



# The FLASH!

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*Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club*

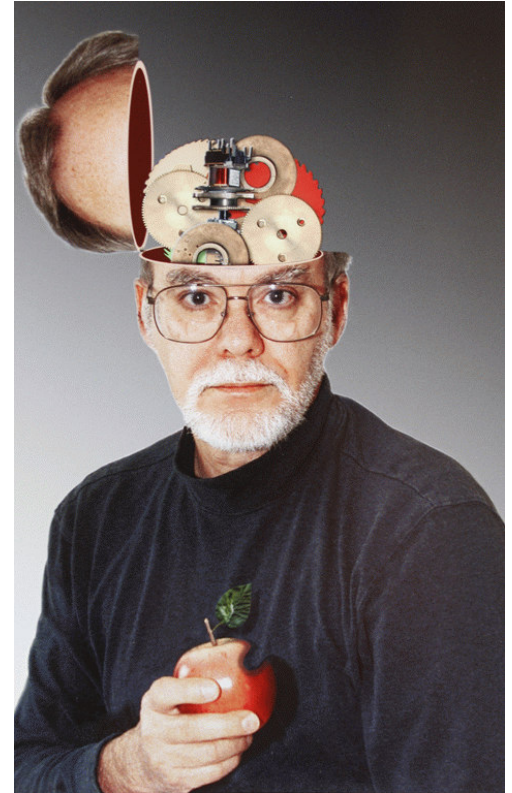


## ***Best of show? Shooter shocked!***

**By JOSE ARTILES**

I frankly would have been very pleased if the image had been awarded an Honorable Mention, so you can imagine how shocked I was (along with everybody else, but for different reasons) when the image not only won 1st Place but also BoS! Wow, bribery does pay! No, no, no. Just kidding!! I don't want to insult the judge. Not this time, anyway.

The title, Self Portrait with an Apple, is a pun: I made the photo with the help of my Mac. The portrait is a compilation of several photos I took for the express purpose of inserting them into my otherwise empty head. Contrary to some people's beliefs (mostly my wife who is convinced I really do that to vent my brains when I'm alone), I used Photoshop to come up with the effect. That may sound like a stupid thing to say but, that sort of thing was being done the old fashioned way- -in a darkroom--by geniuses like Jerry Uelsman who, in my opinion, is probably the undisputed master of this technique, long before Pshop was invented. By the way, I encourage all club members to visit his website (<http://www.uelsmann.net/>) and browse through his amazing images. Also, the interview is a must read.



## **Judge raves about 'absolutely awesome photograph'**

*Wow! This image is a clear winner. An absolutely awesome photograph. Very entertaining, very artistic, very creative. A real work of art. The gears in the eyes match the gears in the head.*

*This is one of those images that you can hang on the wall and people would just go "wow... this is really cool!" I just cannot stop looking at this image. The hairlight on the top of the hair with the rim-light going around the hair - this is really professionally done. The direction of the light from left to right with a slight shadow on the right side of the face and right side of the apple is good. Good lighting, great composition, great creativity, great artistry... all comes together perfectly for me.*

*One little thing I would have changed - I would have put the catchlight away from the center of the eye and more to the left which would match more the light on the face. If the catchlight would be off to the side I would have given this image a perfect score: 15 points.*

*It's an awesome image regardless... Congratulations, Jose!*  
Tim Ostermeyer, Judge

# Activities chairperson lists exciting variety of events

By ELIZABETH SZILAGYI

## Red Bull X-Fighters at The Fort Worth Stockyard

[www.redbullxfighters.com](http://www.redbullxfighters.com)

June 14th, Saturday, 8 pm Gates open at 5 pm.

This is a world class event and a one-time opportunity!

The Red Bull X-Fighters produce the world's premier, most-progressive freestyle motocross show.

It's so very cool!

There are only five shows this year globally. The first two (in Mexico and in Brasil) were sold out events. After Fort Worth they will move to Germany and to Spain.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting [www.redbullxfighters.com](http://www.redbullxfighters.com). Three price categories are available. East grandstands tickets are \$33; North grandstands tickets are \$25 and Standing Room tickets are \$15.

You can also buy tickets from TicketMasters or Billy Bob's.

Billy Bob's number is 817-624-7117.

Let me know ([szilagye@aol.com](mailto:szilagye@aol.com)) if you're planning to go so we can go together.

We even can have dinner together at Billy Bob's before the show starts.

