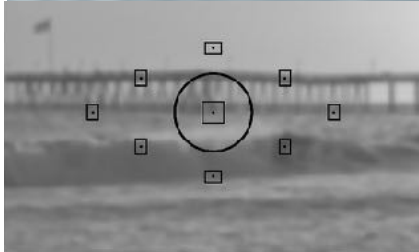


Through the Viewfinder



IN THIS ISSUE:

This Page: You are on it!

Membership Info:

Page 2

VCCC **2024** Schedule:

Page 3

Merits for Jan/Feb 2024

Page 4

Club Officials & Web Contact Info:

Page 16

In This Issue

March 2024

Thanks to Sharon Lobel for being one of our new judges in February. Her artistic input and description for each image was highly appreciated!



Our judge for March is Dan Holmes, shown above, a Ventura based photographer. Dan is a long time judge for our club, and also one of the most distinguished professional photographers in California.. He has multiple California Professional Photographers of the Year Awards, multiple Professional Landscape Professional Photographers of the Year Awards, countless examples as a Judge at Professional Photo Events, etc. Dan conducts photo expeditions to various countries, Including Namibia and Nepal, plus over the years, expeditions along the California West Coast with members of the Ventura Camera Club, it is called the "Coast & Crest". So, welcome back Dan! I took the the above photo of him on a trip to the Columbia Glacier in Alaska.

We wondered what the assignment "**Near & Far**" was all about, and his answer was the following (edited)....

Any time the subject can be emphasized by a relatively distant background. A sense of place. Strong foreground subject "Lead Actor" and powerful background "Supporting Cast". Using a lens with a depth of field. Storytelling and impact, of course always highly desirable. His detailed PDF response including photo examples was provided to all Club members over a week ago.....

OK, we currently plan that we will continue to have Online meetings only for March and April meetings, due to Flu and COVID infection predictions. Needless to say, we do not have control over either, but we predict we will have in person meetings starting again in May in our luxury location at the Palms in Oxnard. Those meetings will also be shown on Gotomeeting.

Ken



Our next meeting is at **6:30 on March 13th:**

Gotomeeting only. The GoTo online link will be distributed before the meeting.

Membership Annual Payment Info:

Partial annual payments will be pro-rated on a month to month basis to the end of the year only for new members joining for the first time.

All existing members are expected to forward the full annual membership fee to Joyce each year in January. Annual fees are very modest (**\$50**). So, mail your check to:

Joyce Schoppe,

Ventura County Camera Club, Inc.

4875 Mascagni St, Ventura, CA 93003

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

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

Member's Digital image entries must be sent by **8 pm** on **Sunday** before the Wednesday night meeting.

Files must use the following naming format:

TITLE_photographer name_date month -24_Assigned/ or Open.jpg

Notice the TITLE is the only part that must be in FULL CAPS.

Examples:

BLUE SKY_John Doe_03-24_assigned.jpg

TREES_John Doe_03-24_open.jpg

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



2024 VCCC Schedule

Date, Location, Assigned Topics, & Scheduled Judges:

January 10: Virtual Goto Only "Weather" Greg Cooper <http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu>
 February 14: Virtual Goto Only "Something Wild" Sharon Donaldson_Lobel

March 13: Virtual, Goto Only **"Near & Far"** **Dan Holmes**

<https://www.danholmesphoto.com>

April 10: Virtual, Goto Only "Green" Myrna Cambianica
 May 08: In Person +Goto "Signs" Carl Volpe <https://www.carlvolpephoto.com>
 June 12: In Person +Goto "Something Odd" Hutch Hutchison
 July 10: In Person +Goto "High Key/Low Key" John Grusd
 August 14: In Person +Goto "Wabi-Sabi" Chris Zsarnay <http://www.zstudios.com>
 Sept 11: In Person +Goto "Patriotism" Dana Rene White (photoshelter.com)
 October 09: Virtual, Goto Only "Environmental Portrait" John Peters
 November 13: Virtual, Goto Only "Night Photography" Pete Scifres (see below...)

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

There is no club meeting in December 2024, *Happy Holidays!*

December 2024: *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!



