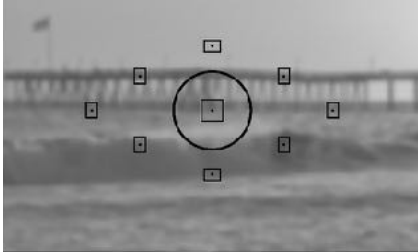


# Through the Viewfinder



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August 2023

As was our meeting in July, our August in-person Club and online meeting will be at the Palms [movie screening room](#) where the accommodations are nothing short of luxurious. We will also provide "gotomeeting" online coverage for those unable to attend in person.

***This announcement is another significant change again for submitting image files to be judged at our upcoming August 9th meeting. Email them to Susannah at our original address ... [myvcimages@gmail.com](mailto:myvcimages@gmail.com) by 8pm Sunday (not Monday!) 6 Aug before the meeting.***

Big thanks to [Dan Holmes](#) for our July meeting, of Ventura **landscape** photography fame, he is the former President of CIPPA (Channel Islands Professional Photographers Association). That organization included many Brooks Institute of Photography Faculty members plus many local professional photographers. Dan is also the multiple winner of the California Professional Landscape Photographer of the year award, plus many other awards too numerous to mention.

Our judge for August is [Cynthia Bullard](#), she owns and operates a professional portrait studio in Ventura. She recently invited us to her studio to see and use it and many of us attended. She is a local award winning photographer doing both period costume and other types of "dreamy" portraits. We welcome Cynthia's comments and critiques to our images. She is experienced in providing well rounded critique comments to other types of images. Her background and photography experience are different and has a balance to the school facility photography judges that we often have and hear from.

Last but not least, don't forget the [Wings Over Camarillo](#) airshow at the Camarillo airport on [August 19th and 20th](#). It features many WW2 aircraft, and is my favorite local airshow. Google it, tickets can be purchased online to avoid the line at the front gate.



## Please Join Our Next VCCC Movie Screening Meeting:

**August 9th, Wednesday, @ 6:30pm** in the “Movie Screening Room”, Regency Palms, 1020 Bismark Way, Oxnard. Gather at **6:15** in the front entrance or the back alley parking lot, use front electric door for quick entry and seating. From back alley, call the front desk at **(805) 247-0227** to request back door entry assistance.

This facility is only about a year old, very modern, and very nice! The new “Movie Screening Room” is equipped with the latest equipment including a premium permanent wall mounted movie theater screen. The padded seats are big and comfortable with armrests and writing tables. The room has heating and air conditioning. **Please! Don't be late! Late arrivals in a dark room can be annoying!** Try not to arrive inside the facility lobby before 6:15 or after 6:30. The facility has wifi so we will also use **Gotomeeting.com** app for those that cannot attend in person. I suggest you use GPS to drive to **Bismark Way**. Since driving I have missed the turn from Channel Islands Blvd twice to Concord Dr even using GPS, I recommend you turn onto **Albany Dr**, its easy to see. Curb spaces are nearly always available in front of the building. There are also 20+ empty parking spaces in the new paved alley **behind** the building, you can park in ones marked “Regency Palms Parking Only”. Do not park in stalls marked “Residents Only”.



**Membership Annual Payment Info:** If you have not already done-so, please mail **\$50 for 2023** to Joyce at the below address, or bring your check to the meeting. **Partial annual payments will be pro-rated on a month to month basis to the end of the year...**

Joyce Schoppe,

Ventura County Camera Club, Inc.

4875 Mascagni St, Ventura, CA 93003

If necessary, contact Joyce at: [jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net)

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

**Member's Digital image entries** must be sent to: [myvcimages@gmail.com](mailto:myvcimages@gmail.com) by **8 pm** on **Sunday** before the Wednesday night meeting. Files must use the naming format:

**TITLE\_photog name\_date08-23\_Assigned/Open.jpg**

Images should not exceed the vertical size of **1080 pixels**. That is the international standard for full HD images.



