# the Lens Paper



The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography, Powered by Volunteers! **MARCH 2010** 

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MARCH PROGRAM (Mar. 24, 2010)

# The Fine Art of Action Photography by Blake Shaw

Blake will review the basic principles he uses to



create dynamic action shots. He will share recent photographs of birds and sports while discussing the thoughts and techniques behind the images.

His tips should cure the common photograph and help create images you

would be happy to hang on your wall.

#### **Biography**

A native San Diegan, Blake is an original member of the Ordover Project of fine art photographers and regularly shows his work throughout San Diego County.

His bird photography was featured in a solo show at the Mission Trails Park Visitor Center gallery last year. He has been published in



Bird Watcher's Magazine, Living Bird Magazine, and his photos are now in the VIREO (Visual REsources

for Ornithology) Image Bank at the Academy of Natural Sciences.



The November 2009 issue of Color Magazine featured a six page article of his abstract motion photographs.

His tennis and travel photographs have appeared in numerous publications through the Alamy stock agency, and his photos of Route 66 hang at the Route 66 Museum in Barstow, California.

His photos have won numerous awards including Best of Show at the Del Mar Fair.



His website, www.blakeshawphotography.com was named website of the month by two photography magazines and he blogs at photoabcs.com.

When not behind a camera, Blake practices ophthalmology in Eastlake.

## *the Lens Paper* **PRESIDENTS CORNER** by Barbara Swanson

I am honored to become the next President of NCPS. The club has been around since at least 1987, and I am the 10<sup>th</sup> president of whom we have record. The club has survived and thrived because of its vibrant membership, and especially by those who participate at meetings, outings or by volunteering their time.

This is a good time to be leading the club. Our membership has held stead at around 200 people for quite a few years. Our treasury is in good shape, due in large part to our sponsors, our membership dues, and the money we receive every year from the San Diego Fair for the time our members have volunteered there. We have an excellent Volunteer Leadership Team, with whom I have had the pleasure of working for the past five years as VP. We are able to attract a wide variety of wonderful speakers, ranging from well-known to not-yet-known, who cover an equally varied range of topics.

One of my goals is to lead NCPS to be as good or better than it already is. If you have suggestions or comments on how we can improve the club, please let me know. Photography has changed dramatically over the last ten years or so, and I want to be responsive to what the members need in these changing times. You can talk to me (or any of the VLT members) at the meetings, or email me at president@nc-photo.org.

# March Photo Shoot

# Flowers of Anza Borrego

Where:Borrego Springs, CADate:Saturday, March 13, 2010Time:Noon to Dusk (~6pm)Location:Christmas Circle in Borrego Springs.Leader:Barbara Swanson

We will shoot from early afternoon to dusk (around 6 pm). Please bring lunch and water, layers of clothing, and sturdy footwear for protection. Moderate rain (especially with wind) cancels/postpones (check the weather at <u>http://tinyurl.com/y8swbh2</u>)

looks like there should be a good bloom by mid March. I saw a variety of annuals starting to flower, the early mammillaria cacti blooming, and an owl. The desert lilies were quite good in one area that I found. We should be able to get some good shots during the early afternoon (macro often works well) and will also scout for our late afternoon location for the best light. Bring lenses for macro, landscapes and wildlife. You do not need four-wheel drive; if we go off-pavement, it will be on roads that are navigable by car. Check out my Anza Borrego gallery for what is blooming in the park. If you would like to carpool, please email me (president@nc-photo.org) and I will put you in touch with other members who also want to carpool. If people are interested, we can have dinner in Borrego Springs afterwards. If you would like to stay overnight, please look into reservations immediately, as March is often a peak time for hotel bookings.

For any questions contact Barbara Swanson at president@nc-photo.org.

# **APRIL PHOTO SHOOT**

### Santa Rosa Plateau

Where: Murrietta, CA
Date: Saturday, April 2, 2010
Time: 8:00am to noon
Location: Vernal Pools Trail, Santa Rosa Plateau
Clinton Keith Road, Murrietta, CA 92526
Directions: Take I-15 north past Temecula to Clinton
Keith Rd exit. Turn left (west) on Clinton Keith.
Continue for approximately 7.8 miles. The Vernal
Pools trail head will be on your left.

The Plateau is a great place to hike and photograph any time of year. We can expect to see a few late spring wildflowers and even some water in the pools. Bring hiking shoes and water. We will meet at the trail head at 8:00 and hike to the old ranch house. Sunrise is around 6:30 if you care to catch earlier light. There is a \$2 entry fee. Heavy rain will cancel.

For any questions, contact Dan Nougier at photoshoots@nc-photo.org or cell 619-884-1359.

I was in the park the first weekend of March, and it

## *the Lens Paper* **MEMBER SHARE** by Lewis Abulafia

I am taking over for Barbara as she's moved up to the "Big Dog" position and would appreciate any ideas or suggestions. Please send them to me directly at <u>haphoto@cox.net</u>.

The Member Share topic for March will be in honor of St. Patrick's Day, thus think "**GREEN**". Please bring up to two images to share.

This can be anything green - be it landscapes, beer, leprechauns,"little green men" or anything in between. Try to think of the color in a new and unusual fashion. Macro images of grasshoppers, [or other insects], abstracts, patterns, money, [US or otherwise], are just some possibilities. One idea out of the box might be to do a black & white but leave a portion of the image colored green. Again, just some additional suggestions.

All member shares should be posted via the new website and <u>MUST</u> be posted by 6PM, Tuesday, March 23rd for display at this month's meeting. I'd also encourage anyone wishing to show images from last month's field trip to the Orange County Train Museum to submit those separately. April's topic will be "**SPRING.**"

### **Member Submissions**

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#### Photo Exhibition – Jacquie Thye

Carlsbad's William D. Cannon Gallery has a free photo exhibition featuring world-famous Andre Kertesz that runs until April 18th. There are 104 photos from collections of the Museum of Photography, Columbia College, Chicago and toured under the auspices of Curatorial Assistance, Los Angeles. The gallery is part of the Dove Library complex at 1775 Dove Lane.

Kertesz is a Hungarian photographer of the 1920s and part of Henri Cartier-Bresson's circle. This exhibit is "On Reading" and examines the power of reading as a universal pleasure.

Please be sure to see it. The gallery is open Tues-Sat 11-5 and Sun 1-5.

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## MARCH 2010 Meeting

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 San Diego Botanic Garden (formerly Quail Gardens), Encinitas Ecke Building Meeting Room Enter Front Gate - **Exit Rear Gate** Front Gate is Locked at 7:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - Front Gate Opens 6:15 p.m. - Sign-in & Refreshments 6:30 p.m. - Announcements & Member Greeting 6:45 p.m. - Presentation 7:45 p.m. - Break & Refreshments 8:00 p.m. - Member Share Donations: First-time guests free/returning guests \$3.00

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