Merit Club Awards

Results of Previous February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label

Digital Assigned: (20)

Air Traffic_ Steve Light
Butterfly Mosaic_ Michelle Rios
Chilly Squirrel_ JP Watson
Dance of the Devil_ Bill Horstick
Formidable_ Albert Huen
Free Fish Dinner_ Ron Lindsay
Full of Color_ Gina Ramsay
Grand Wheel_ Alex Andrews
Into the Trees_ Bill Horstick
Lady Bug_ Bill Horstick
Mothra Up Close_ Chris Martens
Nap Time California Sea Lions_ Susannah Kramer
Quileute Garian_ Susannah Sofaer
Salmon Glacier_ Ron Lindsay
Stripes_ Albert Huen
Territorial Imperative_ Susannah Kramer
Thistle Pollinator_ JP Watson
Watering Hole_ Albert Huen
Wild Thing_ John Ferritto
Yosemite Falls 101_ Alex Andrews

Digital Open: (10)

Fishing at Dawn_ Michelle Rios
Floral_ John Ferritto
Follow the Rainbow_ JP Watson
Let's Go Sailing_ Gina Ramsay
Magnolia Offering_ Janice Lindsay
Pig Race_ John Ferritto
Sheer Amaryllis_ Janice Lindsay
Spikes_ Gina Ramsay
The End_ Michelle Rios
Zee Tower_ Alex Andrews



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Air Traffic_ Steve Light



Butterfly Mosaic_ Michelle Rios



Chilly Squirrel_JP Watson



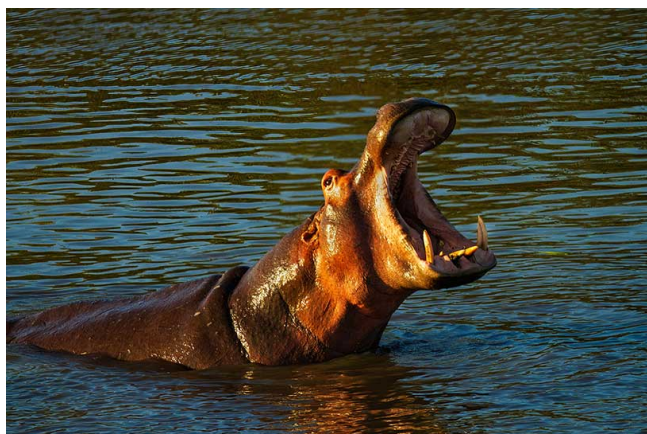
Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Dance of the Devil_Bill Horstick



Formidable_ Albert Huen



Free Fish Dinner_ Ron Lindsay



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Full of Color_ Gina Ramsay



Grand Wheel_ Alex Andrews



Wild Thing_ John Ferritto



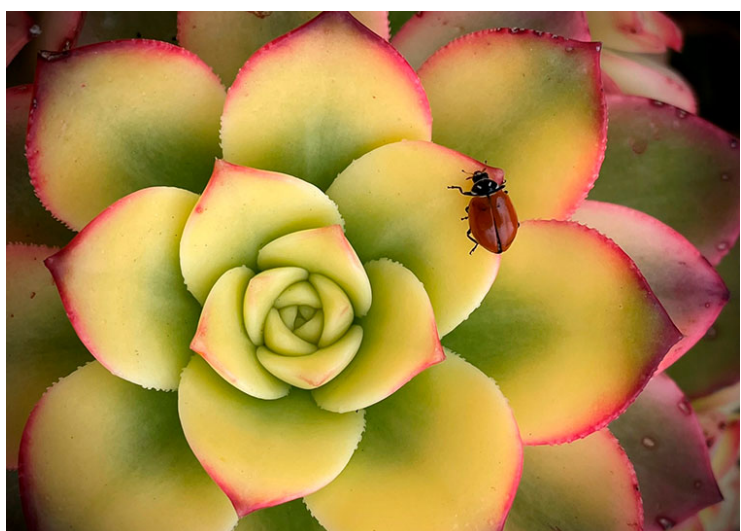
Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

