

June 2017



# the Lens Paper



**News and Events of the North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography, Powered by Volunteers!**

## Destination Presentations by NCPS Members



This month we get to sit back and enjoy the tales from five of our fellow club members as they share their travels with us. For 20 minutes they will share their travel tips, details and advice for enjoying a great trip to their chosen location.

First up will be Mike Mahon who will be talking about the joys of mixing photography with travel in Europe. He will provide advice on getting the most from your photo opportunities while traveling with a non-photo oriented tour group. Photos from Ireland and the Basque region will be featured.

Following Mike will be Sing Baker who will take us south from Europe to discuss her journey of discovery in Morocco and the Sahara Desert.

Sandy Zelasko will bring us back to the US with her talk titled, "Untamed Utah: The Wilds of Antelope Island". In her own words, "Have you ever been curious about Utah's Great Salt Lake? Or, like me,

for years just drove past it on your way to somewhere else? Well, if you are any bit curious, join me for a program about the largest of ten islands located within this saltwater lake. No matter what time of year you visit, wildlife abounds, sunsets don't disappoint and history comes alive!"



After the break we will resume with Steve Schlesinger who will take us across the

Atlantic to explore the unique city of Havana with his talk titled "Havana: Another Look".

The final presenter is our longtime member Garrie Lynn Rhodes who will close the evening by sharing her experiences in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia.



## President's Corner

### Whitewater Preserve

by Sandy Zelasko



(Sandy Zelasko at Whitewater Preserve, CA, by Christine Pence)

Early last month I took a little time off of 'work' photography and decided to visit a couple of our local wilderness areas for some 'fun' shooting. The image at left, taken by Christine Pence, is one of me on a sandbar in the Whitewater River, a California river whose headwaters are found in the San Bernardino Mountains and terminus is part of the endorheic Salton Sea drainage in the Colorado Desert. Its route is within the Sand to Snow National Monument and it provides groundwater recharging of the Coachella Valley aquifer.

As a result of stumbling upon this spectacular area, I was introduced to The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC), a California non-profit organization that buys, restores and preserves wildlands in California. Currently they have 15 properties which offer free environmental education programs for children and free public visitor facilities. Their website is <http://www.wildlandsconservancy.org/index.html> if you would like more information about potential photography locations.



(Whitewater River, Whitewater Preserve, California. Sandy Zelasko)



(View of Idyllwild from Whitewater Preserve, California. Sandy Zelasko)

I spent only a day in Whitewater Canyon but was lucky enough to see nesting peregrine falcons and a number of other bird species. The preserve boasts a healthy population of Nelson's desert bighorn sheep as well. Looking forward to visiting again next year and spending more time exploring our beautiful state, California.

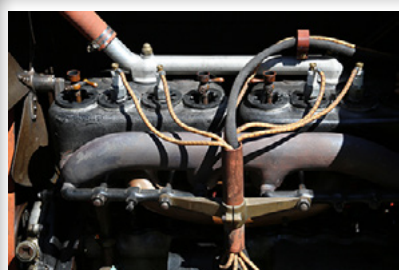
Proudly representing NCPS, Sandy.





## Fallbrook Car Show Photo Shoot Wrap-up Sunday, May 28, 2017

Under a bright blue sky we found over 400 cars begging to be photographed. I doubt we missed any of them. The variety was fantastic, everything from an 1899 motorcycle to the modern 1983 DeLoreans. And while there were plenty of hot rods, the antique collection included a one cylinder Brush. We did our best to capture a bit of everything (including a few tacos & beer). -- Dan Nougier





## **‘Where the West is Fun - 2017’**

### **STUDENT SHOWCASE and CREATIVE YOUTH**

#### **NCPS Donated Awards**

This year, as in the past, members of North County Photographic Society judged the photography sections of the Student Showcase and Creative Youth exhibits at the 2017 San Diego County Fair. We have a photo of those judging Student Showcase; our Creative Youth judge was Sing Baker. Our club also provided donated awards to four photographers whose images we are pleased to present to you.

#### **Student Showcase**



John Foltz (one of our own NCPS members), Palomar College, received a \$50 award for his entry in the Color division, an abstract image.

