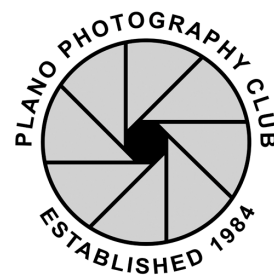


# The FLASH!

JUNE 2009

*Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club*



## 2008-2009 'Best of the Year' winners



**BEST PRINT**  
**"Off to War"**  
**John Lehman**



**BEST DIGITAL IMAGE**  
**"The Last Thing I Saw"**  
**Alistair Wilson**

**PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR**  
**Eleanore Avery (total 261 points)**  
**receives her plaque from end-of-**  
**year party emcee Hal Mayfield**



## April Best of Show



By **JIM SPENCER**

"Irrigation" was shot as we returned from a visit to the Black Hills in South Dakota. We were looking for something to place in front of the sunset. The field watering systems were all along the highway.

At that time I was still using my Minolta 7i. The settings were :f/8, 1/180sec., 162mm focal length and ISO 100. The final image was flipped to give us a lead in from the left. I cropped the photo for a more "panorama" look. The color has been slightly saturated in Elements 6.0.

As always, I am grateful to the club for providing these opportunities to improve our photo skills. Also, the various instructional sessions are very helpful. Thanks again.

## Plano showcases booked from Sept. 1 through Jan. 5

By **DAVE LERRY and KATHERINE ROBERTSON**

### Exhibit co-chairpersons

The Plano Photography Club once again has the opportunity to exhibit framed photographs at the Plano Municipal Center and subsequently at the Plano Convention Centre.

We are scheduled to hang our photographs at the Municipal Center on Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and then move them to the Plano Convention Centre on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> where they will remain until Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

The photographs should be matted and framed, and a wire extending from one side of the frame to the other is needed for hanging. A minimum print size of 8"x10" framed to 11"x14" is requested for visibility. The maximum framed size allowed is 24"x36".

Each club member may submit up to two photographs.

The title of the photograph, the artist's name and contact information: telephone number and/or email address should be attached. The artist may also include a website address, if applicable. This information should be transmitted to [exhibits@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:exhibits@planophotographyclub.com) by Monday, August 10 so an Excel spreadsheet of submissions and ID cards for the wall next to the pictures can be prepared.

Subject matter is not restricted except that portraits of people are excluded and also anything that might be considered controversial. The showcase entries will be judged and First, Second and Third Place ribbons will be awarded as well as Honorable Mention. For fairness in judging, do not place your name on the front of your submission.

Details regarding when and where to submit your photographs will be forthcoming shortly as well as information about a reception to be held at the Municipal Center.

# DART train, Downtown Dallas on June 27 shoot menu

**By R.E. MARABITO**  
**Vice President, Activities**

Our new year starting Field Trip is a morning excursion to **Downtown Dallas** on **June 27**. We will meet at the Parker Road DART Station at 8:15 a.m. sharp. The train is scheduled to come through at 8:25 a.m., so it is imperative that you be on time. If you are late, jump the next train to catch up with us downtown. It should be at 8:45 a.m.

We will get off at the Pearl Station (9:02 approx) close to the Arts District and will gather at the entrance to the **Plaza of the Americas** at **9:15a.m.** with those who chose to drive: We will start our shoot in the Plaza lobby. Those that are late can find us there. We will then walk into the Arts District. After we explore the Meyerson, Federal Reserve Bank, Cathedral & Santuario de Guadalupe, we will head for the Nasher Sculpture Garden.

From there, we may break up into two groups as you choose. Head for lunch in the area or move to other central city buildings or even take the DART train further south to the Convention Center where you can explore the Convention Center, Pioneer Plaza and the Dallas City Hall.

We can all gather mid-afternoon at the West End and shoot till you are ready to return home via the RED LINE of the DART Rail System.

**A day pass on Dart is \$3 for regular riders and \$1.50 for seniors carrying a Dart Senior ID card or your Medicare ID card. Trains run approximately every 20 minutes all day.**

Those who choose to drive down need to locate parking near the Meyerson and then move to the next area of choice you plan to shoot.

I will have reference maps available at the Parker Road Station when we board the train.

I suggest you carry as little as possible because we will be doing a lot of walking. Those that cannot walk very far might have to limit the area they explore. Your choices of lenses will depend on the kind of shots you are seeking. The more flexible a single lens is, the better off you will be. Wide angle is very helpful. A telephoto is good if you like to capture details. Tilt/shift will save a lot of PhotoShop work. Carry a monopod or tripod for good imaging.

