



GAMMAGRAM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Joan Davidson-Scheer*

In last month's Gammagram, we informed you of the board positions that are open for the years 2007 – 2008. These included the following positions: **President, Treasurer, Secretary and a Co-Director of the Slide Division.** I would like you all to know what a pleasure it has been working with the current Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons. All of them have been cooperative and done a very good job filling their respective roles in the Sierra Camera Club.

Now it is time for you to come forward to donate your time and talent to running the club. We continually need new members with new ideas to become involved in running the club. You have all seen the greatest example of this kind of thinking when you read the Gammagram each month. Heather Cline, our Gammagram Editor, has implemented new ideas and given our club a new contemporary look. In essence, she has "updated" the image of our club.

One of the things I did before I accepted the position of Vice-President in the club is to attend a Board Meeting. Having been on many Boards, I wanted to see the board in action. Given this, I want to extend to you an invitation to attend the next Board Meeting on August 15th at 7:00 PM. This would certainly give you a better understanding of how we do business and help you make a decision to become involved as a future board member. If you are interested in doing this, please give me a call at 916-419-6367. **If you don't call me, I will be calling some of you!**

If you have organizational skills and an interest in photography, we want you to consider joining the board. In the past, I have been on the boards of a theater group, a tennis group, a choral group and a singles' group. The biggest job was as President of the singles' group called Apres Ski Club. I had a real fear of skiing, which probably came from being raised in Nebraska where there were literally no skiable hills. This 1500 member club always had to remind me that they didn't want me there for my skiing skills, but because I could lead a group and certainly qualified as a "single" person at that time.

So please give me a call or send me an email at jdscheer@aol.com. I will also be at the Electronic Imaging Meeting on August 8th if you would like to talk with me in person. To keep you thinking cool, I'm ending this article with my shot of Mount Shasta in July. KEEP COOL!



IMPORTANT DATES IN AUGUST

AUGUST 8TH
ELECTRONIC DIVISION
MEETING AND COMPETITION

**AUGUST 11TH – SEPTEMBER
4TH**
WILLIS PRICE'S PRINT
"ROUND-UP TIME" WILL BE ON
DISPLAY AT THE CAL EXPO
FINE ARTS EXHIBIT.

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COLOR DIVISION
Hope Price

The July 11th Color-slide Division Meeting was fairly well attended considering that now is the height of the travel season. The meeting was run by Chuck Pivetti, who was filling in for Hope Price who is off in the cool state of Washington.

There were about two dozen people in attendance. The business part of the meeting went very quickly. Sandy Parker, our one-person nominating committee, issued a request for names of people who might be willing to fill one of the offices being vacated at the end of the year: President, Treasurer, Director of Nature Slides, and Director of Photo-Travel Slides.



The evening's 36 slides were judged by Bruce Gregory from Placer Camera Club. Honors were awarded to the following members:

Truman Holtzclaw	"The Good Old Boys at 'Tudor Faire"
Joyce Boyer	"Golden Bridge Reflection"
Peggy Gidding	"Going Home"
Willis Price	"Gorge Textures" and "Dry Dock"
Carol Jordan	"Moonrise Over Trinidad" , and slide of the month "Davis Station and Sun Flowers" Congrats Carol!

Our next Color meeting will be Sept. 12, the Judge will be named in the next Gammagram. Come join our small group of members at the Spaghetti Factory at 19th and J St. at 5 pm. for dinner before our meeting. Call Hope at 487-4088 so I can make reservations if you're planning to join us.

See totals on page 7 *Bring two make-up slides. ** Bring four make-up slides.

TRAVEL & NATURE DIVISION
Laurie Friedman

We have the summer off, with our next competition on September 7th, with Rich Myron judging. Marcia has graciously agreed to direct the competition, as I will be in the far reaches of Eastern Canada.

PRINT DIVISION
Bob Hubbell

The Prints Division had its third workshop on July 25. Considering that it's the middle of summer and very hot, it was well attended with about 20 people. Bob Hubbell presented the workshop. He unveiled some useful aspects of Quick Masks, and even showed one image with a selection problem that no one could really solve completely. He also introduced Layer Masks, a very useful tool to master. Finally, he woke everybody up with a new way to create watercolors out of regular images. Exciting stuff! Our next workshop will be in November, when we will explore using Layer Masks to expand dynamic range (too broad a range from bright to dark in the same image). Our September 26 meeting will be our final competition. Be there or lose your focus.

ELECTRONIC DIVISION
Chuck Pivetti

The Electronic Imaging Division will meet on August 8. We will enter two images each for judging (check to see if you need makeups).

Immediately after the judging, there will be a follow-up to June's Basic Digital Photography workshop for those who want to stay. We will cover digital workflow: the first few steps you take after you download your photos into the computer.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES
Bob Hubbell

A "traditional" destination for August: wildflowers at Carson Pass. There's a trail that leads to Winnemucca Lake. Ask at the ranger station at the pass for details. You'll see the parking area right before the pass. The hike isn't long but the elevation is around 8,000 feet. With the wet winter we had there should be lots of flowers but check before going because I was just at Mt. Lassen, about the same elevation, and there was too much snow for many flowers. Also on Highway 88 but lower elevation look for Indian Grinding Rock State Park and the town of Volcano. Below that are the mother lode towns of Sutter Creek and Jackson. Or, go on over Carson Pass, turn south on Highway 89 to Markleeville and visit Grover Hot Springs St. Park.