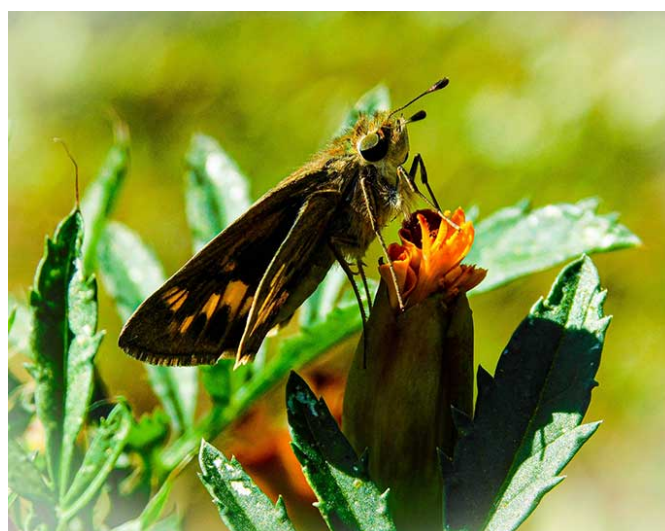
Judge: Sharon Label



Into the Trees_Bill Horstick



Lady Bug_Bill Horstick



Mothra Up Close_Chris Martens



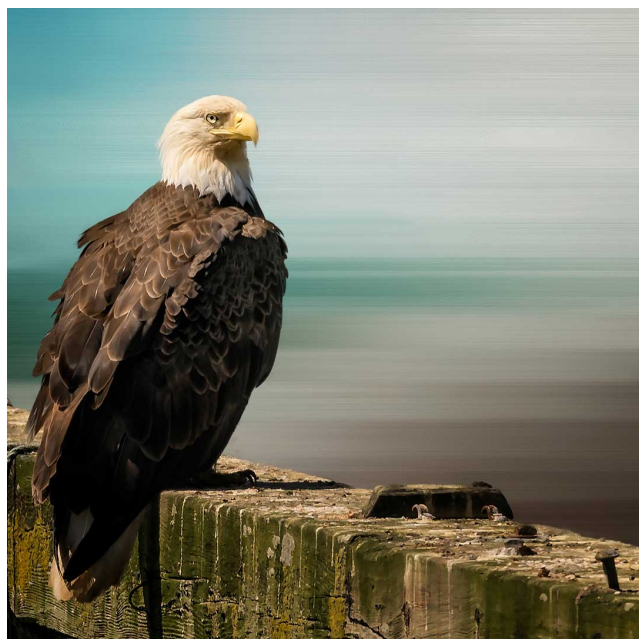
Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Nap Time California Sea Lions_ Susannah Kramer



Quileute Garian_ Susannah Sofaer



Salmon Glacier_ Ron Lindsay



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Thistle Pollinator_JP Watson



Stripes_ Albert Huen



Territorial Imperative_ Susannah Kramer



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Watering Hole_ Albert Huen



Yosemite Falls 101_ Alex Andrews



Floral_ John Ferritto



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Fishing at Dawn_ Michelle Rios



Follow the Rainbow_JP Watson



Let's Go Sailing_ Gina Ramsay



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

Judge: Sharon Label



Magnolia Offering_ Janice Lindsay



Pig Race_ John Ferritto



Sheer Amaryllis_ Janice Lindsay



Merit Club Awards

Results of February 2024 Meeting - Critique & Judging

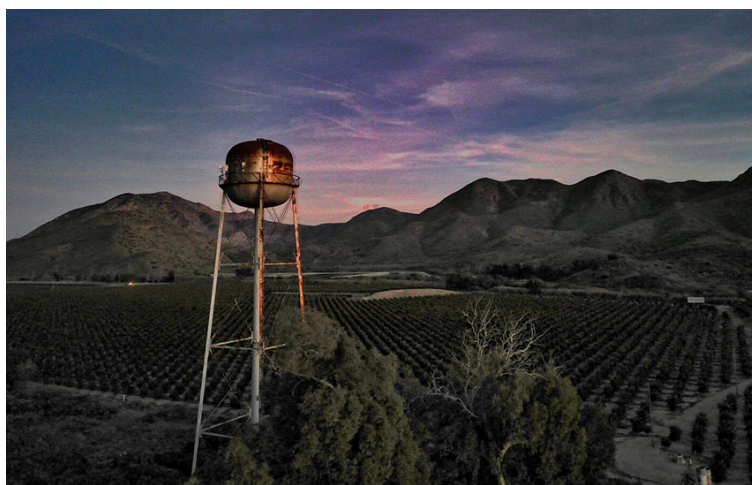
Judge: Sharon Label



Spikes_ Gina Ramsay



The End_ Michelle Rios



Zee Tower_ Alex Andrews



Professional & Expert Support

Below are some of the distinguished local expert photographers that have been gracious in providing their free time as judges, 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>

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)

was: <http://www.mediacooper.com> New: <http://www.gacooper@eiu.edu> Currently Instructor of Photojournalism at Eastern Illinois University. Greg is raised in Ojai and worked most of his photographic career in the Ventura area.

Pete Scifres (Published PSA Photographic Society of America - Night Astrophotography Specialist)

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

Hutch Hutchison (Photographic Society of America - PSA Judge)

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

Carl Volpe (Ventura County Artist - Fine Art Photography)

<https://www.carlvolpephoto.com>

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

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

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

<https://www.cynthiabullardphotography.com>

Dana Rene White (Photography Degree, Cal State University Northridge) Staff Photographer for both LA Times and Ventura County Star, and DOD photographer at Port Hueneme

<https://www.instagram.com/danarenephotos/>



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.

Club Web Links:

General Info/President: 67billh@gmail.com

Newsletter Editor: kenmacg@aol.com

Membership: jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net

WebMaster: captain119@gmail.com

Image Submissions (members only!):
janicelindsay@rocketmail.com



2024 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:

Janice Lindsay

Publicity, Year End Tech, and Room Setup:

John Ferritto