

# Bits & Pixels

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## November Look Ahead

by Carmay Knowles

On **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, *Sylvia Gardner* will give us a **Skills Night** presentation about "Being Creative for Juried Shows." This promises to be highly informative about how to present your work. You won't want to miss it!

*Carol Silveira* is willing to put together another fun **Halloween** themed slideshow, if enough people submit their images to her. The photos don't have to be shot on Halloween, just with that theme. Send your most interesting, spooky, wacky, or other-worldly images directly to Carol by **November 10<sup>th</sup>**, using the standard submission format, so she can show them at our meeting on **November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure you **put your name** in the body of the email so she knows who sent it! Contact Carol if you have any questions.



Image by Carmay Knowles

Our **End-of-Year Potluck Party** is almost here! On **Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**, from **5:00 to 9:00 PM**, we will gather at the **Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula** on Carmel Valley Road, near what used to be the Rancho Canada Golf Club, to celebrate the completion of our 2016-17 Club year. The evening will include a pot luck supper, followed by the installation of our new Club officers and a review of all the winning images from last year. It's always fun to look back at the great images created by our members throughout the year. The *Sharon Balziek Award* and our **Image-of-the-Year** awards, judged by *Sam Shaw*, will be presented. Sam has been an active photographer since 1993. The *PSA Journal* honored Sam in the *Distinctive Image* article in September 2009 and he has had two articles published in the *Journal*. He has four magazine covers, three for the *PSA Journal* and one for the *Northwest Public Power Bulletin*. You can see Sam's images at: [www.loves-photo.com](http://www.loves-photo.com).

Our **Nature** competition is being judged by *Tom Hierl*, an avid landscape photographer, and *CPA* member. We see the returns on **November 15<sup>th</sup>**.



## My Two Bits... Be Thankful!

by Ken Jones

This is a very short story I wrote for the *Monterey County Weekly's* 101 Word contest way back in 2011. It won first place that year and I received a check for \$101. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

### Holiday Dinners

*He stands with the others, yet apart.  
"Ya with us today, Joe?" someone asks. He doesn't respond.  
"He's nuts," another voice says.  
But he's not nuts. He's lost in memories of playing catch on the front lawn before dinner with the cold air burning his ears and the crunch of dry leaves under foot, of yams with marshmallow frosting and black olives on his fingertips, of football on T.V., of Mom's dirty apron and grandpa saying grace.  
"Let's keep it movin'."  
He takes another step.  
"Happy Thanksgiving, Pops."  
He accepts his plate and sits, silently in two worlds.*

~ Take your lens cap off...



## Upcoming Submission Date

- **Midnight, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Nature #1**  
- **PSA Compliant** - see website for guidelines.
- **Reminder: No submission in November!**



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## City of Monterey Photography Contest

Celebrate Monterey's beauty and community! Photographers of all ages are invited to enter their best, high resolution images celebrating the community in the **City of Monterey Photography Contest**. All photos entered must be taken within Monterey City limits. Photos taken outside the City of Monterey will be disqualified. Capture Monterey's beautiful landscapes, seascapes, historical and urban architecture, active people and vibrant community life and submit your favorite photographs in these three categories:

- **Environment** - sky, beach, mountain, park, and wildlife
- **Architecture** - urban design, cityscapes, landmarks, and infrastructure
- **Culture & Community** - people of all ages involved in sports, art activities, and enjoying special events.

Each contestant can enter up to six entries total.

The deadline to submit is **December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**. Entering is easy and free. Send your digital files by email to: [webmaster@monterey.org](mailto:webmaster@monterey.org). For more information, visit: <https://monterey.org/photocontest> or contact **Laurie Huelga**, [huelga@monterey.org](mailto:huelga@monterey.org) or (831) 242-8750.



## October Review

Our only meeting in October, on the 20<sup>th</sup>, brought the returns for our Pictorial competition, the first of the Club's new year. Our Judge was **Chris Cassell**, member of *Pro-Bono Photo* and past-President of the *Light and Shadow Camera Club of San Jose*. Chris says he has "a special fascination with the juxtaposition of human elements with those of nature." The participation from the A group was outstanding. We hope the folks in the AA and AAA groups find inspiration, encouragement, and the time to submit more images. As always, the winning images are on our website: <http://www.padretrailsc.org/ptcc/ptcc-home.html>.

## Annual Print Donation Next Month

On **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, which is our one and only meeting in December, we'll have a brief **Open Projector**, but our main event will be our *Annual Print Donation* and raffle to benefit the *Food Bank of Monterey County*.

There are two ways to participate: 1. Bring one or more matted prints (any size) to be displayed around the room. 2. Buy one or more tickets for a chance to take a print home with you. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Not only is this a bargain, but it's a ton of fun!