## 2023 VCCC Schedule

### Location, Assigned Topics, & Scheduled Judges:

January 11:	Go To Only	<b>"Winter"</b>	Stephanie Hogue <a href="http://www.stephaniehogue.com">http://www.stephaniehogue.com</a>
February 8:	Palms+GoTo	<b>"Silence"</b>	Chris Broughton <a href="https://www.christopherbroughton.com">https://www.christopherbroughton.com</a> /Club Officials ... due to last minute judge work changes
March 8:	Palms+GoTo	<b>"That Ah-Ha Moment"</b>	Pete Scifres <a href="https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218">https://psa-photo.org/index.php?peter-scifres-0218</a>
April 12:	Go To Only	<b>"On the Edge"</b>	Carl Volpe <a href="https://www.carlvolpephoto.com">https://www.carlvolpephoto.com</a>
May 10:	Palms+GoTo	<b>"Dramatic Moment"</b>	Hutch Hutchison <a href="https://www.digitaldaydreaming.com">https://www.digitaldaydreaming.com</a>
June 14:	Palms+GoTo	<b>"Complementary Colors"</b>	Chris Zsarnay <a href="http://www.zstudios.com">http://www.zstudios.com</a>
July 12:	Palms+GoTo	<b>"Landscapes/Seascapes"</b>	Dan Holmes <a href="https://www.danholmesphoto.com">https://www.danholmesphoto.com</a>
<b>August 9</b>	Palms+GoTo	<b>"Wide Angle"</b>	Cynthia Bullard <a href="http://cynthiabullardphotography.com">cynthiabullardphotography.com</a>
September 13:	Go To Only	<b>"I Found this at the Beach"</b>	Chris Broughton <a href="https://www.christopherbroughton.com">https://www.christopherbroughton.com</a>
October 11:	Go To Only	<b>"B&amp;W Street Portrait"</b>	David Ingraham <a href="https://davidingraham.com">https://davidingraham.com</a>
November 8:	Go To Only	<b>"Doorways"</b>	Greg Cooper <a href="http://www.mediacooper.com">http://www.mediacooper.com</a>
December 2023:	<b>Year End Competition</b>		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!*

Front Street View

**"The Palms"** Back Alley View (Reserved Parking & Gate)

# Club Merit Awards

**Results of July 2023 Meeting - Critique & Judging**

**Judge: Dan Holmes**

## Digital:

**Assigned: (20) "Landscapes/SeaScapes "**

"Amargosa Valley Lightning" by JP Watson  
"Big Sur" by Ken MacGregor  
"Bridge View" by Ed Pinsky  
"Dinosaur Caves" by Bill Horstick  
"Dusk at the Harbor" by Chuck Zamites  
"Glow" by Steve Ginn  
"Hall of Horrors Joshua Tree" by Chris Martens  
"King of the Hill" by Albert Huen  
"Long Way Home" by Alex Andrews  
"Miocene Morning" by Steve Ginn  
"Morning Lights" by Albert Huen  
"Morning Stroll" by Ken MacGregor  
"Pelican Flight" by Ron Lindsay  
"Resort Beach" by Tony Aurelio  
"Santa Monica Beach" by Chris Martens  
"Snow Bowl" by Ed Pinsky  
"South Mountain View" by Steve Light  
"Temporary Tranquility" by Albert Huen  
"Two Worlds" by Ron Lindsay  
"Yellowstone Grain and Texture" by Steve Light

## Open: (7)

"Agave" by Janice Lindsay  
"Butterfly" by John Ferritto  
"Disney Art" by John Ferritto  
"Flower in July" by John Ferritto  
"Ghost Image" by Ken MacGregor  
"River Scene in Iceland" by Chuck Zamites  
"Wiley" by Ed Pinsky





