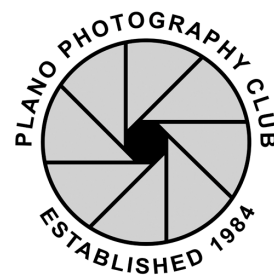




# The FLASH!

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*Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club*



## FTW Botanical Gardens yield BOS 'Magnificent Monarch'

By BILLY ERWIN

I was invited by friends from PPC to go to the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth for the annual Butterfly show. After about two hours of taking pictures, I saw this one Butterfly in the corner on this little curved branch, so I grabbed my camera and got off two shots before he flew.

When I got home I thought of this picture and took a look at it. I knew I had a good picture, but the background was really cluttered. So after a little cleaning and cloning in Photoshop, I came up with a nice composition that I titled "Magnificent Monarch."

I was really surprised that I got a first place because there were so many great pictures last month, and then when they announced that it had won Best of Show I just could not believe it. I just joined the club last year and was in the Beginners' class, and this was my first entry in the Advanced class. I have learned so much just being around so many great photographers in the club and participating in the competition.

For this picture I used a Panasonic FZ-30 with a Raynox DCR-150 Macro/Close-up Lens and a Sunpak 383 flash with a monopod. Settings 1/30<sup>th</sup> sec, f/11, ISO 80. Exposure manual, focal length 12.3mm.

Thanks to all. — Billy



**BOB JOHNSON**

**"Portrait of a Cowboy"**

See other PPC Scavenger Hunt winners on Pages 8 and 9 of this issue of The Flash!

**Major changes planned for Fall Outdoor Model Shoot.**  
**See details on Pages 4 and 10, this issue of The FLASH!**

## Inkjet media/printing expert slated on August program

**From ED AUGER**  
**Vice President, Programs**

Drew Hendrix, vice president of Red River Paper Company, says his firm is swamped getting ready for Photoshop World in early September but he is expected to bring samples of creative inkjet projects as the speaker at our Aug. 25 program.

He will bring a handout on color workflow management, discuss inkjet printers on today's market and answer questions in an open forum.

Drew has been with the company since 1997 and

oversees product development and marketing. He is considered an expert in inkjet media and printing technology and regularly works with photographers from companies such as *Sports Illustrated* and *National Geographic* to help them make better inkjet prints. Drew's mission is to create the products that are truly in demand -- ones that photographers and photo enthusiasts need and can use on a daily basis.

Aside from working in the industry, Drew is an avid photographer and enjoys both portrait and nature work. He lives in Plano with his family.

Drew is available at 214-637-0029 for questions.



**Image from PPC fashion model shoot Saturday, Aug. 16, at Northpark Center.**

## Showcase 'hanging', opening Sept. 3 to display club talents

Showcase 2008 is scheduled to start at the Plano Municipal Center on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The framed photographs which you asked us to include in the showcase catalog need to be delivered to Jamie's or my home prior to that date, or brought to the next club meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>, or brought to the hanging at the Plano Municipal Center at 9:00 am on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We welcome any club members who can help with the hanging.

We also need all club members to attend the artist's reception at the Municipal Center on September 26<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Please also bring your family members, neighbors, and other guests to the reception. This is an excellent opportunity for members of the community to see the artistic talent that the members of the Plano Photography Club possess. We expect this to be another exhibition of wonderful photographic work. See P.D. Killion's Best of Show entry from the 2007 Showcase on facing page.

**David & Jamie**



## Plano Photography Club

(www.planophotographyclub.com)

*Presents*

### Showcase 2008 Photographic Exhibition



Showcase 2007 Best of Show winner, "Water Cycle" by P.D. Killion

#### Plano Municipal Center

1520 Avenue K, north of 15th Street  
Exhibition on 2nd & 3rd floors

**September 3 - October 29, 2008**

*Meet the Artists Reception on Friday September 26 (7:00 - 9:00pm).*

*Snacks and Beverages*

#### Plano Centre

2000 East Spring Creek Parkway, east of Central Expressway (US-75)  
Exhibition displayed in the hallways

**October 30, 2008 - January 5, 2009**

## New members share interests in PPC

Here's what two new members said recently as they joined the club:

**Sylvia Work** ([sylvia\\_work@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvia_work@hotmail.com)): "A long time interest which I've just recently been able to focus on. I've taken classes for the last three years and have a great love for black and white photography. Film is great to work with, but I love the flexibility that digital brings. My daughter and grandchildren are my best photo subjects. By day I work as a product manager for Verizon."

