



Sierra Vista Camera Club

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January 2025 Newsletter

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Why Won't My Camera Take a Picture?

By Val Sleger

I'm sure this has happened to you. It's happened to me, and to Jon as well. You are out shooting, you frame up the perfect shot, you press the shutter button, and.....nothing.

There may be many reasons for your camera failing to respond. Here are a few things to try to get your camera working again.

1. Turn it off, wait a few moments, then turn it back on. This is similar to performing a reset on your computer or phone, and will solve most problems.
2. Remove and reseal the battery.
3. Try changing your battery. In some cameras, using a third-party battery disables the battery status display, so your battery can die without warning.
4. Remove the battery and clean the contact points.
5. For cameras with interchangeable lenses, sometimes removing and reseating the lens will clear error messages related to your lens.
6. If you are shooting on Autofocus in low light, switch to Manual focus and see if that helps.
7. Keep your camera dry. If it gets wet, put the camera in a plastic bag with some rice (make sure all openings are sealed up) or some silica gels.

Hopefully, these simple tips will get you back to your photo shoot.

Links

[What to do when your camera won't take pictures \(8:25\)](#)

[Fixes for Common Camera Failures](#)

Twirling and Whirling

Ande Savage has shown several examples of her work in Photoshop created using the Twirl effect. She sent along a couple of links to YouTube videos showing how it's done. If you use other software, you might be able to replicate the results by doing a Google search for Twirl Effect and (your software).

Here are her links:

[The Twirl Effect Using Photoshop \(7:43\)](#)

[Twirl Effect: Creative photo editing idea to make interesting abstract art with Photoshop \(15:47\)](#)

Here is a screenshot of an example twirl effect from the second video.



Weekly Challenge

At each meeting of the Club, held on the 3rd Thursday of each month, four challenge prompts will be presented for the following month. Focus on one word or phrase each week to complete all four to share at the following month's meeting. Folks who can't attend the meetings will get the list in the newsletter. January challenge photos will be shown at the January meeting and included in the February newsletter.

January

Birthday
Sweets

A is for _____
Song/Movie: (Top Gun) Maverick

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Sierra Vista Police Station Training Room, 911 Coronado, Sierra Vista. Meetings begin at 4 PM. **January meeting: Take a virtual trip to four Hawaiian Islands with Jon and Val Sleger as they share photos from a recent trip to Kauai, The Big Island of Hawaii, Maui, and Oahu.**

Officers for the 2025 year were elected at the December meeting. Sheila Foraker has stepped into the shoes vacated by Mark Hannah. Thanks, Mark, for all your hard work! Now you can kick back and enjoy the club as a member without having to lead meetings.

Officers

President: Sheila Foraker
Vice-President & Program Coordinator: Bob Luce
Secretary: Joyce Genske
Treasurer: Madeleine Charron

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Jon Sleger



H is for Haleakala (National Park)



Joy: Ocotillo with
Christmas Lights



Joy: Porcupine Fish, Maui Ocean Center

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Jon Sleger



Old-Fashioned: Beckman's Mill, Beloit, WI



White Christmas: Ramsey Canyon Preserve

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Ava Englund



H is for Hiding



H is for Horns

December challenge words:

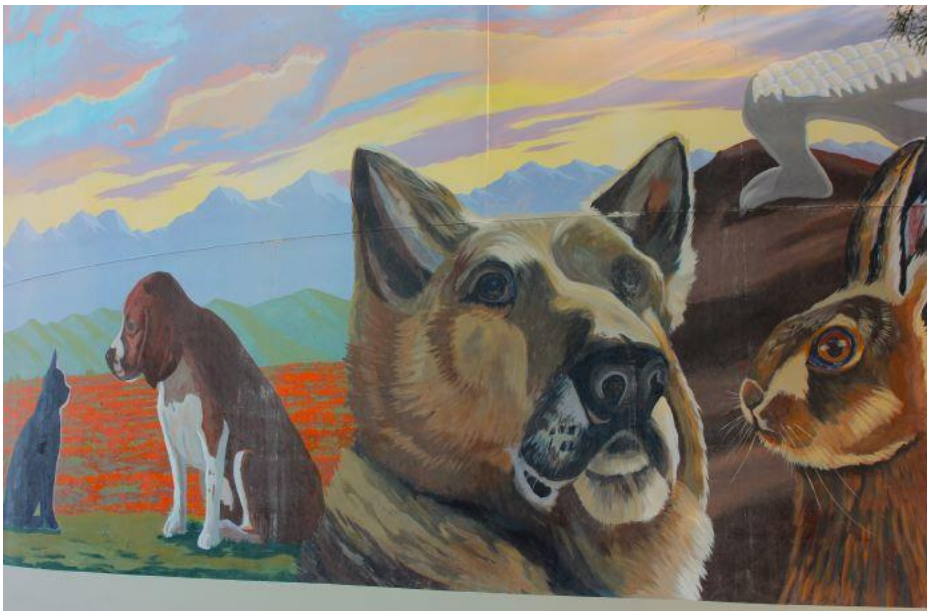
Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Ava Englund



