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Happy You Year!

Unleash Your Creativity. Starting in 3...2...1...



Lani and the Lion – Barbara Doreste

Ask most photographers about creativity and they'll claim they don't have a creative bone in their body. Just the word makes them shudder. Make it a competition theme and many of them will have a nervous breakdown. If this is you, I've got a surprise for you. You're more creative than you think. We'll explore that this month with a host of programs designed to help you unleash your inner creative.

Coming up this Month:

Presentation Program: Thursday, January 10, 7pm

Creativity: A Conversation with Yourself

Sara Ascalon

Humans are innately creative creatures. For many, that creativity is freely expressed. For others, that expression is shackled by repression. Learn how to tap into the creative energy within you and experience the joy of letting go and sharing your vision with others.

SJCC Saturday Member Workshop:

Hands-on Macro, led by Bonnie Rovere and Kacey Rovere-Avril

January 12, 10am - 12pm, Medford Leas, Holly Room

This is going to be a stress-free, hands-on Macro class. Bring your camera and tripod (or Point & Shoot that does Macro) and learn how to create wonderful images. Let's have some fun! We will have many stations set up for your convenience.

Please note: this limited registration workshop is currently full. A waitlist is available. If you have signed up and cannot attend please cancel your registration asap to free up a spot for another member. [How to cancel your free registration](#).

[Join the Hands-on Macro waitlist](#) - password sjcc

Competition Night: Tuesday, January 15, 7pm

Judge: Greg Deanglis

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An SJCC favorite, Greg is an astute judge who delivers thoughtful, insightful critiques. But he also has a wicked sense of humor. Here's a look back at [Greg's first appearance at our club.](#)

- **Digital – Creative:** Use your imagination to produce an original photograph through concept, processing, or both.
- **Color Prints: Open**
- Submission Deadline: Sunday, January 13 at midnight
- **Pre-meeting Workshop:** Open Forum with Members of the SJCC Board (Linden Room, 6:15pm)

Field Trips:

Edwin B. Forsythe Wildlife Refuge and Barnegat Light House, Saturday, January 5

Registration is closed

COMING UP – Photo in a Bag: We'll be running our annual Photo in a Bag contest in February. For those of you unfamiliar with this popular event here's the lowdown: participants are given a brown paper bag at our January competition meeting. Inside it is totally random crap. (Everyone has identical crap. Nobody's crap is better than anyone else's.) The mission is to include every item in that bag in a photo to be presented as a print at the February competition meeting. No digital uploads are required. Standard SJCC print guidelines apply. This is a judged contest but doesn't not contribute to your annual cumulative score. Nominal cash prizes will be awarded.

If you have not already reserved your bag, please visit our Facebook Member's Page to [sign up](#).

Looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Best regards,
Sara Ascalon, President

Competitions, Workshops, and Field Trips. Oh my.

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