

## Pictorial #3 Phone/People Winning Images — Group Blue



1<sup>st</sup> "Hay Bales Being Covered Near Los Banos"

*Kent VanVuren*

Smartphones are everywhere today and their imaging power rivals conventional digital cameras. We've all heard the claim that with these ubiquitous devices, "everyone is a photographer."

While it is true that smartphones enable everyone to take pictures anytime, it's quite another thing to use the technology to express the nuance and artistry necessary to create a compelling photograph. This was the challenge for the current competition, the winners of which are presented in this issue. Judged by *Ann Jastrab*, Executive Director of the Center for Photographic Art (CPA), these images prove that our smart devices can excel in the talented hands of our members. Please enjoy.

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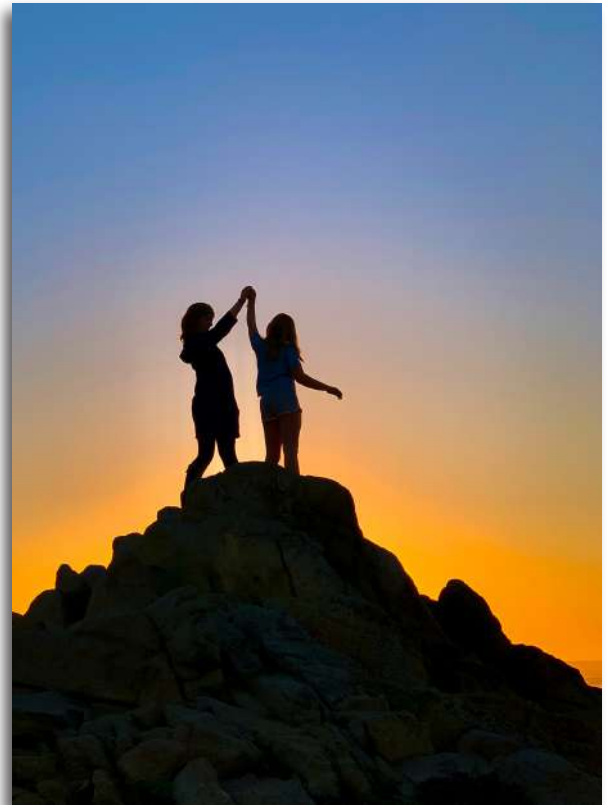
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2<sup>nd</sup> "Selfie in Front of the Mona Lisa" *Christene Johnson*



HM "Made it to the Top" *Margret Cordts*



3<sup>rd</sup> "Bird Tour Bus with Madagascar Natives" *Kent VanVuren*

## My Two Bits

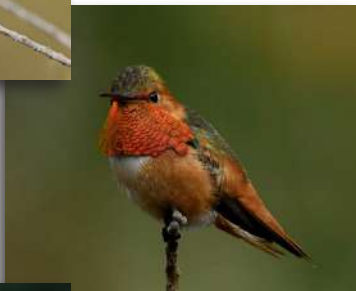
### Return of the Group Shoot

by Ken Jones

On March 23<sup>rd</sup>, Club members turned out for a group shoot at the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum & Botanical Garden, organized by PTCC Vice President *Charlie Gibson*. On a balmy spring day, the light was perfect for most of the morning and the hummingbirds put on a stunning air show, alighting now and then to allow the capture of their vibrant colors and delicate features. Patience was required to get the shots, but it paid off as seen here. Flowering plants throughout the arboretum provided equally brilliant colors and variety, and were much easier to photograph as they usually were content to remain still while we composed our shots. Shown here are just a few of the hundreds of images that will be included in a slideshow to be presented at our May 4<sup>th</sup> Club meeting.



by William Brown



by Jeff Hobbs



by Jared Ikeda



by Joni Zabala

Getting out and photographing with others in the Club is a welcome dose of “normal” for members. More outings are being planned, the next of which is to our own natural treasure, Point Lobos State Natural Reserve, coming up on May 7<sup>th</sup> and organized by PTCC's Nature Chair *John Drum*. Other group shoots are in the planning stages. If you have ideas for future outings, please contact *Charlie Gibson* to get things started.