## Downtown Dallas & Dallas Skyline TBA

## Tourist for A Day Scavenger Shoot in Fort Worth

July 26th, Saturday.

This is the National Day of The American Cowboy.

## Posing Mermaids TBA

Underwater Model Shoot

Let me know ([szilagye@aol.com](mailto:szilagye@aol.com)) if you are interested in participating in it since space is going to be limited.

## Fashion Show at The Dallas Galleria

August 16th, Saturday, at 3 pm

## Plano Balloon Festival

September 19th-21st

If you shot at the Balloon Festival last year, please give me ([szilagye@aol.com](mailto:szilagye@aol.com)) a CD of your best images so we can earn our way back and get the Media Passes.

## Outdoor Model Shoot TBA

## Back to The Ranch

October 18th, Saturday

We are so lucky! We can spend the whole day at the Journey's End Ranch.

## Weekend Getaway to Houston, TX and/or Hot Springs, AR

Let me know ([szilagye@aol.com](mailto:szilagye@aol.com)) if you are interested so we can coordinate the date.

## Pair of outdoor specialists booked for May 26 meeting

Program Chairman Ed Auger says the PPC will “get two for the price of one” speakers at the May 26 meeting -- outdoorsmen, at that!

One is **Tom Hicks**. When Tom is not spending his time working (owner of First Choice Home Imp. Specializing in Kitchen and Bath Remodel ) he is shooting Wildlife and Macro images. He grew up hunting, fishing ,and camping. Time spent in the woods gave him the opportunity to observe all the wonders of nature and his ever growing curiosity of the very small world of Macro. Tom's meticulous attention to detail and his creative approach to photography make his imagery have a broad appeal worldwide.

Tom is a member of NANPA, the North American Nature Photography Association. Tom's images have graced the pages of Expression By NANPA the past two years , with one image in the top ten . His work continues to be published in magazines as well as in hard cover. His work can be seen at [www.natureswildscapes.com](http://www.natureswildscapes.com) Tom created the Macro forum at [www.fredmiranda.com](http://www.fredmiranda.com),

where he moderates and teaches the fine art of Macro Photography.

The other speaker is **Trey Neal**. Trey grew up in a ranching family where much of his time was spent outdoors, and that experience has shaped his photography. Reflections of that lifestyle are captured in his imagery of cowboys, horses and a love of all that nature has to offer.

Always on the lookout for the next great image, Trey spends as much time as possible shooting, concentrating much of his effort to the southwest while expanding his reach whenever the opportunity presents itself. Trey is also a member of NANPA as well as a field contributor to the Nature Photographer Magazine and a member of the Nature Photographers Network. Trey is also a frequent contributor to a number of nature and wildlife photography forums

Trey is actively involved in sports photography as well. His work in that genre can be seen at [www.treyneal.com](http://www.treyneal.com).

## Photo workshop for beginners slated Saturday, June 21

Programs chairman Ed Auger has announced a workshop for photography beginners from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 21, at Grace Presbyterian Church, Plano. Sign-up sheets will be available at the May 26 meeting. Topics to be covered include:

- **Your camera selections and settings**
- **ISO - What it means to you**
- **Shutter speeds**
- **F Stops**
- **Composition features:**
  - **Depth of field**
  - **The Rule of Thirds**
  - **Odd numbers**
  - **"S" curves and diagonals**
  - **Framing**
    - **Spot metering**
    - **Side Lighting**
    - **False light readings by your camera**
    - **Post processing tips**

This workshop is for members only, including those who join by paying their 2008-9 membership fee of \$24 at the May meeting.

# Beginner winners March 2008 'Portrait' images

1	13	Jean Karlik	Man Praying to the Sun
2	12	Carleen Sparkman	Daughter
3	12	Svatava Strnad	Nikki
HM	12	Jim Shannon	Some Guy Giving a Speech at Mountain View College

## FIRST PLACE



## SECOND PLACE



## THIRD PLACE





# Advanced winners March 2008 ‘Portrait’ images

## FIRST PLACE



1	14	LeDon Becker	The Flirt
2	14	David Grossman	Ashley
3	13	Danette Volkmer	Yana
HM	13	Jim Spencer	Jameson
HM	13	Danette Volkmer	Gina
HM	13	Harry Rumberger	Two Hair Goddesses

