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CALENDAR

March 3 Macro Workshop
March 8 Club Meeting
March 8 Color Slide Division
March 15 Board Meeting
March 22 Prints Division

April 4 Electronic Imaging Division
April 7 Nature Division
April 7 Travel Division
April 12 Color Slide Division
April 19 Board 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/goldrushsierra.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: 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

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Esther Wieting

At the February Color Meeting, we had a fun and successful Silent Auction which brought in over \$200.00 for our treasury thanks to Pat La Due. It is so much easier to let everyone write their bids on the items before the meeting and then give everyone 15 minutes after the close of the meeting to write up any new bids before ending the auction. Then, everyone paid Ron Parker, the new treasurer, and took their prizes home.

We will continue to run these silent auctions in this manner as long as we have items such as the frames and carousel trays, etc. available.

DIGITAL OR FILM??? Well, guess what?

We are not going to get into that controversy! Whatever is your preference, get out there and shoot it! Our Nature Judge mentioned that the government had made an agreement with Kodak not to pass legislature that would force Kodak into bankruptcy by making it illegal to process and develop film until Kodak has sold its entire stock of film. And, Kodak has a huge warehouse in the side of a mountain that is filled with film, so we'll still have film cameras around for awhile anyway which is good news. Don't know about Fuji though.

In reading Carol Leigh's latest Wildflower Report, at this writing on 2/14/05, John and I are going to head South Saturday, Feb 19th and will return on March 6th. It seems that Anza Borrego State Park is primo right now, and plants are blooming all over the southland. We'll get to Joshua Tree NP as well and maybe even Death Valley for a drive through. Just hope that we are not too early for some places.

Don't forget the dates of March 12th and 13th for the Garden & Arts Center Spring Sale. We have the temporary Seller's Permit in hand, the check has been mailed to SG&AC and we are ready to go. But, we are still looking for other donations such as prints, cards, and anything else that is available and saleable as we get to keep the proceeds. Need helpers, too, so if you are available, please let me know. See February's Gammagram for more details.

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MACRO WORKSHOP *page 7*

February Meeting

Once again we had some really outstanding images. And it was nice to see a few more people show up to compete and enter make-ups for the missed January meeting.

Our judge, Tom Myers, started off by showing some of his recent work. His show was a mixture of entertainment and education. Tom judged 65 slides and awarded the following 20 honors:

Sandy Parker	"Eagle Point Ruin" and "Ocean Silhouette"
Lillian Sinatra	"Winter Sunset in Yosemite"
Gary Fregien	"June Lake Loop, Fall"
Joan D-Scheer	"Nature's Perfection" and "Jelly Art"
Gail Foley	"Yellow Boat"
Barbara Jones	"Mountain Pond"
Carol Jordan	"Orange Tulip" and "Winter Leaves"
Peggy Gidding	"Yellowstone and Twisted Tree"
Ron Parker	"The Wave, Coyote Buttes"
Jim Cehand	"Alabama Hills with Snow Covered Mountains"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Monument Valley by Erosion" and "Redding Lines"
Gail Parris	"Rock and Tree" and "Contemplation"
Julius Fava	"San Francisco Regatta"
Willis Price	"Orange Daisies"
Susan Nielsen	"Many Doors"

Slide-of-the-Month was "Winter Leaves" by Carol Jordan. That's right after she got Digital Image of the Month at the Electronics Division meeting the night before.

The February writer's cramp award goes to Nadine Cronkhite for her two slide titles, "Fritallaria Lanceolata in Foothills" and "Monarch Butterfly Caterpillar Eating a Milkweed."

I think Barbara Jones' "Koi" is going to stand as a record for the shortest slide title for a long time. Maybe somebody will take a self-portrait and title it "I."

Tip of the month: Do not use those paper masks with round corners. Judges almost universally dislike them, and they really don't like slides masked with two round corners and two square corners.

