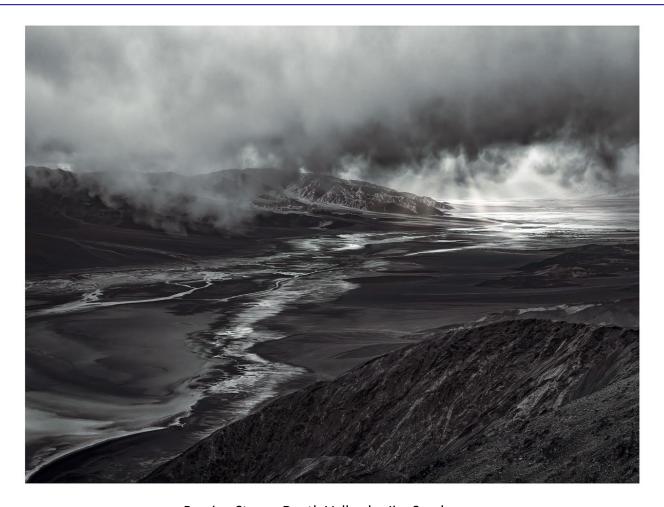




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#### **Meetings for June & July**

#### **Monthly Meeting**

June Meeting will be on June 18th at 7 pm Digital Competition—Send Images by June 12 One Song digital slide show, bring with you on USB drive

July Meeting will be on July 13th at Hope Lutheran Church—corner of Barstow and Fresno.

**Print Competition** 

FCC—Fresno Camera Club
SJVCCC—San Joaquin Valley Camera Club Council

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

June 7—SJVCCC Digitals Due

June 9—SJVCCC Meeting 10 am

June 12—FCC—Digitals Due

June 12—FCC Board Meeting

June 18—FCC Meeting

July 13—FCC BBQ

August-No meeting

Don't forget, dinner at the Spaghetti Factory, 1610 E. Shaw Avenue in Fresno before the monthly FCC meeting at 5 p.m. We will be done in time for the meeting.

		June 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
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2	3	4	5	6	7 SJVCCC Digitals Due	8		
9 SJVCCC Meeting 10 a.m.	10	11 FCC Digitals Due	12 FCC Board Meeting	13	14	15		
16	17	18 Monthly Meeting 7 p.m.	19	20	21	22		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29		
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# Fresno Camera Club Upcoming Meetings and Deadlines

### 2019 Schedule of Competitions and Programs

June 12 Board Meeting 6 p.m.

June 18 Digital, 3 max, One song slide show 7 p.m.

July 13 BBQ - Prints, 3 max 4 p.m.

August Vacation, no activities

September 10 Digitals Due

September 17 Digital, 3 max 7 p.m.

October 9 Board meeting <u>TENTATIVE</u> 6 p.m.

October 15 Prints, 3 max 7 p.m.

November 12 Digitals Due

November 19 Digitals, 3 max 7 p.m.

December 7 Digitals Due for Year End

December 14 Year End Awards Luncheon 10 a.m.





## May Results

Aaron Chambers was our judge and he selected *Passing Storm, Death Valley* by Jim Sanderson as print of the night.