## SECOND PLACE

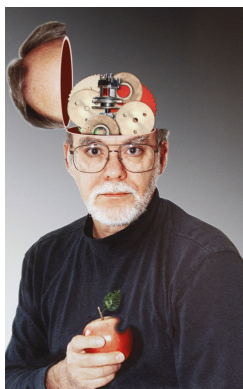


## THIRD PLACE



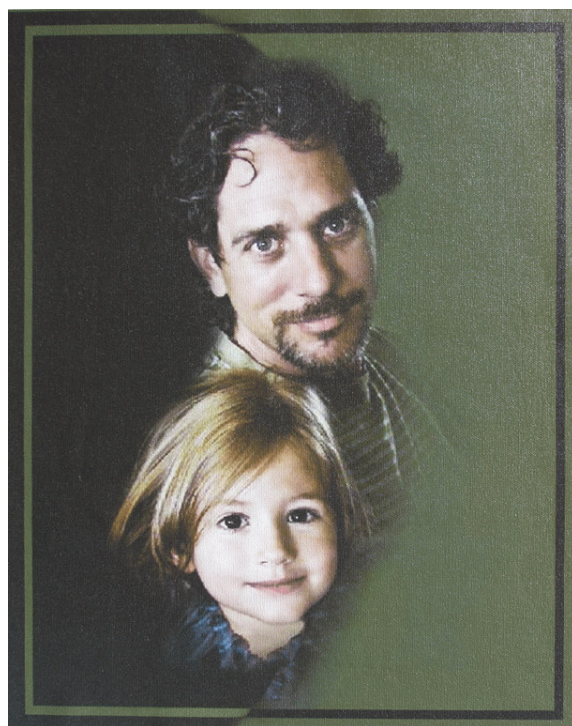
# Masters winners March 2008 'Portrait' images

## FIRST PLACE — see Page 1



1	14	Jose Artiles	Self Portrait with an Apple
2	13	Eleanore Avery	Father and Daughter
3	13	Priscilla Killion	Beauty
HM	13	Dawn Attebery	Elodie
HM	13	Dan Leffel	All Dressed up

## SECOND PLACE



## THIRD PLACE



**END-OF-YEAR  
PARTY 4:30-7:30  
P.M., JUNE 28,  
GRACE PRESBY-  
TERIAN CHURCH.  
DETAILS SOON ON  
WEBSITE.**

## Sharpening tips offered

Our April meeting judge, Tim Ostermeyer, shared his favorite sharpening technique. Here it is:

- Make a Duplicate Layer
- Go Filter > Other > High Pass
- Set Radius: 2 to 10 (make it look gray with contours popping out of the gray)
- Zoom into Image
- Go to Layer Palette > Select Hard Light from Left Drop Down
- Go to Opacity Slider and Select a Level of Sharpening (20 to 70%)





David Wille (right) won first place and Bob Frank (left) honorable mention in Gulf States Camera Clubs Pictorial Digital competition. As a club, PPC also won second place in Pictorial Digital and third place in Nature Projected.



## Club Contest Topics 2008-2009

**May 2008: Weather (start of new contest year)**  
**June 2008: Open**  
**July 2008: Abstracts (departure from realistic representation)**  
**August 2008: Open**  
**September 2008: Framing (a compositional technique whereby any object at the edges of your image surrounds or directs the viewer's eye to the main subject)**  
**October 2008: Open (prints only; no digital images)**  
**November 2008: Up**  
**December 2008: No contest or monthly club meeting**  
**January 2009: Sound of Music**  
**February 2009: Open**  
**March 2009: Spirit of Texas (prints only; no digital images)**  
**April 2009: Open**  
**May 2009: Special Effects (either digital manipulation of your image or in-camera special effects)**  
**June 2009: Open**  
**July 2009: Action (using fast or slow shutter speed techniques)**

## Plano Photography Club Officers

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The club meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month except December at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 W. Park Blvd. Officers meet at 7p.m. on the second Monday of each month except December at Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road.

## President promises PPC ‘even better year’

Welcome, everyone, to a new year with the Plano Photography Club. I wish to thank Bernie Pysz and Bob Franks for a wonderful job as last year’s co-presidents. They oversaw the continued growth of our club and guided us through another successful year. This year promises to be even better, and I thank the members for choosing me to be your new president.

The club has made a successful transition to digital--everyone, it seems, but me. I am still hanging on to film. The club has acquired a new digital projector and laptop to enhance our viewing pleasure and to facilitate digital workshops. We just held our Spring Indoor Model Shoot, a great success,(see representative images below) and are looking forward to a full slate of activities for the coming year.



