



# PLACER CAMERA CLUB

## FEATURED THIS MONTH

- The President's Corner
- Ananda Village and Spiritual Retreat
- Ridge Café
- Safari Gone Wild
- Preston Castle Shoot
- Gear For Sale



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 Ed Valusek. Send your 3 images to [placercameraclub@gmail.com](mailto:placercameraclub@gmail.com). Tony Hallas will continue his short Photoshop series with selection reversal.

The Tulips at Ananda Gardens in Nevada City are still going. Worth a visit if you have not been.

<http://www.anandavillage.org/events-and-programs/springtime-at-ananda/>

April 16<sup>th</sup> we will have a photo shoot at Preston Castle in Lone. The shoot is from 10 am to noon.

<http://prestoncastle.com/>

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



### It's time to dust Off Your Gear!!!

The Placer Camera Club is heading off on a Photo Shoot of Preston Castle in Lone, California.

So far 10 members of the Placer Camera Club have expressed interest in participating in the shoot.

If you are interested and your name is not on the list please let Mike know right away if you want to join the group.

The shoot is April 16 Thursday at 10 AM. We are all going to meet there so if you are car pooling you need to arrange a meeting place and time.

Cost is \$40 per person for 2 hours of free roaming in the safe areas.

Preston Castle is a former boys home.

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

## FOR SALE

Submitted by Jack Bachelder

# D7000



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# I AM NIKON





I checked the Ananda website to learn their tulip gardens were opening early on March 27. I'd been watching the weather warm up, and Daffodil Hill close their season early, so decided not to wait for the opening. Up at 5:30 on March 22, tiptoeing to keep from waking Ron, I was quickly out the door.

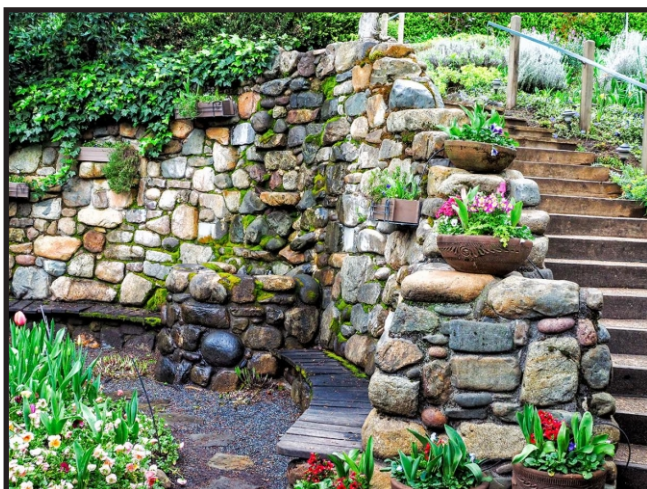
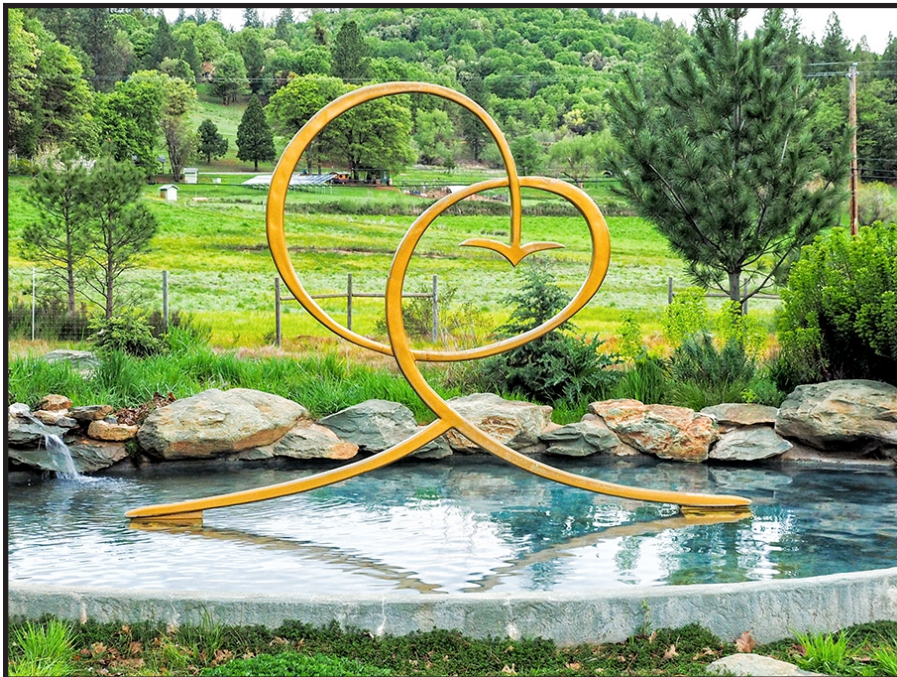
Entering the Ananda grounds at 7:30, I was greeted by deer grazing alongside the road and early morning birds singing as they searched for breakfast. I brought three cameras but used my Olympus OMD-M1 until the battery died.

