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Newsletter

CENTRAL COAST
PHOTOGRAPHIC
SOCIETY

September 2026

Members honored worldwide



Kathy Gerber's speaks at Photo Art Fest Znojmo.

Kathy Gerber exhibits in Czechia

After the great success of a comprehensive photography exhibit and workshops in the Czech Republic in 2025, the founders of Czech Art Photo invited society member Kathy Gerber back for Photo Art Fest Znojmo 2026.

Held in the iconic Loučky Klaster Monastery, whose origins date back over 900 years, this year's ambitious event was envisioned as one of the largest exhibitions of contemporary international, Czech, and Slovak photography, spanning more than 3,000 square meters.

The exhibition is accompanied by the unique opportunity to attend group and/or private Art Nude/Glamor workshops in

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Rick Jackoway wins 3 awards down under

The Australian Photographic Prize holds its award ceremony live on YouTube at 2 am California time, so Society board member Rick Jackoway stayed up late hoping for good news about his entries. And he got it three times over.

When the ceremony was over, Rick had won Sports Photographer of the Year, iPhone Photographer of the Year and Birds Photographer of the Year. "I'm still stunned," Rick said. "I was hoping for an award in the Phone category, where 'Moving Day' had done well in the early rounds of judging.

Winning three

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Drama After Dark challenge coming Sept. 10



Photo by Jenn Lawrence

It's time to show what you learned during our night photography presentation and our SLO at Night photo walk.

Submit your three favorite night photographs for the September Membership Challenge no later than Monday night, Sept. 7.

Send to Ann Westling (annmwestling@gmail.com). Images should be sRGB and no larger than 1800 pixels on longest side.

The challenge will be on Zoom at 7 pm on Sept. 10.

So much to do, shoot in September

Oceano Dunes

A new exhibition about the Oceano Dunes "Oceano - For Seven Generations" has opened in the Special Collections and Archives Gallery in the Kennedy Library. An opening reception will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5-7 p.m. In addition, a panel discussion is set for Thursday, Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. Our society will have a field trip at the dunes during the full moon on Oct. 25.

Pinedorado

The Pinedorado Parade will begin at 9:30 am on Saturday, Sept. 5, from the East Village, to the West Village of Cambria. They'll have marching bands, horse groups and classic cars. The Festival at the Pinedorado Grounds will be open from 11 am to 5 pm each day. The annual Nate's Pinedorado Car Show takes place on Sunday at the Vet's Hall.



Photo by Roger Bowsky²

Two chances to shoot rodeo

If you have been wanting to shoot photography this is your month with both the 30th Creston Classic Rodeo and the 6th Beach Break a Wave Rodeo.

The Creston event starts Thursday, Sept. 10, and society members are planning a meet-up for those interested. Roping and riding continues on Sept. 11 and 12.

Break a Wave takes place Sept. 25 and 26 in their new home at Avila Beach.

Paint the Plaza

An I Madonnari-type event comes to Mission Plaza as Paint the Plaza, a colorful outdoor chalk festival. The colorful event will take place from 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 19.

Harvest Festival

The Arroyo Grande Harvest Festival takes place Sept. 25-26, featuring a festive parade, live music, delicious food, and the Wiener Dog Races. The parade grand marshal is Jim Gregory, who may happen to be this newsletter's brother-in-law.

SLO Fire Dept. to hold 9/11 Remembrance

The San Luis Obispo Fire Department will host its annual remembrance, marking the 25th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The morning will include a flyover start by CHP and presentation of colors by Central Coast Pipes and Drums.



Competition news

Vince Cicero won the August competition with a near perfect 26.5 score, edging out Michael Sheltzer and Ann Westling with 26.

Our next competition is on October 15. The October competition judge will be Donald Quintana. Donald is a nature and wildlife photographer and a photography educator and tour leader.

His website is: www.donaldquintana.com.

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Gerber in Czechia

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the beautiful space before the main event.

“It’s a huge effort to put together this ambitious show, so I once again volunteered to assist with the installation. It’s a great way to connect and develop friendships with local Czech and Slovak photographers.