Here's how it works: Donated prints are displayed and tickets are sold. Raffle ticket numbers are drawn one at a time and the person holding the first ticket drawn gets the pick of everything on display. Each participant whose ticket is drawn in turn after that gets to pick from the remaining prints. We keep it going until all the prints have a new home. Last year we raised \$600 for the Food Bank! Almost everyone went home with at least one print and we had a great time! Join the fun on **December 6<sup>th</sup>**!



## Padre Trails Camera Club

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie Street, Monterey  
831-646-3975

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2017-2018 Officers:

President - **Ken Jones**  
Vice President - **Bill Shewchuk**  
Secretary - **Shelley Nemeth**  
Treasurer - **Cath Tendler-Valencia**

Activity Chairs:

Awards - **Chris Johnson**  
Competitions - **John Drum, Margret Cordts, Carmay Knowles, & Joni Zabala**  
Greeter - **Carmay Knowles**  
Hospitality - **Chris Johnson**  
Judges - **Judi Clayton & Bill Shewchuk**  
Membership - **Shelley Nemeth**  
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Submission Review - **Brooks Leffler & Jared Ikeda**



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since 1948




**PSA Snapshot**

by Carol Fuessenich

**Youth Showcase**

The world of photography has changed rapidly in the past several years. We all know the changes that have come and we often spend hours trying to figure out the newest camera or computer program. But, we needn't worry about the next generation. They are tech savvy at an early age and can master the new cameras and programs with ease.

*Photographic Society of America* supports our youth on their photographic journeys. In the September 2017 issue of the *PSA Journal* you can see the *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PSA Youth Showcase*. The photographs are incredible. The *First Place* images in each category in the print section of competition are shown in the *Journal*: Architecture, People/Animals, and Scapes.

If you aren't a member of *PSA* and don't get the *Journal*, you can still see the pictures online. Just type in **Youth** in the search box and then enjoy the photographs from past years of the *Youth Showcase*. If you know a youth who is interested in photography, encourage him/her to join *PSA* and enjoy the benefits of being a member.

*PSA* website: <https://psa-photo.org>

**Welcome to PTCC!**

Three new members joined us in October: *Julie Steelman*; *Clarissa Conn*, who is the *Treasurer* for *Central Coast Writers*; and *Brian Taylor*, *Executive Director* of the *CPA*. We welcome you all and look forward to seeing your images and getting to know you.

**Why Submit Images to Competition?**

by Margret Cordts

Here are some suggested reasons to begin, or to continue, to submit your images for competitions:

- to see how others view your photos
- to improve your photography
- to develop a "tough skin" about critiques
- to get to know the local community of "experts"
- to accumulate points

This is just my running list. I'm sure others have more reasons, so please send them in!

**My Favorite Shots**

by Bill Shewchuk

I'm not sure that each of these images meet the exact definition of macro photography, but they are certainly very close up. I do find they provide an interesting perspective on ordinary subjects and encourage you to give it a try.



Images by Bill Shewchuk:

clockwise from top left: flower, feather, rusty chair, leaf.

**Photo Event Calendar**

For local photo events go to:

<http://mpenphotoevents.blogspot.com>

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**Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> — 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Public Reception

Annual Miniatures Exhibition + Raffle

Monterey Museum of Art

Pacific Street, Monterey

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**Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Annual Juried Exhibition

Center for Photographic Art

Sunset Center, Carmel

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**Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 -8:00 PM**

CPA Members' Print Exchange

Must be a *CPA* member to exchange prints

Join online at:

<http://photography.org/product/membership/>

# Fall Harvest



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Image by Bill Shewchuk

Images by Margret Cordts



## Editor's Corner

This year, with so many folks struggling or dealing with devastation in their lives, I'm feeling especially thankful for what I have. Thankful, first and foremost, for my wonderfully supportive husband, Doug, without whom I could not have or do most of what is my life. Thankful for my family: daughter Heather, her Pat, and our two beautiful grandchildren. Thankful for friends, good neighbors, and the welcoming communities of photographers and quilters that I belong to. Thankful to have a roof over my head, and blessed to have a very pleasant life on this peninsula paradise. Happy Thanksgiving to you!

The December 2017-January 2018 *Bits & Pixels* will be combined into one issue. The deadline to submit is **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. It would be nice to see images that capture what is special to you about the holidays. I'm hoping *PTCC* members will participate and share.

~ Happy capturing, everyone!

*Carmay Knowles, Editor*

Send your comments, photographic news items, images, and suggestions, to [info@padretrailscc.org](mailto:info@padretrailscc.org) or click on "*Letters to the Editor*" at the bottom of our *Bits & Pixels* Newsletter website page.

Images by Carmay Knowles