Alone in the Crystal Hermitage chapel and gardens was a rare treat. Especially because it was light but yet no direct sunlight washed out the colors. Every tulip was fully in bloom, although closed waiting for sunlight to kiss it awake. Wisteria hung over trees and trellis'. Every bush was manicured to show off its best face. Benches strategically placed to advantage All, awaiting opening day and mine alone today.

Finishing up my Olympus and then my Nikon 5100, now on my last camera with a working battery, I quietly entered the chapel to sit for a while, but soon discovered the light was magnificent and captured a few interior shots. Lightly touching the long, hollow, metal chime, grinning, I climbed the hill back to the car with the sound of windchimes singing in my ears. Time for breakfast.... But that's another story,









## Ridge Café – North San Juan, CA

Driving back out to Highway 49 about 9:30, I arrived in North San Juan. A faded mural on an old brick building captured my attention. Pausing for a few shots with my last camera with a partial battery, a Panasonic Lumix, I was really hungry by now. The smell of breakfast drew me down the street to an organic, colorful building and the Ridge café. My ham and spinach breakfast croissant and mocha were delicious but the amazing, bearded men that kept trooping into the café brought my camera to attention.

It took all my courage to ask, but luckily no one turned me down. I did leave many images behind because I didn't ask. The ones I missed wore plaid hunting shirts and grungy jeans that held a story all their own. Maybe next time.

A special morning in the life of a poet and photographer. Next time maybe I'll remember to charge my camera batteries the night before. Sigh, Sandy Parker





With a great jerk of our safari vehicle, Krispen toppled over me, gracefully and, thankfully, softly sliding downwards. The pack of elephants surrounding a tiny baby charged us as our driver careened down the dirt track to safety. Thus ended just one of many adventures on the Serengeti in Tanzania.

I recently joined Barry Walton and his wife Krispen on a 12 day safari led by a top-of-the-line guide and his crew. Although expensive, it was possibly the greatest trip I've ever encountered. Barry and Krispen like to put together a similar safari every few years, and I highly recommend it. But, enough of the sales pitch.

Enhancing the experience, most of our nights were spent in heavy-duty tents equipped with high quality mosquito netted beds. And yes, the tents always included a bathroom. Many of our meals were leisurely consumed from within special dining tents. All accommodations and vehicles combined to form an iconic safari adventure.

Enjoy some photos.









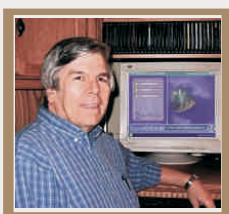
# PCC Members Websites

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](mailto: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	<a href="http://www.squareonegraphics.com/">http://www.squareonegraphics.com/</a>
Jim Bennett	<a href="http://www.youtube.com/user/lookydude">http://www.youtube.com/user/lookydude</a>
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Marc Kessman	<a href="http://www.mellowtoxin.com">http://www.mellowtoxin.com</a>
Jim & Shirley's Blog	<a href="http://www.padhorski.blogspot.com/">http://www.padhorski.blogspot.com/</a>
Bruce Gregory	<a href="https://www.flickr.com/photos/17178767@N05/with/13636856793">https://www.flickr.com/photos/17178767@N05/with/13636856793</a>



## 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.

## Sew on Placer Camera Club Logo Patches

# SOLD OUT

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THE CLUB WANTS TO PAY TO REORDER MORE PATCHES.





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### Huey Monitor Calibration

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