**Hallie Young** ([hallie@phayes.com](mailto:hallie@phayes.com)): "I am a retired software engineer. My interests revolve around my twin daughters' gymnastics careers. I like shooting sports, nature and close-up work. I continue to use my engineering skills in the digital world of photography along with the software tools available."

## ACTIVITIES UPDATE

August 23. Saturday  
Posing Mermaids Underwater  
Model Shoot

Several members from the club have been wanting to try to shoot models under water for a long time now so this day will be dedicated to satisfy our playful side in and around the water - without splashing. We will work on several ideas to create beautiful images, and every participant will have ample opportunity to get the most out of the day.

We will start with an orientation at 2:00 pm and then we'll keep shooting in small groups well into the night. You can stay as long as you have energy but you have to be there for the orientation at 2:00 pm to make the day go as smoothly as possible for everybody. This shoot will be held at a private pool, so space is understandably limited. To sign up, please e-mail me at [szilagye@aol.com](mailto:szilagye@aol.com) or call 214-520-8827.

#### 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.

#### 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 and/or Hot Springs, AR

Let me know if you are interested so we can coordinate the date.

**Downtown Dallas & Dallas Skyline** TBA



## *New rules in an old-timey spot for Oct. 4 model shoot*

By KEN GUTHRIE

The Fall 2008 Outdoor Model Shoot is planned for Saturday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The location will be the Frisco Heritage Museum and Frisco Junction (historical park). You can preview some of what the museum has to offer on their website <http://www.friscomuseum.com/>. It is located on the south side of Main Street, Frisco, across from the World Cup entrance to Pizza Hut Park.

Outdoor subjects include old historic buildings such as two Victorian homes, a school house, church, a log cabin, a steam locomotive engine and an old grain silo. Indoor subjects are murals, old-time artifacts, memorabilia, replicas of typical room layouts with antique furniture and two antique cars.

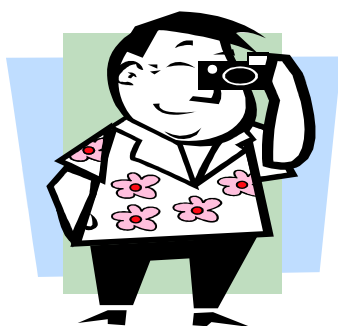
The museum will allow us to use (pose models with) some of the old furniture and the two antique cars. The museum also has a small number of period costumes (replica clothing made of modern fabrics) that they are offering for our use but will fit small models only. The church building will also be open, and the interior is available for our photography. Lighting will be allowed in the museum and the church.



The \$4 admission cost to the museum is waived because the Club has agreed to provide our images to the museum for any not-for-profit promotional purpose. Frisco would like to use the images for promotional brochures highlighting the features of the Heritage Museum and Frisco Junction.

We are going to arrange for models a little differently for this shoot. We will recruit four or five models, pay them an hourly modeling fee and shoot for a shorter period of time. We believe that by making this change we can recruit more-experienced models who will work harder for our photographers and will treat this very seriously as a professional, paid assignment.

As a result of these changes, the photographer cost for the shoot will increase. The participation cost, per-person, will be \$25 plus a \$4 fee for refreshments. The total cost will be \$29. Sign-up for the event will be at the August and September club meetings. Payment of the fee is required at sign-up to secure a spot (see below)



Paying the models will relieve photographers from having to provide a CD of processed images to the models. We will, however, collect all images on a CD for the City of Frisco. Photographers must enhance their 10 best images and put them in a separate folder. All other images can be submitted unprocessed in JPG or RAW format with enough pixels to produce a good quality 8x10 image should Frisco want to print and display any images on-site.

