



PLACER CAMERA CLUB

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THE NEWSLETTER THAT FOCUSES ON PHOTOGRAPHERS IN THE FOOTHILLS

PLACER COLOR

The Placer Camera Club meets the third Tuesday of each month except August in the Beecher Room of the Auburn Placer County Library, 350 Nevada Street, Auburn CA. Visitors are always welcome. The meetings start at 6:30 PM.

The President's Corner

This month we have Image Critiques with judge Jeff Burkholder. Jeff is a commercial photographer based in Sacramento. Send your 3 images to placercameraclub@gmail.com

Tony Hallas will continue his short Photoshop series with feathering.

The May meeting will not be held at the Auburn library. It is closed for rug replacement. The Pcc meeting will be held at Woodside Village Mobile Park in the rec center. Woodside Village is located at 12155 Luther Rd in Auburn. It is about ¼ mile from Luther Rd and Highway 49. When entering Woodside village take an immediate left and continue a short distance to the parking area. The rec center is large and will accommodate all of us.

Liz Staats sent out a list of images that you have entered during the year in our Image Critiques. These images as well as the May images will be eligible for our Annual Image Competition. You will have to keep track of your May images. I will be asking each of you the names of the images you want to enter in the Annual. More info soon.

This coming year we hope to have more short presentations on photography related subjects. If you have an idea for one and would like to present it (15 – 20 minutes) let me know.

Our refreshment committee is Ardath Winterowd, Judy Hooper and Jim Gamble. We will need club members to bring goodies for our meetings. There is a sign up sheet for this purpose. See one of the committee members.

Mike Schumacher
President Placer Camera Club



Preston Castle

Jim Cormier



On April 16th the Placer Camera Club is went on a Photo Shoot of Preston Castle (a former boys home) in Lone, California.

There were 10 members of the Placer Camera Club participated in the shoot. If we do it again next year I hope you can make it.

Here is a link for more info. <http://prestoncastle.com/>



When the call for newsletter articles came in I was in Lone Pine, CA. I thought I'd share a few pictures from today. The Alabama Hills are a range of hills between Lone Pine, CA and The Eastern Sierra at Whitney Portal. To get there take Whitney Portal Rd west from Highway 395 at the only stoplight in town.

At Movie Road turn North (right) or at the next intersection turn South (left). You're in the hills. Turn down any one of the numerous dirt roads and explore. I recommend finding a spot you like and walk a bit into the hills to see the next layer. Keep your eyes open for Windows and Arches, there are hundreds in the hills. It's where the stone has eroded away to provide an opening in the rock. You can find numerous references to Alabama Hills on the internet with a simple search. I don't care how many times you visit you can always find another photo.

The rocks are technically part of The Sierra Nevada Orogeny (mountain building). What you see are the tips of the mountains sticking up above a 10,000' deep layer of sediment fill. One of the differences between the Sierra Nevada and The Alabama Hills is the type of erosion, the Sierra Nevada catch the weather, and The Alabama Hills are in the rain shadow of Mt. Whitney so receive a lot less moisture.

A worthwhile side visit is The Interagency Visitor Center a few miles south of Lone Pine, there you can get information, maps, and advice. There are RV parks, campgrounds, and motels in the area for accommodations. The town of Lone Pine has several restaurants.

Have a great trip, charge your batteries & bring lots of memory cards.

Bruce Gregory

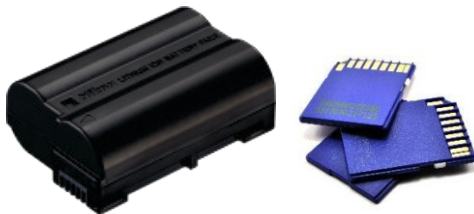


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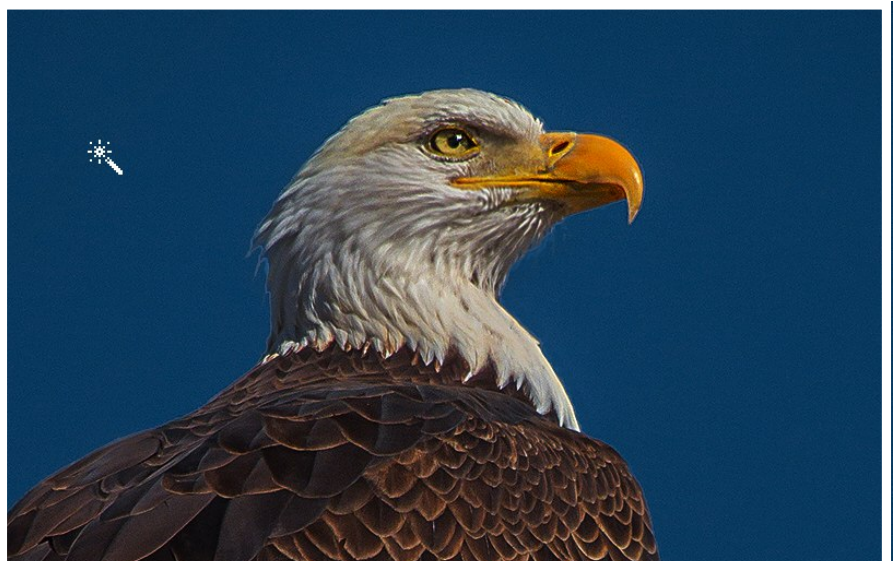
Sometimes you need to do some "retouching" on your image, typically change the sky or some area where you have a broad space and a dominant entity to choose through selections. You can use the "magic wand" or select color range. When you select, make sure you are aware of the spread of your selection tool ... are you single pixel, binned 3 X 3, or 9 X 9? Each of these has their use depending on how you want to do your selection. The single pixel will go after what's happening in that single pixel, and 9 X 9 will average all the qualities of the 9 X 9 grid. Once you have a selection, blow up your image and have a close look at the selection. You might want to increase or decrease the overall selection by a few pixels. To do this go to select modify and follow the instructions from there.