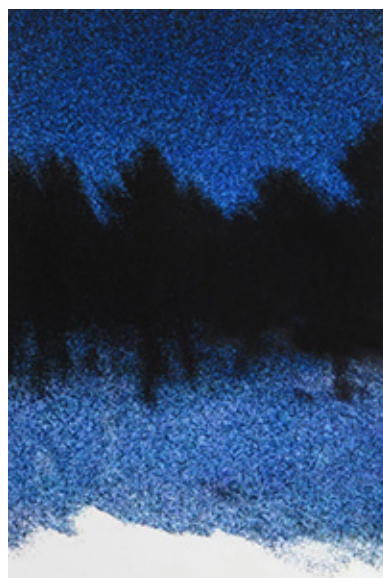
#### **Creative Youth**



Ireland Mulvey, age 17, from Escondido, won \$50 for her color portrait of a young girl standing in a window.



Anna Spilotro, Mt. Carmel High School, received a \$25 award for her entry in the Cell Phone division, a black and white image of a young girl in a tutu.



Gabrio Norton, age 10, from La Mesa, won \$25 for his color abstract of a forest.

NCPS is pleased to recognize their fine images.

## ‘Where the West is Fun - 2017’

### NCPS MEMBER PARTICIPATION

The International Photography exhibition accepted approximately 1350 images this year. Twenty-three NCPS members had a great showing with 88 images. See our list in the table below. (Hope no one was missed!) We hope to show some of the winning photos in next month’s newsletter. In the meantime, you can see the winners of our donated awards to Student Showcase and Creative Youth on page 4.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Accepted Images</b>	<b>Awards</b>
Abulafia, Lew	16	1 <sup>st</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 5 HM
Anderson, Les	5	2 1 <sup>sts</sup>
Anderson, Mary	2	1 HM
Brosbe, Jeffrey	2	
Brouillard, Barbara	1	1 HM
Chamberlain, Abbey	5	4th, 2 HM
Collier, Jim	5	
Ferber, Art	1	1st
Gauthreaux, Heidi	9	Coord, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> , 3 HM
Gauthreaux, Rick	7	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1 HM
Goan, Terrance	3	
Hacker, Nancy	2	1 HM
Longley, Sonja	3	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Makenna, Laura	6	
Mate, Joyce	1	4 <sup>th</sup>
McIntire, Bill	2	
Nougier, Dan	2	2 HM
Olson, Norm	1	
Rhodes, Garrie Lynn	1	
Richard, Wayne	4	1 HM
Schlesinger, Steve	6	3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2 HM
Smith, Dennis	2	1 HM
Swanson, Barbara	2	



**2017 NCPS Student Showcase Judges**

## How Did You Get That Shot?

by Lisa George



On a Fall trip to Pensacola Florida I visited the lighthouse on NAS Pensacola. My plan was to take pictures of the lighthouse lens, but during the climb to the top of the lighthouse the metal stairs and the reflection on the interior lighthouse walls caught my eye. So, as any good photographer does, I started bending myself into crazy positions to take pictures from all angles and “chimping”

through my shots to adjust the settings. In the end I had a couple of shots I was really excited about and processed them in photoshop to clean them up.

## SOLAR ECLIPSE!

If you were present for our April meeting then you enjoyed the presentation by Les and Mary Anderson on how to properly and safely photograph a solar eclipse. The Andersons have graciously agree to share their 10-page handout on the details of solar photography. Download your own copy of this excellent hand-out by clicking this link: [Eclipse 2017](#)

### Did You Know?

Did you know that members may submit small personal announcements of their shows or events for inclusion on the club's website and this newsletter? Just send an email to [webmaster@nc-photo.org](mailto:webmaster@nc-photo.org) and to [newsletter@nc-photo.org](mailto:newsletter@nc-photo.org) with the details of your event. This can also be added to our events calendar.



### Do You Have Camera Equipment to Sell?

Bring your item(s) to a regular NCPS meeting and place them on one of the side tables with your name and the price. Too big to carry? Bring a photo!



## Member Spotlight

### Meet Abbey Chamberlain



"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away." Abbey is endeavouring to live up to this motto with her pursuit of photography. Having retired about three years ago from a 37-yr career as a professional photographer, she now spends her time revisiting the trove of images from a lifetime of shooting, while learning new techniques in the Alternative Processes.

At age 22, Abbey joined the firm of a commercial photographer, learning the trade and augmenting her fine art education with the skills necessary to run a productive studio. Starting with commercial and architecture, she soon realized that her love of people would lead in the direction of portraiture and wedding photography. For 22 years she focused primarily on weddings. But when her twin boys were about six years old, the desire to make weekends 'family time' helped her decide to focus on portraiture.



Now, she loves making 'paintings' and 'compositing' to invent pieces from her imagination. To help advance the careers of other professionals, she held monthly 'Abbey Road Seminars' on the business of Photography for over 10 years.