There will be some emphasis at this shoot, as before, to link advanced photographers with less experienced photographers. This is intended to make this an enjoyable and educational experience for those members with less experience doing

model shoots.

You must be a member of the club and pay for your participation in the Model Shoot by the club's Sept. 22 meeting. You can sign up and pay at either the Aug. 25 or the Sept. 22 meeting. Questions can be raised at the club meetings or by email to Ken Guthrie at [ken.guthrie@eds.com](mailto:ken.guthrie@eds.com) or Russell McGuire at [kiwiruss@ix.netcom.com](mailto:kiwiruss@ix.netcom.com).

## Beginners winners June 2008 'Open' images



**JIM SHANNON**

### Beginners

1. Jim Shannon – Flags And Kite At Irving Dragon Boat Races – 15
2. Linda Grigsby – Balloon Worker – 15
3. Nicholas Tovell – Monteray Morning – 15

HM Troy Becker – Oregon Sunrise - 15

HM Betty A. Johnson – High Meadow Solitude – 14

HM Bill J. Boyd – Egret And Lunch – 14



**LINDA GRIGSBY**

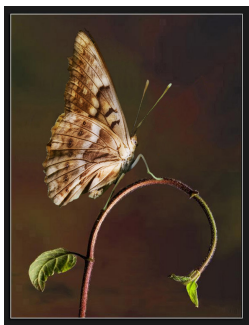


**NICHOLAS TOVELL**



**TROY BECKER**

## Advanced winners June 2008 'Open' images



**BILLY ERWIN (see Page 1)**

### Advanced

1. Billy Erwin – Magnificent Monarch – 15 – Best Of Show
2. Katherine Robertson – Miss Katie – 15
3. Paul Spencer – Nectar – 15

HM Billy Erwin – Damsel On A Leaf – 15

HM Harry Rumberger – Star-Struck Lovers Using Cross-Polarization Technique – 14

HM Marie Hansen – Carnival On Ice – 14



**KATHERINE ROBERTSON**



**PAUL SPENCER**



**BILLY ERWIN**



# Masters winners June 2008 'Open' images



**ELIZABETH SZILAGYI**

## Masters

1. Elizabeth Szilagyi – Dreaming Of Africa – 14
2. Eleanore Avery – Baby Seal In Antarctic – 15
3. Priscilla Killion – Glass Illusion – 14

HM Jamie Hilbig – A Day In The Life Of A Lily – 14

HM Jose Artiles – Switches – 14

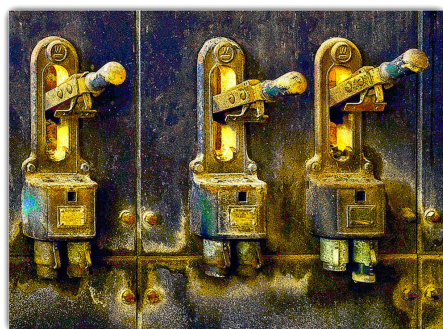
HM Michael LaPoint – The Secret Journey – 14



