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## **APRIL PROGRAM**

(Apr 27, 2011)

### **Dennis Mammana:**

#### **Capture the Cosmos!**

The night sky makes up half of our environment. It glows with light, color, movement and drama, yet many outdoor photographers believe that there's little to shoot after dark. Mammana will show some of his classic images, and explain how he creates magnificent one-of-a-kind celestial portraits with even the most basic of equipment. He will demystify the art of shooting the heavens, and will present some of his specialized shooting techniques, personal anecdotes, composition and lighting tricks, pitfalls & bloopers, and more—all aimed at inspiring photographers to capture the cosmos!

For more than three decades, Dennis Mammana



has delivered the wonder and mystery of the cosmos to audiences around the world. A nationally syndicated newspaper columnist with [Creators Syndicate](#) and author of six books on popular astronomy, Mammana is also a night sky photographer and



member of [TWAN](#)—an international team of the most highly acclaimed sky photographers on the planet. He leads [public tours](#) to view and photograph amazing celestial events such as total solar eclipses, comets and the aurora borealis. And on May 7 he's presenting for NCPS a unique [Night Sky Photography workshop](#) under the spectacular skies of the Anza-Borrego Desert. To learn more about Dennis, you may visit him online on his [website](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or at his [blog](#).

For readers of the printed newsletter, the above web references link to or can be found through his website: [www.DennisMammana.com](http://www.DennisMammana.com)



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### **PRESIDENTS CORNER** by Barbara Swanson

Several years ago the NCPS joined the Photographic Society of America (PSA), but not all members may be aware of this. This large national organization has both group and individual memberships available. There is a monthly magazine featuring articles on techniques, Society news and photo galleries, and they hold a yearly conference. They sponsor various contests for both individuals and clubs, including ones for club newsletters and websites. They have many categories for photography contests, with some of the winning photos published in the magazine and online. As a club we have not entered any of these events, but we could if someone wanted to organize it.

Go to [psa-photo.org](http://psa-photo.org) for more information about PSA.

### **MEMBER NEWS** by Nancy Jennings

#### **Welcome to our newest member!**

Pamela Peterman – San Marcos

### **MEMBER SHARE** by Gesa Cowell

#### **April Member Share: Spring**

Spring is associated with renewal. It officially starts with the March equinox, which is associated in many cultures with new beginnings and rebirth. By April, winter (here in California mainly the winter rains) has waned, Spring flowers are blooming, trees are blossoming, chicks are hatching, and nature around us is transformed. The air feels fresh and clean and there is a sense of energy and newness.

Nature photographers have a variety of opportunities to capture spring events. Some years there are spectacular wildflower blooms in places such as the Anza-Borrego desert or the Antelope Valley Poppy Reserve. Closer to home, the Carlsbad flower fields offer a more reliable display, and so do many public gardens. Many birds such as hummingbirds or songbirds are beginning nesting efforts, whales can be observed migrating along the coast, and the swallows return to San Juan Capistrano. Those interested in night photography can look forward to the Lyrids meteor showers. They are expected during the night of April 21 and can be best observed away from the glow of bright cities in secluded, dark but safe areas. But the topic of Spring is not limited to observing nature – the season is full of celebrations, festivals and activities that offer interesting vantage points for street photography and portraiture. As always, interpretations of this theme are limited only by our imagination; I look forward to seeing your impressions of “Spring” at the April meeting.

The Member share topic for May will be “Night/Low light Photography.”

### **APRIL Photoshoot**

Mountain Rendezvous

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Time: 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Location: Santa Ysabel

Directions: We will meet outside Dudley's Bakery, 30218 Julian Rd (Highway 78), Santa Ysabel

Come to the Manzanita High Mountain Rendezvous and travel back in time to a pre-1840 North American Fur Trade Encampment. There are plenty of authentic items, costumes and exciting events to photograph. This is NOT a street fair. Events include tomahawk throwing, archery and musket shoots. Cost is \$4 per person. Gate hours are 8 to 6. The website, <http://manzinita.homestead.com/main.html>, has more information. We'll meet a few miles away in case anyone would rather not park on the side of a hill.

