

# Sierra Camera Club of Sacramento, Inc

## GAMMAGRAM



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## Happy New Year



"Bok Choy" by New SCC Member Donn Reiners

A new year brings the opportunity to make plans to do all those things you wish for. Perhaps taking more pictures, doing a photo trip, eating more bok choy, improving your printing skills, or attending more camera club meetings and conferences.

Whatever your wishes for photography your camera club is here to help. If you have ideas for programs, field trips or workshops please let a board member know.

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### REMINDER

Pay your Dues  
& Sign up for the Annual  
Awards Banquet by **Jan 15th.**  
**see page 7 & 8**

You can also pay at the  
January 3rd or 11th meeting.

The 2011 Membership and  
Guidelines will be handed out  
at the Awards Banquet.

# General Photography News

Next Meeting is January 11 at 7:00 PM  
Grant Kreinberg and Chuck Pivetti, Co-directors

Hey, all you Pixelators and Digitizers, it's a new year! If we're reading you correctly, you like the group participation kind of meetings. So, we will have more of those this year. Maybe four competitions, four show and tell sessions, and three workshops.

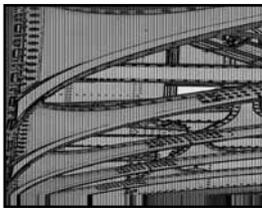
We will start off in January with a show and tell session. The emphasis will be on "Photography." You know, what we did with our cameras before Photoshop....

And to keep it simple, **submit two images to [cpivetti@winfirst.com](mailto:cpivetti@winfirst.com)**. In the first image use straight lines as the major compositional element, and in the second image use curved lines as the major compositional element. Here are some examples. Lines and curves need not be literal; they can be implied.

## LINES



## CURVES



If this works, maybe sometime later in the year we will revisit basic composition concentrating on some other compositional elements.

## Nature and Travel News

Donna Sturla, Nature Division Director

Our first meeting of 2011 will be Monday, January 3, at 7:00 PM.

Come to Cafe Bernardo at 28th and Capitol for Dinner beforehand at 5:30 if you can !

Here's our program:

1. Truman Holtzclaw will demonstrate and explain what makes a good nature photo, and what makes for a not so good nature photo. He will explain our guidelines and what works, what doesn't work.

2. Truman will do the same for Travel images,

and travel sequences, and how to make a title slide for your travel sequences.

This is a great opportunity for all of you to get answers to all those questions you've had about nature and travel images.

3. Truman, Charlie Willard, and Gay Kent will be giving demonstrations on how to Size your Images, something that some of our newer members have found challenging.

We will be shown using Photoshop, Photoshop Elements, Lightroom, and iPhoto !!

# Exploring Photography

This meetup group is sponsored by Sierra Camera Club. The coordinator is Jan Lightfoot. Go to [www.meetup.com/exploringphotography](http://www.meetup.com/exploringphotography) to join. There is no fee for Sierra Camera Club Members to join.

## **Photo Walkabout Wednesday January 12th, 10:00 AM**

Something a little new... for those of you who have a weekday to goof off, here's a little incentive to get out there and practice your photographic skills. Join me every four weeks on a Photo Walkabout, and we'll visit a different location every month. Here's how it works... when you RSVP, you will submit an idea on where you might like to go and shoot for that month. Everyone will have a chance to vote on the submitted ideas via email. I'll then post the location a few days before the meetup so that you all will know ahead of time where we will be going.

The weather or the season could even dictate what we want to shoot. Either way, the plan shouldn't take us farther than an hour or so away in any given direction. Remember, this will repeat every four weeks, so if you can't make it to one, do the next one! Sound interesting? Come along and find out!



## **Angel Island Saturday, January 15th 9:00 AM**

Let's kick off 2011 with a ferry ride and photoshoot on historical Angel Island. This will be of particular interest for those of you with new cameras or if you want a refresher in controlling exposures. We'll talk about ISO, shutter speeds, aperture, depth-of-field, white balance, focal length, and how to put it all together. We'll be taking advantage of the low, wintry light on the island and if you just want to explore or be inspired, there are spectacular views and old WWII military buildings.

