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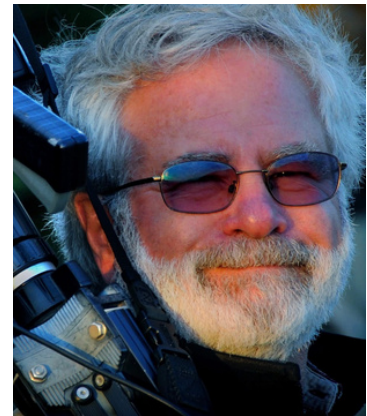


Plenty to shoot in May

If you are looking to expand your usual photographic subjects, May is going to be a fun month. Here are a few of the many events coming up: The **World Dog Surfing Championships Exhibition Tour** is coming to Pismo Beach from 10 to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Check out the dog costume contest as well! Also on May 2, the **Central Coast Roller Derby** returns for its 20th year at the SLO Skate Park, 1050 Oak St. The action begins at 5 p.m. And if that's not enough for your Saturday, the **Cruisin' Morro Bay Car Show** main event revs up at 9 a.m. at Main Street and Morro Bay Blvd. If you are looking for more action, **SLO Sheriff's Rodeo** events will take place May 7-9 at the Paso Robles Event Center, 2198 Riverside Ave. Here are a few more: the **Paso Wine Fest** is May 15-17, **Oceano Airport Day** is May 16, and the **Central Coast Jewish Heritage Festival** will take place May 17 in SLO's Mitchell Park.

CCPS president resigns after 6 successful years

Ralph George, who led the photo society through many changes over the past six years, has decided to turn over the reins of the presidency to someone else. The board hasn't selected his successor yet, but we thought this would be an excellent time to talk with Ralph about his time as president.



Ralph George

Q. What do you consider your biggest accomplishments during your time as president?

A. Well, they certainly weren't my accomplishments only, but with the help of the board we have kept the CCPS a viable organization for the future. We have had to work thru the changes at SLOMA, the extra burdens placed on everyone with Covid and becoming our own entity as a 501c(7). We were extremely fortunate to have specific help from Bob Lawrence, Tim Bryan and Rick Jackoway. Also, as we transitioned to Zoom.

I am really happy we were able to establish (what I hope will be) an annual picnic where we can once again have an in person social get-together.

Q. What were the most significant challenges?

A. Becoming a 501c(7) was quite the challenge as none of us on the board had that particular legal skill set. Thank you to Bob for guiding us through that maze. Also, finding a future president to carry us into the future will be challenging, but doable.

Q. What do you think the future has in store for our society?

A. We are now set up as a 501c(7) with our own website and newsletter. Thank you to Tim and Rick. With membership growing I think everything is looking good to be a viable organization for the future.

Q. What would you tell your potential successors about why they should be president?

A. We currently have, and always have had, a great board

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Linda Detwiler Burner

Burner to offer advice on shooting abroad

Have you just upgraded your camera or lens and are eager to try it out? Or maybe you've been dreaming of exploring the world camera in hand, but the planning and knowing what to bring seem a bit overwhelming. Join Linda Detwiler Burner on May 14 for her story of how her international photography journey started and what she has learned along the way while sharing images of her adventures in Ireland, Africa, and most recently Costa Rica.

Linda is a nature wildlife photographer whose works have been celebrated in both the southern and central coasts of California, as well as across the United States. Retired and relocated back to the Central Coast, she is getting reestablished as a freelance photographer and artist.

Linda resides in Los Osos with her fellow artist husband, Scott, their two dogs (Fozzie and Bea) and their cat (Cody James).

More from Ralph...

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of directors to guide the CCPS. The future president will need to continue to work with them to understand and hopefully satisfy the needs of our members. Let me take a moment and thank all the board of directors I have been lucky enough to have worked with over the years, many of whom are still on the board. What a great bunch of people.....Thank you!

Q. What are you going to do with your newfound free time?

A. Spending more time with the family and actually finish moving into our new house, still too many unpacked moving boxes! Also spending more time in my photographic world, both shooting and processing.

Results from April 2026 competition

Here are the results of the April 2026 competition. You can also find the high scores video at youtu.be/zOJ1wgDDxEI.

- 27 Madeleine Gallagher
- 26.5 Jenn Lawrence
- 26.5 Ronnie Goyette
- 26.5 Alice Cahill
- 26 Ann Louise Lyman
- 26 Vince Cicero
- 26 Linda Detwiler Burner
- 26 Ann Westling
- 26 Michael Messina

The next CCPS competition is set for Thursday, June 18, at 7 p.m.

The judge will be Theresa Jackson. She is an Adobe expert and has judged for CCPS a number of times, and we are happy to welcome her back.

Find out more on our website

Want to know more about the photo society? Visit our website at www.ccpsphoto.org.

Help us improve our new newsletter

We would love to hear what you think about the newsletter. Email newsletter editor Richard Jackoway at richard.jackoway1@gmail.com.

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