The Work Crew

It takes a lot of helpers to make a Color Slide meeting work. There's breaking out the equipment and setting up the room; greeting and introducing the guests; providing cookies and stuff; setting up the refreshment table; projecting the slides; making out the score sheets and recording the scores; and then, of course, putting everything away.

If you look closely, you will see Carol Jordan, Judy Tillson, Sandy Parker, Ron Parker, Marcia Sydor, Nadine Cronkhite, Hope Price, Gail Parris, Jim Cehand, Truman Holtzclaw, Jim Chin, and lots of other folks getting all these things done at every meeting.

The club owes them all a big thank you. Without them, there'd be no meeting.

I hope everyone noticed that the name tags are all up to date. That's Sandy Parker's doing. She takes the name tags home after every meeting and adds new tags for new members.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on March 8. The judge will be Bruce Gregory. Bruce has held all the offices in the Placer Camera Club. I don't know Bruce all that well, but I do know that he knows that I know that he knows..... Wait a minute, what he told me was how to get into a little known area just south of the Valley of Fire that is very good hunting for a photographer.

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



"Winter Leaves" by Carol Jordan

COLOR SLIDES TOTAL SCORES

Class B

Sandy Parker	45
Dorothy Farol	41
Heather Cline	40
Lillian Sinatra	38
Bob Ashley	21*

Class A

Joan D-Scheer	46
Joyce Boyer	45
Gary Fregien	43
Donna Sturla	40
Ken Bosanko	32
Deidre Johnson	21*

Class AA

Gail Foley	44
Barbara Jones	42
Judy Tillson	41
Jim Chin	23*

Class AAA

Carol Jordan	48
Peggy Gidding	43
Ron Parker	43
Diane Hovey	42
Marcia Sydor	40
William Manasse	38

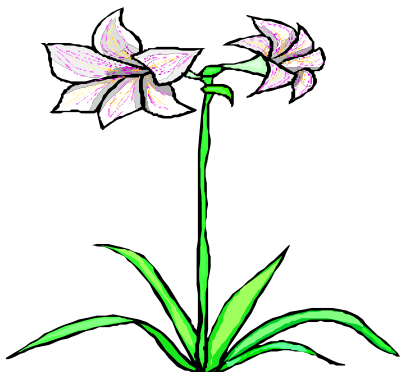
Class AAAA

Truman Holtzclaw	48
Jim Cehand	45
Esther Wieting	39
Margaret Fava	38

Class Top Ten

Gail Parris	46
Julius Fava	45
John Wieting	43
Willis Price	42
Dolores Frank	41
Nadine Cronkhite	39
Susan Nielsen	31*
Laurie Friedman	24*
Bob Ehrhart	22*

*Bring Make-ups in March



2004 PHOTO TRAVEL DIVISION

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**Laurie Friedman Director for 2005 and 2006
(530) 758-9668**

I want to take this opportunity to apologize to the competitors that competed during 2004 for not ensuring that your efforts were properly recognized in the February 2005 Gammagram. Here's the 2004 recap for you

Accumulative Monthly Competition for 2004

To start, Laurie Friedman finished in first place in the Travel Sequence competition and was awarded the Sierra Camera Club trophy. Marcia Sydor finished second and was awarded a second place medal.

Marcia Sydor finished in first place in the Travel Single Slide competition and was awarded the Jerome and Bertha Koch trophy for her efforts. Milo Nittler finished in second place and was awarded a second place medal.

Annual Best of Year Competition

Marilyn Summerdorf was the judge for annual competition and she selected the following slides from all the entries

Travel Sequence

Laurie Friedman First Place: for "*Havana Street Scenes*"

Marcia Sydor Honorable Mention for "*They Climb Dunn's River Falls in Jamaica*"

Single Slide

Marcia Sydor First Place for "*Sunrise On Gold Palace*"

Milo Nittler Honorable Mention for "*Greek Monastery at Dawn*"

Laurie Friedman Honorable Mention for "*Coming Home to Roost*"

Laurie Friedman Honorable Mention for "*Cuban Cowboy*"

PRINT DIVISION,

Director: Bob Hubbell (916) 3835180

The print division will meet on the fourth Tuesday of March.. That is March 22. (We will have avoided the dreaded Ides of March.) Our judge will be Karen Wyatt, one of the club's most popular judges. You haven't been to a print meeting? Come! Friendly folks, interesting images.

