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***The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography,  
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**JUNE 2008**

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## **APRIL PROGRAM (June 25, 2008)**

### **CAPTURE THE COSMOS!**

By Carrie Barton

Join us this June 25th as we learn from another incredible local talent, Dennis Mammana - who I'm going to call the "Sky Guy." As you'll read in his biography, Dennis is well known for all things astronomical. If you like to look at gorgeous images, or want to learn how to take some of your own Aurora Borealis/sky/star photos, you must not miss this meeting!! Most of the spectacular photos in Dennis Mammana's SkyScapes Gallery were shot with little more than a camera and a tripod. Learn how to create magnificent one-of-a-kind celestial portraits with even the most basic of equipment—along with a few well-guarded "tricks of the trade"! Please visit his website [www.DennisMammana.com](http://www.DennisMammana.com) for more info and images!

### **About Dennis Mammana**

For more than three decades, Dennis Mammana has delivered the wonder and mystery of the cosmos to millions around the world.



Mammana received his B.A. in physics & astronomy from Otterbein College, a small liberal-arts school in Westerville, Ohio, and his M.S. in astronomy from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1974, out of 55 candidates, he was awarded a coveted one-year internship at the world famous Strasenburgh

Planetarium in Rochester, New York .

Mammana has held planetarium positions at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air & Space Museum, the University of Arizona, and San Diego's Reuben H. Fleet Science Center, and now works as an astronomy author, lecturer and photographer from under the clear, dark skies of Southern California's Anza-Borrego Desert.

Mammana is the author of six books on astronomy, hundreds of popular magazine and encyclopedia articles and, since 1992, has written "Stargazer" — the only nationally syndicated (U.S.) weekly newspaper column on astronomy.

As a noted and accomplished sky photographer, his stunning imagery captures the motion, majesty and mystery of the cosmos, and has appeared in local, regional, national and international electronic and print media.

Since the mid-1980s, Mammana has served as an astronomical lecturer and technical advisor on many public comet-, meteor shower-, aurora- and eclipse-observing expeditions on six continents. A dynamic public speaker, Mammana has entertained and informed thousands at resorts, on cruise ships, and as an after-dinner speaker, and has become a frequently invited guest on both radio and television



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### **MEMBER SHARE** by Barbara Swanson

This month's membershare topic is "Lessons Learned". Please bring up to two images to share.

I based this topic on thoughts from our critique session, where many valuable photographic points were brought up. It's easy to think about these topics when you are sitting in a chair looking at a picture, but harder to do them when you are actually creating a photo. To reinforce these points, try shooting pictures with a specific focus in mind, such as simplifying a picture. Perhaps shoot the picture as you normally would, then start taking out more and more elements. What is the minimum that you need to convey your subject? Try different ways of simplifying, such as getting closer/zooming in or changing your position to improve the background. Other ideas for lessons are having a clear center of interest, telling a story and creating an emotion.

The membershare topic for July is "Water". As many summer activities involve going to a beach or lake, use this topic to inspire you. Be creative; think beyond a typical scenic or reflection.

Please be sure that you have read over, and are complying with, the submission guidelines first! Just look on our homepage for the info. at [www.nc-photo.org](http://www.nc-photo.org) Also remember to type in "NCPS member share" in the subject line!

### **PRESIDENTS CORNER** by Stan John

The San Diego Country Fair opens June 14<sup>th</sup> and will run thru July 6 (Closed June 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>). NCPS members volunteered about 38 days of service to the International Photography Exhibition, Digital Arts, Journalism, and the Student Photography Exhibition. Ed Stalder coordinated the NCPS volunteers again this year. This breaks down to 10 days each for the two days of 'take-in' and 9 days in support of the professional judges and we provided 9 judges for the Student Exhibition.

There were approximately 3500 images registered for the International Exhibit and all but about 200 were delivered on the two take-in days. This resulted in about 3300 images being judged for the International, Digital Arts, and Journalism sections. Of these, approx. 36% are hanging in the exhibition hall including 1038 in International Photography Exhibition, 123 in Digital Arts, and 30 in Photojournalism. For the Student Exhibition each student is allowed to enter 2 and approx 2400 images were entered, judged, and are hanging. In this exhibit all entries are hung.

The judging process for all the exhibitions is very similar, but the awarding of ribbons is quite different. In each exhibition three, judges were assigned to each image class. While assistants, including NCPS members, held the images, one at a time, before the them, each judge assigned a score from 1 to 5 to the image. The sum of the 3 judges' scores were then recorded on the image tag. For all but the Student contest, the score was also recorded in a logbook.

