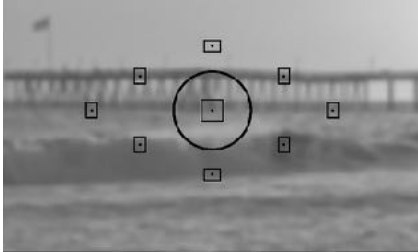


Through the Viewfinder



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— September 2023 —

Our August in-person Club and online meeting was at the Palms [movie screening room](#) where the accommodations were nothing short of luxurious! Nearly everyone praised the environment.

For **September** judging at our upcoming meeting on **Wednesday 13th**, you should forward your images to *Susannah* at our original submission address ... myvcimages@gmail.com by 8pm Sunday 10th (not Monday!) prior before the meeting.

The September 13th meeting, and the rest of the year, will only be online, using Gotomeeting, as shown in the below schedule.

Our judge for August was **Cynthia Bullard**, she owns and operates a professional portrait studio in Ventura. She recently invited all of us to her studio to see and use it and many of us attended. She is a local award winning photographer doing both period costume and other types of “dreamy” portraits. Her background and photography experience were different from what we normally see and she provided a balance to the school facility photography judges that we often have and hear from. We greatly appreciate her participation and critique to the images presented to her.

Our judge for September is **Chris Broughton**. Chris was the faculty Department Head at Brooks Institute of Photography for Street Photography, and he led many semesters of students doing street photography for many years in Paris. He is considered a recognized standard in performing and evaluating Street Photography. Chris is a world class find for our club in evaluating each members contributions for critique, street photography, or other photography.

In case you did not know it, **Brooks Institute** (first in Santa Barbara, later in Ventura) was the top national 4 and 6 year college degree school for photography and cinema photography in the USA for over 70 years. Brooks students have for many years been the most sought after technical and creative people in Hollywood because of their vastly superior training, skills, and expertise. However, a new foreign billionaire owner a few years ago bought the school and decided for financial reasons after only one year to close it down and keep the school name and rights all to herself. Needless to say, that greatly upset the lives of hundreds of famous faculty members and more than 400+ hundred students, so it was very big news in the photography world when it happened!



Membership Annual Payment Info: If you have not already done-so, please mail **\$50 for 2023** to Joyce at the below address, or bring your check to the meeting. **Partial annual payments will be pro-rated on a month to month basis to the end of the year...**

Joyce Schoppe,

Ventura County Camera Club, Inc.

4875 Mascagni St, Ventura, CA 93003

If necessary, contact Joyce at: jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net

Only Club Members may submit images for critique by our expert judges.

Member's Digital image entries must be sent to: myvcimages@gmail.com by 8 pm on **Sunday** before the Wednesday night meeting. Files must use the naming format:

TITLE_photog name_date08-23_Assigned/ or Open.jpg

Images should not exceed the **vertical size of 1080 pixels**. Or the **horizontal size of 1920 pixels**, *that is the international standard for full HD images*

Last but not Least!: Call for Digital Image Collection and Projectionist

For many years (too many to count!) Susannah has been collecting the digital images for submission to the judges for monthly club critique, and then hosting the online meetings as the GoToMeeting online host projectionist to show the images to the club members at club meetings. At our last meeting at the Palms, she announced she would no longer be doing it for next year starting in 2024. So, we need a new volunteer to do it starting in 2024.

This is your chance to get involved in doing monthly club events, especially related to digital image collection and showing.

Please let us know (especially Prez Bill Horstick) if you are interested in assuming this job for the club in 2024. You will need a decent online digital speed connection. Internet download speeds at slow 6mbs is just good enough, anything more than that is great. The Club will pay for you to have a subscription to GoToMeeting as a paid host. Needless to say, this is a critical job to continue our future club meetings.....



2023 VCCC Schedule

Location, Assigned Topics, & Scheduled Judges:

January 11:	Go To Only	"Winter"	Stephanie Hogue http://www.stephaniehogue.com
February 8:	Palms+GoTo	"Silence"	Chris Broughton https://www.christopherbroughton.com /Club Officials ... due to last minute judge work changes
March 8:	Palms+GoTo	"That Ah-Ha Moment"	Pete Scifres https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218
April 12:	Go To Only	"On the Edge"	Carl Volpe https://www.carlvolpephoto.com
May 10:	Palms+GoTo	"Dramatic Moment"	Hutch Hutchison
June 14:	Palms+GoTo	"Complementary Colors"	Chris Zsarnay http://www.zstudios.com
July 12:	Palms+GoTo	"Landscapes/Seascapes"	Dan Holmes https://www.danholmesphoto.com
August 9	Palms+GoTo	"Wide Angle"	Cynthia Bullard cynthiabullardphotography.com

