



The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club



He shot hastily, revisited image, captured BOS

By KENT TAYLOR

This picture was taken a couple of years ago during a fall foliage trip to the Allegheny Mountains in West Virginia. In contrast to all the pictures one plans and deliberates, this image was taken hurriedly, on the move.

During a hike, I noticed this wonderful outcropping of rock covering the path ahead of us. I

paused just long enough to compose the shot as my friend walked through the passage into the sunlight.



When I was able to look at the image more closely, I was initially disappointed that the focus was too soft—even after adjusting it—and I didn't do much more with the picture for a couple of years. But I returned to it recently, accenting the softness even more around the edges and adding the sepia tone. I like the mood of the picture and the way the overhang and shadows frame the scene toward the path and my friend with his walking stick.

This picture was hand-held using the EOS Canon Rebel XT with a DG Sigma Lens 28-70. The exposure was f 3.5 at 1/30 sec., ISO 100. What a nice honor to have this photograph selected. I appreciate the opportunities that the Plano Photography Club provides.

Annual Christmas Party December 6th, 2008

**4:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6th, in our regular meeting room, Wheelus Hall, at:
Grace Presbyterian Church
4300 W. Park Boulevard
Plano, TX 75093**

You and your spouse/date/friend are invited. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the November meeting. The club will provide meat, drinks, plates, serving utensils, etc. Please bring a potluck dinner item such as a vegetable, dessert, appetizer, etc. Also, bring a CD or USB Flash drive with a few of your favorite images to share with everyone. A pre-made slide show would be helpful.

We need volunteers to help plan and set up the party. If you would like to help, e-mail jtvstover@yahoo.com.



PPC's Dan Leffel to share latest travel images for November 24 meeting

Dan Leffel, "Photographer of the Year" with the Plano Photography Club for the last three years and a club past-president, will present "Scenic Beauty: The Inca Trail, Machu Picchu, Argentina, and Antarctica" to the club's Nov. 24 meeting.

Dan has been an avid photographer for more than 40 years and has been pursuing photography full time since he retired nine years ago from EDS. His

passion for photography includes shooting fine art, scenic landscapes as well as commissioned portraits and model portfolios in his studio.

Dan's photography has taken him on two 12-day rafting trips through the Grand Canyon, an 11-day rafting trip through the Alaskan wilderness, a four-day hike on the Inca Trail in Peru to Machu Picchu -- the subject of this month's program -- and on trips spanning North America to Antarctica. He frequently photographs New England, the Colorado Plateau, the four corners area, all parts of California, the Canadian Rockies and the Northwest.

He has earned first place awards in the Dallas Sierra Club photography contest and the Heard Museum national contest, as well as at many Plano Photography Club competitions. He is a frequent presenter to local camera clubs and organizations in the DFW area. Dan's fine art, scenic landscape prints have been on long-term display in galleries in the Dallas area and Springdale, Utah. His photography is also marketed globally by the ageFotoStock company, based in Spain.



City of Richardson 2009 Photography Contest

Entries will be accepted January 12 - 24 at the Huffhines Recreation Center in Richardson. There are three divisions (Student, Adult, or Proficient) and numerous subject categories. Entry fees are \$10 per entry for the Adult and Proficient divisions. The photographs must be securely mounted on 16"x20" white foam core. Matted or framed prints will not be accepted. Maximum image size is 16"x20."

For complete information and entry forms, contact Community Events Office (972) 744-4587 and/or norma.friis@cor.gov

**January Meeting
Room Change**
The January 26 meeting will be upstairs in the Grace Presbyterian Church activity building, Room 200. In February we will be back in our regular meeting room.

Cumulative point totals through September contests

NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points	NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points	NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points
Beginners			Advanced			Masters		
Linda Grigsby	19	115	Tatyana Bessmertnaya	15	118	Eleanore Avery	22	117
Ron Hasty	13	107	Andrew Hibma	9	113	Jamie Hilbig	10	117
Jim Shannon	10	99	Paul Spencer	14	107	Michael LaPoint	12	114
Nicholas Tovell	3	94	Dennis Fritsche	6	106	Jose Artilles	16	110
Bill J. Boyd	9	93	Kent Taylor	11	105	James T. Stover	3	108
Betty A. Johnson		93	Alistair Wilson	11	104	Priscilla Killion	3	100
Svatava Strnad		93	Danette Volkmer	11	100	Larry Petterborg		81
Troy Becker		91	Jim Spencer		100	John Lehman	10	77
Michael Losurdo	6	89	Bernie Pysz		99	Ed Auger		67
Brett Buchmiller		83	John A. Lovelace		99	Mitsuka Iwahiro	3	50
Bob Johnson	9	80	Stewart Musket		96	Elizabeth Szilagyi	10	48
Jean Karlik		80	Andrew L. Hollander	3	93	Lois Lehman	6	36
Charles Henthorne		62	LeDon Becker		93			
Joe Sullivan		62	Jerry E. Schlesinger		86			
Willie Baker		57	Billy Erwin	11	85			
Ray Daberko	10	49	Marie Hansen		83			
Franz Crystal	6	34	Peter Staxen		82			
Aida LaPoint		27	Katherine Robertson	6	81			
Ronnie Scaggs	10	25	Lewis Sheriff	3	78			
Laurence Briggs		25	Kay Griffith		71			
David Ringrose		20	Anne Hargreaves		69			
Debbie Tigh		19	Harry Rumberger		69			
Mike Konczal		7	Mary J. Baker		69			
Jolynn Dumais		6	Bud Barlow		64			
			Terree Stone		56			
			Fred Grossman		49			
			Holly Lynn		39			
			Carol Barlow		37			
			Irwin Lightstone		25			
			Lee Vestyck		24			
			Hal Mayfield		20			
			Bill McMurray		18			
			Jerry Whitty		14			
			Warren Paul Harris		14			
			Rick Pang		10			

