



A Little Cold, Hot Light and Good Fun.



Some Christmas Light Photographers: Kenneth Bosanko, Chuck Pivetti, Elaine O'Deegan, and Bob Hubbell. Photo by Robert O'Deegan who is our new Field Trip Coordinator for 2009. He started his job early and organized this very successful trip to photograph Christmas lights.

2008 Awards Banquet & Show

Wednesday January 28, 6:00 social, 6:30 dinner.
Scott's Seafood Grill and Bar
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January Meetings

Tuesday January 13, General Meeting, Workshop
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Wednesday January 21, First Nature & Travel
Competition for 2009. *see page 3*



President's Message by Bob Hubbell

Hope you had a good holiday and here's to a fabulous, festive, fun-filled photographic 2009! Right off the top we have a workshop at our Second Tuesday General Meeting. Further, our Annual Awards Banquet will be on January 28 at Scott's Restaurant in Loehmann's Plaza at Fair Oaks and Munroe. They have a nice facility for projecting images, great food and the Club is going to cover some of the expenses so that the price won't be too high. What's not to like? Enjoy an evening with your friends, congratulate the award winners and see some excellent images.

Dorothea Lang Exhibit: The gallery in the Sac State Library is displaying a collection of Lang's depression photographs, some of her most well known. Worth seeing. She was not only a pioneer in documentary photography, but an artist as well. The show will up till March 7, 10AM-4PM, closed Sundays and Mondays. Parking can be difficult: better to go on a Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoon when more college students are off campus. Day use parking is six bucks! \$6!! Buy a ticket at a kiosk. Pay it, because the campus cops are highly motivated.

Winter getting you down? Get out in it! This is migratory bird season. There's a refuge at the west end of the causeway on I-80 headed toward Davis. Exit right immediately at the end of the causeway, right at the stop sign, under the freeway, left up a gravel road onto the levee, drop down on the other side of the levee and there you are. There are dirt roads through the refuge, but they may flood if the water is high.

Farther away, up I-5, there's the Colusa Refuge (turn right onto 20 at Williams, go a couple miles and watch for the sign on the right), and the Sacramento Refuge (continue up I-5, watch for the sign; it's a little before you get to Willows), and there is Graylodge, up 99 out of Gridley. The Sacramento Refuge has a nice, small museum and bookstore, and a viewing platform. Graylodge has areas where you can get out of your



car and walk. One of the two has a blind but I can't remember which one. And if you're not a bird fan (Is that possible?) Try some ghostly shots in the fog, or night shots when the streets are wet, or maybe some table-top, toasty right there in your own house.

Slate of Officers: Your president forgot that we have to elect the Club officers that have agreed to serve for the next two years. The following officers have agreed to serve 2009-2011

President: Bob Hubbell

Treasurer: Glen Cunningham

Secretary: Donna Sturla

Nature Director: Donna Sturla (Donna is replacing Don and Melba Martin in this position).

Please vote to approve this slate, but of course, you may nominate other individuals from the floor.

Our other officers are continuing their terms for one more year: Vice President, Dave Kent; Gammagram Editor, Gay Kent; General Meeting Director, Delores Frank; Travel Director, Truman Holtzclaw; Webmaster, Paulo Oliveira.

We have a fine team guiding the Club and I am grateful to every one of them for their enthusiasm, ideas and spirit.

Christmas Lights Photos by Bob Hubbell



General Meeting Tuesday January 13

Our next General Meeting will be a workshop. Chuck Pivetti will be sharing his expertise in Photoshop. He will present "Fun With Layers". There will be an introduction to "Layers" and then a 2nd workshop using layers for fun. This should be informative for all skill levels of Photoshop users and want-a-be users.

From Our Nature Director, Donna Sturla

Dear Sierra Camera Club Members :

I would like to invite you to attend our first Nature Division meeting of 2009, which will be held on Wednesday, January 21st, at 7:30 PM at the Garden and Arts Center at McKinley Park.

For January, we will have a competition, along with the Travel Division. I would like to invite you to enter this competition, if you have not already done so.

Here are some general guidelines for Nature Division competition images: Images generally follow the guidelines set forth by the PSA (Photographic Society of America). Images should tell a "nature story". They should not include human elements, man-made objects, domestic animals, cultivated plants, mounted specimens, derivations, or manipulations that alter the content.

If you would like to enter images, please send me two (2) images which have not previously been in competitions, and size them according to our club guidelines. Be sure to put your **last** name FIRST before the title of the picture. E-mail them to me and I will let you know that I received them.

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The Travel Division chair, Truman Holtzclaw, and I would like to introduce other types of meetings this year, such as educational/tutorial meetings and possibly some "assignments" for people to do and enter for viewing and for competitions. We want to make this a fun year.

Please do e-mail if you have any questions. I look forward to making Nature Division an interesting and fun category for all of us !

Happy New Year, Donna Sturla

For Travel Competition Jan. 21st

If you would like to enter images in Travel Singles competition send 2 travel images to Truman.

If you would like to enter Travel Sequence send 4 to 6 travel sequence images to Truman

scctravel@comcast.net

For help formatting your images see the attachment with this newsletter.



A happy gathering of Sierra Camera Club for our Christmas Potluck Dinner. Photo by Truman Holtzclaw

Christmas Lights

Photos by Chuck Pivetti



Photo by Robert O'Deegan



Organization

In 2009 we will have three divisions:

GENERAL DIVISION

This will include the business meeting, color and monochrome digital image competition, prints, and/ or workshops.

NATURE DIVISION

Competition, limited to digital nature images. Educational/tutorial meetings and possibly some "assignments" for people to do and enter for viewing.

TRAVEL DIVISION

Competition, limited to digital travel images. Entries may include both single images and series of between four and six images that reflect a travel experience. Educational/tutorial meetings and possibly some "assignments" for people to do and enter for viewing.

2009 OFFICERS

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Color Director Dolores Frank
Travel Director Truman Holtzclaw
Nature Division Donna Sturla

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Field Trips Robert O'Deegan
Greeting Joan Melamed
Special Events Carol Jordan
Webmaster Paulo Oliveira
Refreshments Dorothy Sorenson

VISITORS ARE WELCOME

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!

General, Nature and Travel meetings held at The Shepard Garden and Arts Center, 3330 McKinley Blvd., Sacramento, at 7:30 p.m. Board meetings rotate between board members homes. Club members welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact a board member.

2008 Meeting Schedule

General Meetings 2nd Tuesdays

See the Gammagram for schedule of each meeting.
Short Business Meetings Print Competitions,
Digital Image Competitions, Workshops and Shows.

Nature and Travel 3rd Wednesdays

See the Gammagram for schedule of each meeting.
Competitions for Nature, Travel and Travel Singles.
Some Workshops and Assignments.

IN MEMORIAL

We lost two much loved members of Sierra Camera Club this year.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO MELBA MARTIN

Our 2008 Nature Director Don Martin passed away December 30th. His great enthusiasm for the club and outgoing personality will be greatly missed.

Further details will be e-mailed to our members.

OUR CONDOLENCES TO MARGARET FAVA

Our long time member Jay Fava passed away in October. He and his wife of 50 years, Margaret, have been active in SCC for many years.

Margaret served as our sunshine committee for a long time, keeping us informed of members who were ill, on vacation and other news.