



GAMMAGRAM

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *Joan Davidson-Scheer*

As of the date of this publication, no one has agreed to be a candidate for President or Secretary for 2007-2008. At the November meeting, we will be voting on Glen Cunningham as the candidate for Treasurer. If someone agrees to be a candidate for the open offices before or during the November General Meeting, the vote will include those candidates.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND DONATIONS AT THE FALL SALE

Volunteers included: Dorothy Sorenson, Truman Holtzclaw, James Cehand, Margaret and Jay Fava, Lila Lincoln, Bea Jones, Carol Jordan, Bob Hubbell, Joan Melamed, Marcia Sydor, Sandy Parker, and Heather Cline. I appreciate all the help and cooperation I got from all of the volunteers.

The club also received generous donations of items to sell from Barbara Jones, Truman Holtzclaw, Dorothy Sorenson, Bea Jones, James Cehand, Sandy Parker, and me.

My wish for the future of this club is that everyone would have the same kind of giving spirit of their time and energy toward growing and continually improving the Sierra Camera Club.

Happy Halloween!!!

SIERRA CAMERA CLUB'S PAST AND FUTURE

Contributed by Willis Price

Seventy years ago on April 7th of the year 1936, nineteen people interested in photography met and organized the Sierra Camera Club. John Pardee was elected as the first president. Though it's many years of existence our club has nurtured many budding photographers. It's been a great place for beginners to have the chance to learn skills from the many great photographers that this club has always attracted. But now we are having a problem getting new members, and we would like your input. The Club has initiated many new changes to keep up with the transformation to digital photography, but our membership continues to decline. The Sierra Camera Club's future, if it has one, is up to you as members to get the word out to your friends and co-workers that have an interest in photography, tell them what our Club has to offer.



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COLOR DIVISION *Hope Price*

Our next Color meeting will be Nov. 14th. Bring any make-ups due. Our judge will be the well known Bill Papke. Bill has established a digital imaging group that meets once every three months at ARC. Many years ago Bill taught Physics during the daytime at ARC and taught photography for adult education at night. He is very qualified to evaluate our images as he has many times before.

In December, instead of a meeting, we will have our annual Christmas potluck. Please bring to me 6 slides which were entered during this year of 2006 for the annual competition. Also please bring any trophies as they are perpetual trophies and we need them to be returned at this time.

Our 2007 Color Slide meetings will be somewhat different so be sure to read your December Gammagram for details.

TRAVEL & NATURE DIVISION *Laurie Friedman*

I'm back from two months away (scouting Eastern Canada and New England for the Travel and Nature Divisions, of course) and wanted to update folks with all the news. Firstly, thanks to Marcia Sydor for running the September Competition, and to everyone who helped her! Our final competition for the year will be on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, with David Rosen judging. I know there have been some mishaps with the reporting of the scores, but I have given Heather the latest totals from Marcia for this Gammagram, and plan to review all the year's scores (Marcia is sending me the September information) to confirm the scores by the November meeting.

It's time for our ANNUAL JUDGING, and Marilyn Summerdorf (an excellent photographer and judge) has graciously agreed to be the Annual judge for both the Nature and Travel Divisions. For Nature you may enter 6 slides from this year's competitions. For Travel, you may enter two sequences and 6 slides from this year. At the November meeting, I will be giving every competitor a copy of all the monthly competition slide entries, so you can pick your Annual slides from this year's entries; please indicate the date of the competition on the back of the slide to make life easier for your hard-working Division Director. Slides for the Annual Judging will be accepted up to the Holiday Party on December 12th. Also, please bring your trophies back on that date. Thanks all, and looking forward to seeing you on November 2nd.

PRINT DIVISION *Bob Hubbell*

PRINTS WORKSHOP!!! November 28, the week after Thanksgiving

Can't get that picture because there's too great a range between the light areas and the dark areas? No more! This workshop will solve that problem. We'll explore ways to expand dynamic range, from the simple (sort of) to the sophisticated. We'll also consider ways to handle underexposed images and perhaps other topics if time allows. This is our last workshop of the year so come, join the fun, and help plan for next year.

PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES *Bob Hubbell*

Have you been to the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament downtown, 11th and J Sts? It's gorgeous inside. Of course, you don't want to intrude during a wedding or other service. Call first 444-3071. Tripods are allowed. Go on a sunny day and the inside is beautifully lit. November means Apple Hill. Drive up Highway 50 past Placerville. You'll see the signs, or take the Camino exit. Pick up a map at the first place you stop. Visit High Hill Farm, which usually has lots of interesting opportunities for photos. Watch for the little things, like a pile of colorful gourds or a child with an apple fritter. (Invest in your fat-for-the-month with a fritter yourself.) According to last year's Bee, there is a great Thanksgiving Day parade in Loomis. Local color. Check before you go. The sandhill cranes are back. Call Bruce Foreman 916-358-2353 for a tour November through February. Bring your longest lens and prepare to shoot at dusk. The yearly motorcycle toy run is either in late November or early December: Google "toy run Sacramento" or www.maweb.org. Find out where their staging area is this year (it varies). You can wander around, shooting choppers of every description, often with giant dolls tied on them, and lots of interesting people.

