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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Davidson-Scheer

Thanks to Bob Hubbell volunteering to become the next President of Sierra Camera Club and Barbara Jones volunteering to take responsibility for the two Print Competitions in 2007, we have a very capable Board of Directors for the coming year. We still need a candidate for Secretary and are working to fill that position. I am going to support the new board in the coming year at their request and ask that all of you do the same when they ask for your help.

THANK YOU TO THE BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

I can only say that in all the non-profit organizations that I have led or in which I have been a director that Sierra Camera Club has had the most cooperative Board of Directors I have ever experienced. You, the members, have also been open to the changes necessary to move the club in the direction of the growth in the Digital Division and the combining of the Slide Divisions. You have also been very supportive in attending the workshops needed to enable this change and de-emphasize competition.

I hope to see all of you at the Christmas Party on December 12th. It is a time to socialize and celebrate the Holiday Season and a year of exceptional photographic accomplishment!

The Sierra Club Christmas potluck will be on **Tuesday, December 12, 6:30 at the Garden and Arts Center**. There will be no competition that night; instead there will be great food, wonderful slideshows and a good time with your friends. Bring you favorite holiday dish for the potluck. According to the first letter of your last name, bring the following:

- A - H Salad**
- I - P Dessert**
- Q - Z Main Dish**

The club will provide drinks, bread, all other condiments, plates and utensils. See you at the Christmas Potluck, December 12, 6:30 at the Garden and Arts Center.

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COLOR DIVISION
Hope Price

November was our final monthly slide competition. On December 12th we will have our Xmas potluck and will be entertained with some excellent slide shows by some of our members. I need you to bring **6 slides** to me that were entered in competition in 2006 for our Annual Competition. There will be a collection box at the potluck or you may bring them or mail them to my house **no later** than the end of December. Also please bring any trophy you may have to the Xmas potluck.

NOVEMBER HONOR COLOR SLIDES

Peggy Gidding	“Full Sail”
Laurie Friedman	“Fall Reflection #1”
Carol Jordan	“Fall Leaf”
	“Mt. Diablo”
Truman Holtzclaw	“Chaco Doorway”
Willis Price	“Male Ruby Throated Hummingbird”



SLIDE OF THE NIGHT

Willis Price “Another View of Sundial Bridge”

THANKS TO ALL - My sincere thanks to all who have helped to make our meetings run smooth. Namely those of you who faithfully work at the scoring table, help set up, put away, project, focus and bring refreshments as well as hostess them. I couldn't be director without all your help. Look forward to seeing you at the potluck.

TRAVEL & NATURE DIVISION
Laurie Friedman

We had an excellent final competition on Nov 2nd, with David Rosen judging and offering many helpful comments in Nature (his specialty) as well as Travel—truly an educational evening! Unfortunately, many of the leading competitors could not make it for a variety of reasons (Mexico, blown fuses, illness), so the roster of finalists changed considerably. Competitors – please bring your Annual Competition slides to the Holiday Party on Dec 12th, (you should all have your list of competition slides from this year to work from) as well as any trophies.

Thanks to all the competitors for all the wonderful slides we saw this year. A big thanks to all those who helped by bringing & setting up refreshments, setting up and running equipment, scoring, and all those others who pitch in and make it all work. I couldn't do it without you! Hope Price is taking over the combined Color-Nature-Travel slide evenings next year, meeting on Thursday evenings (starting Feb 1st). We look forward to another good year.

Travel Sequence Honors

Peggy Gidding “Sailing the San Francisco Bay: views from the sailboat “Hatterus”
Laurie Friedman “The colorful, pastoral Masai carefully watch their herds”

Travel Single Slide Honors

Peggy Gidding “Morro Rock and boats” and Marcia Sydor “The Great Wall” (Travel Slide of the Night)

Nature Honors

Laurie Friedman “Vultures and Maribou storks feast on zebra carcass” (Nature Slide of the Night)

PRINT DIVISION

Bob Hubbell

Competitors – please bring your Annual Competition prints to the Holiday Party on December 12th

ELECTRONIC DIVISION

Chuck Pivetti

Competitors – please submit your Annual Competition images to Chuck Pivetti at cpivetti@winfirst.com.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

