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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joan Davidson-Scheer

*T*hose of you who attended the Print Workshop and Digital Imaging Meeting have seen some positive changes put into action. The term "Print Workshop" is really a misnomer because Bob Hubbell conducted an excellent workshop on Photoshop. This reflects the club's increased emphasis on learning rather than competition.

At the February General Meeting, the members present voted unanimously to change the club's logo then voted on which of two logos were more appealing. In a vote of 19 to 8, logo number one was chosen. This vote met the two-thirds requirement to make the change. To see the winner, just take a look at the top of this Gammagram.

The Valentine's dinner at the Spaghetti Factory had a larger attendance than usual. I encourage all members to become a part of this tradition. It gives us a chance to get to know others better. I encourage participation in future Color Slide Meetings and the Print Meeting Workshops.

SPRING SALE – HELP NEEDED!

Once again I'm asking you to help with the Spring Sale at the Shepard Garden and Arts Center on March 25th - 26th. Set up will start on Friday, March 24th. To sign up to work at the sale, please email jdscheer@aol.com. If you do not have email, please call and leave a message. The club needs your donations, which need not be related to photography. Last year, videos, candles, and glassware sold well. This year, we know we will have books and magazines to sell, so please donate them. If you have prints to donate, we would love to have them, but need to know if you want them back if they do not sell. If you have large or heavy items, I ask that you bring them directly to the sale on Friday due to vehicle capacity limits. Smaller items can be brought to the March Color Meeting. Please also indicate pricing suggestions if you have any.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

I want to thank all of our volunteers who run projectors, help with scoring, bring & set up refreshments, and set up microphones. Without your help, the meetings could never go as smoothly as they do now.

As I have observed all of you in action, I wanted to give a new award at the Annual Banquet, called the *President's Award*. This reads, "In recognition of continuous contribution of time and persistence to help make the club successful throughout 2005." I awarded this to Sandy Parker, who is diligent in providing us with updated calendars, member lists, nametags, and the annual book. She also took the initiative to call members to sign up for the Annual Banquet and renew memberships for 2006. I cannot imagine what the club would be like without her contribution of time, energy, and organizational skills.

By unanimous vote of the board the 2005 Service Award went to Carol Jordan. She organized the entire Christmas Party at the Garden and Arts Center and solicited two excellent programs from Chuck Pivetti and Dolores Frank.

Thank you also to Laurie Friedman for running both the Travel and Nature Divisions in Pat Malott's absence. We are seeing constant improvements in Pat's health and want her to come back as soon as she is able. Please give Pat encouragement as often as you can.

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Hello Color Slide People. Our next Color Slide meeting is March 14th. Karen Wyatt, from Placer Camera Club has agreed to judge. Karen has proved in the past to be a very competent judge with constructive comments. I know the quality of the images will be good, as our members do nice work. The lists below will show who competed in January and the scores accordingly. Those names that have a double ** next to your name will be entitled to a make-up in March. If your name is not listed and you wish to enter please call me at 487-4088 or contact me at the scoring table at the meeting and I will correct the mistake. We will also have a **Special Assignment** for March. Bring '1' of the subject matter "**Blurred Motion**" which will be judged as a separate category.

A group of us meet at the 'Old Spaghetti Factory at 19th & J Streets in the lounge between 5 and 5:30 pm. and go into dinner at 5:30 The food is good and the prices quite reasonable Please call me if you plan on attending so I can make the reservation. (** Bring four slides in March for your makeup.)