**JAMES STOVER**

Our goal is to make each event a fun, as well as an educational, experience. From our Model Shoots to our Table Top Workshop and all the events in between, we hope everyone takes advantage of these opportunities to improve techniques, to make great images and to enjoy the experiences.

In order for the club to grow, we need the participation of all members. The members are what make this club great, and we appreciate your help and involvement. When you have suggestions, ideas, or comments, please contact me or any of the other officers. I am looking forward to another successful year with the greatest photography club in the Gulf States Region. — James Stover

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**The club’s Model Shoot on Saturday, May 10, produced one of the largest turnouts in club history for that kind of event. Here are representative images from two members, John Lehman (below) and Marvin Watson (right).**





# Competition standings as of March 2008 contests

## Beginners

Name	Place Points	Judge's Points
Svatava Strnad	24	206
Linda L. Grigsby	10	174
Jean Karlik	34	139
Clint Hastings	6	104
Billy Erwin BE	36	101
Ron Hasty	0	82
Paul Rimka	18	79
Aida La Point	9	65
Eran Spigelman	20	47
Jim Shannon	3	43
Nicci Ackermann	10	41
Sanaa Diab	3	41
Carleen Sparkman	6	38
Robert Johnson	0	32
Troy Becker	6	29
Carlos Saenz	6	25
Marty Frachiseur	0	18
Gary Schweiker	0	15
Debbie Tigh	0	15
Phil Lewellen	0	14
Joe DeVincentis	0	12
Barry Jackson	0	11
Meirie Rusly	0	10
Gwynne Schweiker	0	7

## ADVANCED (CONTINUED)

Katherine Robertson	0	23
Jeff Kearns	0	22
David Drake	0	18
Charles Stuck	0	18
Bob Krause	0	16
Ken Bynum	0	15
Carol Barlow	0	14
William Sun	0	14
Will Gunadi	0	8

## Advanced

David Grossman	33	226
LeDon Becker	21	215
Dennis Fritsche	13	211
Danette Volkmer	6	211
Alistair Wilson	9	205
Tatyana Bessmertnaya	23	195
Kay Griffith	6	194
Stewart Musket	14	186
Harry Rumberger	0	181
Jim Berry	6	165
Marie Hansen	0	160
Andrew Hibma	9	154
Bernie Pysz	0	154
John Lovelace	0	147
Irwin Lightstone	20	121
Bill McMurray	3	121
Terree Stone	0	109
Anne Hargreaves	0	105
Jim Spencer	11	96
Barry Grossman	0	59
Bud Barlow	0	58
Fred Grossman	0	57
Paul Spencer	0	57
Peter Staxen	0	53
Kevin Moody	17	51
Anita Oakley	0	43
Marian Green	0	42
Jay Goode	0	41
Ron Marabito	0	41
Laura Farnham	0	36
Jerry Green	3	32
Ken Morton	0	25
Lewis Sheriff	0	24

## Masters

Dan Leffel	24	255
Eleanore Avery	37	244
Jose Artilles	52	241
Priscilla Killion	13	236
Larry Petterborg	16	229
Dawn Attebery	3	221
David Willie	9	214
Jamie Hilbig	0	200
John Lehman	0	176
James Stover	6	175
Elizabeth Szilagyi	0	174
Lois Lehman	11	168
Bob Frank	15	165
Michael La Point	9	148
Ed Auger	0	94
Mitsuka Iwahiro	0	53
Cindy Vaillantcourt	0	34

## FOR SALE

Member Marvin Thomas has extensive studio equipment, including multiple lighting, most of which was bought in May 2007. Contact [marvin\\_21316@msn.com](mailto:marvin_21316@msn.com) or 972-596-8178 (home) or 214-704-6564 (cell).

Former PPC program speaker Tom Shanley is organizing an Alaska Photo Cruise for June 2009. Contact [tshanley@cruitseplanners.com](mailto:tshanley@cruitseplanners.com).

Former PPC speaker Gary McCoy at [gmphoto@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gmphoto@sbcglobal.net) has a Nikkor 600mm f/4 Ai lens for sale. Also at 214-320-0002. Excellent+++ Asking \$2,000.

Club member Ron Marabito has an exhibition May 6-June 3 at George's Frame and Art, 7130 Campbell Road, Suite 201, Dallas.