Sept 13 **Go To Only** **"I Found this at the Beach"** Chris Broughton

<https://www.christopherbroughton.com>

October 11:	Go To Only	"B&W Street Portrait"	Dana Rene White (photoshelter.com)
November 8:	Go To Only	"Doorways"	Greg Cooper http://www.mediacooper.com

December 2023: *Year End Competition* Various Expert Professional Judges

No meeting in December, we conduct the *Year End Competition* of all Merits awarded during the calendar year.
All Digital Merits are automatically entered, so you do not have to do anything if you received a Digital Merit!



Club Merit Awards

Results of August 2023 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Cynthia Bullard

Digital: (34)

Assigned: (26)

"Alien Attack" by Alex Andrews
"Bloom of Superstitious Canyon" by Chris Martens
"Denali First View" by Susannah Kramer
"Family Table" by Janice Lindsay
"Wifi at Camarillo" by Steve Light
"Grand Mosque" by Albert Huen
"Houdini Magic Castel" by Chris Martens
"Wide Mercury" by Steve Light
"Wide Open Spaces" by Steve Ginn
"In the Fog" by Sonya-Loffredo
"Isolated Island" by Tony Aurelio
"Kalalok" by Susannah Kramer
"Lets Have Fun" by Ken MacGregor
"Lowrider" by Bill Horstick
"Majestic" by Albert Huen
"Morro Surf" by Ron Lindsay
"Orange Cast Morning" by Alex Andrews
"Red Packard" by Steve Light
"Sedona Valley Sunset" by Chris Martens
"Self Portrait" by Ron Lindsay
"Spiritual Truck" by Ron Lindsay
"Sunset" by Tony Aurelio
"Sunset Fishing" by John Ferritto
"The Whole Enchilada" by Steve Ginn
"Tropical" by Tony Aurelio
"Ultra Wide Angle" by Steve Ginn

Open: (8)

"Otter with Fish" by Ed Pinsky
"Carmilina" by Ed Pinsky
"Sing to Me" by Ed Pinsky
"Monarch Duo" by John Ferritto
"Kelsey" by Ken MacGregor
"Peoni" by Susannah Kramer
"Peppers" by John Ferritto
"See You on the Flipside" by Janice Lindsay



