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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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OCTOBER CALENDAR:

6th Fleet Week, SF Bay

9th Digital Division

13th & 14th Salmon Festival

17th Board Meeting



At the September Digital meeting I passed out a brief survey. We need to discuss the results and how the club should respond as we move into the digital age. Below are the questions and the number of people who chose each answer, along with a few comments of my own.

1. What is your biggest interest in the Club?
 - A. Competitions: 2
 - B. Learning how to be a better photographer: 24
 - C. Getting to know other photographers: 1
2. How do you usually view your pictures?
 - A. I view my pictures through my TV 4 (one additional person said computer)
 - B. Prints made directly from memory card: 6
 - C. Make my own prints: 16
3. Do you edit your pictures on a computer? If so, do you use:
 - A. Photoshop Elements: 7
 - B. Photoshop or Photoshop CS: 18
 - C. Another processing program: One person listed Lightroom, one listed Corel and one listed both Elements and another program.

Regarding Number One, I interpret this to mean that we need to build our emphasis on workshops, and develop other activities such as guest speakers and discussing member images in a noncompetitive format. We shouldn't abandon competition but it shouldn't be the dominant activity of the Club.

Regarding Questions 2 and 3, over half our members are making their own prints, using some version of Photoshop. That's great because doing your own processing is the best way to bring out the inner Ansel in you. At the same time, we need to keep our workshops, etc., broad enough that non-Photoshoppers aren't shut out. More importantly, presentations shouldn't be limited to processing and printing. We need to learn more about cameras and their operation, good locations, composition, portraiture, flash, etc.

I welcome your ideas and comments. hubjo@sbcglobal.net

Meanwhile, keep shooting. Fall colors are not very predictable this year because it's been so dry. The Eastern Sierra usually peaks in mid October but it may be earlier this year or it may simply fizzle out. Don't forget Capitol Park later this fall. It's usually good in November. Local color: Apple Hill is in full swing through November. Drive up 50 through Placerville, exit Carson Road or Camino. Check their website, www.applehill.com, before you go. Now is also a good time to visit the wine countries, including Napa/Sonoma and the less crowded Shenandoah Valley east of Plymouth. Grass Valley and Nevada City may be looking good as well. Don't forget the Empire Mine State Park while you're in Grass Valley. Lots of good photo material. I think the Travis Air Show is in October but I couldn't find any info about it.

GET ACQUAINTED!

IT TAKES A WHILE TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE IN SIERRA CAMERA CLUB. THE OLD VETS ARE OFF TAKING PICTURES AND THE NEWER MEMBERS ARE WONDERING WHO'S WHO. HERE'S A GREAT WAY TO GET ACQUAINTED AND HELP THE CLUB AT THE SAME TIME. WE HAVE THREE POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2008-2009: VICE PRESIDENT, COLOR DIRECTOR (FORMERLY DIGITAL DIVISION), AND TRAVEL-NATURE DIRECTOR (FORMALLY SLIDES).

VICE PRESIDENT:

The Veep's big responsibility is the annual awards banquet. This involves selecting a restaurant and working out details of menu, etc. In addition, the Veep orders the various medallions, certificates and trophies, and organizes the banquet. You don't have to be the M.C, though. We can always find a ham for that!

COLOR DIVISION DIRECTOR:

