select a state. Some routes we all know but some I'll bet you never heard of.

Usually good in June: UC Botanical Garden, 200 Centennial Drive, behindthe UC football stadium; (510) 643-2755, www.mip.berkekey.edu/garden

Closer to home is the UC Davis Arboretum: Take I-80 UC Davis exit, then first Left, cross the creek, then Left on LaRue Rd, then Left on Garrod You'll find parking near the gazebo.

Watch for the next full moonon June 22. The Sacramento River should still be pretty high, nice reflections from the West Sac side. You don't have to be there exactly on the day of the full moon. A couple days before or after will be just as good or maybe better for ambient light. If you haven't been to the rose gardens in either McKinley Park or Capitol Park (east end) they should still have lots of blossoms.

Now is a good time for a visit to the Motherlode, maybe Sutter Creek, Jackson, Angels Camp or ??? Hard to predict what you'll find in the Sierras because of late snows or storms. We should have flowers at least into July.

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FOTOCLAVE 2005

Where: Holiday Inn, Sacramento, CA

When: October 28, 29 and 30

This will be the first year that Fotoclave will be hosted by all four councils together. Although there will be some interesting challenges, you can expect Fotoclave 2005to be exciting and spectacular. Be sure to set asideOct 28, 29 and 30th and experience some outstanding photographic programs and educational experiences. Here are some examples:

Lloyd & Mary McCarthy, FPSA's from Illinois presenting their wonderfullyentertaining program "The Iditarod: From Start to Finish"

Sam Shaw, APSA (local EID Guru) will present Photoshop strictly for Beginners

Stan Ashbrook, FPSA (PSA EID Guru from Florida) will present two hours of Photoshop for Intermediate & Advanced workers

Carol Bailey, FPSA, will present "African memories"

Lloyd Bever will present his program "Potpourri"

Bruce Finocchio will be presenting a program on nature photography

To insure your room, call: Holiday Inn, Sacramento Northeast 916-338-5800, FAX 916-338-2118

Be sure to tell them you will be attending Fotoclave 2005 so you will receive the \$85.00 room rate (yes, that's \$4.00 less than Fotoclave 2003). It also insures we get credit for your stay. If we have 75 rooms rented Friday night and 75 rooms rented Saturday night, all our conference rooms will be free. The cutoff date for the special rate is October 7, 2005.

Complete program and registration forms will be available very soon. If you do not receive these by July 1, 2005, please call (530) 673-9006 or E-mail edvalusek@syix.com.



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