

# GAMMAGRAM



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## SEPTEMBER WINNING IMAGES

Digital Division: "Preston Castle Tubs" by Linda Candilas  
Travel Division: "Venice Reflections" by Sandy Parker  
Nature Division: "Egret with Reflection" by Willis Price



### **HELP!**

**Your club  
needs  
volunteers.  
Leaders and  
assistants are  
needed for  
the following  
areas:**

**Digital Divison**

**Field Trips**

**Refreshments**

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# September Digital Honors



“Up to her Neck” by Truman Holtzclaw



“Eastern Tiger Swallowtail” by Joan Scheer



“McGee Creek” by Gay Kent



“Sand Dunes at Sand Mountain” by Julius Kovatch



“Harness Racer” by Willis Price



“The Spin” by Willis Price



“On 2Wheels” by Dan Albertson



“Neon Lily” by Barbara Jones



“UK Native Narrator”  
by Marcia Sydor

# September Digital Competition Honors and Scores Byron Hindman, Judge Dolores Frank, Director

Name	Image	Score	Image	Score	Total
Albertson	Ocra	11	2 Wheels	12	62
Anzcl L	Louette Bridge	9	Textured Merced	10	59
Anzcl G	Gladding McBean	10	Leaves	10	20*
Ashley B	Dune Abstract	10	Mono Pano	11	63
Candilas L	Daffodil Hill in Bloom	9	<b>Preston Castle Tubs</b>	<b>13</b>	67
Cehand J	Seattle Landmark	11	Pueblo Bonito	11	62
Cosulich C	1	11	2	11	
Cosulich C	3	10	4	10	
Cosulich C	5	10	6	11	63
Cunningham G	Escalante Corral	11	Fargo Bldg Twilight	10	62
Ehrhart B	Iceland Glacier	10	Whimbrel Flight	10	63
Farol D	Coming Out Lizard	10	Snake Resting	10	64
Frank D	Iceland Archive	11	Looking Back	11	61
Holtzclaw T	Up to Her Neck	12	Muskrat Martini	10	64
Hovey D	Fire Dancer	11	White Cactus Flower	11	63
Hubbell B	MU Needed	0	MU Needed	0	23*
Jones B	Koi Dreams	10	Neon Lily	12	63
Jordan C	MU Needed	0	MU Needed	0	21*
Kent D	Bodie Barn	10	Alpine Creek	10	60
Kent G	McGee Creek	12	House Hwy 395	10	66
Klein J	MU Needed	0	MU Needed	0	21*
Kovatch J	Autumn Teton Meadows	11	Sand Dunes at Sand	12	68
Kreinberg	Character Study	10	Circus Horse	9	
Kreinberg	Montana del Oro Rays	10	Character Study 2	9	59
Krueger G	Sundial Resident	11	Sundial Bridge	11	41*
Krueger W	Life on Delta	11	Patterson Bridge	10	62
Larsen R					41*
Oliveira P	Stairs	11	Window Watching	11	68
Parker R	Reading Scripture	11	Full Moon over Sac	10	
Parker R	Outhouse	10	Spenceville	10	65
Parker S	MU Needed		MU needed		23*
Pivetti C	MU Needed		MU Needed		42*
Price W	Harness Racer	12	The Spin	12	73
Scheer J	E.Tiger Swallowtail	12	Passion Flower	10	61
Sturla D	Drying Sunflower	9	Fancy Grill	11	65
Sydor M	Romanian Cathedral	9	UK Native Narrator	12	62
Trimble	Artful Glass	10	My Garden Lamb	11	57
Twining L	Lensbaby	9	Mendo Coastal View	10	
Twining L	Moon in the Middle	9	Rose Edge	9	
Twining L	Sailing Clouds	9	Sneak a Peak	10	56
Willard C					41*
Zacharias	Sand Dune	10	Nail	11	67
Zildzic C	Church Detail	10	Dubrovnik	11	
Zildzic C	More	9	Mostar	9	
Zildzic C	Sarajevo	10	Window	10	59