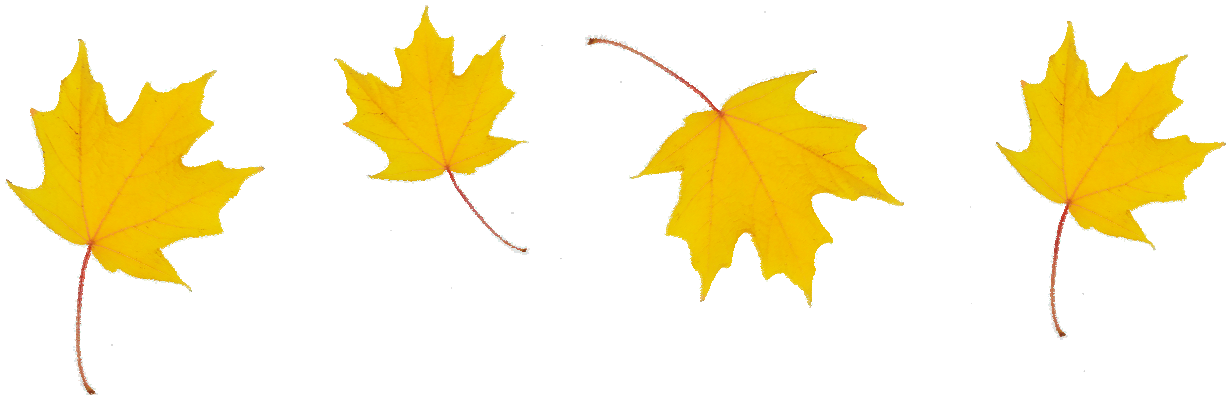
As you read in last month's Gammagram, the Digital Division is going to expand to include slides as well as digital images, and will be open to any kind of color image. It will include both competition nights and workshop nights. The director runs these meetings. Some computer skills and a laptop are required because most club members will e-mail their images to the director who will then organize them for competition or discussion and then project them at the meeting. There will be some slides to project as well. If there is a competition the director also recruits a judge from outside the Club. (We have lists of past judges so you don't have to work from scratch). Normally folks at the meeting volunteer to record scores and project the slides. The Director does not have to present workshops, etc., but needs to find people who will. The President and other folks will help with this. Finally, the Director sends a brief report to the Gammagram Editor for the next edition of our newsletter. Hey! Two people could run the Color Division together, one on the computer and the other doing the rest. My guess of the workload: Competition nights involve two or three busy evenings organizing the e-mailed images and preparing them for projection, plus telephone time to secure a judge. Then, of course, running the meeting, and a couple hours reporting the results. Whew---I got a little longwinded. Anyway, this is your chance to influence how the Club evolves in response to the digital revolution, as well as a chance to get to know some really nice folks.

TRAVEL-NATURE DIVISION DIRECTOR:

In 2009 the current Slides Division will welcome digital images as well as slides. The Director's job will be similar to that just described for the Color Division: receive and organize images submitted by e-mail and as slides, get a judge, project the images, record the scores and generally run the meeting. This division has fewer participants than the Color (Digital) division, so it will involve less time for the Director. Currently, all the Travel/Nature meetings are competitions but that could be expanded if you wish. Again, this is your chance to influence how your club operates, rather than just following along.

GAMMAGRAM EDITOR:

There's a fourth position but you're too late---it's already been taken. Gay Kent has volunteered to handle this job. Thanks, Gay!



COLOR PICTORIAL, NATURE, AND PHOTO-TRAVEL SLIDE DIVISIONS

Hope Price

Mark your calendar, this year's final Slide Competition is going to be on Thursday **November 1st**, which will likely be before you receive your November Gammagram. The judge for the evening will be **Bruce Gregory** a member of the Placer Camera Club. Please note; Gail Foley, Joyce Boyer, and Truman Holtzclaw, all have make-ups to be taken. One more thing, Peggy Gidding is missing some of her slides from the June Competition, please check to see if they were mixed with yours.

The September Slide Competition was judged by **Dave Rosen**. His comments were valid and very helpful, giving us 'food for thought'. 'Slide of the Night' in Color Pictorial was awarded to Willis Price for "Wet & Wild". In Nature, 'Slide of the Night' was awarded to Willis Price for "Great Egret and Fish". In Photo-Travel, 'Slide of the Night' was awarded to Willis Price for "Portland's Japanese Gardens". I wish to thank Marcia Sydor and Lila Lincoln for doing the score keeping, thanks to Margaret Fava and Dorothy Sorenson for bringing cookies. And also thanks to Bea Jones & Dorothy Sorenson for making punch and serving us all the wonderful refreshments.

