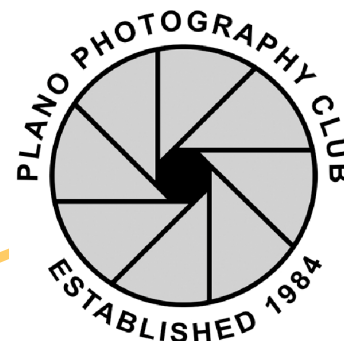


# The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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## BEST OF SHOW: *THE ANT AND THE FLY* - BY BILLY ERWIN

I took this picture in a park in Richardson, Texas, on a rainy spring day. The rain had stopped and I was looking for Damselflies, but there were none around. All I saw were these wiry little flies in some wild flowers, so I started shooting them. I was getting some pretty good pictures, and then it happened. I was focusing on one fly, when I saw an ant climbing right there by the fly. So I waited a second until he got into focus, and the shot just happened.

I am fascinated with nature and the micro world. To me, it's a glimpse into the reality of creation. I use a Panasonic FZ30 camera and a Raynox 250 magnifying lens for all my macro photography. I use a Sunpack flash with a white reflector. I shoot every thing manually.

## Panoramic Print Competition Rules

The board has decided to update and clarify the rules concerning the Panoramic Print Competition in March, 2011. The rules state that the actual image must have an aspect ratio of at least 2 to 1 or greater and must be at least 96 square inches. This allows for a 14 x 7 inch image. The maximum size of the mat or mounting board (if un-matted) is 16 x 24.

The image may be in horizontal or vertical format. The image may be stitched from multiple images or cropped from a larger image.

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fort Worth Botanical Gardens and Amon Carter Museum to view the Ansel Adams exhibit. See below.

**November 4<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Showcase 2010 at the Plano Courtyard Theatre. See below.

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** – Community Service Project. We need several volunteers to help with a photo shoot at a retirement home. We will be taking portraits of some of the residents and arrange to have prints made for them at cost. We need one light set in addition to the club's light set. We also need photographers and helpers familiar with portrait photography. This is not an open club event, rather, a community service project.

**December 4<sup>th</sup>** – (Tentative) Annual Christmas Party.

For more information on the above activities contact [activities@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:activities@planophotographyclub.com)

## OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

**November 19-21<sup>st</sup>** - Fall Photo Weekend in Jefferson, Texas.

<http://www.discoverourfestival.com/festival/info/Jefferson/TX/fall-photography-weekend>

**February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011** – Joint Shoot/Scavenger Hunt with the Dallas Camera Club, Old City Place in south Dallas.

**May 13th-16th, 2011** – SOUTH TEXAS WILDLIFE PHOTO-OP

This past August Jeremy Woodhouse led a South Texas Wildlife Photography Workshop in Edinburg, TX:

<http://www.pixelchrome.com/blog/?p=4498>

at the Santa Clara Ranch: <http://www.santaclararanch.com>).

Over the course of three days, participants were able to photograph a wide variety of critters including a bobcat, a male painted bunting, and a crested caracara feeding on a carcass:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/lpetterborg/sets/72157624762124878>).

The only thing missing are rattlesnakes. The ranch has four photo blinds to shoot from and a new 4-bedroom/ 2-bathroom house to stay in.

We planning to go back in May when the birds will be in full breeding plumage and it is a lot cooler than August. Right now, we are looking at the weekend of May 13th-16th, 2011. The cost will be \$225.00 per day for a minimum of three days. A longer stay could possibly be arranged if you want to extend your stay. If more than six people want to go, additional days could be added during the week of May 16th-22nd. If you are interested, feel free to contact Larry Petterborg ([lpetterborg@tx.rr.com](mailto:lpetterborg@tx.rr.com)) or Jeremy ([jeremy@pixelchrome.com](mailto:jeremy@pixelchrome.com)). Since it will be necessary to reserve the ranch early (there is a big demand), we will need to know who is going and secure a deposit to hold your place.

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**Festival**



**Fall Outdoor Model Shoot**

## SHOWCASE 2010

Plano Photography Club members are invited to Showcase 2010, a juried show presented annually by the club. One exhibit is already on display at the Plano Centre through November 30th. The other exhibit will be at the Plano Courtyard Theatre from November 4th through February 4th, 2011. For those of you who signed up bring your prints to the October meeting.

Volunteers are needed to help with the hanging on Thursday, November 4th at 9am at the Courtyard Theatre. If you would like to help or would like to make arrangements for delivery of your prints, please contact Ed Auger at (972) 964-3383, or Jamie Hilbig at (972) 423-0793, or email them at [exhibits@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:exhibits@planophotographyclub.com).

A reception will be held at the Courtyard Theatre 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Saturday, November 13th.