H is for Horses



H is for Homeless (pets at animal shelter)

December challenge words:

Joy

H is for _____

Old-Fashioned

Movie/Song: White Christmas

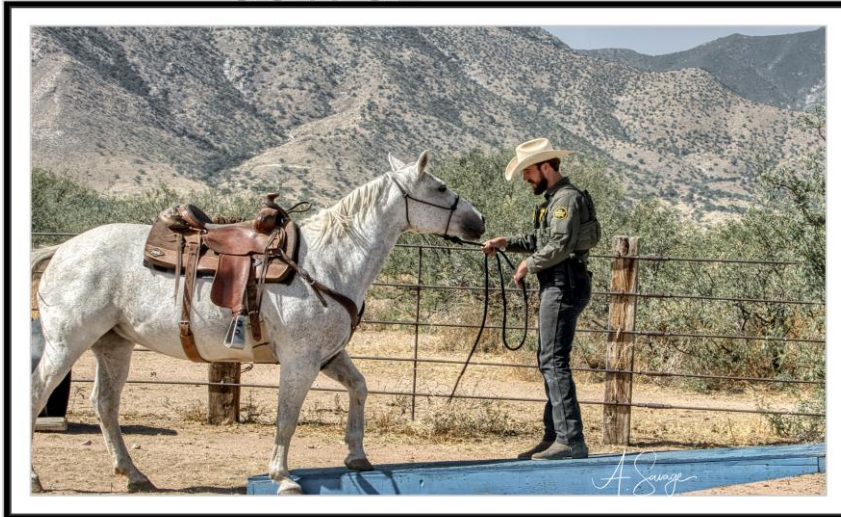
Submitted by Ande Savage

WHITE CHRISTMAS



White Christmas

JOYFUL



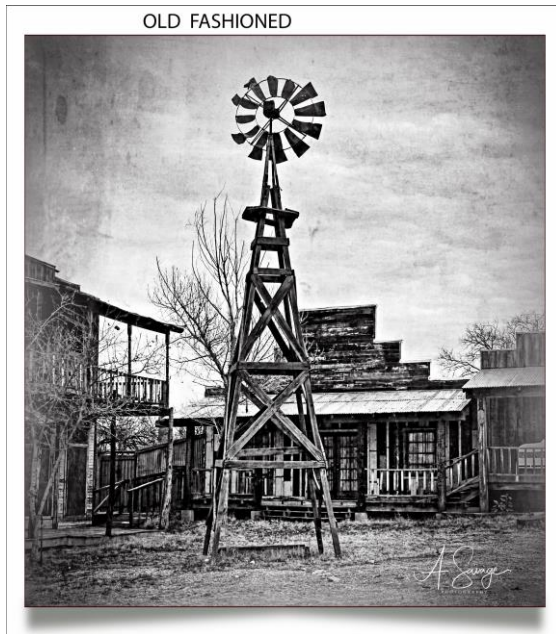
Joyful

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Ande Savage



Old Fashioned

H IS FOR horse hair



H is for Horse Hair



December challenge words:

Joy

H is for _____

Old-Fashioned

Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Sam Scherf



H is for Happy



Old Fashioned

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Sam Scherf



Treetops Glisten



Joyful

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Val Sleger



Joyful



White Christmas

December challenge words:

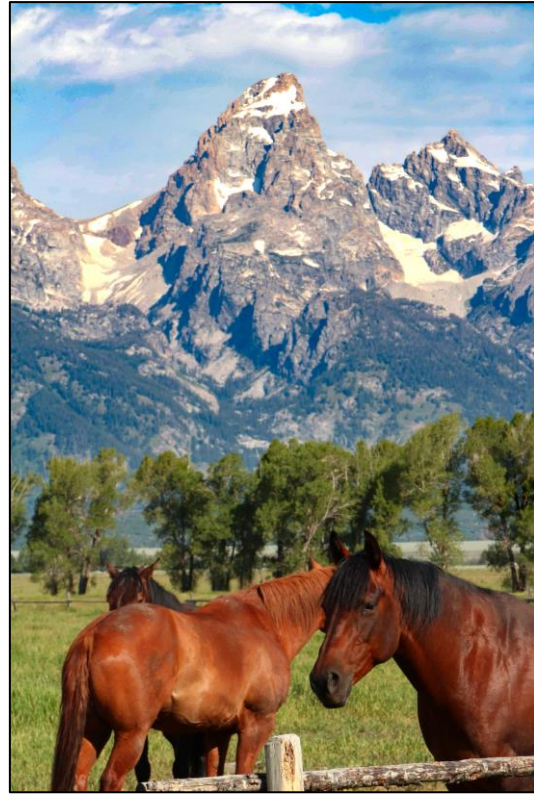
Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Val Sleger



