

The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club



‘Capture their soul’ is this shooter’s goal through eye contact

By KATHERINE ROBERTSON

One of my best friends from high school asked me to take photos of her daughter’s string quartet from the Dallas Arts Magnet High School. They needed photos for a publicity brochure.

For “Girl with Violin,” which won “Best of Show” honors in the January “Sound of Music” competition, I suggested taking their antique, orangeish rust velvet sofa into the back yard for an interesting look. I thought the juxtaposition of the formal sofa, the greenery outside and the group of kids would make a more interesting photo than a formal, indoor shot. I have always liked taking interesting chairs outside to use as props, as was common around 25 years ago. Now taking chairs, sofas, etc outside to shoot with is more common.



I used my Hasselblad with the standard 60mm 3.5 lens and have no idea of the settings. It was around 10 a.m. so I imagine I was shooting around 1/250th at f/5.6 or so, with 100 ASA film.

This shot is of one of the other girls in the group, and I believe she just posed herself. Over the years I have developed my style to prefer having my subject look right into the camera as I am attempting to “capture their soul” in what you see in my work through contact with me and their eyes.

Got an itch to publish shots? Listen up March 23

Angela Chambers, speaker for the club’s March 23 meeting, is editor of the Plano/Murphy *neighborsgo* and West Plano *neighborsgo* sections published Friday within subscribers’ editions of *The Dallas Morning News* and at Plano and Murphy Starbucks locations.

She will tell how to take cover-worthy photos to be considered for publication in *neighborsgo*. She will give examples of photos that publications do and do

not like to print and will detail the photo format and information needed for the newspaper to consider photos for print. Chambers started working for *neighborsgo* in August 2006 as assistant editor of the Richardson and North Dallas sections. In August 2007 she launched the Plano sections as senior editor. Her alma mater is the University of Oklahoma, where she took a photography class. She says she has enjoyed the art ever since.

Pre-Model Shoot Workshop:

Introduction to Portrait and Fashion Photography

Where: Home of John and Lois Lehman, 2727 Gainesborough Dr.,
Dallas 75287; Ph 972-814-0189

When: Saturday, April 18 (weekend before
the model shoot)

Who: Members new to portrait photography.

Time: 1-3:30 p.m. (No cost)

This is a workshop for club members who are new to photographing people, especially in a studio. It is designed to help you become familiar with basic lighting and posing so that you can get great pictures at the April 25 model shoot and become proficient with the club's lighting, which you can also borrow. Weather permitting, we will also practice some outdoor portrait work with reflectors and fill light.



Attendance is limited to 12 members due to the limited space in the home studio. Preference will be given to those club members who are paid-up attendees for the April 25 model shoot, but, if there is room, others are also welcome.

This is an educational event; please bring your cameras and a hot shoe to synch cord adapter necessary to attach your camera to studio lights. (If you don't know what that is, e-mail John Leh-

man for more information.) We will help you set up your cameras to work in a studio environment.

While you will have some opportunities for some limited shooting for practice and critique, this is not intended to be a photo shoot. This is an educational event.

If you are interested in attending, please email John Lehman at wind-sweptphoto@aol.com to sign up. **Deadline to register for the workshop is April 10.**

Other Upcoming Activities

**Saturday, March 21
3 p.m.**

**Meet at the corner
of Griffin and
Young streets in
downtown Dallas.**

**Saturday, April 25
Indoor Model
Shoot**

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Limited to approx.
first 30 members to
pay \$25 fee.**

**Friday-Sunday,
May 1-3**

**Weekend getaway
to Hot Springs,
Ark. Leave Friday
afternoon, return
Sunday evening.**

**Sunday, May 17
Dragon Boat, Kite
and Lantern Festi-
val—Scavenger
Shoot
Lake Carolyn, Ir-
ving**

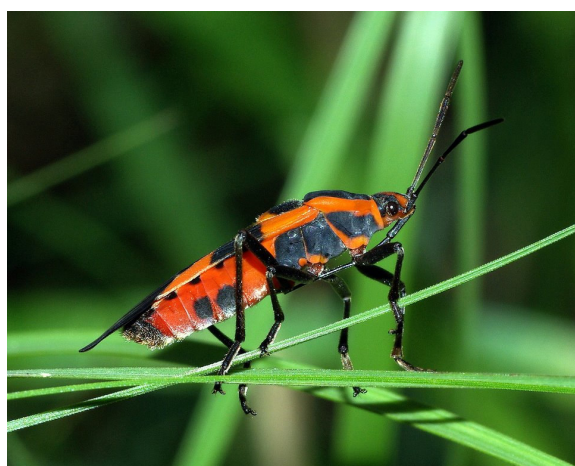
**For more info on
any oR all of these
contact szilagie@aol.com.**



“SUNRISE”
by the PPC’s David Wille won Best of Show in an annual competition sponsored by the Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary in McKinney. The museum sponsors adult, senior youth and junior youth competitions. See www.heardmuseum.org.