\* indicates makeups are needed

# September Nature Honors and Scores. Susan Bovey Judge



“Crane Silhouettes in Orange Sunset” by Julius Kovatch



“Sunrise and Flight” by Jan Lightfoot



“McGee Creek Rocks” by Gay Kent



“Glacier National Park Glory” by Truman Holtzclaw

Name .....	Title #1 .....	Score ..	Title #2 .....	Score ..	Totals	Cum.
Anzenc, Lynne .....	** .....		** .....		17 .....	**38
Ashley, Bob .....	** .....		** .....			**42
Candilas, Linda .....	** .....		** .....			**61
Ceremello, Tanyia .....	** .....		** .....			**53
Clemens, Sam .....	** .....		** .....			**43
Cunningham, Glen .....	Fire Survivor Madrone, Spring Rain .....	11 .....	Dragonfly Watching for Flying Prey .....	10.....	21 .....	**21
Ehrhart, Robert .....	Herring Gull Coming in for Landing .....	10 .....	Moss Decomposing Ignatious Rock .....	11 .....	21 .....	.84
Farol, Dorothy .....	Full Front Alligator .....	11 .....	Female Teal Duck .....	10.....	21 .....	.86
Frank, Dolores .....	Little Blue Heron Foraging for Food .....	11 .....	Iguana trying to Avoid Being Seen .....	11 .....	22 .....	.89
Hammond, Jim .....	** .....		** .....		18.....	**18
Holtzclaw, Sandy .....	** .....		** .....			**44
Holtzclaw, Truman .....	Glacier National Park Glory .....	12 .....	Athabasca Falls, Canada .....	11.....	23 .....	.87
Hovey, Diane .....	** .....		** .....		21 .....	**64
Kent, Dave .....	Convict Lake .....	10 .....	Sand Harbor .....	11 .....	21 .....	.85
Kent, Gay .....	Silver Lake Snag .....	11 .....	McGee Creek Rocks .....	12 .....	23 .....	.88
Klein, Jim .....	** .....		** .....		20 .....	**64
Kreuger, Werner .....	** .....		** .....		20 .....	**20
Kovatch, Julius .....	Crane Silhouettes in Orange Sunset .....	12 .....	Sandhill Cranes on the Runway .....	11 .....	23 .....	.92
Kreinberg, Grant .....	** .....		** .....			**59
Larsen, Anne Marie .....	** .....		** .....			**41
Larsen, Ron .....	Tuscany Smile .....	11 .....	Ft. Bragg Fireworks in the Fog .....	10.....	21 .....	
Larsen, Ron .....	Sunrise and Flight .....	12 .....	Cross My Horn .....	11 .....	23 .....	**44
Lightfoot, Jan .....	Wild Caraway in the Shade .....	11 .....	Dry Season .....	11 .....	22 .....	**22
Pivetti, Chuck .....	Epiphytes in Costa Rica .....	10 .....	Three-Toed Sloth .....	11 .....	21 .....	.90
Price, Willis .....	EGRET WITH REFLECTION **** .....	13 .....	Nesting Cormorants .....	11 .....	24 .....	.93
Scheer, Joan Davidson .....	Blue-Jay on Limb .....	11 .....	Mt. Shasta .....	11 .....	22 .....	.86
Sturla, Donna .....	Poppies at Yankee Jim Road .....	11 .....	Opening Bud .....	11 .....	22 .....	.88
Sydor, Marcia .....	Salt Flats .....	10 .....	Grasshopper in Amber .....	10.....	20 .....	.84
Trimble, Allen .....	The Flow of Sand Stone (makeup) .....	10 .....	Eating the Wildflowers(makeup) .....	11 .....	21 .....	
Trimble, Allen .....	Sunrise .....	11 .....	Lady with her Dog .....	10.....	21 .....	**51
VanderPlaats, Roger .....	** .....		** .....		12 .....	**12
Willard, Charlie .....	Macaws Playing, Amazon .....	11 .....	Marine Iguana - Amazon .....	10.....	21 .....	.89
	****Image of the Month !		** Needs makeups			

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Bob Hubbell

We are in need of someone to be the Director of our Tuesday meetings. Its been called "Digital", "Color" and "Open". There is no a distinctive category. The images can be anything including Black and White. This year the print division has also been held at this meeting.

Here's what's involved in being Director: Plan the meetings: Competition? Workshop? Show and tell? Guest speaker? Contact people to present workshops or make other presentations. Attend the meetings or get someone to stand in for you, and run the meetings.

For competitions, make sure you have a judge, record all scores and recognize everyone who scored a twelve. (You can get help finding judges).

For the Gammagram, write a brief article each month announcing what's coming up and reporting scores after competition nights.

Attend Board meetings ( six or eight per year).

You will have help from previous Directors, Board

members and club members.

If you have any questions, call Dolores (or me, after October 17).

Here's the biggie: If we don't have a Director, we can't have the meetings! And the meetings are the heart of the Club! So please support the club and help us.

October events: the Travis Air Show is usually in October. Did you catch the one at Mather? Wow! Travis is even better. Now's the time to start making your holiday greeting cards. Fall color will be showing up by the end of October or early November. Try Grass Valley and Nevada City: picturesque towns plus fall color. And while you're there, try the Empire Mine State Park. Farther afield, the Eastern Sierra will also be showing fall colors. Take any of the roads west from Highway 395. Hard to predict exactly when the colors will peak and then that time will be brief. Go to <calphoto.com> and click on Fall Foliage Hotsheet. This source often has up-to-date info on fall color locations, as well as wildflowers.

## Digital Report by Dolores Frank, Digital Chair

Our September meeting gave us an opportunity to become better photographers.

Our thanks to Byron Hindman for offering some of the most thoughtful judging we have had in a while. It isn't necessary to agree with his choices. What is really important is to pay attention to some of the comments he made. This is not advice for new members only; we can all become better photographers by heeding some of his advice. I hope I am able to convince you to pay attention to some of the following:

Create the illusion of a 3rd dimension. A good way to do this is to have something up close in a scene. (Check out a lot of Truman's wide angle images on his web site for excellent examples - [www.abiphotos.com](http://www.abiphotos.com) ).