For the International, Digital Arts, and Journalism categories one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> prize ribbon was given to the top four of the highest scoring images in each class. Next all of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from all of the classes were set up on a table so that all of the judges could view them and vote for their choice for the 'Best of Show' ribbon. This method is called the American System.

For the Student Exhibition ribbons were awarded based on the total point score for each image in each class. For three judges the total could be between 3 and 15. Images receiving 13 to 15 points were awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize ribbons. 10 – 12 points rec'd 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9 – 11 rec'd 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 - 8 rec'd 4<sup>th</sup>, 3 - 5 rec'd Honorable Mention. Then all of the 1<sup>st</sup> place images for a class were placed on a table and the judges for that class selected the 'Best of Class'. Once this was done for all of the classes, all of the 'Best of Class' images in a Division were set out on a table and all of the judges cast their vote for 'Best of Show'. This method is called the Danish System

Once again, NCPS members' participation in the San Diego County Fair contributed significantly to this event.

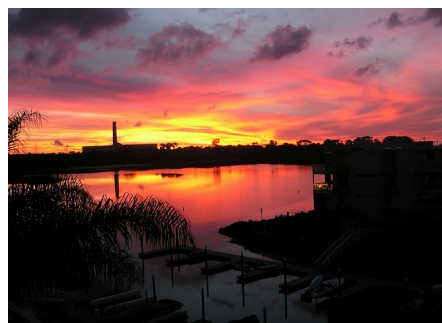
### **May Photo Shoot**

Rain cancels these events.

**Where:** *Agua Hedionda Lagoon*

**When:** *Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 8 am - noon*

**Location:** *Discovery Center of The Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation 1580 Cannon Road, Carlsbad*



Discovery Center.

This is a unique opportunity to get up-close and personal with one of North County's photographic treasures. The Agua Hedionda Lagoon is one three Carlsbad Lagoons and is the one which offers the most diversity in terms of its

Directions: East on Cannon Road exit of I-5. The building is half-way between El Camino Real and the Freeway. Detailed maps of the lagoon will be available at the

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uses. For example there will be people fishing, boating, participating in all sorts of Water Sports. The swallows, native gardens, and architecture of this spot make it a photographer's wish come true. One of the members of the Lagoon Foundation has even offered to take small groups of NCPS members out on the Lagoon - a rare opportunity. Join us for a memorable morning.

**Questions to Sylvia Pauloo-Taylor (760) 730-8918**

### *Night Shoot at the Fair*

**When: Wednesday, June 18, 2008 7:30 pm – 10 pm**

**Location: Fair Grounds, Del Mar**

Admission \$12 + \$9 parking (free parking at the Horsepark, 14550 El Camino Real, Del Mar)

Meet at the fountain in front of the entrance to the east end of the Grandstands (where the photography exhibit is located)

There is nothing like the fairgrounds after dark. Come early to check out the sights and hang around for some unique photo ops. If you care to sit in on the Photo Exhibit Judges Roundtable being offered the same night you can always meet up with us a bit later. As an extra challenge the Fair no longer allows tripods in most locations. Monopods ok.

<http://www.sdfair.com/fair/>

**Dan Nougier at [breachn@pacbell.net](mailto:breachn@pacbell.net) or 619-884-1359**

## **Welcome to our Newest Members!**

Toni Michaels - Carlsbad

Mark Drawbridge - Encinitas

## **MEMBER SUBMISSIONS**

June 21 - August 3, 2008

OPT Underground Gallery, Oceanside, CA

Behold the marvels of space and time through the camera of noted sky photographer Dennis Mammana. Mammana's collection of stunning images celebrates his four decades of capturing the cosmos from locations as near as his own backyard to the most distant, exotic locations on Earth. The exhibition portrays the color, motion and majesty of the heavens in ways one rarely sees and, by blending the terrestrial with the celestial, offers the viewer a unique sense of perspective and wonder.

Opening Reception: Saturday, June 21, 2008 from 6-9 p.m. Refreshments served. A portion of the proceeds from sales will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project.

## **SPONSORS**

The NCPS thanks the following Annual Photography Exhibition sponsors. Please show your appreciation by visiting them.

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Wednesday, June 25, 2008 Quail Botanical Garden,  
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**

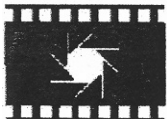
**TO REACH NCPS**

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

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President	Stan John	To contact an individual Team Member go to our Web Site and click on CONTACTS and then on the person you wish to contact.
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