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### **Meetings for March**

### **Monthly Meeting**

Our Match Meeting will be on March 23rd at 7 pm

It will be an online Virtual Meeting

Digital Competition—Images due by March 16th

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

March 9

**Featured Artist** 

March 16

Digitals Due

March 23

Monthly Meeting

#### Program Night-March 9th at 7 pm

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

# March 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Program Night 7 p.m.	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 FCC Digitals Due	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 FCC Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			_

### **March Meeting Links**

#### **Program Night**

Our Featured Artist for March will be Paul Mullins. Please visit his website at https://www.paulmullinsphoto.com/



Program Night - Featured Artist Paul Mullins Tue, Mar 9, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PST)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/129606757

#### **Monthly Meeting**

#### Due to conflict, we are moving our Monthly meeting forward a week!

FCC March Monthly Meeting Tue, Mar 23, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/336849037

Send your images in by March 16th!

### **February Competition Results**

Dean Taylor was our judge, he judged 27 images and selected Beyond Aged Red and Blue by Bonnie Polson as Image of the Night.

Elizabet	th Bedard		Dee Humphrey	
	Goat Skull	9	A Lioness in Waiting	9
	Ripple Effect	10	Free Ride	10
	Sunset From Mauna Kea	9	Friend or Foe	9
Jim Cop	pinger		Bonnie Polson	
	Rocco	9	Almond Sunset	10
	Orchard Bouquet	10	Beyond Aged Red and Blue	101st
			Color Change in the Vineyard	9
John Cr	awford			
	African Lioness Portrait	9	Patrick Rhames	
	Nubble Lighthouse, Main	10	Gone To Glory	9
	Patagonia Guanacos	9	Sandhill Cranes in the Fog #4	104th
			The Moon, The Dunes and Leading	
Dan Du	nham		Lines	10
	Covid Nights	9		
			Jonathan Rollins	
John Gr	eening		Eastern Sierra #9	10
	Captured Raindrop	10	Merced Wildlife Refuge	10
	Foothills Blue Oak	10 2nd	Bubble Fun	9
	Foggy Sequoia Forest	9		
			Jim Sanderson	
			Cranes In The Fog	10
			Alabama Hills Sidelight	10

Bristlecone-After-Sunset

103rd





Beyond Aged, Red and Blue
By Bonnie Polson





This photo was taken in July, 2014, in Riga, Latvia when I went on a real adventure to Eastern Europe (St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania). I was not on any tour, just went with a travel buddy. I was near the hostel area, and many of the buildings had faded, peeling paint like this image, so I took one image as I walked by. It was taken with my Nikon D90 at f/7.1, 42mm, ISO 200, 1/250 sec.

I re-edited the original version that I had worked on years ago in photoshop. This time, the biggest challenge was to straighten it both horizontally and vertically. I didn't want to simply crop out the empty edges once it was straightened in Camera Raw as it wouldn't have kept the edges it needed or be placed in the position I wanted, so I used content aware fill to fill in the missing pixels. I then increased texture and contrast, gave some areas slight dodging or burning, and brought down the saturation I had initially added a few years ago. I added a very slight vignette and a bit of sharpening.



Foothills Blue Oak

By John Greening





This Blue Oak scene is in Yokohl Valley east of Exeter in Tulare County. The valley is a favorite of local photographers, joggers, birders and cyclists. The image was taken in January of this year when the ground was still brown due the lack of rain. I liked the shape of the large oak, and its contrast with the smaller oaks in the distance. However, there was not much color contrast between the tree and the surrounding hills and pasture. This is an area that I often visit when there are clouds that are part of or following a weather front. When processing the image I decided to change it to monochrome because the tonal contrast was better than the color contrast. The scene was shot at f9 at 125th sec with ISO of 200, and processed in Lightroom and converted to monochrome with Nik's Silver Effect Pro.