Class AA		Class AAA		Top Ten	
Joyce Boyer	23	Peggy Gidding	23	Susan Nielson	25
Joan Scheer	23	Ron Parker	23	BJ Ueltzen	**
Ken Bosanko	22	Marcia Sydor	22	Truman Holtzclaw	23
Dorothy Farol	**	Jim Chin	**	Willis Price	23
Deidre Johnson	**	Sam Clemens	**	Jim Cehand	22
Lilian Sinatra	**	Nadine Cronkhite	**	Julius Fava	22
Donna Sturla	**	Gail Foley	**	Margaret Fava	22
		Barbara Jones	**	Laurie Friedman	22
		Dick Kretsinger	**	Gail Parris	22
		William Manasse	**	Carol Jordon	**
		Judy Tilson	**	Diane Hovey	**

TRAVEL & NATURE DIVISION
Laurie Freedman

We had an excellent first competition in February, with Tal Lewis judging and making perceptive, instructional comments. Thanks, too, to Lila Lincoln and Marcia Sydor for scoring, focusing by Jim Cehand, and help by many others. Bea Jones and Dorothy Sorenson have agreed to come back this year and set up the refreshments, brought this month by Marcia and Bea. Thank you one and all! Our next competition will be on Thursday, April 6th, with Tom Myers judging. New competitors are welcome, bringing make ups for February. Truman is starting off strong, but come and give him a run for his money.

Travel Sequences		Travel Single		Nature	
Wendell Johnson	12	Truman Holtzclaw	24	Julius Fava	25
Truman Holtzclaw	12	Julius Fava	22	Bob Cothrin	23
Laurie Friedman	12	Joan Scheer	22	Truman Holtzclaw	22
Julius Fava	11	Marcia Sydor	21	Joan Scheer	22
Peggy Gidding	11	Peggy Gidding	21	Marcia Sydor	22
Marcia Sydor	10	Bob Cothrin	21	Jim Cehand	22
Joan Scheer	10	Laurie Friedman	20	Peggy Gidding	22
		Wendell Johnson	20	Wendell Johnson	20

Sequence Honors were awarded to Wendell Johnson, Truman Holtzclaw, and Laurie Friedman"

Single Honors were awarded to Julius Fava, Joan Scheer, and Truman Holtzclaw.

Travel Slide of the Night was awarded to Truman Holtzclaw for "Palouse Gold"

Tal Lewis also judged our Nature slides, and being a nature photographer, did a superb job. The appreciation to all the workers from the Travel Report applies equally here. Pat Malott has reorganized the Nature Division so that there is only one class. Nature Honors were awarded to Truman Holtzclaw, Marcia Sydor, Bob Cothrin, Peggy Gidding, Julius Fava (2). **Nature Slide of the Night** was awarded to Julius Fava for "Mountain Lion"

ELECTRONIC DIVISION

Chuck Pivetti

J was a little anxious taking over from Dolores Frank who had done such a great job with this Division. She helped to coach me, and assisted during the meeting. It pleases me to see that “real pictures” can compete with Photoshop wizardry. Julius Kovatch is proving it. He is in the lead with his beautiful landscape and nature images. It was wonderful to see so many members entering digital images for the first time. Please don't be discouraged by the scores. You were going up against very experienced digital photographers on a night when we had a tough judge. - Our judge, Henry Paine, was new to most of us. Inspired by Ansel Adams, Henry has mastered the Zone System. His gallery is located at 147 E. Alpine Ave, Stockton- open 1-6pm M-F. Phone (209) 942-2821.

Thank you to all the people who helped set things up. Tod Bice set up the sound system. Sandy Parker brought in Valentine's Day goodies.

Our next meeting is April 11. The judge is Shelly Thorene, an artist from Viewpoint Gallery. She judged Color last year and did a nice job. We should thank these artists who give up their time and drive long distances to help us with our photography. - Please submit three images for April to allow the judge enough time to comment on each. See below for make-ups. Before submitting your images, please review my instructions for formatting images. I will send a revised version to make them clearer. Our fun assignment for April is “Right Stuff.” It would be more fun if the image were created after the assignment is issued, so turn on your imaginations and go shoot something. Don't forget the Spaghetti Factory before the meeting. Let me know if you will be joining us (916) 359-7049, cpivetti@winfirst.com.