**Let's have fun!**

## Elements 7 workshop scheduled June 20

**From ED AUGER, Vice President, Activities**

I have arranged for an Elements 7 workshop from 1 p.m. to about 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, in room 210 of the Grace Presbyterian Church two-story education building. Attendance will be limited to 15 PPC members, so be sure you have paid your dues before Saturday. At press time, four or five spots remain open. Contact me at (972) 964-3383

Take the elevator to the second floor just after you enter the west side of the building. Room 210 is to the right hallway after you exit the elevator. You can bring your laptop and an image or two to work on during the workshop if you desire.

The workshop will cover the basic tools and adjustment features available to improve your photographs after you have downloaded your images from your camera. If time allows we will also explore some of the artsy filter effects that can transform a photograph into the world of fine art.

## *News you can use*

Jeremy Woodhouse, judge of PPC's recent end-of-year competition, is organizing a tour of Cajun Country for March 7-13, 2010. The group will shoot in several plantations and in the French Quarter in New Orleans.. Contact Woodhouse at 469-371-5310 (cell) or 214-544-3169 or [jeremy@pixelchrome.com](mailto:jeremy@pixelchrome.com).

A Multiplex Slide Viewer / Light Box / Cabinet with built-in light box is available for \$75. Contact 214-352-4508.



NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points
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**Beginners**

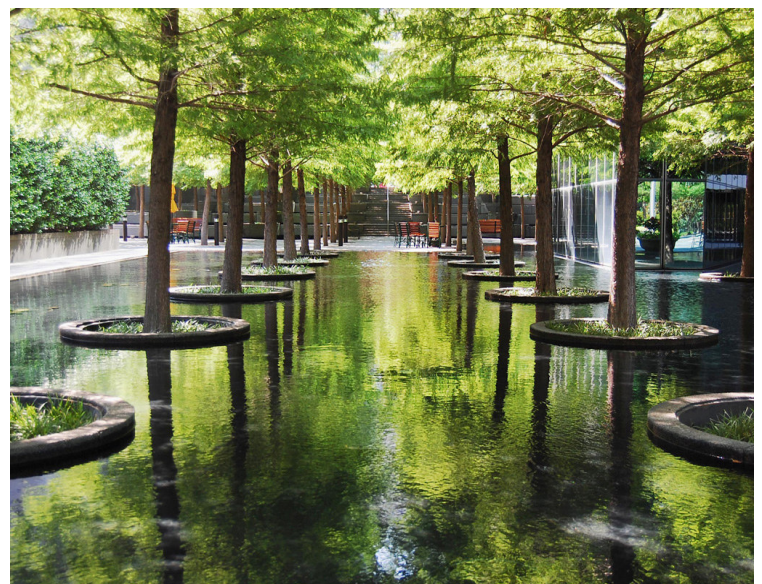
Ron Hasty	26	234
Linda Grigsby	25	222
Jim Shannon	32	214
Bill J. Boyd	30	183
Svatava Strnad	13	183
Michael Losurdo	6	170
Troy Becker	6	156
Nicholas Tovell	9	150
Betty A. Johnson		150
Willie Baker	9	145
Bob Johnson	19	143
Joe Sullivan		117
Charles Henthorne		115
Brett Buchmiller		104
Ray Daberko	10	102
Jean Karlik		93
Franz Crystal	9	62
Lance Nail		39
Laurence Briggs		35
David Ringrose		32
Aida LaPoint		27
Ronnie Scaggs	10	25
Valerie Harris		20
Debbie Tigh		19
Mike Konczal		19
Helen Powell	6	15
Steve Wheeler		14
Dennis Arnesen		12

# Year's totals and April winners

<b>Jim Shannon</b>	<b>When It's Cold Outside</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Just Fluff Up Your Feathers Like This...</b>		

<b>Helen Powell</b>	<b>Fountain Place</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
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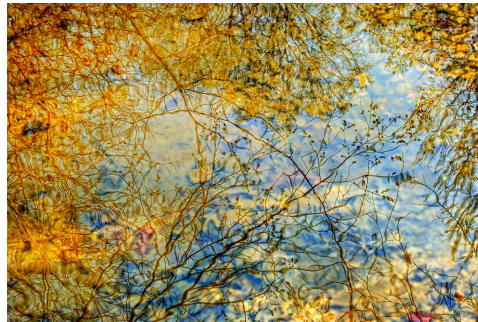
<b>Franz Crystal</b>	<b>Bonita Light House</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>
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**JIM SHANNON****FRANZ CRYSTAL****HELEN POWELL**

NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points
<b>Advanced</b>		
Andrew Hibma	9	246
Dennis Fritsche	33	241
Jim Spencer	20	235
Paul Spencer	20	235
Danette Volkmer	11	231
John A. Lovelace	20	228
Kent Taylor	11	228
Stewart Musket	3	216
Bernie Pysz		216
Tatyana Bessmertnaya	21	202
Peter Staxen		199
LeDon Becker		193
Alistair Wilson	14	180
Billy Erwin	11	180
Katherine Robertson	17	153
Marie Hansen		149
Andrew L. Hollander	6	118
Harry Rumberger	6	111
Terree Stone		110
Mary J. Baker		106
Lewis Sheriff	9	99
Kay Griffith		93
Jerry E. Schlesinger		86
Bud Barlow		83
Bill McMurray		80
Warren Paul Harris	6	69
Anne Hargreaves		69
Diana Jaramillo		66
Ken Morton		66
Hal Mayfield		56
Holly Lynn		56
Carol Barlow		52
Fred Grossman		49
Irwin Lightstone		49
Lee Vestyck		24
Lucy Huffstutter		24
Steve Korevec		24
Eli Luna		20
Jerry Whitty		14
David Drake		11
Rick Pang		10
Pam Renshaw		8

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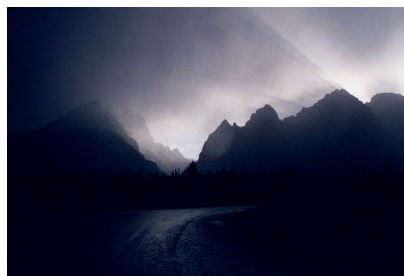
<b>Jim Spencer</b>	<b>Irrigation (see Best of Show article Page 2)</b>	<b>1 &amp; BOS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Dennis Fritsche</b>	<b>Spring Reflections</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Tatyana Bessmertnaya</b>	<b>Still Life With Acorns</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Paul Spencer</b>	<b>Teton Storm</b>	<b>HM</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Jim Spencer</b>	<b>Oxbow Again</b>	<b>HM</b>	<b>15</b>



**DENNIS FRITSCHÉ**



**TATYANA  
BESSMERTNAYA**



**PAUL SPENCER**



**JIM SPENCER**



NAME	Total Place Points	Total Points
<b>Masters</b>		
Eleanore Avery	61	261
Jose Artiles	16	251
Jamie Hilbig	26	244
James T. Stover	3	225
Priscilla Killion	29	216
Larry Petterborg	9	194
John Lehman	23	182
Ed Auger	3	150
Michael LaPoint	12	128
Mitsuka Iwahiro	3	100
Lois Lehman	15	96
Elizabeth Szilagyi	10	48

## Year's totals and April winners

<b>Eleanore Avery</b>	<b>Red Crowned Crane in the Snow</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Jamie Hilbig</b>	<b>Daylily's Dream</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Lois Lehman</b>	<b>Hawaiian Flower</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Eleanore Avery</b>	<b>Snow Monkeys Grooming in Winter</b>	<b>HM</b>	<b>14</b>



**ELEANORE AVERY**

**JAMIE HILBIG**



**LOIS LEHMAN**



**ELEANORE AVERY**



Two images by PPC members — “Enchanted Music” (left) by Priscilla Killion and “Great Grandma” (right) by Kent Taylor — recently won human interest honorable mentions in Photographic Society of America interclub photojournalism competition.



**NIGHT SHOTS**  
To reinforce his presentation to the May meeting, former PPC President David Wille was asked to provide these. Night photography is the topic of club competition in November.



## Monthly- Contest Topics 2009-2010

June 2009: Open  
July 2009: Action (fast or slow shutter speed techniques)  
August 2009: Open  
September 2009: Photojournalism  
October 2009: Open  
November 2009: Night  
December 2009: No meeting, no contest  
January 2010: Yellow  
February 2010: Open  
March 2010: Selective Focus (prints only; no digital images)  
April 2010: Open  
May 2010: Opposites  
June 2010: Open  
July 2010: Diagonals





**Fellowship, food and photography dominated the PPC's end-of-year party June 13 at Grace Presbyterian Church. Photos by Jose Artiles.**

## 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.**