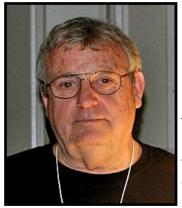
Bristlecone After Sunset

By Jim Sanderson





Bristlecone After Sunset: I was up in the White Mountains at the end of July 2019 for the "Black Moon" and to see some stars. This was taken just after nautical twilight and was an experiment in light painting. I used my Fujifilm GFX100 with a 23mm lens. 20s at f/11 and ISO 6400 with a hefty flashlight. Lots of dodging and burning in PS with the history brush set to multiply or screen mode through luminosity masks. The milky way is prime that time of year and I hunted for a tree during daylight that would set it off. The red glow in the background are from town lights in the Owens Valley.



Sandhill Cranes in the Fog #4

By Patrick Rhames





This image was actually captured on a dark and foggy morning, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 as "Frogman" Jim Sanderson, "Popcorn Girl" Jonathan Rollins and I ventured off to the Merced Wildlife Preserve at zero dark thirty to see what we could see.

The Sandhill Cranes were waiting for us and we spent the morning shooting them and all sorts of other wildlife subjects present that day.

The camera used was my trusty Nikon D850 mounted with a Nikon 200-500mm f/5.6 zoom lens, all of which was mounted on a tripod. Exposure was manual mode, 1/1000 at f/5.6, spot metering, ISO 640, focal length 500mm. In the case if this image, as almost always while shooting moving subjects, I was in "continuous high" shutter speed mode, getting 7-9 frames per second. The tactic requires that you acquire focus as the birds are lifting to flight from the water continuing to follow their path and pressing the shutter trigger for as long as you can while they fly away. Obviously, you can get several usable images from the sequence. The same technique is used to capture them as they land.

Post process started with RAW work in Lightroom, and finishing work done in Photoshop and NIK. Luminosity masks were used to bring out the detail in the birds.

This image came out of the camera quite a bit darker and noisier than what it is now. Although I did increase the overall luminance of the image, I intentionally left it dark and moody to gain what I wanted, artistically. It may appear to be monochrome, but it is actually a color image.



### Ask the Experts!

Questions from Members if you have an answer please email fresnocameraclub@gmail.com and we will answer it next month!

I have a question about using my Nik collection plug-in in Photoshop. It worked until my last Photoshop update recently, to PS 2021 V22.1.1, which has several good new features. Now the Nik collection doesn't work anymore in this version of Photoshop. I did have the free NIK version (from 2015) and my research indicates it's not being supported anymore. I get a "disk error" message now. Has anyone decided to just purchase the NIK collection and use the newest Photoshop version, or given up on NIK completely?

~Lost without Nik

Dear Lost, Unfortunately, you will need to purchase the upgrade. https://nikcollection.dxo.com/

Kathy is new to town and is interested in joining our club, she asks: I am from Santa Barbara, and would like to meet other photographers. At the moment she is having a manual focus problem with her Nikon D300, and is wondering if someone can help me with this. kaxcreations@gmail.com

Kathy, hope to see you in one of our meetings so we can help you out!

Meeting Schedule through May		
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Featured Artist	7 pm
March 16th	Digitals Due	
March 23rd	March Meeting	7 pm
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Digitals Due / Featured Artist	7 pm
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	April Meeting	7 pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Digitals Due / Featured Artist	7 pm
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	May Meeting	7 pm

As the UC Merced center is currently closed through May, the Board will meet again in May to discuss meetings after May.

Looking for some photo fun?

