

# Bits & Pixels

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## Shots and Spots: Moss Landing

by Chris Johnson

There has been a great deal of activity at Moss Landing lately with Royal Terns.

There are a lot of terns in the area right now and they are fun birds to watch and try to capture with your camera. They are quick little birds and don't seem to fly in a straight line! They are noisy and always on the go. I've seen them on Jetty Road. If you go all the way to the end of the road and park in the dirt lot, you'll see the birds on top of the breakwater rocks where they hang out. I've also seen them across Highway 1 in the ponds. There are other birds there also. I've seen Black-necked Stilts, Brown Pelicans, and Snowy Egrets. Stop by there and see the show!



Moss Landing Bird Images by Chris Johnson



### Upcoming Submission Date

- **Midnight, Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, Nature # 1**
- **PSA Compliant** - see website for guidelines.



### Membership Renewal Reminder

If you haven't already, please renew your *PTCC* membership now. Our annual dues, for October 2017—September 2018, are only \$30. You can renew online or bring a check and give it to our Membership Chair, *Shelley Nemeth*. Thanks!



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## September Review

by Ken Jones

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, members and guests enjoyed a virtual tour of our newly redesigned website. Webmaster, *Jared Ikeda*, showed off the new platform by stepping through the new menu system and page layouts. The new architecture is extremely mobile friendly and presents itself beautifully on a variety of platforms. All of the previous site's features and functions remain, while additional information has been added to the calendar and external links resources. Take your own tour at: [www.padretrailscc.org](http://www.padretrailscc.org).

At our **Open Projector**, *Jerry Gifford* shared some of his stunning images of the solar eclipse, *Lillie Grossman* shared images of the Tetons, we saw *Rick Verbanec's* visit to the Concours, and *Margret Cordts* brought images she took at an American Dance rehearsal. Always good to see your images.

As an added treat for the evening, *PTCC* members who exhibited their prints at the Monterey County Fair displayed their prints and talked about the experience. Thanks to *Jeff Hobbs, Ken Jones, Carol Fuessenich, Brooks Leffler, Shelley Nemeth, Carol Silveira, Rick Verbanec,* and *William Brown* for bringing your prints and congratulations on all the ribbons folks won!

At our last meeting of the Club's 2016-2017 year, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, we saw the returns of our Travel competition, judged by *C Jo Gough*. C Jo attended the meeting and provided his comments in person, including to "be responsible for every corner of your image." Here is the link to the collection of photographs that he started showing us at the meeting Wednesday night:

<https://www.photocrowd.com/cjogo/>

We are seeing better participation, and some outstanding images, from the AA and AAA groups. We hope this trend continues. Thanks to all the folks who participated and congratulations to all the winners—their images are up on our website.



## Congratulations!

Four *PTCC* members — *Joel Gambord, Juanita Griffin, Rod Heywood,* and *Bill Shewchuk* — have photos in the *2018 Arts Council for Monterey County Fine Art Calendar*. Good work!



## My Two Bits... Happy New Year!

by Ken Jones

October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of *PTCC's* 69<sup>th</sup> year. That kind of staying power speaks well of the parade of Club members during those decades and of folks who started and sustained this endeavor over the years. The common denominator among us, of course, is our love of photography and our desire to create images that capture photography's power to arrest, inspire and transform. As we begin our 2017-2018 Club Year, it would be a good thing to pause and thank all those who have taken their lens caps off with *Padre Trails Camera Club* over the past nearly seven decades. We should all feel good, too, that we're part of the current energy that's keeping it going strong.

~ Take your lens cap off.



## Welcome to PTCC!

Three new members joined us in September: *Susan Pryce, Barbara Ley,* and *Stephen Hooper*. We welcome you and look forward to seeing your images.



## It's Almost Time for Our Annual Print Donation

At our one and only meeting in December, at Hilltop on **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, we'll have a brief **Open Projector** followed by our annual print donation and raffle to benefit the *Food Bank of Monterey County*.