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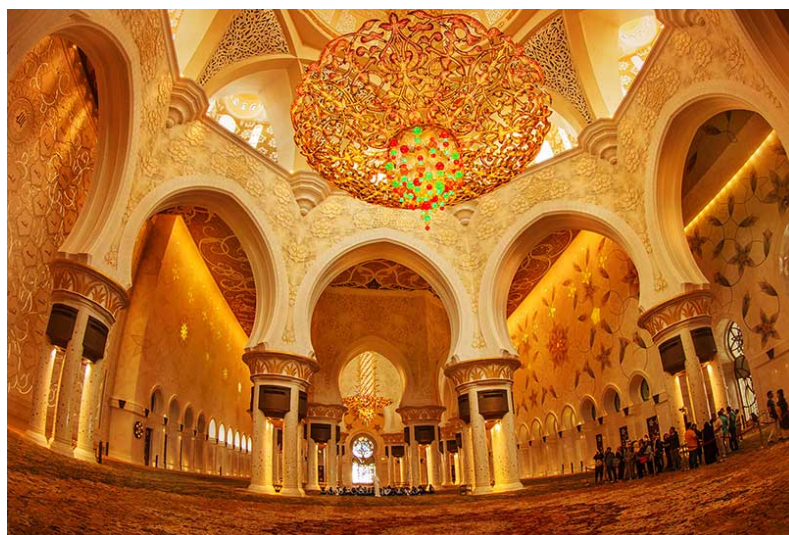
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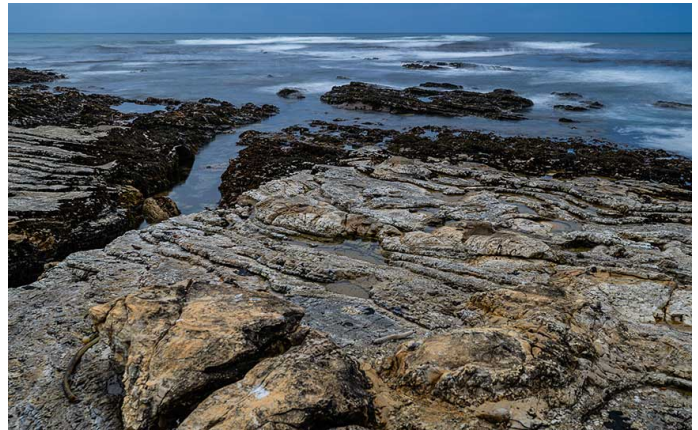
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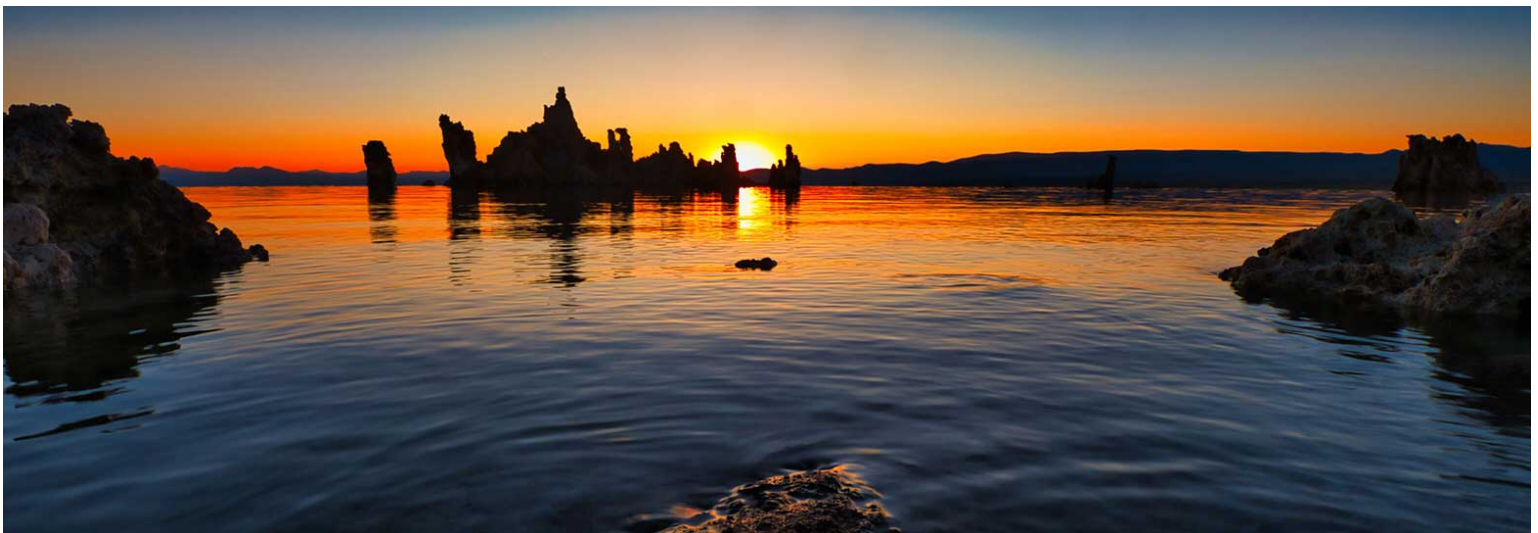
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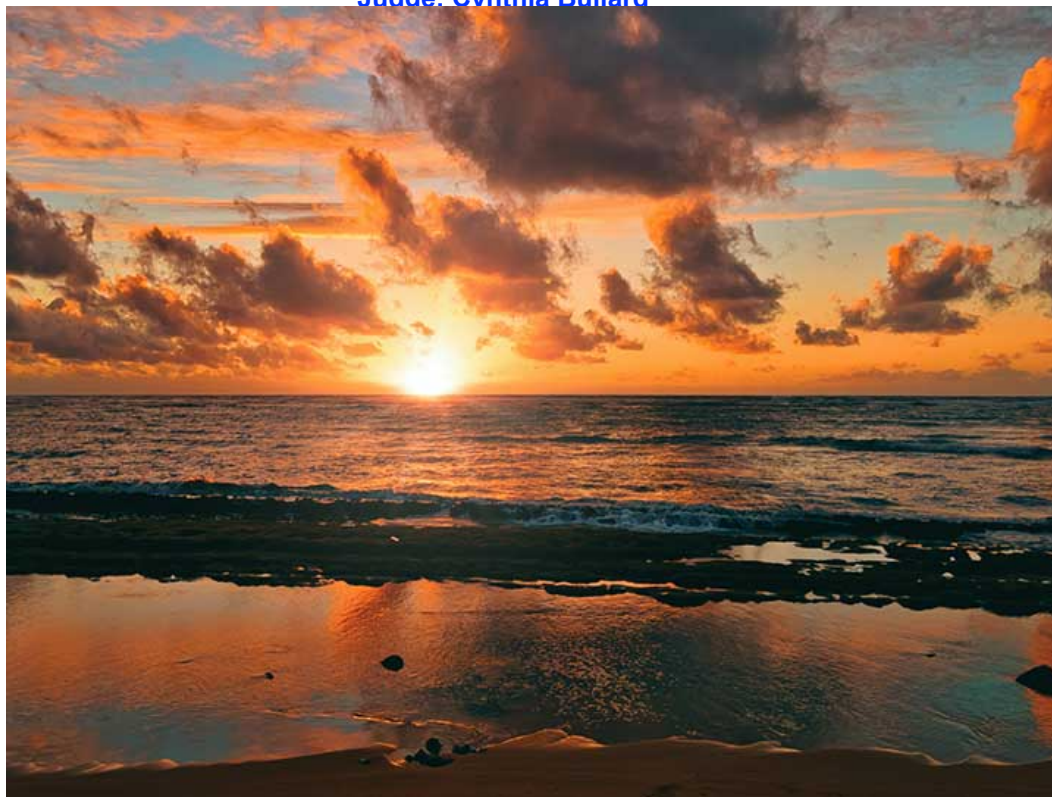
"Sedona Valley Sunset" by Chris Martens



