Los Gatos-Saratoga Camera Club News

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DECEMBER WINNERS

JUDGE: LESCHER DOWLING

COLOR SLIDES A

1st	Sweetheart Abbey	Ronnie Rabedeau
2nd	Sierra Morning	Peggy Patterson
3rd	Neglected Stairs	Fan Winer
HM	Garden Gate	Ken Bloomfield
HM	White Farm House	Bill Clark

COLOR SLIDES B

1st	Bodega Bay	Helen Williams
2nd	Pacific Coast	Julie Kitzenberger
3rd	No Longer in Service	Bart Smith
HM	Pink Moment	Richard Ingles

TRAVEL SLIDES A

1st	Alaskan Carver	MaryEllen Kaschub
2nd	Iceland Fisherman	Airdrie Kincaid
3rd	Monks in Tibet	Peggy Patterson
HM	Victoria Falls	Peggy Patterson
HM	Tetons at Sunset	Fan Winer
HM	Market Day FR	Fran Winer

TRAVEL SLIDES B

1st	Costa del Sol	Helen Riley
2nd	Venice Wash	Helen Riley
3rd	Fish Drying Rack	Richard Ingles
HM	Budir Church	Richard Ingles
HM	Big Sur Fog	Julie Kitzenberger
HM	Houseboating	Judy Frosch

DIGITALLY PROJECTED IMAGES

1st	White on Red	Richard Ingles
2nd	Sandhill Cranes	Huu Pham
3rd	Cove in Nova Scotia	Uwe Schmalenbach
HM	Walking Athabasca	Marty Weisberg

Competition Rankings for 2007 *were compiled by Don Schremp and distributed to all members via email. Based on total points earned throughout 2006 for each competition category, members may find themselves rated either A or B in each: Digital Projection, Slides and or Prints. Be sure to fill out entry forms with your correct level. New Members will enter as a B in each category.*

TOP AWARD WINNERS announced at the December annual awards dinner were (left to right): **Don Schremp**, Print of the Year; **Fran Winer**, "A" Slide of the Year; **Airdrie Kincaid**, winner of the first annual Carolyn Ramsay Award. **Julie Kitzenberger**, won for "B" Slides.

CLUB NOTES

DUES DUE! Annual dues of $40 are due to Treasurer **JoAn Lambert** now. She will gladly take cash or a check.

MEMBER EXHIBITS in LOS GATOS

Bernie Weinzimmer has 11 images on display at the Jewish Community Center Café; **Mary Ellen Kaschub** has 10 new images from Mexico on display at Dolce Spazio.

2007 RULES for MONTHLY COMPETITIONS begins Feb 5

- **SUBMISSIONS 6 Total; 3 per Category; 4 per Medium**
- **MEDIA Film slides; Prints, Digitally Projected Images**
- **COLOR (A & B) each month**
- **CHALLENGE (Nature, Photojournalism, Travel, Creative) each 3x/year. Monochrome (7x)**
- **DEADLINES for Slide and Print entries: 7:15pm; Digital entries due 2 weeks prior to competition**

2007 CALENDAR

JANUARY

8 Comp: **Color/P.J.** (prints/slides); **Monochrome** (prints)

15 Program: "Hands On," Creative Photography Workshop; CDs due

18 **6C** Comp: Color/PJ/Travel (slides/prints); Monochrome (prints)

FEBRUARY

5 Comp: **Color/Creative** (slides/prints/digital); **Monochrome** (prints)

18 ***Field Trip***: Tet Vietnamese Festival, San Jose, 10am.

19 Program: *Travel Photography by Seraphina Landgrebe;* CDs due

24 **6C** Annual Awards Banquet, Coyote Creek Country Club, San Jose, 6 pm

MARCH

5 Comp: **Color/Nature** (slides/prints/digital)

17 **6C** Comp: Color/Nature/Creative (slides/prints); Monochrome (prints);

19 Program: TBA; CDs due

APRIL

2 Comp: **Color/Travel** (slides/digital); **Color/Monochrome** (prints)

16 Program*: INDIA, Its People and Places, Gail Nichols;* CDs due

MAY

7 Comp: **Color/PJ** (slides/prints/digital)

19 **6C** Comp: Color/PJ (prints/slides); Travel (slides); Monochrome (prints)

21 Program: TBD; CDs due

JUNE

4 Comp: **Color/Creative** (slides/prints/digital); **Monochrome** (prints);

18 ANNUAL PICNIC: 6:30 pm; Exhibit postcard selection; CDs due

JULY

2 Comp: **Color/Nature** (slides/prints/digital)

16 Program: *Photographer's Show & Tell;* CDs due

21 **6C** Comp: **Color/Nature/Creative** (prints/slides);

AUGUST

6 Comp: **Color/PJ** (slides/print/digital); **Travel** (slides/digital; **Monochrome** (prints)

20 No Meeting

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BERNIE TAKES THE REINS

As Bernie Weinzimmer takes over as President of the LG/SCC, he shares his thoughts and goals for our membership.