*two make-ups in April, **four make-ups in April

Total Scores

Julius Kovatch	89	William Manasse	79
Dolores Frank	88	Joan D-Scheer	79
Truman Holtzclaw	86	Marcia Sydor	79
Carol Jordan	86	Sam Clemens	78
Bob Ehrhart	85	Dorothy Farol	73
Susan Nielsen	85	Hope Price	73
Chuck Pivetti	85	Jim White	72
Diane Hovey	84	Shirley White	70
Willis Price	84	Judy Tillson*	63
Melba Martin	83	Robert George**	43
Heather Cline	82	Sandy Holtzclaw**	43
Barbara Jones	82	Glen Cunningham**	38
Donna Sturla	82	Margaret Fava**	35
Don Martin	80	Julius Fava**	35
		Tod Bice**	33

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Give some thought to the idea of splitting the competitors into two Classes. Look at the Total Scores and think about putting the competitors with 80 or more accumulated points into an “AA” Class and the remainder into an “A” Class. We can discuss this at the April meeting before the competition begins, and if you agree to the split, we can institute it right then. I will have the slides arranged so we can go either way.



SLIDE OF THE MONTH: CORN LILY PATTERNS
TRUMAN HOLTZCLAW



BOB EHRHART



MELBA MARTIN



BARBARA JONES



CHUCK PIVETTI

PRINT DIVISION

Bob Hubbell

At least 47 folks attended our January meeting, the first in our series of workshops. The workshop was presented by Bob Hubbell. Topics included: a general strategy for working on images in Photoshop; introduction to Selections; a way to put Dodge/Burn on its own layer without changing the original image; a simple method for sharpening; and a method for making test prints without using up too much paper and ink. Comments were positive and our workshop series is off to a roaring start. Our next workshop will be on March 28 (See separate article). Our first competition in 2006 will be May 23.

Cumulative Competition Winners for 2005

COLOR:		NATURE:		MONOCHROME:	
Julius Kovatch	140	Truman Holtzclaw	137	Ron Parker	138
Truman Holtzclaw	134	Chuck Pivetti	136		

Annual Competition

Color Print of the Year was awarded to Sam Clemens for "Pots and Pads".

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Sam Clemens (2), Joan Davidson-Scheer, Julius Kovatch, & Chuck Pivetti,

Nature Print of the Year was awarded to Julius Kovatch for "Sierra Vista through Alabama Hills Arch"

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Chuck Pivetti,, Julius Kovatch, & Julius Kovatch

Monochrome Print of the Year was awarded to Chuck Pivetti for "Auger and Wheels"

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Ron Parker and Chuck Pivetti

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES, WORKSHOPS, & SHOWS

Bob Hubbell

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

- Good clouds this month. Try to get out in the open for nice, sweeping shots; the refuge in Yolo County might be good: go west on I-80, cross the causeway, immediately exit, go right at the stop sign, curve under the freeway and take the gravel road left up onto the levee, then drive down into the refuge (I'm not positive it's open yet). There's still some standing water. Shoot clouds in sky reflected in water.
- Daffodil Hill will open when things are in bloom, usually late March. Check Google, "daffodil hill" for opening dates.
- On March 31 three private gardens will be open to the public, as part of the Garden Conservancy national open days program. These are some of the best in our area. Admission to each garden is \$5. For info, www.gardenconservancy.org, or call 888-842-2442. I haven't seen any of these so I don't know just what you'll find.
- There will be a kite flying festival and picnic at a county park in late March. Kids & Kites: should be good. Specific date not yet established. Phone County Recreation and Parks later in the month, 875-6961.
- And of course, the wildflower season is fast approaching. Adobe lilies should be appearing on Walker Ridge. Poppies and other lovelies should be out by late March.

WORKSHOPS

The Prints Division presents its second workshop on March 28. Topics will include: Understanding your printer's dynamic range (critical for good prints); Selections in depth, including Quick Mask and various other techniques; introduction to Layers; Different techniques for mounting prints for presentation.

SHOW

The Sac State Library Gallery will show photos from the CA State Library collection, Mar 3-Jun 24. "Rare and beautiful photographs, including daguerrotypes, ambrotypes, tintypes, large scale albumen prints by Carleton Watkins, Edward Muybridge and I. W. Taber, autochromes, goldtones, etc." Also exhibits of 19th century photo equipment with detailed explanations. Gallery hours: 10-5, Tue thru Sat. Parking is easier on Saturdays.

