

the *Lens Paper*

*The North County Photographic Society...Inspired by Photography,
Powered by Volunteers!*

AUGUST 2009

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AUGUST PROGRAM (AUGUST 26, 2009)

More tales from a life in newspaper photography

John Gastaldo/Staff Photographer
The San Diego Union-Tribune

After more than two decades of photographing on two coasts, Union-Tribune photographer John Gastaldo has plenty of stories to tell. Like how he started in the business. Or how he strives to make reader-worthy images that have impact.

He's been shot off the deck of an aircraft carrier, covered two major California wildfires, been part of a team that covered three Super Bowls, and a World Series, and he's been included in local press coverage of three visiting US presidents.

Some of his photos have been transmitted all over the world for use by the Associated Press and Zuma Press.



What John likes most is covering the day in day out slices of life that occur all around us in San Diego County. A native New Yorker, John has found peace and tranquility in San Diego County's backcountry

where he finds many story ideas like one he did on those that hike the first hundred miles of the famed Pacific Crest Trail through the county. And some of whom have been fortunate enough to complete it.



This image was cropped to remove email damage - Editor

He will speak about the magic of the county, demographically, personally, and photographically and what images have stuck with him fifteen years after leaving Connecticut and wandering west.

MEMBER SHARE by Barbara Swanson

August's membershare topic is "Summer". Please bring two images for this topic which are representative to you of summer. We live in a great place for summer, with wonderful coastline and water activities, sports, festivals and more.

The topic for September is "Rule of Thirds". This is a basic compositional technique that can be very effective. A rectangle can be divided into thirds both horizontally and vertically. Placing a line (such as a horizon) on one of these lines often works well. The points where two of these lines intersect can be a powerful place to position a point of interest. This rule also helps to remind beginners not to always place the subject in the center.

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AUGUST PHOTO SHOOT

Night Sky Photography Workshop with
Dennis Mammana

Date: Saturday, August 29, 2009

Location: Palm Canyon Resort
Borrego Springs

If you enjoy photography and are fascinated by the night sky, this hands-on course is for you! During daytime, we will be indoors, and will learn to use our cameras to create stunning celestial portraits. As darkness falls, we'll head out into bush to shoot a variety of celestial phenomena (weather permitting). You will need a camera—digital or film—that can be adjusted manually to take time exposures, a tripod, a remote control or cable release, a flashlight covered with red cellophane, and the camera's user manual. A 4-wheel-drive is recommended. To learn more about Dennis and his night sky photography, visit him online at dennismammana.com

The indoor program will be held in **air-conditioned** comfort at the Palm Canyon Resort (<http://www.palmcanyonresort.com/>) at the base of the hill when coming into Borrego Springs. If anyone would like to spend the night, they will set us up at the group rate—which means that rooms would range from \$79 to \$89 per night. If anyone's got an RV, they've got those facilities as well.

This workshop is limited to 15. Cost is \$25. To reserve a spot (currently only 6 remaining), or for any questions, contact Dan Nougier at photoshoots@nc-photo.org or cell 619-884-1359.

PRESIDENTS CORNER by Stan John

Volunteers are the backbone of the NCPS. We all enjoy our association with the NCPS and want to keep it an interesting and vibrant organization. There are many things that make it the kind of organization we all want. I'm sure you all realize that nothing would happen without our volunteers. Every NCPS activity must be planned and organized by someone who has volunteered his or her time and energy to 'make it happen'. Without these individuals there would be no presenters, no member share topics, no photo shoots, no annual exhibition, no snacks, no sponsor fund raising, no news letter, etc., etc. Put simply that

means there would be no NCPS. We cannot exist on membership alone.

If you will look at the back page of this newsletter you will see a list of the Volunteer Leadership Team (VLT). Each of those listed has volunteered their time and energy to plan and organize all of the tasks required to make NCPS the kind of organization we all enjoy. Now, we need your help.

We need several new volunteers to fill out the team.

- a) **President** - to replace Stan John who will retire after 3 years.
- b) **Programs** - to replace Carrie Barton who is traveling with Bill.
- c) **Assistants** for the Annual All Members Show to be held in Oct.

The **President** is supported by a team of dedicated Volunteers who do the real work of the NCPS. He/she conducts two meetings each month, one for the VLT and one for the monthly General meeting. A person may be nominated directly from the floor at the August General meeting, or may be nominated by the nominating committee, which is made up of the VLT members. An election will be held during the August meeting to select the new president. There is no predetermined term length.

The **Program Chairman** plans and makes all arrangements with the many fine artists who appear before our group. The VLT selects the chairman from among those who have volunteered. Carrie Barton has filled this position for several years and will be very hard to replace. Carrie has already arranged programs through January 2010.

Assistants to Joann Johnson, who is managing the Annual All Members Show, are required to support the Take-in, Hanging, Judging support, Reception, and Return of images. At this time we have a volunteer for Transportation, some of the Hanging, and Program setup and printing. Please volunteer your time to Joann to support this effort.

Please volunteer a small portion of your time and energy to *your* NCPS.

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Welcome to our Newest Members!

Michael Block	La Jolla
Olcay Boz	San Diego
Deaney Gauntlett	Carlsbad
Anna Kelso	Carlsbad

Member Submissions

"Through the Lens"
a Photographic Exhibition
by Steven Bundy

The Alta Vista Gardens presents "Through the Lens" an exhibition of fine art photography by Steven Bundy. The black and white images that make up this unique show capture the spirit and essence of the subject matter, the American Southwest. Steven has spent the past few years photographing Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico, and this show represents an overview of some of his best images. The show and artist's reception will take place on Saturday, September 12, 2009 from 4:00 to ?. Wine and cheese will be served. Location: the Alta Vista Gardens are located within Brengle Terrace Park on Vale Terrace Drive in Vista, CA.

www.altavistagardens.org or
www.stevenbundy.com or call (760) 518-1530

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AUGUST 2009 Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 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

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