Want to stay home? Don't forget the California State Fair in late August and Early September. Lots of baby animals, horse shows, etc. Stay in the evening to shoot the carnival area (daylight setting or film works fine for all those neons) and the fireworks.

Another local place worth visiting is the city cemetery at Broadway and Riverside. Lots of flowers, gravestones, etc.

Want to beat the heat? Plan a day at Angel Island. Take the ferry from Tiburon and bring a picnic lunch. There are historic buildings and, if the weather cooperates, great views of San Francisco. An of course, there's always Pt. Reyes, Monterey, Mendocino . . .

FRIENDSHIP REPORT
Margaret Fava

It's Summertime and we are on the road again to far away places and waiting to see new images in competition. Good news: Sam and Pat Clemens celebrated their 50th anniversary at the Cypress Avenue Baptist Church and renewed their wedding vows. Sam presented two slide shows, "Love Story and family memories", and "Africa Adventure". Many of the camera club friends attended Sam and Pat Clemens celebration.

Pat Malott attended the June board meeting – a nice surprise. Pat seemed please to attend the meeting. Thanks to Truman Holtzclaw for bring Pat to the meeting.

Willis Price entered the State Fair Photographic Exhibition Contest and had one acceptance this year. See page 4 for the winning photo.

Exciting News: Barbara Jones had a large soft back book published recently called Neera's Tale! Congratulations Barbara!!! For more information, visit www.Amazon.com for online sales of the book. It will be in stores later in the year. Barbara – You are so talented!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the refreshments at the last Color meeting – I could not have done it without you – Margaret Fava.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY WISHES GO OUT TO: HEATHER CLINE, MILO NITTLER, SANDY PARKER AND ANY WE MISSED.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Willis Price's print "Round-Up time", won an Award of Merit at this year's California State Fair.

The print will be on display from Aug. 11 thru Sept 4th. at the Cal Expo Fine Arts Exhibit.



PHOTO TIPS

Bob Hubbell shared a fun and easy tip for watercolor type photos using Photoshop at his latest workshop! Other tips can be found at www.shootsmarter.com

1. Open image
2. Go to
↳ Image
↳ Duplicate. Use duplicated image to complete watercolor work. Close the original image.
3. Go to [tool bar at top of program]
↳ Image
↳ Canvas size (Alt/Ctrl/c)
Increase canvas size by 1 inch on each side
4. In the tool bar, select the *Art History Brush*
Adjust the brush size to 100 px diameter [tool bar at top of program]
5. Wave the “brush” over the image while holding the mouse. This will dramatically change the look of the image to reflect a fuzzy watercolor look.
6. Now adjust the brush size to a smaller diameter. (Try 10 px diameter)
Wave the “brush” over the image again while holding the mouse. This will bring back the detail.
*Note: Large brush size = fuzzy appearance. Small brush size = restores detail.
7. Experiment with this and there is no end to the looks you can create.



AUGUST *Calendar*

<i>August</i>		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 <i>Electronic Division Meeting / Competition</i>	9	10	11 <i>Willis Price's Winning Print "Round Up Time" at the State Fair</i>	12
13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting</i>	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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

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.

EDITORS NOTES *Heather Cline*

Help make the Gammagram more dynamic - Please send stories, travel information, contests, regional events, photo opportunities, and of course digital images for use in the newsletter!

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

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB MEMBERS ENJOYING SUMMER!



WILLIS PRICE



JOAN SCHEER & TRUMAN HOLTZCLAW



JOAN SCHEER, SAM CLEMENS, AND DORIS FRANK

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS IN 2006:

- Frank Laurich
- Doug Klein
- Gene Langer
- Cathe Spangler



MEMBER COMPETITION STANDINGS FOR ALL COMPETING DIVISIONS — 2006

		Color AA	Color AAA	Color Top 10	Electronic AA	Electronic A	Nature	Travel Sequence	Travel Single	Print
Tod	Bice					107				
Ken	Bosanko	42**								
Joyce	Boyer	89								
Jim	Cehand			83			88			
Sam	Clemans					112				
Heather	Cline				116					
Bob	Cothrin						90		87	
Glen	Cunningham					102				
Bob	Erhart				117					
Dorothy	Farol					107				2 nd /Nature
Julius	Fava			86		35*	88	19	66*	
Margaret	Fava			84		35*				
Gail	Foley		82							
Dolores	Frank				121					
Laurie	Friedman			89			88	44	88	
Robert	George				78*	43*				
Peggy	Gidding		87				65	30	64	
Sandy	Holtzclaw					43*				3 rd /Color
Truman	Holtzclaw			87	119		94	48	96	
Diane	Hovey			83	117		80			2 nd /Color
Wendell	Johnson						58*	12*	64*	3 rd /Nature
Barbara	Jones				82*					
Carol	Jordan			89	121					3 rd /Mono
Julius	Kovatch				124					
William	Manasse					111				
Don	Martin				113					
Melba	Martin				118					1 st /Color
Susan	Nielson			89	120					1 st /Nature
Milo	Nittler								24*	
Betty	Olsen									
Ron	Parker		44**							
Gail	Parris			89						
Chuck	Pivetti				85					
Hope	Price					109				
Willis	Price			94	120					2 nd /Mono
Joan	Scheer	84				111	22*	10*	22*	
Donna	Sturla	43**			82*					1 st /Mono
Marcia	Sydor		88			113	39	20	39	
Judy	Tilson					111*				
BJ	Ueltzen		64*			70*				
Jim	White					106				
Shirley	White					103				

Each (*) Indicates a make-up is due for that division
Numbers in Bold indicates "leader" for that division

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

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