Here are some Photo Safaris put on by Brent Paull to learn more visit www.amwestphoto.com

### 2021 Safari Schedule

March	
2	Bobcat Safari Tuesday, March 2 \$300 SOLD OUT
6	Blossom Trail Safari Saturday, March 6 \$150
8	So California Bird Safari Monday, March 8 \$250
29	Great Horned Owl Safari Monday, March 29 \$200 2 Openings
April	·
2	Oso Flaco / Santa Margarita Bird Safari Friday, April 2 \$250
3	Hummingbird Safari Saturday, April 3 \$200 2 Openings
12	Butterbredt Springs Safari Monday, April 12 \$200
20	Butterbredt Springs Safari Tuesday, April 20 \$200
29	Morongo Bird Safari Thursday, April 29-May 1 \$500



### Printers for sale!

It is an Epson Stylus Pro 3880, large format (up to 17" media) 9 ink printer in really good condition. \$500

Go here to see details: <a href="https://epson.com/For-Work/Printers/Large-Format/Epson-Stylus-Pro-3880-Standard-Edition-Printer/p/CA61201-VM">https://epson.com/For-Work/Printers/Large-Format/Epson-Stylus-Pro-3880-Standard-Edition-Printer/p/CA61201-VM</a>

It is full of ink and ready to go! Pat will deliver, set it up and train the buyer on its use.

Please contact Pat Rhames at 305-3163 or pat.rhames@gmail.com





We had a new member that joined the club last fall and he passed away before attending any meetings. His wife Sandy is looking to sell his Epson StylusPhoto R3000 with 10 boxes of photo paper.

https://epson.com/For-Home/Printers/Photo/ Epson-Stylus-Photo-R3000-Inkjet-Printer/p/ C11CA86201

If you are interested, please contact Sandy Smith 815-877-7524

#### Fresno Camera Club Membership for January 1 - December 31, 2021

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Email:	1			Digital Directory-Free
	Make Checks	Payable to Fresno Cam	era Club	
Send to:	Rosemary	Aguinaldo, 2229 N	Arthur Avenue	, Fresno, CA 93705

Time to pay your dues for 2021

This form will be emailed to you along with the 2020 directory, please check and verify your information in the directory and let us know of any changes fresnocameraclub@gmail.com



### **Previous Program Night Recordings**

February—Ron Holman <a href="https://youtu.be/rGcLNP2RI-0">https://youtu.be/rGcLNP2RI-0</a>

January — Franka Gambler <a href="https://youtu.be/KFWgk48DHpk">https://youtu.be/KFWgk48DHpk</a>

November—David Hunter <a href="https://youtu.be/deuCaN Ytel">https://youtu.be/deuCaN Ytel</a>

October—Ning Lin <a href="https://youtu.be/bYxznEqmRLE">https://youtu.be/bYxznEqmRLE</a>

September—Pat Rhames <a href="https://youtu.be/puq611H1pRU">https://youtu.be/puq611H1pRU</a>



Horn Photo offers Fresno Camera Club members a 15% discount on film developing and photo printing (not specialty items)

#### **PSA Information**

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

#### "ADVANTAGES OF HAVING PSA MEMBERSHIP

PSA has a <u>Personalized Image Evaluation Service</u>. 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**

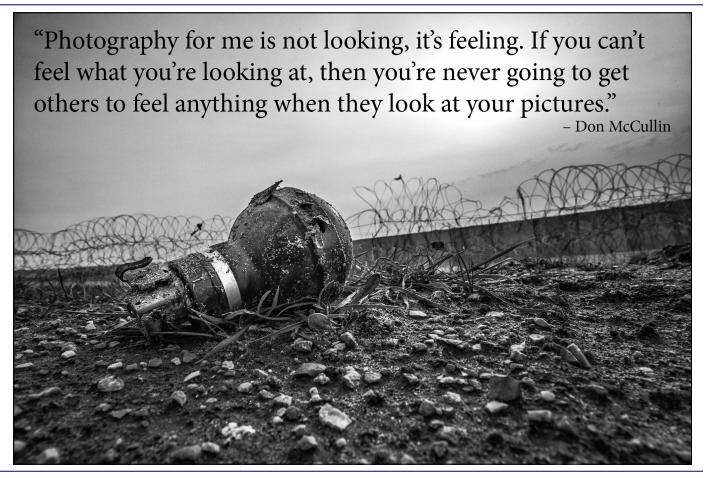
PSA has several galleries on this website where members can share their photography with others.

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.

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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.

### "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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