Patt Anderson			John Greening			Loye Stone
Reflections	СР	9	Ancient Shuttered	СР	8	Messquite Dunes, MP 9
Cheers, Mate!	СР	8	Window	CP	8	Death Valley
Ray Anderson			Guggenheim Museum Interior	СР	9	Curious Zebra MP 9 Impala in Morning CP 10
Variegated Rose Japanese Maple Seedlings	CP CP	9 9	High Key Foothill Oak	MP	9	Light
Phidippus Audax/ Jumping Spider	СР	9	Dee Humphrey Zebras Watching #2 Cape Buffalo Watching	MP MP	8	Shelley Stone This is the Life MP 10 Return for Deposit CP 9
Lori Azevedo			Timbo		9	Stacie in High Key MP 8
Sequoia Succulent This Old House Sequoia Sarcodes	CP CP	9 9 10	Bonnie Polson  Lazy Afternoon at the  Merced River	СР	10	Phyllis Walker  June Lake CP 9  No Vacancy MP 10
Elizabeth Bedard			Wierced Miver			Multhnomah Falls CP 10
El Tajo Gorge, Ronda Spain Housing in Ronda Spain Arches at Bathhouse in Ronda Spain	CP CP M P	7 8 8	Patrick Rhames Crabpot Abstract Halfway Between Heaven and Hell The Stairway	MP CP CP	10 10 2nd 9	Diane Weigandt  Dinkey Creek Dinkey Creek Bridge  CP 9
Jim Coppinger			The Stan Way	•		Winter in Yosemite MP 8
Hillside Wildflowers Peaceful Waters Grant Grove Leopard Lily	CP CP	9 8 10	Jim Sanderson A Chance Encounter Northern Harrier	CP CP	10 3rd 10	Stephen Williams  Magnolia Blossoms CP 9 in the Rain
John Crawford Barnyard at Sunset	СР	8	Passing Storm, Death Valley	MP	10 1st	Bicycle in the Mist MP 9 (Platinum)
Purple Beauty Passion Flower Sitting Pretty	CP CP	8 8	Art Serabian Power Stacks No. 1	MP	8	Red Rock Canyon (Platinum)
Bob Gavette  A Quieter Side of Yellowstone Gold Country Waterwheel As Cute as a Bug	CP CP CP	8 10 9	Bryce Hoodoos in Morning Light West Mitten Butte in Storm	CP MP	8 10 <sub>4th</sub>	Jonathan Rollins  Waterfall with Dog-CP 8 wood Flowers Burrowing Owl #5 CP 10 Ballindon Abby #2 CP 8
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Passing Storm, Death Valley

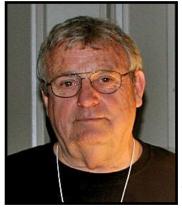
By Jim Sanderson







I was in Death Valley this past February at the same time as a group of cold fronts moved through the area. We had rain on the valley floor and snow on the surrounding mountains with resulting flash flooding and road closures. It was really nice shooting weather. This shot was from Dante's View overlooking Badwater up towards Furnace Creek. It was chilly as a front moved over the valley with interesting clouds, virga, and sunlight at the other end of the valley. Reflections off recent runoff in the valley provided a nice leading line toward the sunlight. I did add the crepuscular sun rays for an added touch during post processing. Sony a7riii w/ 24-105mm at 37mm, 1/640s, f/11, ISO 400.



Half Way Between Heaven and Hell

By Patrick Rhames

Image was captured at the Woodlake Rodeo on 5/13/2018 at 17:03. Me and my amusing side-kick, Jonathan, were there to shoot some action shots. Bull Riding always produces plenty of those.



We were on the East side of the arena, so the Sun beautifully backlit the dust raised by the bull. I was using a fast shutter speed to freeze the action and was metering on the rider to get a good exposure. Here are the technical details:

Nikon D850 with a Nikkor 70-200 f/2.8 mounted. Camera set to shutter priority and locked at 1/1000. Auto ISO set to on. Spot metering. Aperture set to f/4.8, ISO autoset to 250, focal length 180 mm.

The image was post processed in PhotoShop and NIK, primarily to dodge and burn and bring forward the important elements of the image.







A Chance Encounter

By Jim Sanderson

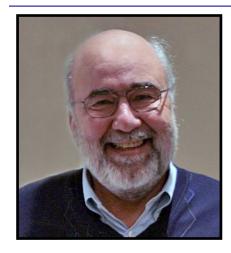
Taken this past January out at the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. I was taking pictures of black-necked stilts in the early morning. I followed this particular stilt, which was fairly close to me, as it was hunting for breakfast. I liked this particular shot because of the pose and the



crisp focus. The bird appears, at least I thought it did, to be frozen in time and staring, as if startled, at something nearby. In the original capture the bird's line of sight led down it's beak and out of the frame. Instead of leaving it as a mystery as to what it may have been looking at, I decided to add canvas on the right side in post process and added the frog staring back. Sony a7riii w/Canon 600m f/4, 1/2000s, f/4.0, ISO 1250, with an effective focal length of 900mm.