From 1910 to 1940, the island processed hundreds of thousands of immigrants, the majority from China. During World War II, Japanese, and German POWs were held on the island, which was also used as a jumping-off point for American soldiers returning from the Pacific. In the '50s and '60s, the island was home to a Nike missile base.

For those wanting to carpool, we will meet in the Safeway parking lot in Cordelia at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to the Tiburon Ferry. If you want to meet in Tiburon, plan to be there in time to leave on the 11:00 a.m. ferry. Bring a lunch, enough money for a roundtrip fare on the ferry (\$13.50 for adults) and parking. Click on directions to Angel Island for more information. Dress warmly, and we'll finish up the day someplace warm and with something hot to drink!

## **Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge/Show Geese Saturday January 22 2:00 PM**



It's time for the Annual Exploring Photography Migration to the Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge! Last year the weather was impressive, to say the least, so let's see if we can duplicate our luck again this year! From the peak winter months of mid-November through January, spectacular flights of snow and Ross's geese with thousands of pintail, green-winged teal, mallard, gadwall, and shovelers can be seen actively feeding in the marshes. Egrets, hawks, pheasants, owls, and even bald eagles were seen last year on our trip. The best wildlife viewing time is in the early morning and late afternoon, so we will be meeting at 2:00 p.m. to catch the late afternoon activity. Have your telephoto lens with you, but come prepared with wide angles for scenic and landscape shots as well. We will hopefully have thousands of birds to photograph at sunset!

There is a six-mile auto tour at the SNWR and the fee is \$3.00 per vehicle, unless you have an Annual Parks Pass. You will probably want to do the loop maybe two or three times. There are also Discovery Walks that offer a place to stroll and see wildlife in two locations. Otherwise, please be aware that you may not get out of your vehicle to shoot photos.

We will meet in the parking lot at the SNWR at 2:00 pm, allowing time to answer any questions and consolidate into as few cars as possible to minimize our impact at the Refuge. If you have time on the way up to the SNWR, check out the Colusa Refuge as well. There is a three mile auto tour there, but beware, last year it was closed due to flooding!

Still undecided? Check out the photo album from last year! <http://www.meetup.com/exploringphotography>

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Charlie Willard

It is with great excitement that I begin my term as president of Sierra Camera Club. Since joining the club, I have found it to be a great learning experience. We have many accomplished photographers and many up and coming as well. Club members have been very helpful to me in learning about photography; what is a good image, where can I take them, how to best utilize my camera and lenses, and how to process the images once taken.

Winter offers many photographic opportunities whether it be snow in the mountains or the many migratory and resident birds in our region. The 4th Annual Winter Bird Festival is January 29 in Galt (<http://www.ci.galt.ca.us/index.aspx?page=495>) with tours you can sign up for. Likewise the January 27-30, 12th Annual Snow Goose Festival in Chico will again celebrate Snow Geese, Tundra Swans, Sandhill Cranes, and Pintail Ducks, with more than 50 field trips and workshops (<http://www.snowgoosefestival.org/>). There are also wildlife viewing opportunities in the Vic Fazio Wildlife Area just off Highway 80 at the west end of the Yolo Causeway and the Cosumnes River Preserve off I-5 south of Sacramento. You may also find lots of wildlife in the rivers, streams, and canals of the Sacramento metropolitan area. So get out there and enjoy the wildlife while capturing your images.

Don't forget the Sierra Camera Club Annual Awards Banquet January 25 at the Pheasant Club. This is a great opportunity to share in the recognition of our club members' accomplishments for 2010. I hope to see you there. If you haven't already done so, get your reservations into Dave Kent as soon as possible.

I have enjoyed my time as Co-Director of the Travel Division and appreciate all the support I have received from the Board and from individual members. We have had and will continue to have a great board. Many thanks to our outgoing, continuing, and new Board members. We have a great website thanks to Paulo, an exceptional newsletter thanks to Gay, and our Division Directors do a terrific job of bringing us competitions, judges, and presentations.