Beginners winners in September ‘Framing’

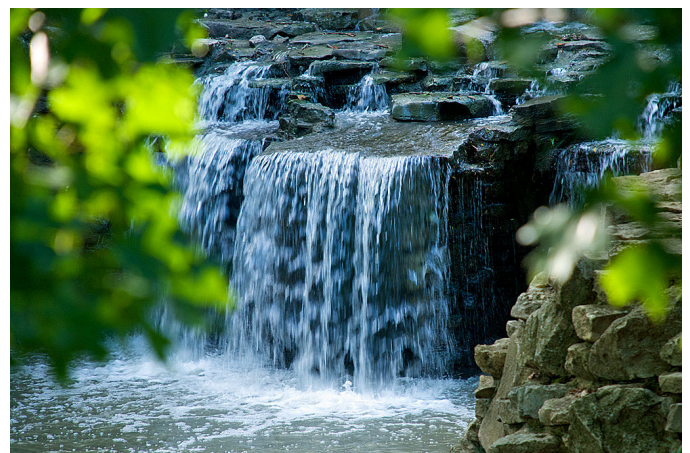
Betty Johnson	Garden Gate	12	HM
Troy Becker	Haunted Forest	13	HM
Willie Baker	Break Area	13	HM
Linda L. Grigsby	Kitten in hiding	14	HM
Bill J Boyd	Prairie creek waterfall	15	3rd
Bill J Boyd	Lady in stone	15	2nd
Ron Hasty	Departing Terminal A Hwange Int	15	1st

RON HASTY



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Advanced winners in September ‘Framing’

Andrew Hollander	Portals	12	HM
Bernie Pysz	Snowed In	12	HM
Tatyana Bessmertnaya	My Parent’s Backyard	12	HM
Andrew Hollander	Monotony	13	3rd
Tatyana Bessmertnaya	Cheese	13	2nd
Kent Taylor	On the Path	15	1st



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KENT TAYLOR (see article Page 1)



ANDREW HOLLANDER

Masters winners
in September
‘Framing’

Priscilla Killion	Arches to Windows	9	HM
Jose Artiles	Dallas Aquarium	13	HM
James T Stover	Mountain Peak	14	3rd
Michael LaPoint	Fire and Ice	14	2nd
John Lehman	Welcome Home	14	1st



JOHN LEHMAN



MICHAEL LAPOINT



JAMES T. STOVER



Heard Nature Photographers Contest

The Heard Nature Photographers Club partners with the Heard Natural Science Museum of McKinney to hold a photo contest each year. This contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers and proceeds help support and maintain the museum.

Contest entries will be accepted February 1-14, 2009. Photos will be on display at the Heard February 22 - March 27, 2009. The Awards Reception will be March 1, 2009 at the Heard in McKinney.

Adult and youth nature photographers are encouraged to enter a maximum of three entries in each of the following categories: Wildlife, Nature (Other), Nature Scenics, Animals, Flora, Shared Scenics, Household Pets (youth only), Art in Nature, Creative Interpretation, and Nature Experiences at the Heard.

Entry fees are \$10 per photo for adults (19 years and older) and \$5 per photo for students and youth (18 years and younger).

For entry information, photo preparation specifics and your registration packet: www.heardmuseum.org/PhotoContest.asp

or at www.heardnaturephotographers.com

Party time and, maybe, contest changes

Everyone is invited to our annual Christmas Party. We need volunteers to help set up. E-mail me at jtvstover@yahoo.com if you can help. Bring a spouse, date, or friend, along with some food and a few (5-10) of your favorite images from 2008 on a CD or USB flash drive.

The board is investigating a major improvement to the monthly contest. We are working on a web-based contest management system. Club members will be able to upload their images to the site. The site will archive images and track scores. We hope to roll out the new system sometime after the first of the year. For the system to work correctly you must have a valid email address on file with the club secretary. If you are getting club e-mails regularly, you are all set. Otherwise contact the secretary and update your email address. We think club members will like the convenience of this new system. We know the contest chairman will love it.

Don't forget, there is no meeting in December and our January meeting will be held upstairs in the Grace Presbyterian Church activities building.



JAMES STOVER

Club Contest Topics 2008– 2009

November 2008: Up
December 2008: No contest or 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 (fast or slow shutter speed techniques)

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A portion of any purchase you make will come back to the club.

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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.