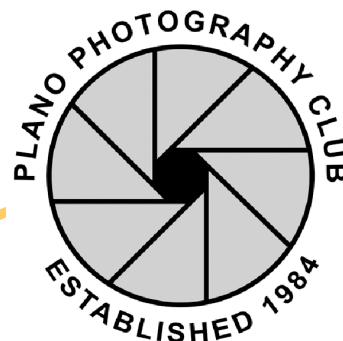


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BEST OF SHOW: *GRAND THEFT MOTO* BY STEPHEN FINNERTY

The boys in *Grand Theft Moto* are my grandsons Jordan (driver) and Preston (lookout). Dressed in full traveling gear, they mounted their Uncle Bob's Harley and pretended to be going 95.

I took only one shot using my first digital camera, an Olympus C765UZ, purchased in 2005. I defocused the background, using a low f-stop (3.2) to give the illusion of speed; however, this technique was ineffective. Exposure was 1/60, no flash, ISO was 125, and focal length was 11.5mm. And being a neophyte, I ignored shadows and time of day.

When I post-processed the file, I chose to emphasize the boys' expressions. Using CS4 Photoshop, I added motion-blur along the angle of the bike by highlighting the background with a combination of the magnetic lasso and the polygon lasso for the detail at the border of the boys. Next, I enriched the vibrancy of the Harley's magenta and the white overlay on the bike, helmets, and glasses to accentuate "glare".

The trickiest stage of the processing was recapturing the windshield by blurring the fence behind it using the layer mask feature and then hand painting the perimeter of the glass with white overlay and a fine brush. Finally I increased the sense of motion by adding length to the chin strap on Preston's helmet, forcing it to flap in the "stationary" breeze.

Club Logo Contest Extended

The contest for a new club logo has been extended until the end of August. Please see the contest web site for full details.

Upcoming Activities

July – Trinity River Audubon
Center and Bridge
August – Historic Gainesville
September – Dallas Zoo
November – Panorama Shoot
Future – Joint Shoot/Contest
with Dallas Camera Club

Please watch for dates and
further information.

JUNE GUEST SPEAKER: SEAN FITZGERALD

Sean specializes in fine art photography, selling to individual and corporate collectors, interior designers, and commercial art buyers. His portfolio includes stock photos, commercial commissions, magazines, and calendars. He also teaches photography and Photoshop.

Despite not owning a camera for his first 25 years, Sean began taking pictures while working as an attorney. Combining his creative nature with big-time wanderlust, he eventually left the practice of law and became a professional photographer.

Abandoning his Johnston & Murphy shoes and designer ties (with the full encouragement of wife Karen), Sean says that "life is good!"

www.seanfitzgerald.com

End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet

The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet was held June 12th at our usual Grace Presbyterian Church locale. The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the End-of-Year awards.

Photographer of the Year and Master Class winner: **Eleanore Avery**

Advanced Class winner: **Dennis Fritsche**

Beginners Class winner: **Jennifer Carrick**

Digital Image of the Year: ***The Hunt Begins* - Eleanore Avery**
(see page 6)

Print Image of the Year: ***Jungle Dreams* - Dennis Fritsche**
(see page 3)

Congratulations to all the winners! The door prize was provided by Hunt's Photo & Video. For all your photographic needs contact Gary Farber 1-800-924-8682 ext 2332 or digitalguygary@wbhunt.com.
Check out Hunt's at www.huntsphotoandvideo.com.





James Stover presents award to Dennis Fritsche



Dennis Fritsche presents award to James Stover in appreciation of work as former president.