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Professional & Expert Support

Below are some of the distinguished local expert photographers that have been gracious in providing their free time as judges, on a repeating basis, to attend and critique member's images at our recent Club meetings.

Thank you all for supporting our Club!

Dan Holmes (Award Winning Ventura Landscape Photography, Workshops, Tours, and Photo Adventures, past President of CI Professional Photographers Association):

<http://www.danholmesphoto.com/Danholmesphoto.com/Workshops.html>

Robert Fields (Fine Art Travel Photography - MS Degree Brooks Institute)

<http://www.robertfields.com>

Donna Granata (Founder of "Focus on the Masters", ex-Brooks Institute Faculty)

www.focusonthemasters.com/Donna_Granata.html

Christopher Broughton (ex-Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor - Street Photography - and current Ventura College Photography Instructor) <https://www.christopherbroughton.com/>

Gary Moss Photography (Principal Photographer and Photo Editor of 805 Living Magazine)

<http://www.garymossphotography.com>

Chris Zsarnay (Photographer in Ventura 33 years - local successful commercial studio - Brooks Institute Grad)

<http://www.zstudios.com> choose Portfolios then Food, Product, etc. (805) 644-5554

Greg Cooper (ex-Ventura College Instructor & ex-Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor of Photojournalism)

<http://www.mediacooper.com>

Pete Scifres (Published PSA Photographer - Night Astrophotography Specialist)

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218>

Scott Miles "The Scientific Photographer" ex - Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor

<https://thescientificphotographer.com>

Hutch Hutchison (Photographic Society of America POC and Judge)

<https://psa-photo.org/index.php?geo-hutchison-0717#ad-image-0>

Carl Volpe (Ventura County World Traveling Artist - Fine Art Photography)

<https://www.carlvolpephoto.com>

John Grusd (Hollywood Animation Producer/ Director and Highly Awarded Still Photographer)

<https://www.johngrusdphoto.com/about/>

Cynthia Bullard (Portrait Photographer and Commercial Studio Facility Owner in Ventura)

<https://www.cynthiabullardphotography.com>



Ventura County Camera Club:

Our Mission: To promote the art, science, technique, and enjoyment of fine art photography through sharing, education, cooperation, association, and fellowship.

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WebMaster: captain119@gmail.com

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myvcimages@gmail.com



2023 Club Officials

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Vice President

Janice Lindsay

Treasurer:

Bruce Schoppe

Secretary:

Evan Maidaa

Committee Chairs:

Judge Coordinator:

Bill Horstick

Membership Chair:

Joyce Schoppe

Web Site Master and Facebook Administrator:

Evan Maidaa

Newsletter Editor:

Ken MacGregor

Monthly Digital Image Entries and Projection:

Susannah Kramer

Evan Maidaa (backup)

Albert Huen (backup)

Publicity, Year End Tech, and Room Setup: John Ferritto