ELECTRONIC DIVISION *Chuck Pivetti*

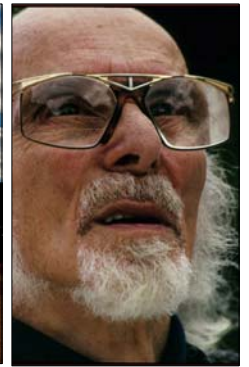
The last Electronic Imaging Division meeting for 2006 enjoyed the fine work of a first time judge, Ginny Giles from Camera Arts. Ginny comes to us with a different background from that of the typical camera club judge. Not only is she half owner of that photographer's dream store, Camera Arts, she is also an artist whose photography is unique in a very creative way.

Ginny evaluated 45 digital images. She awarded honors to seventeen of the images. Seventeen of 45 seems like a very high percentage receiving honors, but, considering how fabulous the images were, I don't see how she could have done anything else. You digitizers are doing lots of very impressive work.

Our fun category of "mirror images" turned up some interesting ideas. There was even one mirror image that contained a non-reversed mirror image; very tricky.

Digital photographers receiving honors were:

Sam Clemens	"Ship" and "Pelton Wheel"
Heather Cline	"Red Flower"
Glen Cunningham	"Grand Canyon Ram"
Bob Ehrhart	"Girl on a Horse"
Dorothy Farol	"Troubled Dan"
Dolores Frank	"Nine-Eleven"
Robert George	"Mum in Blue Bottle"
Truman Holtzclaw	"Bodie Hotel"
Diane Hovey	"Adelie Running"
Julius Kovatch	"Crystal Mill"
Chuck Pivetti	"Truck, Night, Mirrored"
Joan Scheer	"Queen Butterfly" and "Peacock Splendor"
Marcia Sydor	"Mt. Vernon"
Jim White	"Bodie View" and "Mountain Man"



Again let me say about pixel photography and computers, "There's no film or processing to pay for so go out there and practice, practice, practice....." Again we owe a great big thanks to a lot of special people who always show up early and set up the room for the meeting, bring cookies, set up the refreshment table, set up the sound system, etc. Thank you. "Digitizers, don't forget to send me e-mail instructions on which of your images you would like me to use for the Annual Competition. You must let me know no later than our December Christmas Party. You may designate up to six images of those you sent me for regular competition during the year."

FRIENDSHIP REPORT
Margaret Fava

Welcome back to some of the travelers; we still have some on the road chasing fall colors.

Serious Note:

Bill and Estelle Manasse were in a serious auto accident in September. They are both home from the hospital and have 24 hour care. Estelle was driving and broke her neck, shoulder, and many bones on the left side of her body. Bill had an internal injury to his lung and no power in his hands that requires therapy. The hospital gave Bill a cane which he is keeping as a souvenir. Bill said it will take a long time for them to recover. Thanks to all the members for all the cards, phones calls, and emails – they cheer them up.

Sam Clemens had a shoulder operation on September 29th and it was a success. Sam will be in a sling for 2 more weeks followed by 2 months of therapy. Two weeks after Sam’s surgery, Pat Clemens had a light stroke (Oct 13th) She spent 4 days in the hospital and is now back at home. The new medication is showing good results and she sounded good on the phone. Take care both of you.

November birthdays:

Happy birthday to Dixon Dewey and anyone we missed. . .

NOVEMBER
Calendar

November

				1		2	3	4
						<i>Nature/Travel Meeting</i>		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<i>Color / Club Mtg</i>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		<i>Board Meeting</i>			<i>Thanksgiving</i>			
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
		<i>Print Meeting</i>						

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.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Keep Tuesday, December 12 free for the Sierra Camera Club Christmas potluck. There will be no competition that night; instead there will be great food, wonderful slideshows and a good time with your friends. Bring your favorite holiday dish for the potluck. According to 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. Plan to celebrate the season with photos of Sierra Camera Club at 6:30 at the Garden and Arts Center, Tuesday, December 12.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Awards Banquet will take place on Thursday, January 26, 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 banquet will include slide and electronic image shows and a print display of our 2005 year's best, and an awards presentation. 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*

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), Pork Ribs with Apple Cider BBQ sauce. Coffee and Tea, as well as ice cream 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 _____
(please print)

Street _____ City _____ Zip Code _____

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

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



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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					150				
Ken Bosanko									
Joyce Boyer	111								
Jim Cehand			83*			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			86*			109	51	107	
Margaret Fava			106						
Gail Foley		105							
Dolores Frank				167					
Laurie Friedman			89*			108	56	111	
Robert George				170					
Peggy Giddings		108				108	51	105	
Phyllis Gray									3 rd /Color
Sandy Holtzclaw									3 rd /Nature
Truman Holtzclaw			110	166		117	59	119	2 nd /Color
Diane Hovey			83*	163		103			
Bob Hubbell									3 rd /Color
Wendell Johnson						96	12	106	
Barbara Jones									
Carol Jordan			110	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									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			117	165					
Joan Scheer	107				157	22	10	22	
Donna Sturla				144					
Marcia Sydor		109			155	101	55	103	
Judy Tilson					111				
BJ Ueltzen		64*			135				
Jim White					152				
Shirley White					145				

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)
SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	\$45 + \$5*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$50 OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL \$45
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP	\$70 + \$7*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$77 OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL \$70
JUNIORS (UNDER 18)	\$10 + \$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$12.50 OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL \$10
FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22)	\$22.50 + \$2.50*	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$25.00 OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL \$22.50
GAMMAGRAM ONLY	\$12 -	<input type="checkbox"/> NEW \$12 OR	<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL \$12

↳ SUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

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

NAME (PRINT) _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
 CODE _____

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

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SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

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