## FORT WORTH BOTANICAL GARDENS

- October 30, 2010 8:45 AM – 3 PM (day trip).  
Meet at entrance of Fort Worth Botanical Gardens ([www.fwbg.org](http://www.fwbg.org)) and later travel to the Amon Carter Museum ([www.cartermuseum.org](http://www.cartermuseum.org))

- Cost: \$4.50 for Japanese Garden at Botanical  
- Contact person: Tinh Nguyenphu  
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## GUEST SPEAKER: LARRY PETTERBORG - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD) CELEBRATION IN SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO

This program highlights the city and people of San Miguel and shows how Dia de los Muertos is like a combination of our Memorial Day, Halloween, and Mardi Gras all rolled up in one celebration. In addition to showing us his images and describing what he learned, Larry discusses how traveling with an experienced guide and staying in a single location for an extended period of time can greatly enhance one's photographic and learning opportunities and ability to capture wonderful images.

Larry Petterborg has been a member of the Plano Photography Club for more than ten years. In that time, he has held various positions in the club including refreshment chair and program chair. Larry is currently a professor of anatomy in the School of Physical Therapy at Texas Woman's University in Dallas. He and his wife Mary are also active in the Heard Nature Photography Club.

## FLASHBACK

**January 2001** - The Flash announced "Starting January 22, 2001--a New Bigger Meeting Room--at the Grace Presbyterian Church, thanks to club member Rev. Harry Chase." (Note: Harry passed away four years ago. Previously, we met in the auditorium at Plano Fire Station #1 on Ave. K)

**March 2001** - "Welcome new members Don and Teresa Pool [Studio Lights Coordinator] of Plano. Among the visitors were Carol Barlow [Contest Web Site Administrator] and Dan Leffel [Past-President and guest speaker]."

Cindy Vaillancourt - PPC Historian



PPC would like to thank Digital Image Flow ([www.digitalimageflow.com](http://www.digitalimageflow.com)) for supplying the 3-in-1 Exposure Targets and R-27 18% Gray Cards used in PPC's Model Shoots. Digital Image Flow was founded to help photographers get better images through innovative and competitive color correction products focused on digital photography.

Their products are available directly via their web site or through either their ebay ([stores.ebay.com/digitalimageflow](http://stores.ebay.com/digitalimageflow)) or Amazon ([www.amazon.com/s/search-alias=photo&field-brandtextbin=Digital Image Flow](http://www.amazon.com/s/search-alias=photo&field-brandtextbin=Digital+Image+Flow)) storefronts. A short primer on color balance can be found on the website at: <http://www.digitalimageflow.com/templatepage/greyguideEnglish.htm>



Winning Images:  
BEGINNERS

Joe Sullivan	MAGNOLIA	1st	15
Joe Sullivan	WATCHING SISTER BLOW UP HIS BALLOON	2nd	13
Danny Fyffe	CAR IN GUFFEY, Co.	3rd	12
Aimee Wilson	ELEPHANT EAR	HM	12
Jesse Flores	PEEK-A-BOO	HM	12



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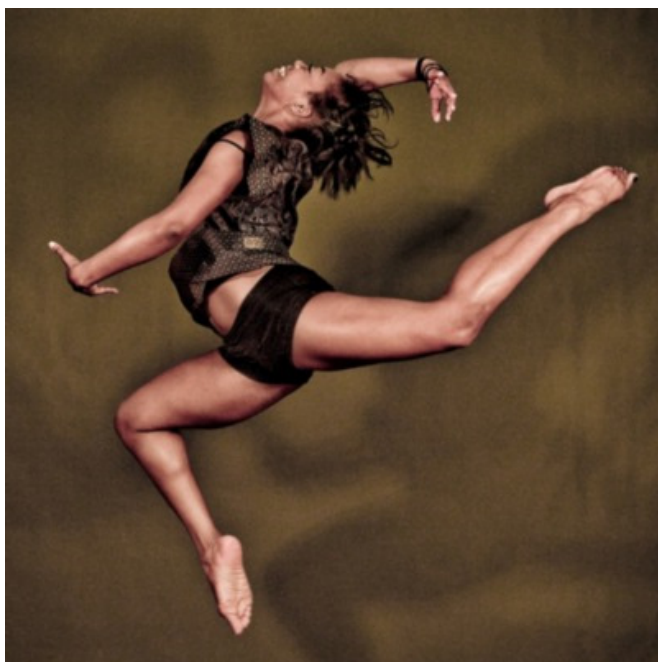
JESSE FLORES

## Winning Images: ADVANCED

Billy Erwin	<b>THE ANT AND THE FLY</b>	1st,BoS	15
Marea Downey	<b>DECEMBER DAWN</b>	2nd	15
Jim Spencer	<b>WATER GUN</b>	3rd	15
Peter Staxen	<b>AUTOMOTIVE ABSTRACT</b>	HM	14
Sevy Strnad	<b>GIANT SWALLOWTAIL</b>	HM	14
Ernie Tacsik	<b>SHADOW DANCER</b>	HM	13