For any questions, contact Dan Nougier at [photoshoots@nc-photo.org](mailto:photoshoots@nc-photo.org) or cell 619-884-1359. Rain will cancel this event

### **MAY WORKSHOP**

Night Sky Photography Workshop-Dennis Mammana

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2011

Time: 12:30pm - 10:00pm

Location: de Anza Room, Borrego Springs Resort

If you enjoy photography and are fascinated by the night sky, this updated, full-day workshop is for you. The workshop will include thorough classroom training during the afternoon. After a break for dinner you will have the chance to practice what you just learned while shooting the moonlit night sky and desert landscape with personal guidance from noted sky photographer Dennis Mammana. 4WD vehicles are encouraged, but we'll try to carpool for those without 4WD. Cost to members is only \$40, but you must register no later than April 29. Nonmembers are welcome at the cost of \$55. The resort is offering special rates (\$79 - \$104) for Dennis for the weekend so be sure to mention the workshop if you plan to stay there. All participants are encouraged to consider staying the night, rather than driving back late. To learn more about Dennis and his night sky photography, visit him online at [dennismammana.com](http://dennismammana.com). We still have openings, but the number of workshop attendees is limited. To register or for any questions, contact Dan Nougier at [photoshoots@nc-photo.org](mailto:photoshoots@nc-photo.org) or cell 619-884-1359.



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**The Philippines**.....June 11 - 23, 2011  
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**Day of the Dead in Oaxaca**.....Oct 28 – Nov 5, 2011  
**India: Pushkar Camel Fair & Taj Mahal**..... **Trip Full**.....Oct 27 – Nov 10, 2011  
**Guatemala, The Living Maya**.....Nov 11 - 21, 2011  
**Thailand, Laos & Cambodia**.....February, 2012  
**Cuba**.....3 trips – Jan, Feb & March, 2012  
**Vietnam**.....March, 2012

*"This was a photographer's dream come true. Jim, you were great! Thanks for all the helpful assistance and advice I received – I learned a lot and appreciate the help.*

*The hands-on advice given when I was actually taking the photos (night shots, dark and light subjects, etc.) was so beneficial. Thank you again for a fantastic trip."*  
Robbie Hamper, Columbus, OH

Jim's and Karl's images have won numerous awards, displayed at the San Diego Natural History Museum, galleries, and published in numerous publications.

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858-350-1314 or Toll Free 877-350-1314**



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### **Quick/Easy Image Resizing** by Mike McMahon

Wouldn't it be great to quickly resize an image without having to open it in Photoshop? This comes in handy when preparing an image for emailing or for posting on a website...or for submitting it to our NCPS Member Share.

Light Image Resizer (free) does the job for Windows users (XP, Vista, Windows7). It can be found at [www.obviousidea.com](http://www.obviousidea.com). I have used it for many years with great success.

After installation, navigate/select one or more images on your system, right click to initiate the software, and select the preferred size, and name/location for the resized images. The resulting files carry the original file name with the added notation of the new pixel dimensions...very handy. I usually place them in the same folder as the originals...the new file name makes that a snap to keep them straight.

iResizer (free trial, \$40) does the job for Mac users. It is available at [www.iresizer.com](http://www.iresizer.com).

I'd like to know how this works for you. Please drop me an email with your questions or comments ([mike.techguy@gmail.com](mailto:mike.techguy@gmail.com)).

### **Digital Photo Classes Available**

NCPS member, Mike McMahon, continues his successful series of Digital Photo class in April:

#### ***Digital Photo Introduction***

#### ***Editing with Picasa***

#### ***Photoshop Elements 1***

#### ***Photoshop Elements 2***

The classes (each 2 hours long) are available at the Carlsbad Senior Center on April 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Mike's website has course descriptions, schedules, and availability. Call the Carlsbad Senior Center (760-602-4650) to reserve your seat. Mike teaches these courses as a volunteer with a \$5 donation requested. Visit [www.mikemctechguy.com](http://www.mikemctechguy.com) for more info.

### **Sponsor Announcements**

#### **Photo Art of Carlsbad 2011 Fair Special**

Full bleed 16x20 dry mount prints \$25

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24 inch Panoramas full bleed or matted \$25

Photo Art of Carlsbad provides the opportunity to review your image on screen in their office to insure the finished product meets your expectations. Their custom services include Adobe Photoshop adjustments for color, contrast, saturation, and cropping. Images are printed to your specifications exclusively using Epson archival products. Contact them for your no charge consultation appointment [760-729-1960](tel:760-729-1960).

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## April 2011 Meeting

Wednesday, Apr. 28, 2011 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**

## TO REACH NCPS

**Web Site: [www.nc-photo.org](http://www.nc-photo.org)**

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