West Mitten Butte in Storm

By Art Serabian

This is an image of the west "mitten shaped" formation in Arizona's Monument Valley, hence the name Mitten. The day was filled with intermittent rainstorms with powerful clouds filling the sky. I converted the image to black and white to emphasize the menacing clouds and stark nature of the scene. I felt the tree added an anchor point for the eye to travel from near to far thus tying key elements together.

The raw file (NEF) was processed using Lightroom 6 and converted to black and white using Nik Silver Efex Pro 2. Equipment used was a Nikon D810 DSLR, Nikkor 27-20mm f/2.8 @27mm, ISO 100, 1/40 sec at f/9. The final print is on Epson "Ultra-Premium Photo Paper Luster" paper using an Epson Stylus Pro 3880.











# Pictures from the meeting























#### 15 Minute presentation on Trip to Africa by Loye Stone



Loye and Dee spoke about their trip to Africa.

If you are interested in seeing a slide show of their adventures, come to Stone Game Mobil Home Park's Club House on Saturday, jJune 29th at 6:30 pm.

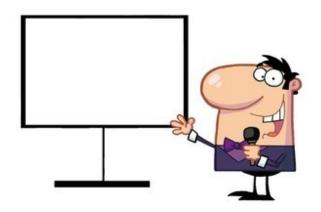
If you need more information, please contact Loye or Dee



#### **One Song Digital Show**

Don't forget, in June we will be doing the One Song Digital Show! Pick a song and compile your favorite images.

Bring your video on a thumb drive so we can play it on the computer!



## Fresno Camera Club BBQ Meeting

Saturday, July 13th

Hope Lutheran Church, 364 E Barstow Avenue in Fresno

Schedule:

4:00 p.m. Happy Hour

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Print Competition

Please contact Shelley to sign up for a side dish

(and to make sure we have enough meat) 435-1510

Cost \$15 per person (Note: This covers the room, meat and the decor)





October 25 - 27, 2019

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Marriott Pleasanton

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FotoClave 2017 was a resounding success, but FotoClave 2019 will be even more spectacular!!

We have FOUR Keynote Speakers, NINE Break-out Speakers and TWO Workshops all wrapped up into one dazzzling weekend of fun and inspiration.

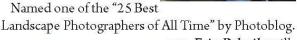


Saturday evening and Sunday morning our keynote speaker is world-renowned Serge Ramelli, a retouching genius, who specializes in landscapes and cityscapes. He is one of the most popular photography instructors on the Internet with over half a million subscribers to his YouTube channel!



Friday evening we welcome Ken Kaminesky flying in from Malaysia, who will regale us with his tales of great travel photography, elevated by useful instruction.

Sunday afternoon David FitzSimmons, a Sigma Pro Photographer will tell of his love of photographing "Curious Critters" and how it launched him into children's book publishing. Sigma will be there all day Saturday to lend us lenses if we like.





com, Erin Babnik, will show her remarkable work with suggestions on how to achieve her level of experise Sunday evening.

Daytime Saturday, our Break-out Speakers will hold sway on topics ranging from How to Create a

Portfolio and Macro Photography (both with Workshops) to Fast Action Sports Photography and Mind-

fulness. They include:
Gary Crabbe, Becky Jaffe,
David Grube, Roxanne
Overton, Jan Lightfoot,
Harvey Abernathey,
David FitzSimmons,
Doug Stinson with
Joanne Stolte, and
Charles Ginsburgh.