ELEANORE AVERY



ANDREW HIBMA

Eleanore Avery's "Baby Seal in Antarctic" won first place in the Gulf States Council of Camera Clubs February contest for Projected Images. Andrew Hollander's "Going Up" picture of a Box Elder bug won First HM.

Beginners winners in January 'Sound of Music'

Bill J Boyd	Hungarian tarogato	13	1 st
Jim Shannon	Self portrait	12	2nd
Linda L. Grigsby	Stormy Weather	10	3rd
Bob Johnson	Troubadour	10	HM
Svatava Strnad	Sound of Music	10	HM



BILL J BOYD



LINDA GRIGSBY



JIM SHANNON

Advanced winners in January 'Sound of Music'

Katherine Robertson	Girl with violin	13	1 st & BOS
Lewis Sheriff	Dance to the Music	12	2nd
Alistair Wilson	Marimba of Calabash	11	3rd
Andrew Hibma	Sousaphone	11	HM
Danette Volkmer	Belt it Out!	10	HM
Peter Staxen	When The Music's Over	10	HM



KATHERINE ROBERTSON
(see Best of Show article
on Page 1 of this issue)



ALISTAIR WILSON



LEWIS SHERIFF

Masters winners in January 'Sound of Music'

Jamie Hilbig	Semper Fidelis	12	1st
Priscilla Killion	Old Blues Rendition	10	2nd
John Lehman	Fife Player	11	3rd
ELeanore Avery	Parade Music Makers	10	HM
Priscilla Killion	Tuba Section	10	HM



JAMIE HILBIG



PRISCILLA KILLION



JOHN LEHMAN

Beginners		
Linda Grigsby	22	178
Ron Hasty	13	164
Jim Shannon	16	159
Svatava Strnad	3	159
Troy Becker	6	156
Betty A. Johnson		150
Bob Johnson	19	143
Bill J. Boyd	30	139
Michael Losurdo	6	138
Nicholas Tovell	9	132
Brett Buchmiller		104
Willie Baker	3	99
Charles Henthorne		97
Jean Karlik		93
Ray Daberko	10	92
Joe Sullivan		78
Lance Nail		39
Laurence Briggs		35
Franz Crystal	6	34
Aida LaPoint		27
Ronnie Scaggs	10	25
David Ringrose		20
Valerie Harris		20
Debbie Tigh		19
Mike Konczal		19
Steve Wheeler		14
Lee Hatfield		10
Jolynn Dumais		6

Masters		
Eleanore Avery	45	189
Jamie Hilbig	20	180
Jose Artilles	16	176
Priscilla Killion	18	165
James T. Stover	3	164
Michael LaPoint	12	128
Larry Petterborg	6	127
John Lehman	13	114
Ed Auger		83
Mitsuka Iwahiro	3	79
Lois Lehman	6	50
Elizabeth Szilagyi	10	48

Column 1 Name

Column 2 Place point totals through January contests

Column 3 Judges' point totals through January contests

Advanced		
Andrew Hibma	9	182
Dennis Fritsche	17	167
Paul Spencer	14	162
Kent Taylor	11	162
Alistair Wilson	14	160
John A. Lovelace	10	160
Jim Spencer		159
Danette Volkmer	11	157
Bernie Pysz		157
LeDon Becker		155
Stewart Musket		148
Tatyana Bessmertnaya	18	146
Billy Erwin	11	134
Peter Staxen		134
Marie Hansen		126
Andrew L. Hollander	6	118
Harry Rumberger	6	111
Katherine Robertson	17	103
Lewis Sheriff	9	99
Kay Griffith		93
Terree Stone		87
Jerry E. Schlesinger		86
Mary J. Baker		86
Bud Barlow		83
Warren Paul Harris	6	69
Anne Hargreaves		69
Holly Lynn		56
Carol Barlow		52
Fred Grossman		49
Bill McMurray		40
Hal Mayfield		29
Irwin Lightstone		25
Lee Vestyck		24
Jerry Whitty		14
David Drake		11
Rick Pang		10
Pam Renshaw		8

On the President's Agenda...

TABLETOP: The Tabletop Workshop was a great success. I want to thank Elizabeth Szilagyi for all her effort in organizing the event. And thanks to all of the helpers for all the work they put into the event. It takes members to make these events so successful.

CONTEST WEB SITE: The club's contest web site is undergoing tests. Everyone who has ever participated in the competition has been given a login ID and password. We are currently holding a test contest and if everything goes well, we will start using the web site in May. So please login and check out your account. Come May we will be using the web site for the monthly competition.



JAMES STOVER

NEW OFFICERS NEEDED: The new club year starts in May, and along with the new web site come new officers. We still need help, and if you would like to help, please inform any club officer.
James Stover

Contest Topics 2008-2009

March 2009: Spirit of Texas (prints only; no digital mages)
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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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.