James Stover and Dennis Fritsche present awards to Eleanore Avery



***Jungle Dreams* by Dennis Fritsche**

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Winning Images:
BEGINNERS

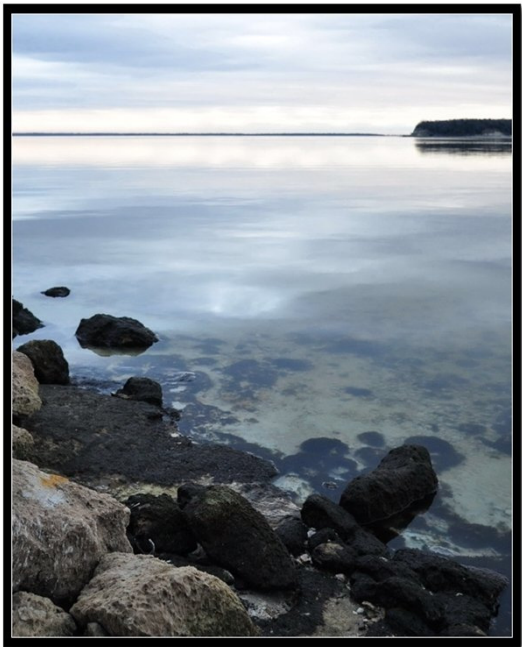
Stephen Finnerty	GRAND THEFT MOTO	1 st , BoS	15
Stephen Finnerty	LONDON TOWER BRIDGE	2nd	14
Jennifer Carrick	EARLY MORNING FISHING	3rd	13
Steve Wang	LAKE TEXOMA	HM	12



Stephen Finnerty



Jennifer Carrick



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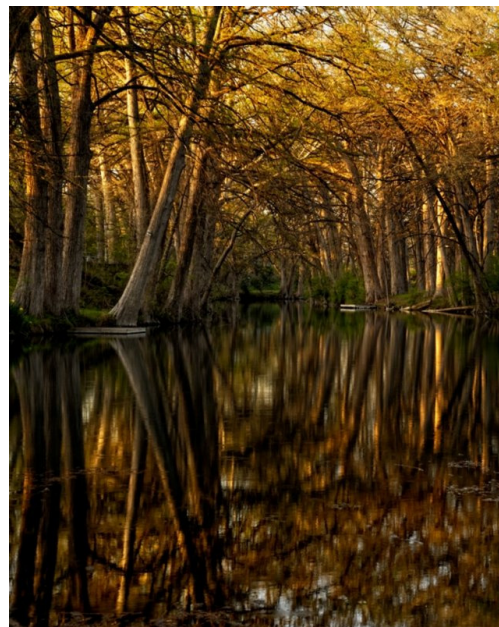
Steve Wang

Winning Images: ADVANCED

Dennis Fritsche	<i>BOOTS ON THE RAIL</i>	1 st ,	15
Billy Erwin	<i>HANDSOME</i>	2nd	14
Billy Erwin	<i>HONEY FLY</i>	3rd	13
Dennis Fritsche	<i>EVENING ON THE FRIO RIO</i>	HM	12



Dennis Fritsche



Dennis Fritsche



Billy Erwin



Billy Erwin

Winning Images: MASTERS

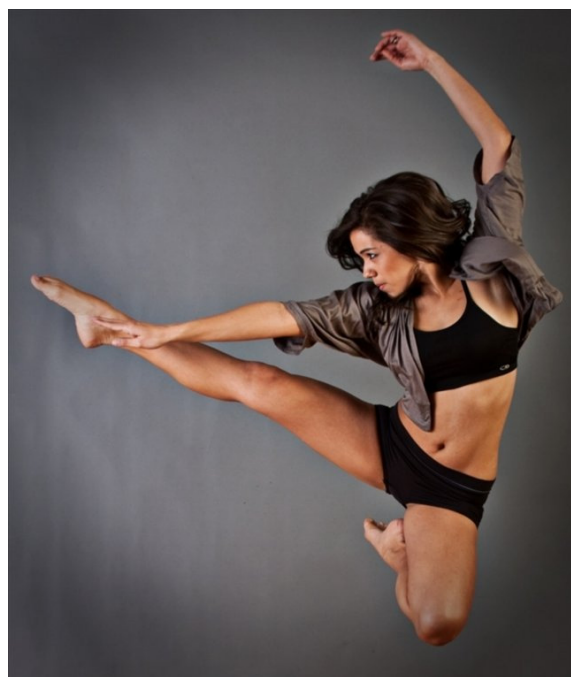
Eleanore Avery	<i>THE HUNT BEGINS</i>	1st	15
John Lehman	<i>SHARI #4</i>	2nd	14
John Lehman	<i>SHARI</i>	3rd	13
Russell McGuire	<i>LIZ</i>	HM	12



Eleanore Avery



Russell McGuire



John Lehman



John Lehman

Message from the President: It's Your Club

The Plano Photography Club has been here since 1984. I have been involved since 2007. During my short time, I have seen the club change and adapt to the needs of the members while keeping the traditional club opportunities fresh and relevant. The Club offers outstanding opportunities to learn and try new things – speakers, the model shoots, table-top techniques, field trips, special classes, and monthly competitions.