### **Photography Classes and Workshops**

Date	Class Name	Cost	Information
6/10	Peregrine Falcon Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
6/13	Black Bear Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
6/17	Burrowing Owl Safari	\$90	www.amwestphoto.com
6/18	Black Bear Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
6/21	Clicking Caravan - Old Town Farmer's Market	Free	www.hornphoto.com
6/23	Peregrine Falcon Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
6/24	Black Bear Safari	<u>\$300</u>	www.amwestphoto.com
6/27	Camera Essentials: Creative Controls and Exposure	\$35	www.hornphoto.com
6/29	Introduction to Digital Photography	\$79	www.creativedigitalworkshops.com
7/1-2	2 day Black Bear Safari	\$600	www.amwestphoto.com
7/6-16	Islandic Odyssey Tour	Contact	www.tonysweet.com
7/17	Black Bear Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
7/18	Minkeral King (Sequoia NP) Safari	\$200	www.amwestphoto.com
7/22-23	Snowy Plover   Least Tern Bird Safari	\$600	www.amwestphoto.com
7/24	Channel Island Gray Fox Safari	\$150	www.amwestphoto.com
7/28-31	Glacier National Park Safari	\$1,200	www.amwestphoto.com
8/6	Sequoia Nature Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
8/11-15	Palouse Harvest Workshop	\$1,545	www.tonysweet.com
8/13	Sequoia Nature Safari	\$300	www.amwestphoto.com
8/26-29	Rocky Mountain Goat Safari   Rockey Mountain National Park	\$1,200	www.amwestphoto.com

Doug Ridgeway from council is putting together a trip to Africa in December—Here are a few notes on his trip and the last pages of the newsletter have more information:

I am returning to South Africa in early December, 2019. That is the start of their rainy season. Things will be greening up and the babies will be born.

I have decided to go with a company called, Mafigeni Safari Company. One thing I like about them is that they are a small family run business and you aren't tied into a structured tour, unless you want to be. They had a booth at the International Sportsman's Show this year and I spent a lot of time talking with Jill Kleynhans, Mafigeni's owner. While still a bit flexible, I am looking at leaving on December 5 and will be returning on the 20th. Mafigeni offers several options. Their base itinerary is for 9 day and 8 nights which includes air from here and one night in Kruger NP. The price of that is \$3,680.00. I am adding 2 extra nights, 3 is an option, still 9 day and 8 nights, for \$150/night. I am also adding on 5 days and 4 nights to go to the Chobe NP and end the trip at Victoria Falls. This adds an additional \$2,750 to the price. I will be putting this together as a group but, you aren't restricted to the itinerary, I am setting for myself. I am paying my own way so what you pay goes directly to Mafigeni, i.e. I am getting nothing but friends to travel with. Here are some options, prices, includes a 15% Government Tax:

- 1. Just do the base trip, 9 days 8 nights = \$4232
- 2. 9 days 8 nights, includes 2 extra nights in Kruger = \$4577
- 3. 13 days 12 nights, 3 nights in Kruger, Chobe NP and Victoria Falls = \$7000.

If you are interested, please contact Doug at dougridgwayphotography@gmail.com.



# San Joaquin Valley Camera Club Council - SJVCCC

#### **2019 Meeting dates with Host Clubs**

June 9 Tracy

July, August, September Summer Break

October 13 Selma November 10 Stockton

December 8 End of Year Awards

Meetings held at the Ramada at Shaw and 41 at 10:00 am. Arrive early to turn in your prints.

FCC Member	СР	Class	MP	Class	Р	Class	T	Class	N	Class	PJ	Class
Art Serabian	10/10	AAA	10/10	AA	9/10	AA						
Dee Humphrey	9/10	AA	9/10	AAA	9/9	Α	9/9	AA	9/10	AAA	9/9	AA
Elizabeth Bedard	10/10	Α	9/9	Α	10/9	Α	9/9	AA	10/10	Α	10/9	AA
Jennifer Doerrie					10/10	AAA	10/9	AAA	10/9	AAA		
Jim Sanderson	10/10	Α	9/10	Α	10/10	Α		Α		Α		
John Greening	9/9	AA	10/10	Α	9/10	AAA	10/10	AAA	10/10	AA	10/10	AAA
Jonathan Rollins		Α		Α								
Loye Stone	9/10	AA	10/10	AA	9/8	Α	10/9	AA	10/10	AAA	10/10	AA
Ning Lin					10/10	Α	10/10	Α	10/10	Α		
Pat Rhames	10/10	AAA	10/10	AAA	10/10	AA	10/10	AA	8/10	AA	10/10	AAA
Robert Boshart					10/10	AA			10/10	AA		
Shelley Stone		AA		AA	10/10	AA		AA		Α		Α