“I was excited this year that two of my photography friends and mentors, Keith Skelton and Armando Arorizo, were showcasing their work at this exhibition and how well received their images were,” Kathy said.

Once again, the day was fantastic, with the halls filled with music and interested fans, she said.

“It happened to be my birthday that week, and several kind folks wished me well and surprised me with flowers.”

Kathy was able to extend her visit to the Czech Republic by another week and visited with friends in the western Czech Republic near the German border.

“I really appreciated the additional time I was able to explore the area – off the beaten path and away from crowds,” she said.

Kathy plans to return for the 2027 exhibition and workshops to be held next July.



“Moving Day” was given a gold award.

Jackoway wins in Australia

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category awards was beyond anything I expected.”

The Australian Photographic Prize received more than 2,500 entries this year from photographers based in 25 countries. The contest presents category awards to the top Australian entrants and the top entrants from the rest of the world.

Rick was one of only three Americans to win first-place honors this year.

“Winning for three separate genres of photography is very rewarding,” Rick said.

One aspect of APP that separates itself from many contests is the feedback, Rick said. The Prize judges allow you to submit photos in advance and they select some for YouTube critiques to give photographers an idea of how the 25 categories will be judged and they provide written critiques after the judging.

Members win big at the Fair

Many of our members entered and did exceptionally well at the fair this year. Below are the classes and categories we had winners and congrats to all of them:

Advanced Amateur Black and White
Landscape
Ronald Mead ...1st Place
Richard Jackoway 2nd Place
Transportation
Ronald Mead ...2nd Place

Advanced Amateur Color
Agriculture
Richard Jackoway 1st Place
Transportation
Ronald Mead.....2nd Place
Miscellaneous
Richard Jackoway..... 3rd Place

Advanced Amateur Black and White Altered
Seascape
Ronald Mead 2nd Place

Advanced Amateur Color Altered
Landscape
Ronald Mead 2nd Place
Transportation
Ronald Mead.....2nd Place
Miscellaneous
Ronald Mead 1st Place

Professional Black and White
Architecture
Ronnie Goyette 1st Place
Family
Ronnie Goyette..... 3rd Place
Floral
Ronnie Goyette 1st Place
Food
Ronnie Goyette.....2nd Place
Linda Detwiler Burner .. 3rd Place
Landscape
Ronnie Goyette....1st Place
Kathleen Bosch....2nd Place
Madeleine Gallagher 3rd Place
Wild Critters
Sam McMillan ...1st Place
Ronnie Goyette...2nd Place
Sam Mcmillan 3rd Place



Editor's note: My apologies to Ron Mead whose incredible Yosemite photo I incorrectly attributed to Ronnie Goyette on the front page of last month's newsletter. Here is one actually by Ronnie entitled, "Two Giraffes and a Tree."

Professional Color
Agriculture
Ronnie Goyette....3rd Place
Dogs, Cats and other Pets
Ronnie Goyette ...2nd Place
Family
Madeleine Gallagher 2nd Place
Floral
Madeleine Gallagher 1st Place
Landscape
Madeleine Gallagher...2nd Place
Ronnie Goyette 3rd Place
Livestock/Equestrian
Linda Detwiler Burner....1st Place
Cheryl Strahl.....2nd Place
Ronnie Goyette....3rd Place
Seascape
Catherine Evans ...1st Place
Transportation
Linda Detwiler Burner ...Special Award
Wild Critters
Linda Detwiler Burner 1st Place
Ronnie Goyette.....2nd Place
Sam Mcmillan 3rd Place
Miscellaneous
Linda Detwiler Burner 2nd Place

Professional Black and White Altered
Bugs and Insects
Ronnie Goyette 1st Place

Landscape
Ronnie Goyette 1st Place
Livestock/Equestrian
Ronnie Goyette.....3rd Place
Wild Critters
Ronnie Goyette ...1st Place

Professional Color Altered
Architecture
Catherine Evans ...1st Place
Bugs & Insects
Ronnie Goyette 2nd Place
Landscape
Madeleine Gallagher....1st Place
Wild Critters
Cheryl Strahl...2nd Place
Linda Detwiler Burner 3rd Place
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