Triple A

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Marcia Sydor | 108 |
| Peggy Gidding | 106 |
| Gail Foley | 83* |
| Joyce Boyer | 81* |

Quad A

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| Willis Price | 121 |
| Laurie Freidman | 113 |
| Margaret Fava | 107 |
| Julius Fava | 103 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | 91* |

Nature

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| Willis Price | 119 |
| Laurie Friedman | 112 |
| Marcia Sydor | 109 |
| Peggy Gidding | 107 |
| Julius Fava | 106 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | 92* |

Photo Travel

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|------------------|-----|
| Laurie Friedman | 112 |
| Willis Price | 112 |
| Julius Fava | 107 |
| Peggy Gidding | 106 |
| Marcia Sydor | 105 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | 91* |

Photo Travel Sequence

| | |
|------------------|-----|
| Willis Price | 58 |
| Laurie Friedman | 56 |
| Marcia Sydor | 53 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | 44* |

**** bring 4 make-up slides**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO
WILLIS PRICE
SLIDE OF THE NIGHT
IN ALL 3 CATEGORIES!**

Bob Hubbell and for competition meetings Barbara Jones

COLOR HONORS

Sam Clemens - Missy and Music
Dynamics
Julius Kovatch - Snowfall in Bryce

NATURE HONORS

James Cehand - Mojavi Green
Rattlesnake
Sam Clemens - Bald Eagle Parent
Watches Over Eaglet

MONOCHROME HONORS

Julius Kovatch - Sand Dune Ripples

Monochrome Image of the Night -
Julius Kovatch - Sand Dune Ripples
Color Image of the Night - James
Cehand - Mojavi Green Rattlesnake



| | TOTALS | YEAR END TOTALS |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------|
| MONOCHROME | | |
| Julius Kovatch | 24 | 47 |
| Sam Clemens | 20 | 44 |
| Bob Hubbell | 22 | 44 |
| Barbara Jones | 21 | 44 |
| Ron Parker | 16 | 40 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | | 24 |
| Phyllis Gray | | 22 |
| Suzanne Hambleton | | 22 |
| Dorothy Farol | | 21 |
| Paulo Oliveira | | 11 |
| NATURE | | |
| James Cehand | 23 | 48 |
| Barbara Jones | 21 | 44 |
| Julius Kovatch | 21 | 44 |
| Sam Clemens | 21 | 43 |
| Dorothy Farol | 8 | 30 |
| Truman Holtzclaw | | 24 |
| Phyllis Gray | | 22 |
| Paulo Oliveira | | 12 |
| Suzanne Hambleton | | 11 |
| Bill George | | 10 |
| COLOR | | |
| Julius Kovatch | 23 | 47 |
| Sam Clemens | 24 | 46 |
| Ron Parker | 21 | 45 |
| Barbara Jones | 21 | 44 |
| James Cehand | 21 | 44 |
| Bob Hubbell | 19 | 42 |
| Dorothy Farol | 16 | 38 |
| Joan Scheer | 18 | 37 |
| Joan Scheer (make-up) | 19 | |
| Truman Holtzclaw | | 22 |
| Phyllis Gray | | 11 |
| Suzanne Hambleton | | 11 |
| Bill George | | 10 |

October 9 is a competition night. For a fun assignment, let's each enter a super close up of some gadget in our camera bag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sacramento Impressions - The Myers (Tom, Sally & Jeff) have been members of the Sierra Camera Club for over forty years. They first met in the Sierra Camera Club. They have just published a new book "Sacramento Impressions". Last night they had a book signing with Mayor Heather Fargo. I have attached a image that I took last night at the book signing. I think it would be very appropriate to include the image with a short blurb about their new book in the Gammagram. Tom and Sally (and more recently Jeff) have been taking pictures around the Sacramento area for about forty years.

This new book is an accumulation of their images from the Sacramento area. The book includes over 120 color photographs. The book is ONLY \$10.75 including tax. The ISBN # is: 13:978-1-56037-464-0 It is published by: Farcountry Press. Tom's web site is tommyersphotography.com

STATE FAIR WINNER — BOB HUBBELL

Bob had this award winning photo display at the 2007 California State Fair. You may recognize it as it was also previously awarded Slide of the Night in Digital Division earlier this year. Congratulations Bob!