2004 Awards: I made a mistake in figuring the 2004 accumulative annual prints awards in the Nature category. Actually, Julius Kovatch and Chuck Pivetti tied for first place with 115 points each. Sam Clemens was next, giving him third place. I apologize for the error.

ELECTRONIC IMAGING DIVISION
Director: Dolores Frank 916446-4407
dfrank9678@aol.com

Kurt Fishback was our judge for February. He did an outstanding job - with a wide range of scores and a great number of comments. His comments were instructional and humorous. Kurt pointed out some of the problems in a few images and that is what we have been seeking in our judges. Many of you have expressed an interest in knowing what is "wrong" with the image as well as what is "working" for it. He was very kind in sharing his knowledge with us. Probably one of the best judging's we have had. So, we are moving forward.

Our Traditional Image of the Month goes to Carol Jordan for her Lake Rock Sunset. The Creative Image of the Month goes to Susan Nielson for her very creative Lavender Pier with Easel. Thank you for your efforts in titling the slides. It helps. I forgot to ask someone to do the ribbons. You'll receive your ribbons in April. If we have time, I'll show the honor image for February as I handout the ribbon.

If this works, it will be a great way to share information from the maker of the image to the group. I am very happy to see so many of you participating in the Electronic competition and I anticipate that we will be getting even more new members as the year progresses. Our judge for April will be: Karen Wyatt. Our next meeting is the first Monday of April ...the 4th. I am allowing makeups if anyone missed the meeting. So, get your feet wet and jump into digital. It is a lot of fun.

	CREATIVE	Current Scores		
Nielson, Susan	11	13	24	
Frank, Dolores	12	11	23	
Jordan, Carol	11	12	23	
Benton,	11	11	22	
Price, Hope	10	12	22	
Clemens, Sam	09	12	21	
Ehrhart, Bob	12	09	21	
George, Robert	10	11	21	
Jones, Barbara	12	09	21	
Price, Willis	09	12	21	
Holtzclaw, Truman	08	12	20	
Martin, Don	09	11	20	
Parker, Ron	12	08	20	
Ashley, Bob	11	08	19	
Hovey, Diane	07	12	19	
Martin, Melba	09	10	19	
Scheer, Joan	08	11	19	
Wieting, Esther	11	08	19	
Pivetti, Chuck	11	07	18	
Liddle,	08	08	16	
Treven,	08	08	16	
Parker, Sandy				

TRADITIONAL PHOTOGRAPHY	Current Scores		
Jordan, Carol	12	13	25
Tillson, Judy	12	12	24
George, Robert	12	11	23
Ehrhart, Bob	12	10	22
Frank, Dolores	11	11	22
Hovey, Diane	11	11	22
Kovatch, Julius	10	12	22
Martin, Melba	12	10	22
Nielson, Susan	11	11	22
Price, Hope	12	10	22
Clemens, Sam	10	11	21
Holtzclaw, Sandy	10	11	21
Pivetti, Chuck	11	10	21
Benton,	08	12	20
Cline,	09	11	20
Holtzclaw, Truman	08	12	20
Jones, Barbara	08	12	20
Parker, Sandy	11	09	20
Scheer, Joan	09	11	20
Ashley, Bob	11	08	19
Manasse, Bill	09	10	19
Parker, Ron	11	08	19
Price, Willis	12	07	19
Kretsinger, Dick	08	10	18
Liddle, P	09	08	17
Martin, Don	08	09	17
Treven,	07	08	15
Wieting, Esther	07	07	14

FILM RECORDER

Just a reminder to all that Bob Ehrhart has a Film Recorder available to make slides for you at a modest cost of \$3.50 per slide.

