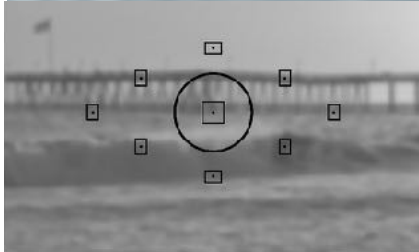


Through the Viewfinder



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As previously stated, one member's comment upon first seeing the Movie Screening room at the Regency Palms was "Wow!" Our March judge, Pete Scifres, asked me "**Do you have to pay for a ROOM like this? I said yes, its not free**" Don't tell anyone, but we get a reduced rate thanks to Club member Ed Pinsky.

Pete is well aware that many camera/photo clubs in Southern California have folded in the last three years because they could no longer find suitable image review meeting rooms at affordable rates. That is combined with the sudden reduced attendance in many clubs due to COVID in-person meeting concerns. We hope to have in-person meetings in May and our budget allows for about up to a half a dozen months afterwards. However, our meeting in April will be [Gotomeeting online only](#), per the judge's (Carl Volpe) request to not attend in person. Carl is an honored judge of our Club for years.

We are also looking into various issues using the Palm's high end (\$3K) Epson 4K projector, like brightness and occasional focus issues. Since the Palm's projector is their property, and does not belong to the Club, we do not have direct control over that equipment. We are looking into how to improve projected image quality at their location, including possibly doing a calibration run.

The Palms has requested that we move our meeting times up half an hour, which actually coincides with the meeting times we have used for many years, 6:30 to 8:00. Originally we were asked to delay our meetings there to start at 7:00 so as to not overlap with the resident's movie time meetings. It appears to me that is no longer a concern.

Last but not least, I must admit that the Pt Mugu Jet Show was a bust for me and my family, we waited in heavy traffic for over 3 and a half hours on HWY 1 moving at less than 1 mph and were not able to enter the base before the Thunderbirds show started. The handling of traffic for the show was very poor, not like previous years. It appears that a 4 year delay in having the airshow combined with the historic combination of having both the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy Blue Angels caused a much bigger response from the public, I suspect the gate at the base was completely overwhelmed as was the parking handling arrangements on the base.

~ Editor.



Future Club Meetings and Membership Info

Please Join Our Next VCCC Meeting:

April 12th at 6:30pm. Logins allowed at 6:15pm.

Gotomeeting only. We will not meet at the Palms this month. Online only.

Assignment: “On the Edge”

Judge: Carl Volpe

Digital entries must be sent to: myvcimages@gmail.com by **8 pm** on Monday before the Wednesday night meeting.

Image Files must use the title naming format shown below:

TITLE_photog name_date04-23_Assigned/Open.jpg

Images should not exceed the vertical size of **1080 pixels**. That is the standard for full HD images.

Membership Info:

Payment Info: If you have not already done-so, please mail **\$50 for 2023** to Joyce at the below address:

Joyce Schoppe

Ventura County Camera Club, Inc.

4875 Mascagni St, Ventura, CA 93003

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

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



2023 VCCC Schedule

Assigned Topics & Scheduled Judges List:

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 conflict
March 8:	Palms+GoTo	“That Ah-Ha Moment”	Pete Scifres https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218
April 12:	<u>GoTo Only</u>	“On the Edge”	Carl Volpe https://www.carlvolpephoto.com
May 10:	TBD	“Dramatic Moment”	Hutch Hutchison https://www.digitaldaydreaming.com
June 14:	TBD	“Complementary Colors”	Chris Zsarnay http://www.zstudios.com
July 12:	TBD	“Wide Angle”	Dan Holmes https://www.danholmesphoto.com
August 8:	TBD	“Landscapes”	Cynthia Bullard cynthiabullardphotography.com
September 13:	TBD	“I Found This at the Beach”	Chris Broughton https://www.christopherbroughton.com
October 11:	Virtual	“B&W Abstract”	Carl Shubs (tentative)
November 8:	Virtual	“Street Portraits”	Greg Cooper http://www.mediacooper.com
December 2023:	<i>Year End Competition</i>		Various Expert Professional Judges

There is no meeting in December, we conduct the *Year End Competition* of all Merits awarded during the calendar year. Results announced the following January.

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 March 2023 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: [Pete Scifres](#)

Digital:

Assigned: (6) [“That Ah Ha Moment”](#)

“3Too Much” by Albert Huen
“Ah Ha Uh Uh” by Steve Ginn
“British Cuisine” by Albert Huen
“I Can Do This” by Ken MacGregor
“Lift Off!” by Steve Light
“Perfect Harmony” by Bill Horstick

Open: (9)

“Anemones At Sunset” by Chuck Zamites
“Carried by the Wind” by Steve Ginn
“Deepsea Ghost” by Bill Horstick
“Dusk at Delicate Arch” by Chuck Zamites
“Peach Bee” by Ron Lindsay
“Sailing” by John Ferritto
“Show Me the Ropes” by JP Watson
“View of Double O Arch” by Chuck Zamites
“Winter Wave” by JP Watson



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“Dusk at Delicate Arch” by Chuck Zamites



“Sleeping Giant” by Ed Pinsky



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"Peach Bee" by Ron Lindsay



"Sailing" by John Ferritto



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“Show Me the Ropes” by JP Watson



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Professional 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):

<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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myvcimages@gmail.com



2023 Club Officials

President:

Bill Horstick

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)

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