**ELEANORE AVERY**



**PRISCILLA KILLION**



**JOSE ARTILES**



**MICHAEL LA POINT**



**JAMIE HILBIG**



## *PPCers stage shoot-'em-up in FTW Stock Yards*



**LARRY PETTERBORG**  
"Photojournalism"



**BETTY JOHNSON**  
"Cattle Drive"



**BOB JOHNSON**  
"Creative"



**MARIE HANSEN**  
"Rodeo"



**JOE SULLIVAN**  
"Layered Composition"

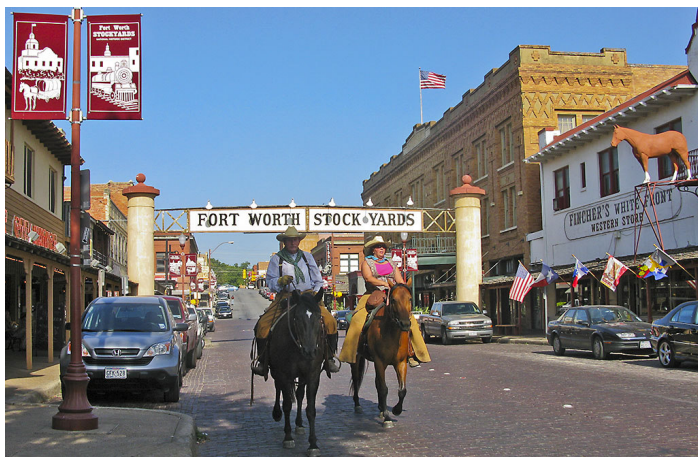


**DANETTE VOLKMER**  
"Life in a Bar"



**DANETTE VOLKMER**  
"A Worn Boot"





**BETTY JOHNSON**  
**"Stock Yards with Sign"**



**DANETTE VOLKMER**  
**"PPC Group"**



**BETTY JOHNSON**  
**"Western Architecture"**



**DANETTE VOLKMER**  
**"Gunfight"**

Stockyard with sign

Betty Johnson 1st Place  
 Annette Stelivan 2nd Place  
 Mary Baker 3rd Place  
 Bob Johnson  
 Larry Petterborg

Western Architecture

Betty Johnson 1st place  
 Larry Petterborg 2nd place  
 Danette Volkmer 3rd place  
 Joe Sullivan  
 Chris Volkmer  
 Jim Shannon  
 Marie Hansen

Cattle Drive

Betty Johnson 1st place  
 Bill Boyd 2nd place  
 Bob Johnson 3rd place  
 Joe Sullivan

Rodeo

Marie Hansen 1st place  
 Larry Petterborg 2nd place  
 Betty Johnson 3rd place

Gunfight

Danette Volkmer 1st place  
 Jim Shannon 2nd place  
 Bob Johnson 3rd place  
 Chris Volkmer  
 Larry Petterborg  
 Betty Johnson

Portrait of A Cowboy

Bob Johnson 1st place  
 Danette Volkmer 2nd place  
 Marie Hansen 3rd place  
 Chris Volkmer  
 Larry Petterborg

A Worn Boot

Danette Volkmer 1st place  
 Larry Petterborg 2nd place  
 Annette Stelivan 3rd place  
 Chris Volkmer  
 Marie Hansen

Life in A Bar

Danette Volkmer 1st place  
 Larry Petterborg 2nd place  
 Betty Johnson 3rd place  
 Bob Johnson

Photojournalism

Larry Petterborg 1st place  
 Betty Johnson 2nd place  
 Marie Hansen 3rd place  
 Danette Volkmer  
 Annette Stelivan

Layered Composition

Joe Sullivan 1st place  
 Bob Johnson 2nd place  
 Marie Hansen 3rd place  
 Danette Volkmer  
 Jim Shannon

PPC Group

Danette Volkmer 1st place  
 Larry Petterborg 2nd place  
 Jim Shannon 3rd place  
 Jerry Schlessinger  
 Betty Johnson

Creative

Bob Johnson 1st place  
 Jim Shannon 2nd place  
 Marie Hansen 3rd place  
 Betty Johnson  
 Larry Petterborg  
 Danette Volkmer

## Changes in the Wind for Model Shoots

As summer vacations draw to a close, we look forward to the club's annual fall exhibition at the Plano Municipal Center and Plano Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your favorite works; check the website for full details. Don't forget to invite your friends to join us at the reception on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Plano Municipal Center.

Also in the planning stage is the Fall Outdoor Model Shoot. This year we are implementing a major overhaul of the event to provide a better experience for both the photographers and models (see detailed article on Page 4 of this issue of The Flash! In previous years we relied on unpaid models working for images, but this format has been problematic. This year we will be using experienced professional models who will be more reliable and more experienced.



**JAMES STOVER**

Of course, using professional models necessitates an entrance fee to pay for their services. However, we are confident this change will produce a better experience for everyone. It will eliminate the need for members to provide images to the models, an often time-consuming and difficult process for many members. If this procedure is as successful as we expect, we will be using it in future model shoots.

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**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Tables showing PPC members' cumulative scores in monthly competition are not ready for publication in this issue of The Flash! Formats for these tables are being revised. Publication of up-to-date tables will be resumed with the September issue. The editor regrets this inconvenience.

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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.