SACRAMENTO BEE TRAVEL PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to enter this year's Sac Bee Travel Photo Contest. Last year, we had two members get their photos published in the Bee.



WILLIS PRICE — MOOSE & TETON



HEATHER CLINE — CRESCENT BEACH

FLEET WEEK 2007

Come join *M/V Delphinus* for a special day on the bay - Fleet Week on S.F. Bay and the skies above! Parade of boats starts at 11 am and the Team Oracle Air Show and the Blue Angels are scheduled to fly in the afternoon starting at 1 pm. See <http://fleetweek.us/fleetweek> for more information.

FIELD TRIP

Organized by Heather Cline

A few of our Sierra Camera Club members joined together on Saturday (September 29th) afternoon to get some photos out at Negro Bar in Folsom. Thanks to Willis & Hope Price, Farzad Khosrownia, and Bob Bill for your support! Couldn't make it this time? Don't worry – there will be more. . .



TREE REFLECTION, W. PRICE



FARZAD & HEATHER, W. PRICE



FARZAD & GEESE, H. CLINE

WORKSHOPS

Submitted by Donna Sturla

PHOTOGRAPHING OUR NATURAL WORLD - AN INTRODUCTION TO NATURE & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY A NATURE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WORKSHOP. Enjoy 3 evening sessions & 1 field trip by photographer Dave Rosen. Fees: for this special WORKSHOP is \$160.00 per person. This class is designed for adult participants 16 years of age and older. Check out the website <http://www.sacsplash.org/nature/photography.htm>

Thursday, November 1: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday, November 8: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Thursday, November 15: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday, November 17: 7:00am - Noon



FRIENDSHIP REPORT
Margaret Fava

Fall is on its way with rain showers and warm days preparing the leaves for fall colors. This is a good time to grab your camera for the adventure of the Fall Season.

Nellie Williams and her husband Bob will be traveling to Alaska on a ten day cruise. Truman & Sandy Holtzclaw traveled to Tucson, Arizona for the PSA Convention, which was wonderful. During their two week trip, they also traveled to New Mexico and Colorado. Their next trip will be camping with their family at Laguna Seca Park outside of Monterey. Chuck & Jane Pivetti are on a Global Bus Tour through Turkey for two weeks. Exciting images from far away places. Dolores Frank is spending time with her daughter in New Jersey. Melba and Don Martin are on the road again, traveling through Arkansas and seeing new places. Bill and Estelle Manasse are doing well and Bill recently attended the Digital Workshop in September.

Lila Lincoln and Mary Silva had a potluck dinner together at Marys house. They played Cribbage after dinner and Mary and Lila both won a game.

October Birthday wishes go out to:

Laurie Friedman, Mariene Ishihara, Tom Myers, Joan Scheer, Dorothy Sorenson, Peggy Wilson, and to anyone we missed.



CLUB DIVISIONS

SLIDES

Hope Price 916.487.4088 Meets: first Thursday in Feb, April, May, June, Sept, & Nov

PRINTS

Barbara Jones 916.363.6772 Meets: Fourth Tuesday in Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, & Nov

ELECTRONIC

Chuck Pivetti 916.359.7049 Meets: Second Tuesday January – November

**OCTOBER
Calendar**

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|--|----|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----|----|--------------------------------|
|  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 <i>Fleet Week, SF Bay</i> |
| 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Digital Meeting</i> | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 <i>Salmon Festival</i> |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 <i>Board Meeting</i> | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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.

2007 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP & NEWSLETTER RENEWAL

Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc. is an incorporated, non-profit club whose members join together to promote all aspects of photography. Members participate in club competitions, workshops, field trips, and 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 2008: 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 |
|---|-------------|
| SINGLE MEMBERSHIP | \$45 |
| FAMILY MEMBERSHIP | \$70 |
| JUNIORS (UNDER 18) | \$10 |
| FT STUDENTS (UNDER 22) | \$22.50 |
| GAMMAGRAM ONLY | \$12 - |
|  <i>SUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT VOTING MEMBERS OF THE CLUB</i> | |

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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