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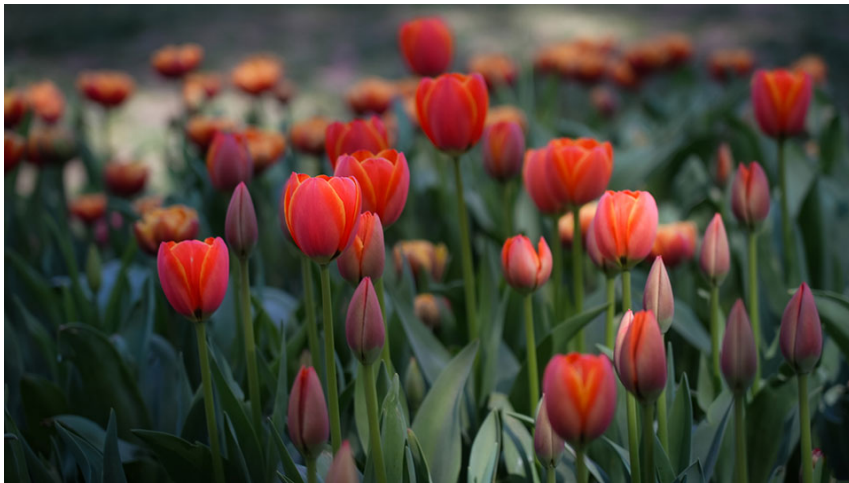
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**“Hall of Horrors Joshua Tree”** by Chris Martens



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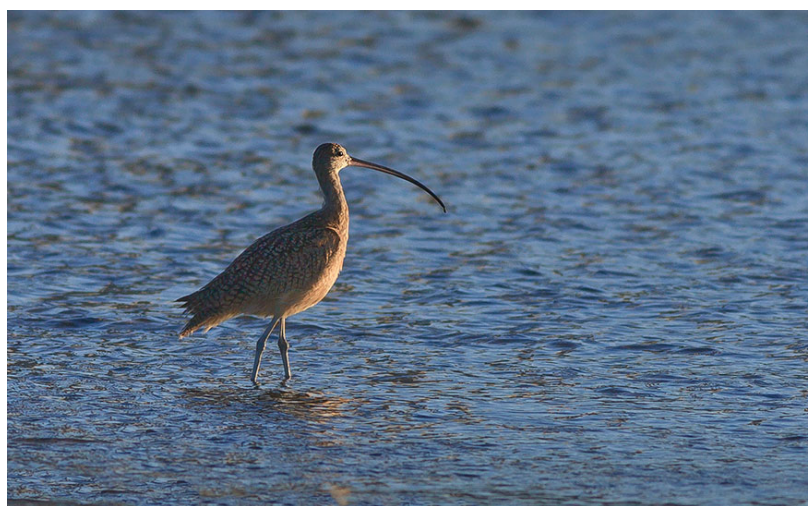
**Judge: Dan Holmes**



**“Miocene Morning”** by Steve Ginn



**“Morning Lights”** by Albert Huen



**“Morning Stroll”** by Ken MacGregor





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**"Pelican Flight"** by Ron Lindsay



**"Resort Beach"** by Tony Aurelio



**"Santa Monica Beach"** by Chris Martens



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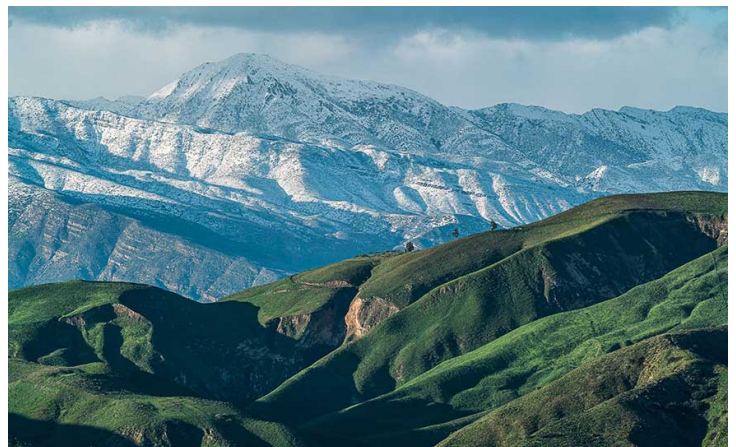
*Judge: Dan Holmes*