CP = Color Prints P = Pictorial N = Nature

MP = Monochrome Prints T = Travel PJ = Photojournalism



Horn Photo offers Fresno Camera Club members a discount on film developing and photo printing (not specialty items)

#### Just what is Negative Space and Dead Space in an image? And are they good or bad?

Every competition seems to evoke some comment about either Negative Space or Dead Space and what effect it has on the image being judged. Many of us (including many judges) don't have a good understanding of the difference between these two concepts, let alone whether it's a good thing or a bad thing as it impacts the strength of an image.

Here is a concise article explaining the difference and the impact of each of these concepts.

https://visualwilderness.com/fieldwork/negative-space-versus-dead-space? utm\_medium=Visualwilderness&utm\_source=onesignal

Thanks Pat for passing on an informative article!

#### Fresno Camera Club Membership for January 1 – December 31, 2019

The completed form below, together with your check/cash, will pay your dues for the year 2016 and/or renew your membership.

Remember Horn Photo gives a 15% discount on developing and printing to members of the FCC.

Name:				DUES ARE PAID BY CALENDAR YEAR
	PSA Member ☐ Yes	□ No		
Address:				☐ Single: \$30 ☐ Family: \$45
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#### **PSA Information**

# Are You a Member of the Photographic Society of America (PSA)?

#### "ADVANTAGES OF HAVING PSA MEMBERSHIP

PSA has a **Personalized Image Evaluation Service**.

This service is especially helpful if the maker wants to have his/her skills evaluated, if the maker would like to know what constitutes

an acceptable image in one of the PSA Divisions, or for previewing Images before entering them in club competition or a PSA recognized Exhibition.

PSA also has an <u>Image Analysis Course</u>, which is helpful in judging ones own photos or becoming a certified judge.

These are free services offered by PSA to members. Need a Mentor? Go to

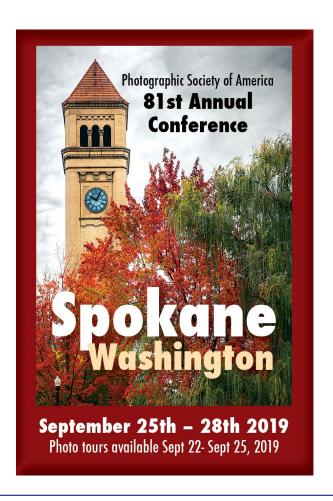
http://psa-photo/org.php?member-education-mentor-service

#### **PSA Galleries**

PSA has several galleries on this website where members can share their photography with others. PSA Member Galleries - For All PSA Members Each State, Province, or Country may contain individual member galleries that showcase members' work. Individual images and bios in galleries may be updated by members as often as they would like. A list of available galleries is accessed from the left pane of this webpage, grouped according to PSA Member Area. They can also be accessed from a state/province/country and some chapter pages on the site.

Each PSA member can <u>create</u> a gallery of up to 6 images and a biography with a link to a personal web gallery. **Member galleries stay** on the PSA site for as long as a member remains a PSA member in good standing.

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Check out www.fresnocameraclub.org Email Elizabeth if you have any articles for the Fresno Camera Club website.

**Craig J. Hadfield** is webmaster of www.sjvccc.org. and he would like to have your interesting articles to post on the website, email him at bcard@bobsbunker.net.

## "Highlights" Submission

Do you have an article you would like published in an issue of "Highlights"? Do you have a suggestion for something you would like to see in "Highlights"? If you do, feel free to contact Elizabeth Bedard at elizabeth@bedardcontrols.com.

Submissions for inclusion in the next month's "Highlights" should be received by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month to insure inclusion in the next issue. This includes change of address, etc. All constructive criticism and corrections are welcome

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