My special thanks to Bob Hubbell for his many years of leadership in guiding this club to being what it is today. Thanks also to Truman Holtzclaw and Jan Lightfoot, who shared directing the Travel Division with me each of the last two years. But most of all, thanks to all the dedicated photographers of the Sierra Camera Club who are so willing to help each other.

We have a fantastic club and we will get even better in 2011. If you don't get better you go backwards, and we won't allow that. Enjoy your shooting, and I will see you in January.

## Print Division News

Dave Kent, Print Division Director

Our meeting time will remain on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM. The meetings will be held every other month starting in January.

The January 18th meeting will be a "Show and Tell". Bring two new prints that you would like feedback on. We will have some board and clips if you do not have them matted.

## Photoshop Tip of the Month

From Chuck Pivetti

When using the Crop tool, you can save the original image. Convert your Background Layer to a normal layer by double clicking on it in the Layers Panel then clicking Okay. After drawing your crop marquee, a new option bar will appear. Select the option "Hide" rather than "Delete."

Also notice some of the other cool option boxes that appear after the marquee is drawn, like "Rule of Thirds."

Images from the last General  
Photography Show & Tell



“Auburn Bike Tour” by Valarie Trudeau



“Gastown Steam Clock, Vancouver” by Werner Krueger



“Moonshot Downtown Sacramento” by Jeanne Snyder

# Sierra Camera Club 2011 Board of Directors

President.....Charlie Willard  
Vice President .....Nadine Cronkhite  
Treasurer .....Glen Cunningham  
Secretary ..... Donna Sturla  
Gammagram Editor .....Gay Kent  
Webmaster.....Paulo Oliveira

## Division Directors

General Photography ..... Chuck Pivetti & Grant Kreinberg  
Travel ..... Jan Lightfoot & Peggy Seale  
Print.....Dave Kent & Mike McHaney  
Nature.....Donna Sturla & Lynne Anzelc

## Committee Chairs

Field Trip.....Jan Lightfoot  
Refreshments..... Gabrielle Krueger



“North Tower” by Grant Kreinberg



“Room With a View” by Jan Lightfoot

# Official Invitation to the Sierra Camera Club Annual Awards Banquet

Club Pheasant 2525 Jefferson Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691

Tuesday January 25, 2011

6:00 Social  
6:30 Dinner

*Menu*

*Garlic Steak Sandwich*

*Served with choice of French Fries or Ravioli*

*or*

*Oven Fried Chicken baked in white wine rosemary and garlic*

*Served with choice of Baked Potato or Ravioli*

*or*

*Prime Rib Served with Baked Potato or Ravioli*

*Dinners include soup,  
salad, coffee, tea and  
Spumoni ice cream*



Directions: From Highway 50 in West Sacramento take Jefferson Boulevard Exit South. (Left on Jefferson) Continue on Jefferson past the canal. The Restaurant is located on the left side of Jefferson. Turn left on Lake Washington Blvd. Then Right into parking lot. ( On the corner in front of the Nugget Market



Name \_\_\_\_\_

- Garlic Steak Sandwich with  French Fries or  Ravioli (\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Oven Fried Chicken with  Baked Potato or  Ravioli (\$30.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Make Check out to Sierra Camera Club***

Send check and dinner choices to: Dave Kent, 8773 Cheer Court, Elk Grove, CA 95624

Time to Renew

# 2011 Annual Membership & Newsletter

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 club meeting.

Renewals for 2011: Membership dues are due January 1, 2011. Any member whose dues are not paid by January 15th, may not be included in the club directory, and will not be eligible for competition. New members may join at any time and will be eligible to enter all competitions, but they may be unable to enter enough to be eligible for the annual overall competition.

Members agree to abide by the club constitution, by-laws, and competition guidelines.

Membership Type    Annual Dues

Single Membership.....\$45

Family Membership.....\$70

Juniors (Under 18).....\$10

FT Students (under 22)....\$22.50

Gammagram Only \* .....\$15

(\* Not voting members of the club)

Name(s) (print) \_\_\_\_\_

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