A Film Recorder makes it possible to take any electronic photo image file and produce a slide of it. Bob has reported that the slides the device creates are identical to the original picture. This is the best of both worlds. If you are interested, call Bob and he will tell you the details.
 (916) 489-2501



Susan Nielsen Lavender Pier with Easel

NIKON EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Hi Fellow Photographers:

Do you need any Nikon photography equipment? Now is the time. I have a lot of Nikon equipment that is for sale, in good to new condition. I can mail or email you the list, that compares my asking prices at about 20% to 60% below the prices at B&H. Please call me for some very good buys. About March 10, I will place what is left for sale on E-Bay.

Sincerely,
Truman Holtzclaw
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truman@abiphotos.com

PHOTO OPS

Bob Hubbell (916) 383-5188

WILDFLOWERS!

It looks like the wildflower season will arrive early this year, not only in the southern deserts but in our area as well. I drove to Yosemite during the second week of February. There were large numbers of poppies along the walls of the Merced River canyon. Dust off those closeup gadgets! Start doing your deep knee bends!

TRAVEL DIVISION
Pat Malott for
Laurie Friedman, Chair
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February Competition

In Laurie's absence (off in Bolivia with camera in hand), I chaired the Travel Division competition as well. Jeff Burkholder was able to switch hats in our first joint meeting sharing the same judge with Nature. The evening went pretty smoothly. The following honors were awarded for single Travel slide entries:

Jim Chin	"Valley of Ten Peaks #2" and "Canoes on Moraine Lake #2"
Robert Cothrin	"Tomb of the Unknowns"
Peggy Gidding	"Devil's Tower"
Dick Kretsinger	"Greek Evzones Guarding Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" and "Relaxing on Glacial Till, Mendenhall"
Marcia Sydor	"Northern India" and "Water Well, India"

Slide of the Month

Jim Chin	"Canoes on Moraine Lake #2"
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Sequence of the Month

Jim Chin	"The Waters of Banff"
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Total Scores:

Single Slides

Jim Chin	25
Dick Kretsinger	24
Marcia Sydor	24
Peggy Gidding	23
Robert Cothrin	22
Laurie Friedman	22
Milo Nittler	22
Julius Fava	21
Truman Holtzclaw	21
Joyce Boyer	20
Patricia Malott	20
Esther Wieting	20
Wendall Johnson	19

Sequences

Jim Chin	12
Robert Cothrin	11
Julius Fava	11
Marcia Sydor	11
Joyce Boyer	10
Laurie Friedman	10
Truman Holtzclaw	10
Patricia Malott	10
Esther Wieting	10

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

February Competition

Our first meeting of the year was well attended. Jeff Burkholder judged for us and was generous with honors. Jeff is a part-time photography teacher at American River College and also has his own photography business in Fair Oaks. He is a talented person.

The following honors were awarded for Nature entries:

Gary Fregien	"Anhinga Sunning"
Peggy Gidding	"Wooly Paint Brush"
Julius Fava	"Tent Caterpillars"
Diane Hovey	"Canada Geese Flying Off the Rice Fields After Feeding"
Marcia Sydor	"Two Tier Falls"
John Wieting	"Wooly bear Foraging on Leaf"
Jim Cehand	"Butter Bolete"
Robert Cothrin	"Witches Butter & Shelf Fungi on Log"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Bitterroot Threesome"

Slide of the Month

Diane Hovey	"Canada Geese Flying Off the Rice Fields After Feeding"
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Total Scores:

Class B/A/AA

Peggy Gidding	23
Gary Fregien	22
Sandy Parker	21
Joyce Boyer	20
Margaret Fava	20

Class AAA

Diane Hovey	23
Marcia Sydor	23
Margaret Fava	22
John Wieting	22
Patricia Malott	21

