

CCPS Newsletter

CENTRAL COAST
PHOTOGRAPHIC
SOCIETY
March 2026

CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PHOTO OF THE YEAR!

Alice Cahill has won first place in the 2025 California Wildlife Photo of the Year contest.

Her amazing image of a bald eagle catching a coot was shot at Atascadero Lake.

Additionally, the third-place winner was taken at Morro Bay State Park.



Welcome to our own CCPS monthly newsletter

This year has begun with many changes for the Central Coast Photographic Society as we transition from being part of the Central Coast Artists Collective to becoming our own entity.

The board of directors took steps to become an incorporated 501c(7) nonprofit organization. This entails various filings with both state and federal governments, such as Articles of Incorporation and creating a set of bylaws.

Also, Tim Bryan has developed the Society's first stand-alone website, which can be found [here](#). You will be able to renew your dues on the site. They're \$30 a year if you renew between now and June 30.

This monthly newsletter is also new. As you will remember, under the Collective, our Society was part of a joint newsletter. This first edition is a work in process, and newsletter editor Rick Jackoway would love to hear ideas about how it can best serve the membership. Email him at Richard.Jackoway1@gmail.com.

What hasn't changed are the society's regular meetings and competitions. You'll see more about those at right side of this page.

Of Note:

Best of 2025 Challenge:

Deadline, March 9
Zoom on March 12
See details on
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Coming in April

"From Raw to
Retouched: A
Complete Editing
Workflow"
April 9 at 7 p.m.
With Theresa
Jackson

On Exhibit

Cheryl Strahl's
"Capturing the
Magic of Cowboy
Country"
March 8 - April 30
Reception, March
21
Clark Center, AG



Photo by Brenda Harker

Member Challenge: Best of 2025

Central Coast Photographic
Society
Meeting via Zoom
March 12, 2026 @ 7 p.m. pdt

You are invited to the Central Coast Photographic Society's first member challenge of 2026! Our first member challenge of the year will be looking back at 2025 and viewing our member's selections of their best or favorite images of 2025. Images can be from cell phones, dsir's, etc.

If you would like to participate in this member challenge, please send me 3 photos no later than midnight on Monday, March 9, 2026. When sending me your images, please initiate a new email to ralphgeorge@mac.com and do not just respond to the email with the flyer. Images should be sRGB and no longer than 1800 pixels on the longest side. Please use the naming convention of John1, John2, etc.

Looking forward to seeing everyone,
Ralph George



Photo by Bill Rumbler



Photo by Tim Bryan

<https://www.ccpsphoto.org/>

Dues Are Due

Annual membership dues are \$30 per year. If you join between Jan. 1 and June 30, that will be your cost. Anyone joining between July 1 and Dec. 31, will pay \$15 for the remainder of the calendar year.

Dues can be paid on our website, www.ccpsphoto.org.

Society Members Make Their Mark Around the County

Society members swept the Photo and Digital Arts category in the Paso Robles Arts Association's recent gallery show, Textures. First Place: Roger Bowsky took home first place for "Sunset." Kathleen Bosch won second for "Oh, What a Tangled Web We Weave" and Ann Lyman received honorable mention for "Roses and Crystal"

PG&E's annual calendar included the images of four CCPS member, including Ronnie Goyette, whose work was featured on the cover. Kathleen Hill, Catherine Evans and Ron Mead all had images as well.

Meanwhile, four CCPS members were interviewed for the "Picture This" nature photography article published in the current issue of the online newsletter of the Sierra Club - Santa Lucia Chapter of SLO County. It features local nature photographers discussing their own separate and unique aspects of nature photography. The photographers are Bill Rumbler, Cheryl Strahl, Tim Bryan, and Judith Bernstein.

February 2026 Competition Results

- 26.5 Ann Westling
Kathleen Gerber
Richard Jackoway
Gale Owen
- 26.0 David Lawrence
Mike Long
Michael Sheltzer
Alice Cahill
- 25.5 Ronnie Goyette
Madeleine Gallagher
Mary Shaffer
Michael Schmiechen
Ron Mead

SPRING IS COMING AND SO ARE FIELD TRIPS

Look to the new CCPS website for details on upcoming photo field trips, including one soon to the spring wildflowers.

Contacts

If you have questions about club activities, here are the board member contacts by their areas of responsibility.

President.....[Ralph George](#)
Secretary.....[Mimi Ditchie](#)
Treasurer.....[Bill Rumbler](#)
Programs.....[Ann Westling](#)
Membership.....[Brenda Harker](#)
Competition.....[Kathleen Bosch](#)
Field Trips.....[Roger Bowsky](#)
Member at Large....[Karen Peterson](#)
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