Old Fashioned



H is for Horse

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Joyce Genske



(I'm Dreaming of a) White Christmas



Joyful



Joyful

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Joyce Genske



Old Fashioned



White Christmas

December challenge words:

Joy
Old-Fashioned

H is for _____
Movie/Song: White Christmas

Submitted by Joyce Genske



H is for Hole (Through the stump)

Submitted by Bob Luce



Old Charleston Bridge in Snow

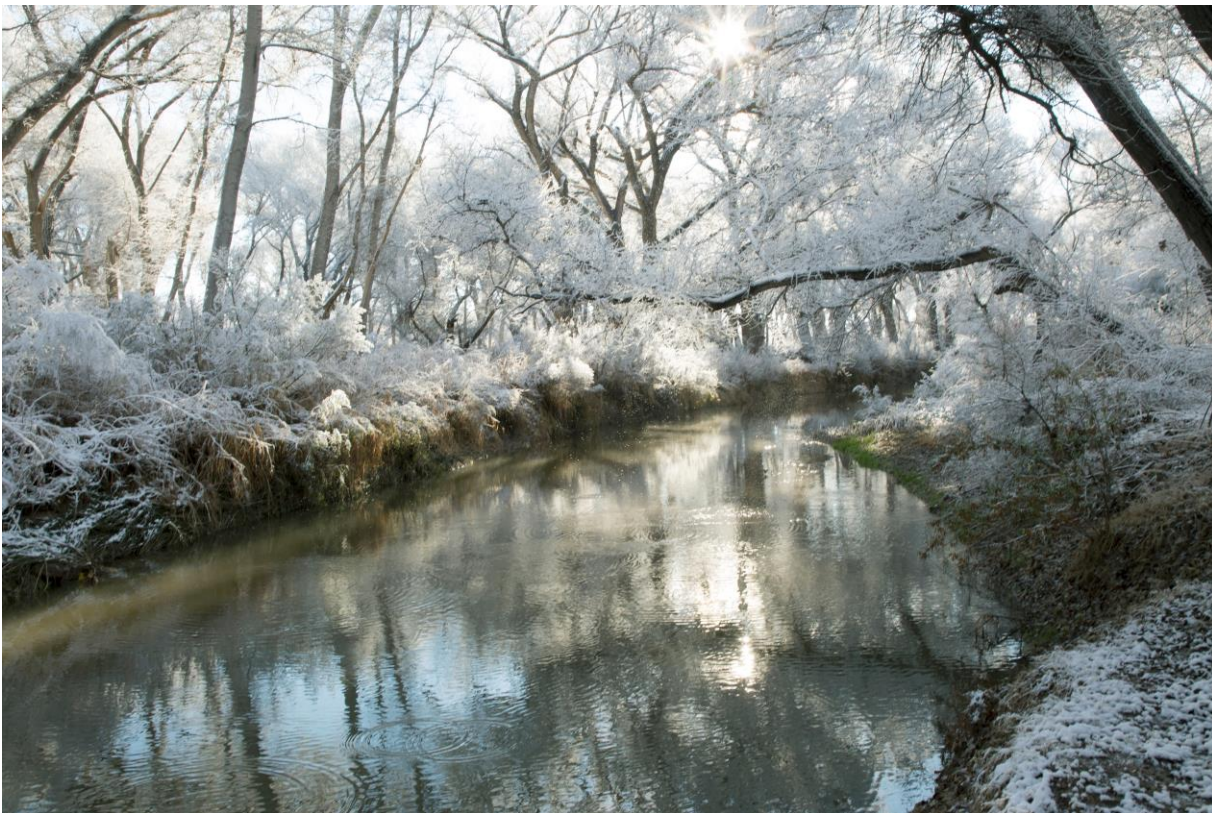


Miller and Carr Peaks

Submitted by Bob Luce



San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area



San Pedro in Winter

Submitted by Bob Luce



Kingfisher Pond in SPRNCA



Prairie Dog Mounds in Snow – Shirley Basin, WY

Submitted by Bob Luce



Pronghorn – Shirley Basin, WY



San Pedro Drifting Fog

Submitted by Bob Luce



Shirley Basin, WY



Yucca – Huachucas in snow