Bob Hubbell

Christmas Light Time! My favorite is still 57th and S streets. The folks over there make hoops over the sidewalks and string them with lights so you have block-long tunnels of lights and lots of other decorations as well. Check the Sunday Sac Bee for a listing of good locations and don't forget your own neighborhood! Artsy tip: Get very close (inches) to one light, focus on infinity to get the scene behind the light, that light appears as a giant circle (technically a circle of confusion). Old Sac has lots of decorations. Nevada City has old fashioned decorations, especially on weekends. Old Auburn also 530-888-1585. On New Year's Eve, there will be fireworks, usually from Raley Field; the levee on the Old Sac side is a good place to photograph them. Suggestions: Try a few experimental time exposures, maybe F11 with the ISO at 100. Aim at where the fireworks are exploding. Check your monitor and when you get a good exposure, take some more exposures that include several bursts in the same image. Like way cool! Want something calmer? Go to the city cemetery on a foggy morning.

Hidden Falls for photos - by Jim White

Need a place to take landscape and nature pictures this fall and winter close to home? How about the brand new "Hidden Falls Regional Park" near Auburn. This 220 acre park was just opened to hikers, horse people and mountain bikes. I advise taking along some camera gear, drinking water and trail snacks and grabbing some great foothill images and getting your exercise at the same time. A three hour hike on Nov. 4th by Shirley and I was an eye opener for the beauty of two small creeks that originate near our home but increase in size and beauty as they drop downhill into a really wild canyon. The creeks are "Deadman Canyon Creek", which originates almost behind our house, and "Coon Creek" which crosses the road we live on, just down the road.

How to get there is easy. Find Atwood Road which goes west off highway 49 right at the Bel Air market, just north of Auburn on highway 49. Go west on Atwood and it will turn into Mt. Vernon Road. Follow Mt. Vernon to Meers Rd and turn right. Follow Mears Rd. to Mears Place and into the park's parking lot. Toilets and drinking fountains are nearby. The hill above the parking lot is a great place to look out over the valley for great sunsets. We like to explore the creeks for great landscapes and macro nature shots. Walk over to the toilets and go right, down the cement steps to a dirt trail that drops downhill in long traverses and switchbacks down to Deadman Creek. Very scenic upstream from the bridge where you can hike along the NID water ditch trail. Return to the bridge and go straight on the Hidden Falls trail to Coon Creek. A hundred feet before you get to Coon Creek is a trail that goes up the hill to your right to a great view lookout where you can see a number of waterfalls on Coon Creek. Go back down the trail to where you first hit Coon Ck. and hike down the creek on a loop trail back to the trail where you came in. We know of no trail maps available and the trail signs can be confusing. Allow at least 2 hours for this hike, and longer if you have the time. We hiked a number of loops where it was same-ol same-ol and not very interesting, if you already live in the oak-foothill environment. We saw no wildlife but of course all the foothill critters do live here. I think in Jan-Feb it would be a great place to run into a Mt. Lion, when the winter deer herd moves down.

The park will be increased in size next year by 900 acres when land to the west is added to the present park. There were 30 cars and 6 horse trailers in the parking lot on this Saturday, but we never felt the area was crowded. A nice way to spend a fall or winter day with your camera.



FRIENDSHIP REPORT *Margaret Fava*

Happy Holidays. I wish you good health and happiness during this beautiful season and into the New Year.

We have exciting news that two of our members entered the Sacramento Bee Travel Photo Contest. The first place winner was Heather Cline in the West coast category with "crescent Beach Sunset". Willis Price also won "Honorable mention" in the World Category with "Grand Tetons and Moose". Last year, Willis won second place in the Sacramento Bee Travel Contest with his image "Horse Drive". Congratulations to both of you.

We received a dear letter from Bill and Estelle Manasse bringing us up to date on their health and thanking club members for their cards, emails, and visits. We dropped by recently to visit them and their spirits were good. Estelle is hoping the boot on her foot and neck brace will be removed. Sam and Pat Clemens are progressing nicely. Pat was cheerful on the phone.

Mary Silva had an outpatient procedure on her leg veins and it was successful. Mary has warm feet now and sleeps comfortably at night.

We also dropped by to see Pat Malott at Fair Oaks Estates and she was happy to see us. She misses seeing her friends at the Camera Club. Her dog Clancy and other people at the Fair Oaks Estate brighten her days.

December birthday wishes go out to: Sherry Bradley, Don-Lary Erwin, Julius Kovatch, Don Martin, and Bill Manasse – a special cheer goes out to him as he will be 98 this month!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Annual Awards Banquet will take place on Thursday, January 16, 2006. Eligible members are invited to enter their best slides, digital images, and prints in the annual division competitions. **Last year's winners should turn in their trophies no later than December 13th at the Christmas Potluck.** 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. Please mail in your reservation and payment no later than January 10, 2006 to Ron Parker if you are planning to attend.