Class AAAA

Robert Cothrin	23
Truman Holtzclaw	23
Jim Cehand	22
Dick Kretsinger	22
Esther Wieting	22

Helpers

I want to thank the following people who helped make this first joint meeting with the Travel Division a success. I appreciate all your help in setting things up and then taking them down and storing it all in the correct cabinets. Chuck Pivetti was our wonder person who kept our meeting going while the entries were being assembled. Marcia Sydor and Ron Parker recorded and arranged the entries and then entered the awards information on the ribbons. Jim Cehand projected the many slides and cared for the projector and trays. Everyone who came contributed their expertise in getting it all together so it worked.

I extend a special thank you to Bea Jones and Dorothy Sorenson for bringing our refreshments, setting them up and cleaning up. Sandy Parker also brought some delicious cookies.

Next Meeting

The next Nature/Travel meetings will be on April 7. Get your slides ready, and please be sure to put your name on them.

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BERTHA KOCH MEMORIAL

Margaret Fava

SCC member and friend Bertha Koch passed away in late January at home after a long illness, at the age of 97. A memorial service is tentatively planned to take place in June in Loomis. We will let everyone know when and where. Bertha and her late husband Jerome were both active in this club since 1963 and they enriched our lives. Jerome was our past President from 1963 through 1967, and they both were Service Award recipients. We saw the world through their camera lenses. Bertha and her husband were both International exhibitors and entertained us as photo tour guides with their slide shows. They were also active in Photographic Society of America, Placer Camera Club, Delta, and Gold Rush Chapter for over five decades. The club extends our love and sympathy to the Koch family.

P.S. Judy Cooper from Placer Camera Club has most of the Koch's best slides and their slide shows. They will be available soon if anyone is interested in arranging a Koch Slide Show. Please call Judy at (530) 888-8308 for more information.

MACRO WORKSHOP March 3

Bob Hubbell will present a workshop on macro photography on Thursday, March 3 at the Garden & Arts Center. He's got lots of experience and ideas on equipment, techniques and locations. He says we'll cover both crisp flower portraits and soft-focus magic. This workshop is open to all members and guests as part of the club activities, at no extra charge. It is a great opportunity for the novice as well as the advanced photographer. "Be there or be underexposed!"

MEMBERSHIP NEWS, Sandy Parker

We had many visitors this month and we welcome the following new friends:

Nature/Travel slide division: Alicia & Manuel
Jauregui

Electronics division: Andrea Tucker and
Norm Hartman

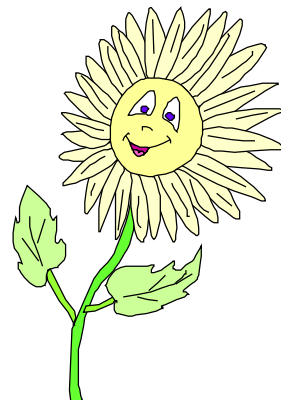
Color division: Bob & Eleanor DeVoe

Many members have yet to renew your camera club memberships. Please do so by March 1 in order to continue receiving the Gammagram and to continue competing during 2005.

FRIENDSHIP CHAIR REPORT Margaret Fava (916) 429-7656

We know Spring will be here soon, as we begin to see wildflowers and flowering trees popping out everywhere to greet us.. Mary Silva said "thanks" to everyone for her many birthday cards, phone calls, and photos for her great 97th birthday celebration.

Happy March birthdays to Sam Clemens, Nadine Cronkhite, Margaret Fava, Deidre Johnson, Pat Malott, and Susan Nielsen. If we missed someone, let us know.



2005 SIERRA Camera Club

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

JOIN US in becoming a member of SCC. Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after January 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.

Make Checks payable to Sierra Camera Club

Annual dues

Single Membership \$45
Family Membership \$70
"Gammagram Only" \$12
Juniors (Under 18) \$10, Full-time Students (under 22) \$22.50

One Time Initiation Fee

\$5.00
\$7.00
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\$2.50

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