FRIENDSHIP REPORT
Margaret Fava

The flowering trees and bushes are blooming profusely around the city. Lets hope this will renew our energy for Spring to come. Hope and Willis Price went to visit Pat Malott and she is progressing nicely and up and around on a walker. I phoned Pat and we had a nice conversation. She misses the Camera Club and friends.

Mary Silva bruised her foot at home while trying to break a fall but she is doing much better since the swelling went down.

Raymond Harmsen – my brother had open heart surgery – 4 bypasses at Mercy Hospital, it was successful. He hopes to be released soon. His wife Eleanor will be his private nurse at home, so take care.

MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:

Nadine Cronkhite ■ Sam Clemens ■ Maragaret Fava ■ Dee Johnson ■ Priscilla Liddle ■ Pat Malott ■ Susan Nielson

The club is currently relying on the generosity of member(s) to provide a projector for use during electronic meetings. Since the cost of purchasing a new projector for the club is significant, the proposal to purchase a replacement bulb instead (to be given to the owner of the loaned projector in the event it burns out) will be discussed at the next club meeting on March 14th. This purchase must be voted on by the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EDITORS NOTES

Heather Cline

Help make the Gammagram more dynamic - Please send stories, travel information, contests, regional events, photo opportunities, websites, and of course images to hcline_photography@hotmail.com.
Photo Needs: Slide of the night ■ Members, Meetings, & Events ■ Nature ■ Travel ■ Seasonal

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.

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

MARCH
Calendar

March			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Color/Club Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Board Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Print Meeting/Workshop	29	30	31	

EVENTS
Mary Silva's Birthday

The Club joined together to celebrate Mary Silva's 98th birthday! Thank you to Truman for providing photos from the event.



GOLD RUSH CHAPTER – PSA PRESENTS PHOTO ADVENTURES FOR ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

From Artic Regions to Antarctica with many stops in between

Sunday March 5th

Holiday Inn Northeast – 5321 Date Avenue (i-80 / Madison) Sacramento

Registration begins at 8:30 am

Programs to include: Alaska’s Denali National Park, Brown Bears of Katmai NP, Driving through Autumn, Hill tribes of Northern Thailand, & an Antarctic adventure.

Presenters: John Dean, Jim & Linda Lenthall, and Norma Mastin

Visitors are always welcome at Gold Rush Chapter programs. Admission is only \$5 for non members and \$3 for students.

To make a reservation for lunch at this event, please make a check for \$20.50 to Gold Rush Chapter, PSA and mail to Gold Rush Chapter, PSA 1916 Meer Way Sacramento, CA 95822. Phone (916) 456-4406

FREE COMPUTER TRAINING

This course utilizes individualized instruction to expose older adults to state of the art technology involving the computer system. Using a hands-on approach, students gain a basic understanding of computer hardware and software. PC and Macintosh classes are available.

**A. Warren McClasky Adult Center – 53rd & J Street, Sacramento
Call (916) 277-6625**

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB FIELD TRIPS

Don and Melba Martin have facilitated a couple of wonderful workshops this year so far. If you would like to see more of these in the future, please help by offering suggestions for possible field trip locations. A list will be generated and published in a future newsletter for member feedback.

The club is in need of trip leaders as well. If you are familiar with a particular location, you might be perfect to coordinate such a trip! Help make the club more valuable for everyone and relay your field trip wish list to Heather at the next meeting or by email at hcline_photography@hotmail.com.



SACRAMENTO ZOO



NAPA VALLEY



MARIN HEADLANDS



SACRAMENTO CAPITAL

THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE 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. NEW MEMBERS, AFTER JULY 1, PAY HALF THE ANNUAL RATE.

SUBSCRIPTION TYPE	ANNUAL DUES/INITIATION FEE*		TOTAL (NEW MEMBER)		TOTAL (RENEWING)	
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