In the final seven years of her business, Abbey partnered with San Diego Hospice to photograph families with a terminally ill child. She conducted free sessions and donated wall portraits to each family that SDH sent her over the course of 7 years. She called this program, 'Hearts That Care.'

"I have always been drawn to the works of the Impressionists," she explains, including Monet, and Renoir who famously said, "Why shouldn't art be pretty? There are enough unpleasant things in the world."

Abbey continues to be inspired to create her own Impressionist photographs, several of which have hung in local galleries.



Another area that has captivated her is the realm of underwater photography. Later this year, she will present a program to NCPS members on this very topic.

## Digital Photo Classes

Mike McMahon continues his series of **FREE** digital photo classes

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### Backup Strategies - June 21 @ 10:00 a.m.

Having a good backup strategy is the single best thing you can do to protect your valuable computer files from loss. Multiple options will be discussed.

### Cloud Storage - Overview June 21 @ 1:00 p.m.

Lots of folks are talking about Cloud storage these days. Is it right for you? What options do you have?

### Picasa Lives On! - June 28 @ 10:00 a.m. **NEW**

Picasa lovers can keep using it despite the end of support from Google - a few caveats apply. We'll also cover some lesser-known "jewels" in the Picasa software.

### Twitter - Intro June 28 @ 1:00 p.m.

It's hard to watch a newscast these days without the mention of Twitter. Its impact on the presidential election was significant and it continues to be a fascinating aspect of the social media craze. Come find out about it.

## July 2017 Digital Photo & Tech Classes

### Photoshop – Killer Tips - Wednesday, July 19 / 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. / ACT **NEW**

Mike McMahon will review many of the handy tips that can make PS/PSE much more fun (and easier) to use. We will review keyboard shortcuts and special features that can speed up your photo-editing work.

### People Photos - Wednesday, July 19 / 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. / ACT **NEW**

Dramatically improve your people photos! Mike will show you professional tips on how to pose people for better individual and group portraits. Candid people photos will also be covered. Perfect for family occasions and/or your travel photography, these techniques will deliver great results for you. Please bring note-taking material.

### Video Streaming - Wednesday, July 26 / 10:00 – 11:15 a.m. / ACT **NEW**

Video streaming refers to video content that is delivered over the internet as opposed to traditional movie theaters and broadcast TV. Live streaming, where individuals can broadcast their own live video over the internet via sites like Facebook and YouTube, will be discussed. Please bring note-taking material.

### Buyer's Guide to Computers - Wednesday, July 26 / 1:00 to 2:15 p.m. / ACT **NEW**

In this class, Mike will present his thoughts on how to match an individual's needs and wants to the appropriate computing device. This class will prepare you to be a more prudent buyer the next time you go shopping in the fast-changing technology marketplace.



## June Meeting

**Wednesday, June 28 @ 6:30 p.m.**

San Diego Botanic Garden *(formerly Quail Gardens)*  
230 Quail Gardens Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024  
Meet in the Ecke Building Meeting Room

*Enter at the Front Gate - Exit at the Rear Gate Only*  
*The Front Gate is Locked at 7:00 p.m.*

6:00 p.m. - Front Gate Opens

6:30 p.m. - Announcements & Greetings

6:45 p.m. - Member Presentations

7:45 p.m. - Break & Refreshments

8:00 p.m. - Member Presentations, continued

First-time guests Free

Returning guests \$3.00

Annual Membership \$30 (Household \$35)

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## NCPS Member Shows & Events

NCPS members Steve Schlesinger and Abbey Chamberlain, along with three other veteran photographers, have been asked by the San Diego County Fair directors to speak on a panel on Wednesday, June 21st, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The panel will be held at the International Exhibition of Photography on the 2nd floor in the classroom/lounge. They will be answering general questions and sharing insight about the process of creating outstanding images.

## Photo Framing Tips by Mike McMahon

With our own NCPS Member Show coming up in a few months, don't forget that Mike McMahon has posted free instructional videos on how to professionally frame your photos. In a 2-part series, Mike covers the steps of mounting the image, cutting a custom matte, using a pre-made frame, and proper use of a mounting wire.

Visit Mike's video page on [Vimeo.com](https://www.vimeo.com/channels/mikemcvideo) and browse until you see the framing videos. Find them at [www.vimeo.com/channels/mikemcvideo](https://www.vimeo.com/channels/mikemcvideo). No password is required; and there's no need to sign in or join Vimeo. Have an idea for a video tutorial you'd like to see? Contact Mike at [mike.techguy@gmail.com](mailto:mike.techguy@gmail.com).

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