A trick that I use is to reverse the selection. Let's say that I want to work with the land that is under a blue sky. The land is hard to select, but the blue sky is easy. Select the blue sky, then reverse the selection. Now the land is selected. In every selection process, ask yourself what will be the easiest to select, then use that selection and reverse selection if you want the "other stuff". In our example, we wanted to darken the eagle but not the sky. Sky is easy to select, select it, reverse the selection so that now the eagle is selected. Shortcut for "reverse selection" = shift + ctrl + i

Any questions ... email me at: tonyhallas@ftcnet.net



Eagle Normal



Eagle Reversed

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Contributed by Bill Wilkerson



Crystal Hermitage Gardens

Contributed by Bruce Gregory

The Ananda Gardens opened last weekend. They are fully in bloom and as usual beautiful. Arriving shortly after 10am on a weekday there wasn't much of a crowd. By 1:30pm the lot was very full although the gardens never felt crowded. If you can go on a weekday I'd recommend it.

Some suggestions are to approach the garden as a cinematographer might.. with an overall establishing shot then working closer & closer until you're doing closeups. Don't forget the plants other than the tulips, there are some beautiful other examples around & among the tulips. The garden structures & statuary are other worthwhile subjects. Try a variety of f-stops for different effects. My lens of choice was a 24-240mm "Travel Lens" & I found that wide ranging zoom more than adequate for the coverage. You can find a use for almost any focal length from Fish-eye to Telephoto, Macros welcome..

The most important thing is to set aside some time to go, you don't want to miss this special place. With our somewhat spotty wildflower season this year this is a surefire thing.

<http://www.crystalhermitage.org/crystal-hermitage-gardens/>

Directions are easy, North on Hwy 49 from Nevada City, a few miles before North San Juan turn right on Tyler-Foote Rd, go about 7 (?) miles and the entrance road is on the left, it's well signed for Ananda Village. On the property turn left at the first T intersection & then turn right at the next road.. look for the little tulip sign near the ground.. stay on that road for a few miles & you're in the parking area about 1/4 mile after the pavement ends. They ask a \$5.00 donation per person, a \$10 seasonal pass is available if you plan on making more than 2 trips. It's on a hillside down the path from the parking area, there's a main path inside the garden that's paved & with handrails.

Enjoy, Bruce



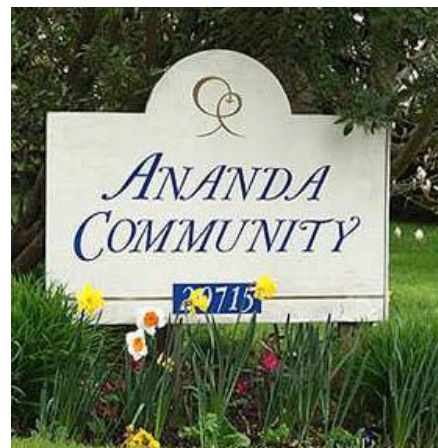


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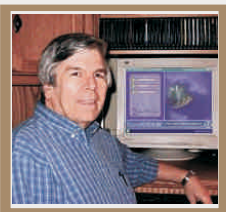
PCC Members Websites

We are starting a list of Placer Camera Club member websites. I am gathering a list of member websites and will email the list out as soon as it is ready. When the list is complete we will link to member websites from the Placer Camera Club website. If you would like your website or blog to be included send the website to me at radioman@sebastiancorp.net If you can, put a link from your website to the Placer Camera Club website. This is what I have so far:

Jim Cormier	http://www.squareonegraphics.com/
Jim Bennett	http://www.youtube.com/user/lookydude
Bill Stenwick	http://bill-stenwick.smugmug.com/
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Jim & Shirley's Blog	http://www.padhorski.blogspot.com/
Bruce Gregory	https://www.flickr.com/photos/17178767@N05/with/13636856793



From Your Editor.



Hi Placer Camera Club Members

We had a great response for submissions to the Newsletter this year. It is getting a little larger in actual number of pages as well as overall file size but we had so much great stuff I didn't want to leave anything out. I think dealing with larger files is worth the display of content submitted by the PCC members.

If you have any comments drop me an [e-mail](#).

Jim Cormier
Your PCC Newsletter Editor

NOTE: When you submit an article for the newsletter please keep it at 150 words in length and if you have photos that accompany your article please try and send no more than two photos. If your article warrants more than two photos to maintain its impact we can make exceptions on a case-by-case basis.

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