"Our Club has good strong character as evidenced by the members who volunteer and keep it running efficiently. I want the club to be a fun experience for everyone. I'd like to see more field trips and perhaps even some extended time group travel events. Virginia and the members who supported her have done a great job over the past two years, and I'm hopeful that we will continue to prosper over these next two years.

Goals and Priorities: My first priority is to ensure our members continue to enjoy the meetings and have fun at our various events. I want to encourage maximum participation in the competitions. We should continue efforts to expand our member education by offering more small group gatherings for areas of common interest. For example, not everyone wants to learn how to use printing software most effectively, but for some members this instruction would be helpful.. There are other areas where I think small groups (3-6) gathering for a specific topic discussion can provide benefit to members. We all want to improve our photographic skills, and we should continue to encourage member education in all aspects of photography**.**

Aspirations for the Club: I want the Club to prosper and maintain a membership in the 40-50 range. I'd like to see more Club field trips, better time management of meetings (keeping competition nights to a two-hour maximum), increased member participation and execute the purchase of our own digital projector. We'll continue to explore alternate meeting locations in order to upgrade our facilities without dramatically increasing our cost.

Club Meetings: We need to improve the time management at our meetings and in order to keep the meetings on competition nights to a two-hour maximum, I will hold committee announcements and 6C ribbon awards until closer to the end while the judge is making up his/her mind. Meetings need to start promptly at 7:30 p.m. with the introduction of guests, new members and the judge, and then we'll jump right into the competition. I'd like us to complete our meetings no later than 9:30 p.m.

Club Format and Communications: That said, I want as many members as possible to participate in the competitions. Hopefully we can manage this with the 6-entry limit per member, but if not, then we may have to think about reducing that to 5 or 4 if necessary. Now that we are expanding our media to include Digitally Projected Images at each competition, time management will be critical. Email is my preferred method of communication and our excellent Club Newsletter will be available at the meetings, sent as a PDF file afterwards and also posted on the Club website.

My Photography I try to accurately represent what I saw with my eye in my photos. I use minimal manipulative enhancements and my preference is for action shots versus scenics. My intent is to spend more time behind the lens and less time in front of my computer. I try to get the shot as perfect as I can on capture to minimize processing time. I especially like to capture difficult shots from a technical perspective such as white birds in flight. My favorite categories are Nature and Photo Journalism."

MAD ABOUT MUSHROOMS

The first field trip of 2007, led by Airdrie Kincaid and Richard Ingles, searched out mushrooms in Big Basin. If you'd like to know all about California mushrooms, check out

these web sites: Mycological Society of SF at www.mssf.org and www.mykoweb.com for a wealth of information.

2007 CALENDAR *con't*

SEPTEMBER

2-8 **PSA** Conference, Tucson, Arizona

3 Labor Day—No Meeting

TBA Exhibit Installation for Art in the Council Chambers, 9/6-11/8

14 Exhibit Reception 6-8 pm, Los Gatos Council Chambers.

15 **6C** Comp: Color/PJ (prints/slides); Travel (slides); Monochrome (prints); CDs due

17 Program: Member 15-image presentation

OCTOBER

1 Comp: **Color/Creative** (slides/prints/digital); **Monochrome** (prints)

15 Program: "*Digital Photography III*" by Bernie Weinzimmer; CDs due

NOVEMBER

5 **Color/Nature** (slides/prints/digital)

8 Exhibit Removal 1 pm, Los Gatos Town Council Chambers

17 **6C** Comp: Color/Nature/Creative (slides/prints); Monochrome (prints)

19 Program: TBA; CDs due

DECEMBER

3 Comp: **Color/Travel** (slides/digital); **Color/Monochrome** (prints)

17 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER 6:30pm; CDs due for Jan 2008.

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