**“Snow Bowl”** by Ed Pinsky



**“South Mountain View”** by Steve Light



**“Two Worlds”** by Ron Lindsay





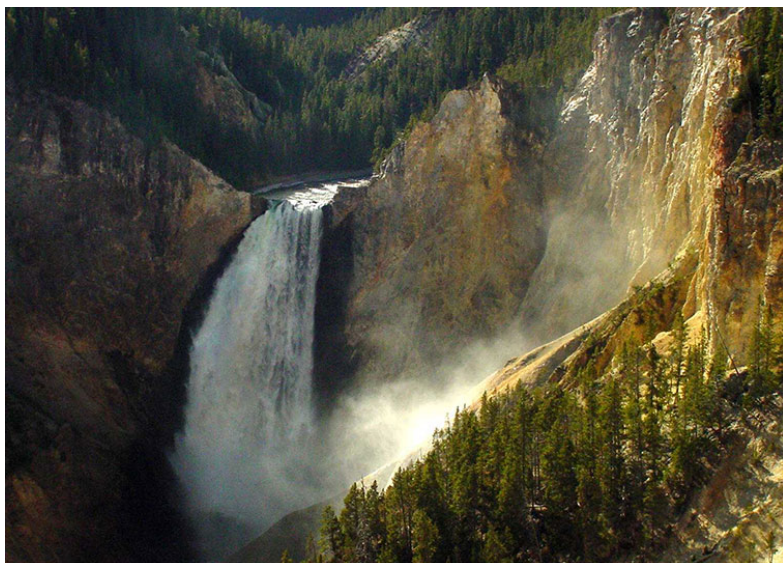
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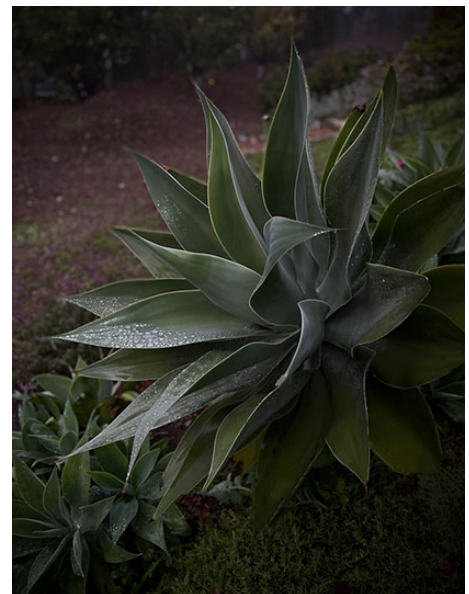
*Judge: Dan Holmes*



**“Temporary Tranquility”** by Albert Huen



**“Yellowstone Grain and Texture”** by Steve Light



**“Agave”** by Janice Lindsay



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*Judge: Dan Holmes*



**"Butterfly"** by John Ferritto



**"Disney Art"** by John Ferritto



**"Flower in July"** by John Ferritto





## Club Merit Awards

**Results of July 2023 Meeting - Critique & Judging**

**Judge: Dan Holmes**



**“Ghost Image”** by Ken MacGregor



**“River Scene in Iceland”** by Chuck Zamites



## Club Merit Awards

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“Long Way Home” by Alex Andrews



“Wiley” by Ed Pinsky





## Professional & Expert Support

*Below are some of the distinguished local expert photographers that have been gracious in providing their free time as judges, on a repeating basis, to attend and critique member's images at our recent Club meetings.*

**Thank you all for supporting our Club!**

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**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>

**Robert Fields** (Fine Art Travel Photography - MS Degree Brooks Institute)

<http://www.robertfields.com>

**Donna Granata** (Founder of "Focus on the Masters", ex-Brooks Institute Faculty)

[www.focusonthemasters.com/Donna\\_Granata.html](http://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)

<http://www.mediacooper.com>

**Pete Scifres** (Published PSA Photographer - Night Astrophotography Specialist)

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

**Scott Miles** "The Scientific Photographer" ex - Brooks Institute Faculty Instructor

<https://thescientificphotographer.com>

**Hutch Hutchison** (Photographic Society of America POC and Judge)

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

**Carl Volpe** (Ventura County World Traveling Artist - Fine Art Photography)

<https://www.carlvolpephoto.com>

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

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

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

<https://www.cynthiabullardphotography.com>

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## 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.

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Membership: [jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jbschoppe@sbcglobal.net)

WebMaster: [captain119@gmail.com](mailto:captain119@gmail.com)

Image Submissions (**members only!**):

[myvcimages@gmail.com](mailto:myvcimages@gmail.com)



## 2023 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:

Susannah Kramer

Evan Maidaa (backup)

Albert Huen (backup)

### Publicity, Year End Tech, and Room Setup: John Ferritto