It's your club and it's up to you take advantage of these opportunities. Are you competing? Every month? Have you gone on a field trip? Attended a model shoot? If you are not doing these things, what's holding you back? Afraid your equipment is not good enough? Well, we have Masters who shoot with simple gear and they make great images. Afraid the judge will be mean to you? We have all been there – it only hurts the first hundred times. It's just one person's opinion on one day - I have had an image receive the lowest score for the month in the Club competition and then have it published in a major magazine.

I have two challenges for you. First, get involved and learn something to help you be a better photographer. Second, if we are not giving you the opportunities you need, drop me an e-mail and let me know how we can help you.

Dennis Fritsche

COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
ADVANCED			BEGINNERS		
Dennis Fritsche	40	259	Jennifer Carrick	43	228
Danette Volkmer	20	254	Willie Baker	48	213
Peter Staxen	16	248	Michael Losurdo Jr	6	188
Bud Barlow	9	241	Sharlott Hasty	0	183
Bernard Pysz	6	240	Jean Karlik	15	156
Stewart Musket	3	237	Ron Deage	12	139
Jim Spencer	14	233	Nicholas Tovell	19	136
Ernie Tacsik	12	232	Steve Finnerty	26	127
Linda Grigsby	10	232	Liz Graves	16	113
Ron Hasty	9	224	David Ringrose	3	105
John Lovelace	0	220	Danny Fyffe	0	101
Carol Barlow	16	213	Joe Sullivan	3	93
Jerry Schlesinger	0	209	Debbie Conard	6	66
Paul Spencer	11	200	Rajibul Islam	12	60
Hal Mayfield	0	184	Aimee Wilson	6	47
Andrew Hibma	9	183	Mike Konczal	0	38
David Philips	0	170	Lisa Smith	0	25
Bill Boyd	0	165	Michelle Bowers	0	23
Ken Morton	6	153	Steve Wang	0	22
Lewis Sheriff	6	125	Ron Giordano	0	21
Marie Hansen	17	123	Jesse Flores	0	17
Jim Shannon	0	120	Ellen Key	0	12
Billy Erwin	9	118	John Sutton	0	12
Marea Downey	0	96	Joe Wilson	0	11
Katherine Robertson	3	76	John Liu	0	9
Kim Clack	0	70	Thinh Nguyenphu	0	9
Diana Jaramillo	0	61	MASTERS		
Bill McMurray	11	59	Eleanore Avery	42	273
Terri Rapp	0	49	John Lehman	31	264
Tom Marusa	0	47	Jose Artilles	21	258
Lucy Huffstetter	3	44	Russell McGuire	30	256
Fred Grossman	0	43	Jamie Hilbig	28	244
			Larry Petterborg	12	236
			James Stover	3	234
			Lois Lehman	16	154
			Mitsuka Iwahiro	11	124
			Ed Auger	17	56

CONTEST TOPICS BY MONTH

June 2010: Open	March 2011: Panoramic (Print format)
July 2010: Diagonals	April 2011: Open
August 2010: Open	May 2011: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
September 2010: Photojournalism	June 2011: Open
October 2010: Open (Print format)	July 2011: Shadows and Silhouettes
November 2010: Reflections	August 2011: Open
December 2010: No competition	September 2011: To be announced
January 2011: Cemeteries	October 2011: Open (Print format)
February 2011: Open	

ABOUT THE CLUB

The club meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Visitors are welcome!

Officers meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (no meeting in December) at Schimelpfenig Library, 5024 Custer Road in Plano.

The club is a member of:
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