Mel Forman talks about

“Wildlife in Everglades National Park"

When: Thursday, September 13, 7:00 PM
Where: Tierrasanta Community Swimming Pool
11238 Clmnt. Mesa Blvd.
(Two miles east of I-15, on the left. Go to the Pool Building, look for entrance on street level. It is to the left of the center stairs.)

Mel tells it this way:

“At age 10 I picked up my mother’s “Autograph Folding Kodak” and have been “bitten” by photography ever since. My first serious camera was a 4x5 Speed Graphic. It took 2-1/2 years on a waiting list during the Second World War to obtain…. Maybe that is where my “patience,” waiting for the right shot, came from.

I owned “Forman Studios,” a baby home portrait studio, for 25 years. “During that time I always engaged in personal 35 mm photography.
Around 1970 I acquired my first “long lens,” a 560 mm f/5.6. It was that lens and its capabilities that introduced me to long lenses. It is my main thrust into photography. I enjoy the intimacy that a very long lens affords us. It reveals details that the naked eye can’t possibly discern. That lens is still in my possession and is as good as it was over 30 years ago.

I belonged to the Detroit Photo Guild for many years, competing in many categories, but primarily “Nature.”

Moving to San Diego in 1979, I photographed the zoo animals, trying to make the images look like the animals were still in the wild. I still “shoot” them.

Between travel photos and zoo photography I have amassed thousands of images. I am presently a member of the Photo Naturalist Camera Club.

I have had the good fortune to have won two 1st place ribbons, a third place, many Honorable Mentions and Acceptances at the Del Mar Fair, along with other awards in San Diego Photography Club competitions.”

Message from the Chair__
An increasing number of SCPS members are adding "digital" to their repertoire of photographic skills. Great! Maybe you are wanting to join in but need a starting point. May I offer humble suggestions?


To reduce your software expenses 50-75% (buy Photoshop 6 @ $285 instead of $799) shop at Graduate Ltd., 9353 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., Suite J, San Diego, CA, (858) 569-5995.

You will need a student ID card available for 50 cents from the Metro Career Center, 8401 Aero Drive, San Diego, CA, Tel: (858) 627-2545. You need not be a student to get the card, but they have wonderful free classes for all this digital stuff.

Steve Cirone

Activities______________________________

September 8: The Studio Portrait Workshop is FULL Leader: Steve Cirone (858) 279-1248

Off-road trip to Sandstone Canyon, Anza-Borrego Leaders: Karl Grobl (858) 689-1963 and Carlo Terlizzi (760) 492-8610. Note: off-road vehicles with winches only; no SUVs or cars. We will truckpool for this outing.

October 13: Whelan Ranch Bird Sanctuary in Oceanside Leader: Pat Cubel (760) 439-8766 The lake is very large and there are many chances for water reflections and some old barns and an old rundown home that are actually picturesque. The area is surrounded by the hills of Camp Pendleton.

This will be a good time to shoot since the migratory birds are cruisin’ through. Pat has spotted owls, finches, hummingbirds, hawks, several varieties of ducks, herons, egrets, swallows, robins, blue birds, ravens, and geese.

We will most likely meet at Pat’s home and carpool to the ranch. It is actually only about one mile from Pat’s home. The sun gets harsh at mid day, so we will probably shoot early afternoon through sunset.

After we shoot we can head home or go to dinner at a little restaurant in Oceanside. We may, also, cook burgers and dogs at Pat’s backyard firepit.
October: Spiders in Balboa Park  
Leader: Neal Burstein  
(619) 584-7172

Also in October: Zion National Park (possibly also first week of November)  
Potential leader: Lindsey Martin  
Alternate: Yosemite National Park

November: Day of the Dead, Laguna Chapala Monarcas, Michoacan, Mexico  
Leaders: Karl Grobl  
(858) 689-1963, Carlo Terlizzi  
(760) 492-8610 and Carol Martinelli (858) 487-3317  
(camartinelli@earthlink.net)

Rainbow Basin (just outside of Barstow)  
Leader: Carol Murdoch  
(619) 463-1279

December 8: Christmas Party  
Hosted by Robin and Blair Francis at their Pt. Loma home

Night Photo Crawl  
Leader: Ken Rockwell  
(858) 453-2099  
(Ken, tell us more about this!)

Website source for the complete activities schedule:  
http://www.sdphotoclub.com

Calendar ______________

September 13 at 7 p.m.  
“Wildlife of Everglades National Park” presented by Mel Forman  
Tierrasanta Community Swimming Pool, 11238 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

Hot Flashes ____________  
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Quote: “Both the grand and the intimate aspects of nature can be revealed in the expressive photograph. Both can stir enduring affirmations and discoveries, and can surely help the spectator in his search for identification with the vast world of natural beauty and the wonder surrounding him.”  
--Ansel Adams

Member’s work selected for the 2001 Del Mar Fair Exhibition of Photography:  
Jo Ann Ginepra - Hon. Mention

“Just Waiting”  
Mel Forman  
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MOPA Exhibit: July 29 - Oct. 21  
Navigating by Light, Philipp Scholz Ritterman’s photographs using urban lighting, firelight and moonlight to illuminate his subjects.

SD Natural History Museum lecture & booksigning: October 8 at 7 p.m.  
Embark on a visual journey with internationally acclaimed landscape and nature photographer Art Wolfe through California’s beautiful and diverse natural landscapes captured through the vivid images of his new book, California. To register phone (619) 232-3821 ext. 203 or visit www.sdnhm.org

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*The Photography Section of the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club is a group of hobbyist-photographers of all levels who meet to learn more about photography and its applications in natural settings. Meetings generally feature a speaker from the local photographic community.*

We meet on the second Thursday of each month at the Tierrasanta Community Swimming Pool, 11238 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. (Two miles east of I-15, on the left. Go to the Pool Building, look for entrance on street level. It is to the left of center stairs.) Meetings start promptly at 7:00 p.m.

We welcome new members! To join, pick up a membership application at any of the meetings, call Everett Mehner at 619-232-9271 to request an application or send your name, address, telephone number, and check to the address below. Annual membership is $12 and includes a subscription to *The VIEW Finder*.

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