*PTCC* members can participate in two ways: Bring one or more matted prints (any size) to be displayed around the room and/or buy one or more tickets for a chance to take a print home with you. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. What a bargain!



Here's how it works: Donated prints are displayed and tickets are sold. Participants' numbers are drawn one at a time. The person holding the first ticket drawn gets the pick of everything on display. Each participant whose ticket is drawn in turn after that gets to pick from the remaining prints. We'll keep it going until all the prints have a new home. Last year we raised \$600 for the Food Bank and had a lot of fun in the process.



### Photo Event Calendar

For local photo events go to:

<http://mpenphotoevents.blogspot.com>

*Arts Council for Monterey County  
Fine Art Calendar Artists' Receptions*

**Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> — 5:00 - 8:00 PM**  
Monterey Coast Brewing Banquet Room  
165 Main Street, Downtown Salinas

**Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> — 5:00 - 7:00 PM**  
American Tin Cannery  
125 Ocean View Blvd., Pacific Grove

**Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> — 5:30 - 8:00 PM**  
*50th Anniversary*  
**Center for Photographic Art**  
Sunset Center, Carmel



### Featured Artist

The featured artist for October at the Salinas Valley Art Gallery at 218 Main Street, in Downtown Salinas, is *PTCC* member *Sylvia Gardner*. The opening reception is on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 5:00 - 8:00 PM. Admission is free; refreshments will be served.



*Hoot Owl - Image by Sylvia Gardner*



### PSA Snapshot



*by Carol Fuessenich*

### How Important is a Title?

We have all listened to judges comment on our photographs. They comment on such things as composition, light, subject matter, and title. Yes, the **title**.

In the *PSA Journal* for June 2017 there was an excellent article entitled, "Titles Are Worth Thinking About," written by Jeff Dunn. He explains how the title directs the viewer to your work or to an important aspect of the photo. The section, 'How to Think About Titles' gives seven points to think about when deciding on a title for your photos. Mr. Dunn also gives examples of titles for several of his photos. This is an article well worth reading.

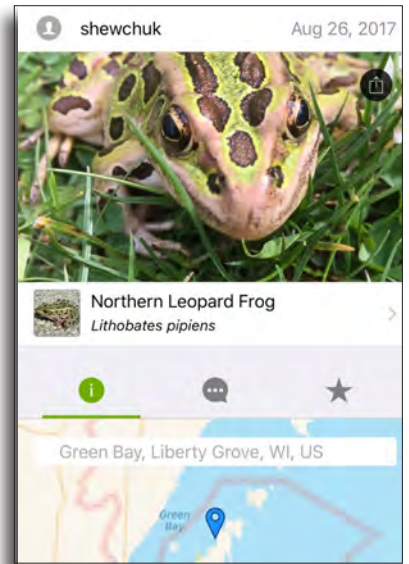
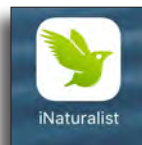
PSA website: <https://psa-photo.org>



### Tips and Tricks

*by Bill Shewchuk*

Identifying subjects you've photographed for nature competitions can sometimes be challenging. I came across the iNaturalist app and have found it to be quite useful. Download the app, set up an account, upload an image, and receive data on the subject, including a photo, a brief description, and genus and species information. I photographed a frog in Wisconsin, uploaded the image to iNaturalist, and learned that it was a Northern Leopard Frog. Easy, peasy!



### Padre Trails Camera Club

**Meetings:** 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
Hilltop Center, 871 Jessie Street, Monterey  
831-646-3975

[www.padretrailsc.org](http://www.padretrailsc.org)

2017-2018 Officers:

- President - Ken Jones
- Vice President - Bill Shewchuk
- Secretary - Shelley Nemeth
- Treasurer - Cath Tendler-Valencia

Activity Chairs:

- Awards - Chris Johnson
- Competitions - John Drum, Margret Cordts, Carmay Knowles, & Joni Zabala
- Greeter - Carmay Knowles
- Hospitality - Chris Johnson
- Judges - Judi Clayton & Bill Shewchuk
- Membership - Shelley Nemeth
- Newsletter - Carmay Knowles
- Points Accounting - Carol Fuessenich
- Programs - Margret Cordts
- Submission Review - Brooks Leffler & Jared Ikeda