*Please join us on January 16, 2007
Sierra Camera Club Annual Awards Banquet
Dante Club - 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd*

No Host Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm Buffet Dinner to follow at 6:45 pm

Menu includes:

Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables, Turkey Entrée (with Fontana Cheese and Sage Sauce), Beef Short Ribs with Apple Cider BBQ sauce. Coffee and Tea, as well cake are provided as well.

Price is \$26 per person

Yes, I would like to attend the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet. Enclosed is a check for \$_____ for _____ people.

Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Please return form & payment to Ron Parker - 1845 Barn Valley Lane Lincoln, CA 95648



**A FEW SIERRA CAMERA CLUB
MEMBERS GETTING TOGETHER
FOR A GOOD TIME**

DECEMBER
Calendar

<i>December</i>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	<i>Holiday Party & Club Meeting</i>	13	14	15	16
17	18	<i>Board Meeting</i>	20	21	22	23
24 / 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

CLUB DIVISIONS

SLIDES

Hope Price 916.487.4088

Meets: Feb 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Sep 6, & Nov 1

PRINTS

Barbara Jones

Meets: Jan 23, Mar 27, May 22, Jul 24, Sep 25, & Nov 27

ELECTRONIC

Chuck Pivetti 916.359.7049

Meets: Second Tuesday Jan - Nov

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

MEMBER COMPETITION STANDINGS FOR 2006

		Color AA	Color AAA	Color Top 10	Electronic AA	Electronic A	Nature	Travel Sequence	Travel Single	Print
Tod	Bice					150				
Ken	Bosanko	102								
Joyce	Boyer	131								
Jim	Cehand			125			110			
Sam	Clemans					161				
Heather	Cline				160					
Bob	Cothrin						110		109	
Glen	Cunningham					146				
Bob	Erhart				160					
Dorothy	Farol					153	62		62	2 nd /Nature
Julius	Fava			129			129	61	128	
Margaret	Fava			127						
Gail	Foley		125							
Dolores	Frank				167					
Laurie	Friedman			132			132	68	132	
Robert	George				170					
Peggy	Gidding		131				127	63	127	
Phyllis	Gray									3 rd /Color
Sandy	Holtzclaw									
Truman	Holtzclaw			133	166		117	59	119	3 rd /Nature 2 nd /Color
Diane	Hovey			127	163		103			
Bob	Hubbell									3 rd /Color
Wendell	Johnson						96	12	106	
Barbara	Jones									
Carol	Jordan			134	168					
Julius	Kovatch				170					1 st /Nature 3 rd /Mono 1 st /Color
William	Manasse					130				
Don	Martin				133					
Melba	Martin				161					
Susan	Nielson			111	143					
Milo	Nittler								24	
Betty	Olsen									
Ron	Parker		45							2 nd /Mono 1 st /Color
Gail	Parris			89						
Chuck	Pivetti				162					3 rd /Nature 1 st /Mono 2 nd /Color
Hope	Price									
Willis	Price			142	165					
Joan	Scheer	128				157	22	10	22	
Donna	Sturla				144					
Marcia	Sydor		129			155	120	66	125	
Judy	Tilson					111				
BJ	Ueltzen		64			135				
Jim	White					152				
Shirley	White					145				

2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento is an incorporated, non-profit club whose members join together to promote all aspects of photography. Members participate in club competitions, workshops, field trips, & other activities designed to further expertise in, and appreciation of photography. Anyone interested can join using the form below. This form can be mailed or brought to a meeting. Renewals for 2007: Membership dues are due January 1 and are delinquent after January 1, 2007. 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.

SUBSCRIPTION TYPE	ANNUAL DUES	/	INITIATION FEE*	TOTAL (NEW MEMBER)
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45 +		\$5*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$70 +		\$7*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$77
JUNIORS (UNDER 18)	\$10 +		\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.50
FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22)	\$22.50 +		\$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25.00
GAMMAGRAM ONLY	\$12 -			<input type="checkbox"/> \$12

↳ SUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

MEMBERS AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CLUB CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND COMPETITION RULES.

NAME (PRINT) _____

BIRTH MONTH: _____ PHOTOGRAPHY INTERESTS: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP CODE _____

PHONE(S) (____) _____ (____) _____ EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

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