If you are putting a "border" around your digital image, make the tone of it fit the image, and make it narrow. Some images which did not have any pure white in the image had a border which was pure white and white pulls the eye away from the focal point of the image.

Check your image carefully for distractions. If there is an "odd" thing on the edge of the image, get it out of there.

If you are going to present a flower, make it a really good

specimen. It is a rare photo which can handle a dying flower...but, it can be done. For the most part, if you want to do flowers, make it the best of the species you can find. It is a good start for a winner.

Simplicity My personal biggest challenge is to find simple lines or designs or images. They can become your best winners. Keep it simple works.

Don't forget to check your contrast. Some images just need a boost.

Watch out for those hot spots in your image. This is basic stuff and yet, we continue to see these very bright areas in images. Tone them down, or crop them out. You are working on the computer and you can do this.

Remember. The reason we are getting together with judges is so we can learn how to do it better. The judge may not select the image you would have selected...or, he may have made a comment with which you do not agree. That's fine. Just take from it what you find useful and forget the rest. Make yourself the winner.

We had a good time last evening and I'm proud of all of the work that is submitted for competitions. Keep up the good work.

## Nature/Travel Report by Donna Sturla, Nature Chair

We had a great Nature competition on Wednesday, September 16th, with judge Susan Bovey. Congratulations to Willis Price for his Image of the Month, entitled "Egret with Reflection". I notice that many of you did not submit images, so if you want to be "in the running" for the end of the year, we only have one competition left and it will be in November. I have noted who needs makeups so please get those shutters clicking !

For the October meeting, we will have an educational class which will be directed at Travel Photography but

certainly can also apply to Nature, especially landscape photography. Paulo Oliveira, one of our members who shoots very good Travel photos, will be teaching us about lenses, filters, and generally how to improve your Travel Images. I know my Travel shots can use some improvement so I am looking forward to hearing what Paulo will be teaching us. So, mark your calendars for Wednesday, October 21st. See you there!

And, feel free to start sending Nature entries for the November (and final) competition: [ddsturla@surewest.net](mailto:ddsturla@surewest.net)



Patsy Ann of Juneau by Werner Krueger

# Travel Singles Honors for September Susan Bovey, Judge



Old House on 395, by Gay Kent



Sunrise on Hoodoos, by Dave Kent



Cathedral Gorge Patterns, by Truman Holtzclaw



Reclining Buddha #2, by Chuck Pivetti

# More Travel Singles



Preston Castle by Paulo Oliveira



Princes Plume in Arches Park, by Glen Cunningham

## Travel Singles Scores

Name	Title 1	Score 1	Title 2	score 2	Sept	Apr	Feb	Jan	TOTAL
Anzel, G	Cathedral Spires	11		11	21				32
Ashley, Bob						21	22		43
Candilas, Linda	Hawaii Ocean Surf	10	Mono Lake South Tufa	10	20	19	22	22	83
Ceremello						19	24		43
Cosulich,	Horse and Carriage	10	Spires and Grandstand	10	20				20
Cunningham, Glen	George Ferris Mansion	11	Princes Plume in Arches Park	12	23				23
Farol, Dorothy	Waterfall at Treasure Island Hotel	10	Harrah's Jester in Las Vegas	11	21	20	22	23	86
Frank, Dolores						18	24	19	61
Holtzclaw, Sandy							23	24	47
Holtzclaw, Truman	Cathedral Gorge Patterns	12	Darwin, CA	11	23	19	24	23	89
Hubbell, Bob						0	23		23
Kent, Dave	Blue Barn Bodie	11	Sunrise on Hoodoos	12	23	18	22	23	86
Kent, Gay	Old House on 395	12	Tower Bridge, Sunset	11	23	21	22	23	89
Kreinberg, Grant						17	20		37
Krueger, Werner	Patsy Ann of Juneau	12	Siuslaw River Bridge	11	23	19	23	21	86
Larson, Anne Maria							23		23
Oliveira, Paulo	Circus Philippines	11	Igorod Portrait	11	22	23	22	24	91
Oliveira, Paulo	Mono Lake Tufa	11	Preston Castle	12					0
Parker, Sandy	Spoon Bridge w/ Cherry, Minneap	11	Venice Canal Reflections	13*	24	21	22	20	87
Pivetti, Chuck	Reclining Buddha #2	12	Young Monks Bangkok	11	23	21	20	23	87
Price, Willis	Maidu Native Dancers	11	Tudor Fayre	11	22	25	23	23	93
Scheer, Joan	Bear Photography	10	Hawaiian Dancer	10	20	19	44		83
Sturla, Donna	Old Sac Reflection at Sunset	11	Sacramento at Moonrise	11	22	19	22		63
Sydor, Marcia	Romanian Dancers	11	Ukrainians Play Chess	10	21	19	22	20	82
Trimble, Al	Were Alone, Let's Make Love	10	A Very Big Wheel	11	21				
Willard, Charlie	Amazon Family Outing	11	Ricardo's Native Lunch	11	22	21	48		91
Willard Joan						9	21		30

\*Image of the night

Chairperson: Truman Holtzclaw 966-2917 Assistant: Charlie Willard 359-4789

The Print and Travel Sequence results and images will be published next month.

**VENDORS**

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