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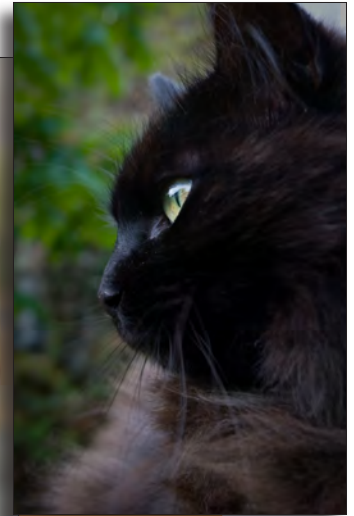
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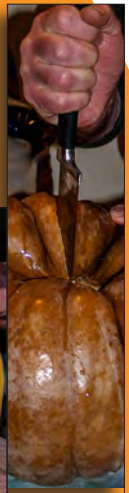
*Ken Jones*



*Margret Cordts*



*Carmay Knowles*



*Sylvia Gardner*



## PTCC Members Win at Santa Cruz County Fair

**C**arol Silveira, Jeff Hobbs and Chris Johnson entered images in this year's Santa Cruz County Fair. It was held on September 13<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup> and, each year, it is free to enter. You can enter up to three photos, with three entry categories available:

- **Amateur** is open to anyone, 18 years of age or older, who consider photography a hobby.
- **Advanced Amateur** is open to those who do not consider photography a main occupation, but have had their work published, showcased, or have previously won first place on a photograph in the Santa Cruz County Fair.
- **Professional** is open to those who consider photography one of their main occupations or those who are in the market of selling their photography regardless of its income.

Within the three categories, there were 12 entry classes. Jeff was awarded one **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** and two **HM** ribbons. Chris was awarded two **1<sup>st</sup> Place** ribbons, one **HM** and one **Best of Show**. Carol was awarded two **1<sup>st</sup> Place** ribbons. Congratulations to you three!



Images by Jeff Hobbs

Images by Chris Johnson

Images by Carol Silveira



## October Look Ahead

**T**here will be no meeting on **October 4<sup>th</sup>**, as Hilltop has scheduled building maintenance. However, we'll make up for it at our regular meeting on **October 18<sup>th</sup>**, when we'll see the returns of our first competition of the 2017-2018 Club year, an **Open Pictorial**, judged by **Chris Cassell**.

Chris has been photographing since the late 1970s and, in those earlier years, had a home darkroom and dabbled in medium-format and 4x5 as well as the standard 35mm film format. His photographic interests have focused on landscape, abstract compositions, Photoshop montages, and photojournalism. He has a special fascination with the juxtaposition of human elements with those of nature. He is a past president of the *Light and Shadow Camera Club of San Jose*, and is currently the club's Representative to *N4C*. Recently Chris became an affiliate of Pro-Bono Photo (<http://www.probonophoto.org/>) through which he has provided free photo services to social justice and environmental organizations since the *San Jose Women's March*.



## Editor's Corner

**F**irst, thank you to all who voted for my *Acorn Woodpecker* quilt at the Monterey County Fair. It won a **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Viewer's Choice** ribbon! Thanks!

Second, thanks to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. *Bits & Pixels* wouldn't look like much without your participation! Please send more photos. For November, I'm hoping you'll share images that evoke thankfulness or harvest. And don't be shy about submitting! The deadline for the November issue is **October 20<sup>th</sup>**. December and January will be combined into one issue and the deadline for that will be **November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Can you capture the holiday spirit in a photo? I'm looking forward to seeing some wonderful images from *PTCC* members.

~ Happy capturing, everyone!

Carmay Knowles, Editor

Send your comments, photographic news items, images, and suggestions, to [info@padretrailsc.org](mailto:info@padretrailsc.org) or click on "*Letters to the Editor*" at the bottom of our *Bits & Pixels* Newsletter website page.