**JIM SPENCER**



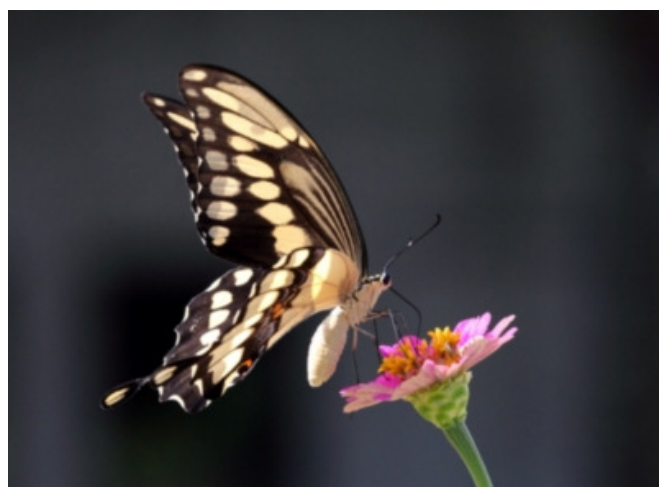
**ERNIE TACSIK**



**MAREA DOWNEY**



**PETER STAXEN**



**SEVY STRNAD**



## Winning Images: MASTERS



JOSE ARTILES



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Jose Artiles	<b>BUBBLEGUM MUSIC</b>	1st	15
Jamie Hilbig	<b>TEXAS ICONS</b>	2nd	15
Dennis Fritsche	<b>PEACH FARM</b>	3rd	14
Jose Artiles	<b>A BIT OF GREEN</b>	HM	13
Larry Petterborg	<b>BOBCAT</b>	HM	13



JAMIE HILBIG



LARRY PETTERBORG



DENNIS FRITSCHÉ

## COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

October 2010: Open (Print format)	May 2011: Planes, Trains and Automobiles
November 2010: Reflections	June 2011: Open
December 2010: No competition	July 2011: Shadows and Silhouettes
January 2011: Cemeteries	August 2011: Open
February 2011: Open	September 2011: T.B.A.
March 2011: Panoramic (Print format)	October 2011: Open (Print format)
April 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. Open to all members.

The club is a member of:  
*Gulf States Camera Club Council (GSCCC) & Photographic Society of America (PSA)*

ALL CONTEST SUBMISSIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING BY LOGGING ONTO THE CONTEST WEBSITE.

## COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<b>ADVANCED</b>			<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Peter Staxen	3	97	Ronnie Scaggs	16	81
Marea Downey	12	94	Aimee Wilson	3	79
Ernie Tacsik	0	94	Stephen Finnerty	24	74
Jerry Schlesinger	16	89	David Forehand	0	65
Roger Boulanger	13	83	Michael Losurdo Jr	0	56
Jim Spencer	3	82	Joe Sullivan	16	52
Bernard Pysz	0	82	Steve Wang	9	50
Carol Barlow	6	81	Danny Fyffe	3	42
Bill Boyd	0	81	Thinh Nguyenphu	0	42
Jean Karlik	0	80	Angie Garcia	0	41
John Lovelace	0	79	Charlie Henkle	0	23
Ron Hasty	0	79	Jesse Flores	0	22
Jennifer Carrick	0	75	John Liu	0	22
Ron Deage	0	71	Karen Chaney	0	9
Sharlott Hasty	0	70	Farbod Dasty	0	7
Hal Mayfield	0	69			
Svatava Strnad	0	69	<b>MASTERS</b>		
David Philips	10	66	Dennis Fritsche	9	105
Willie Baker	0	64	Jose Artiles	16	102
Lewis Sheriff	0	62	Danette Volkmer	13	100
Paul Spencer	3	60	Jamie Hilbig	17	99
Gene Domingo	0	56	Russell McGuire	0	98
Jim Shannon	0	56	John Lehman	11	97
Linda Grigsby	0	56	Larry Petterborg	6	95
Billy Erwin	11	50	James Stover	0	91
Jennifer Shannon	6	49	Eleanore Avery	0	61
Steve Sutton	0	40	Lois Lehman	6	44
Terri Rapp	0	40			
Katherine Robertson	0	23			
Marie Hansen	0	23			
Fred Grossman	0	22			



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: *IMPROVING YOUR SKILLS - FOLLOW-UP*

Back in August, I mentioned in this column that we would have an Introduction to Photography training class and asked that you participate as an instructor or a student. We held the class on Saturday, October 16, and by all measures it was a great success. Comments by the participants were very positive and several ask for more opportunities like this. We will start planning our next sessions soon.

A special thanks to Carol Barlow who organized this project and to all the members who shared their love of photography with those just getting started. As Carol said, this is what the Club is all about – sharing our passion for photography.

My challenge to you is to continue to get involved. A great opportunity is at the October 30 Field Trip to Fort Worth. Those of you who just attended training can practice what you learned. Experienced members can seek out the new members and let them tag along with you – you will find giving back is very rewarding.  
Dennis Fritsche

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