Take your lens cap off...

Ken



## Tiny Treasures

### A Big Deal



**Call For  
Tiny Treasure  
Miniature donations!**

Donate to Pacific Grove Art Center's Tiny Treasures Fundraiser!  
Show your work at this fabulous little show!  
It's a big deal!

Visit <https://www.pgartcenter.org/Tiny-Treasures.php>

Pacific Grove Art Center (PGAC) hosts an annual *Tiny Treasures* event that is one of the nonprofit's most entertaining and lively fundraisers. The eclectic and multi-genre exhibition from artists across, and beyond, Monterey County generates significant income that helps PGAC continue to serve the community.

Donations of up to three pieces of ready-to-hang original artwork are being accepted from each donor at the Art Center now through June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Work can be no larger than 8"x10" including frame and cannot exceed 7" in depth. Each 2-D piece must also be ready to hang, with hooks or wires already attached.

Each miniature will be displayed with a “voting box” below to accept patrons' purchased raffle tickets. At the close of the show, on August 26<sup>th</sup>, one winning ticket will be drawn for each piece of art.



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1<sup>st</sup> "Out for a Walk on Mt. Suto" *Patricia McKean*



3<sup>rd</sup> "From the Depths with a Warning" *Janet Azevedo*



2<sup>nd</sup> "Print Maker" *Bill Shewchuk*



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HM "The Viola Maker" *Andrea Madsen*



HM "Monterey Noir" *Bill Brown*

### Meet Ann Jastrab, Judge for Pictorial #3 Phone/People Competition

Ann Jastrab was born in Utica, New York, and grew up in nearby Whitesboro. She received a BA in English Literature and a BA in Studio Art from Hartwick College before completing her MFA in Photography at the Savannah College of Art and Design in 1995. After graduation, she joined the resident faculty at the *Maine Photographic Workshops* and taught there for nearly a decade.

After moving to San Francisco, she worked as the gallery director at the *RayKo Photo Center* for 10 years. She curated many exhibitions for RayKo during her tenure while also jurying, curating, and organizing numerous exhibitions for other national and international venues outside of the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to taking the position of executive director of CPA, Ann worked as the gallery manager at *Scott Nichols Gallery* in San Francisco. Besides being a curator and an educator, Ann is a writer, editor, and a fine art photographer.

Visit CPA's website: <https://photography.org/>



## Meeting Recap & Preview

*April & May*

On April 6<sup>th</sup> we welcomed *Ann Jastrab*, Executive Director of the Center for Photographic Arts (CPA). Ann shared her accomplishments as an educator, curator, and fine art photographer. Her program detailed the resources and avenues available to reach a wider audience with our photography, and offered good information about how to find, reach, and take advantage of the opportunities for portfolio review and exhibition acceptance that are out there. Thank you, Ann, for an extremely entertaining and informative evening. Ann judged our current Pictorial #3 Phone/People competition and her transcribed comments and awards were presented when we zoomed together on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

When we zoom together on May 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll be seeing images taken on the Club's group shoot to the UCSC Arboretum, organized by *Charlie Gibson*. Eleven members made the trip on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and spent a wonderful morning among the flora and fauna that abound at the site. The stars of the day were the hummingbirds. Included in the show will be images by three members who couldn't come out on the 23<sup>rd</sup> but visited the arboretum later in the month.

Also on the 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll see the very professional video, created by *Charlie Gibson*, which showcases images taken of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual PG Rotary Invitational Track Meet on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Covering the event were Charlie, *Bill Brown*, *David Thon*, and *Rick Verbanec*.

We look forward to seeing the returns of our Nature (Macro) competition judged by our own *A. Bender* at our meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.



### Upcoming 2022 Submission Dates

All competition submissions are due by midnight.

- Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>: Creative (Triptych)
- Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>: Pictorial (Abandoned Places)
- Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>: Nature (Shorebirds)
- Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>: Travel

## District 5 Print Exhibit Ends

*Photos and text by Ken Jones*

In the summer of last year, the Club was given the opportunity to display its members' prints in the offices of Monterey County District 5 Supervisor, *Mary Adams*. PTCC member *Jared Ikeda* and Supervisor Adams' Chief of Staff *Sarah Hardgrave* coordinated the showing. On April 14<sup>th</sup>, staff held a reception to mark the end of the exhibit. Several contributing photographers attended and were graciously thanked by Supervisor Adams and her staff.



Activity on hanging morning and a panorama of the long gallery wall in July 2021



Supervisor Adams thanks PTCC members at the reception on April 14<sup>th</sup> before the exhibit was taken down.



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1<sup>st</sup> "Rush Hour at the Wharf" *Ken Jones*



3<sup>rd</sup> "Take the Picture" *Frank Penner*



2<sup>nd</sup> "Memories" *Frank Penner*



HM "Kitchen Wisdom" *Ken Jones*

## Brand New Website and 2022 Photo Festival

by Carol Fuessenich

Many things are changing nowadays, and the Photographic Society of America (PSA) has been changing also. Most significantly, they've just completed a major redesign of their website to help, they hope, make navigating the site easier.



See [psa-photo.org](http://psa-photo.org)

If you are a member of PSA, and have an existing user name and password, you will need to update that information. After that the site opens up to you. If you are not a member, you can still navigate through a lot of the public content on the site. You can view photographs by other PSA members. Sam Shaw and Truman Holtzclaw both have photos and biographies presented. You can peruse the educational offerings, competitions, travel advisories, and much more.

This year's Photo Festival will be held in Colorado Springs, September 21<sup>st</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration opens May 1<sup>st</sup>. PSA has made arrangements for discounted room rates at the Doubletree Hotel in Colorado Springs.

There is always a talented slate of speakers at PSA Photo Festivals, but the tours provide a wonderful opportunity for taking pictures. This year's tours are scheduled for September 19<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The tour locations are:

Flying W Ranch and Chuckwagon Dinner  
Birds of Prey Morning Shoot  
Cripple Creek and Vindicator Gold Mines Tour  
Garden of the Gods - Sunset  
Pikes Peak - Cog Railway Tour

Register early to qualify for the early-bird discount and assure yourself a place on the tours of your choice. Visit the new site at: [psa-photo.org](http://psa-photo.org).



## Save the Date: Year-End Party

PTCC's FY 2022 Year-End party has been scheduled for Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM - 9:00PM at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula, Carmel Valley Road.

## Welcome New Members

Please welcome PTCC's newest members:

**Cynthia Clark:** Monterey

**Marcie Pnacek:** Salinas

New members note: We're glad you chose to be part of PTCC. If you have any questions at all about how the Club operates, please don't hesitate to contact any member for answers. Use any "Contact Us" link from our website.



## Padre Trails Camera Club

Meetings: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00PM - 9:00PM  
Currently via Zoom

All Officers and Activity Chairs can be reached via email at: [info@padretrailsccl.org](mailto:info@padretrailsccl.org)

Membership information can be found here:  
[www.padretrailsccl.org/ptcc/ptccmembership.html](http://www.padretrailsccl.org/ptcc/ptccmembership.html)

### 2021 - 2022 Officers

President - **Ken Jones**  
Vice President - **Charlie Gibson**  
Secretary - **Dick Light**  
Treasurer - **Judi Clayton**

### Activity Chairs

Awards & Hospitality - **Chris Johnson**  
Competitions - **John Drum** and **Bill Brown**  
Judge Coordination - **Joni Zabala**  
Greeter - **Nicole Asselborn**  
Media Relations - **Bill Brown**  
Membership - **Chris Johnson**  
Newsletter (Temp) - **Ken Jones**  
Points Accounting - **Carol Fuessenich**  
Star-rating Accounting - **Rick Verbanec**  
Submission Review - **Bill Brown**,  
**Jared Ikeda**, and **Brooks Leffler**  
Website - **Jared Ikeda**



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