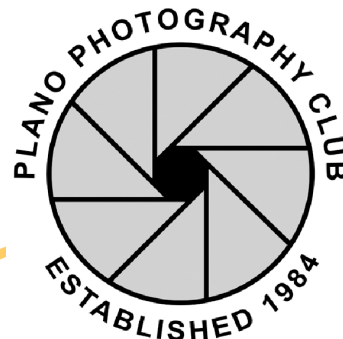


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HIGHLY HONORED PHOTO: *THE HUNT BEGINS* - BY ELEANORE AVERY

Selected from over 20,000 images, Eleanore Avery's image, *The Hunt Begins*, has been named by the Nature's Best Photography Windland Smith Rice International Awards 2010 as a Highly Honored Photo.

Eleanore twice has been named Plano Photography Club Photographer of the Year. And this image, *The Hunt Begins*, was last year's Digital Image of the Year. Her image will be published in the Fall/Winter issue of Nature's Best Photography and will be on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History in Washington D.C. from the end of April through September of 2011. Congratulations!

Panoramic Print Competition Rules

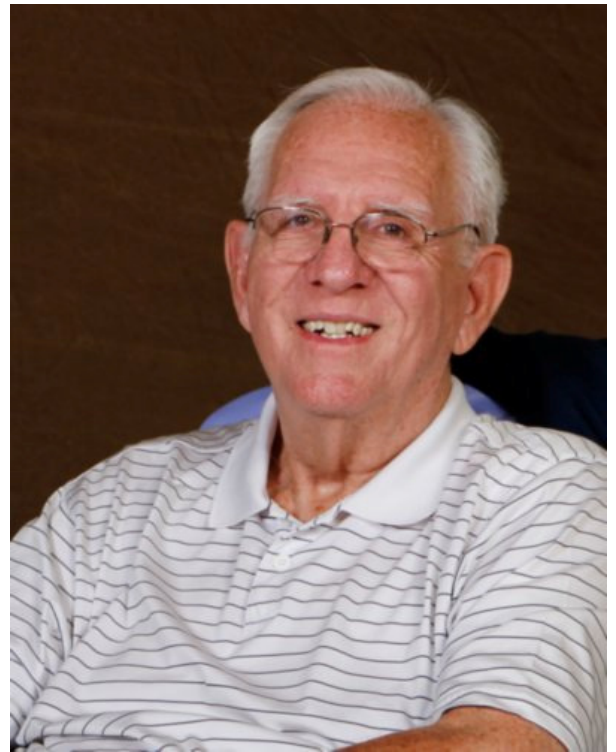
The board has decided to update and clarify the rules concerning the Panoramic Print Competition in March, 2011. The rules state that the actual image must have an aspect ratio of at least 2 to 1 or greater and must be at least 96 square inches. This allows for a 14 x 7 inch image. The maximum size of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



Legacy Willow Bend Community Service Photoshoot

Sunday, November 7, club members participated in a community service project at the Legacy Willow Bend Retirement Home. Thanks to all the members who help provide portraits for these deserving retired people.



GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL

The Gulf States Camera Club Council, or GSCCC, is comprised of some 35 member photography/camera clubs from Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. As a member club, PPC submits entries to GSCCC's monthly Projected Digital competitions through our GSCCC Representative Danette Volkmer (we do not participate in the Print competitions).

The Representative chooses the contest entries from our monthly PPC competitions. Up to four entries can be submitted per competition category each month (i.e., Photojournalism, Pictorial, or Nature), with no more than one entry per photographer within a single competition category. These competitions alternate monthly between a Photojournalism and a Pictorial (which is the equivalent of our club's "open" category) competition one month to a Nature competition the next month (and so on). As a member club, PPC also judges one GSCCC competition per year.

PPC has a history of scoring well in Gulf States competitions. Our club won two awards in the Projected Digital division for the 2009-2010 year; First Place overall for Nature, and Fourth Place overall in Photojournalism! In last month's Pictorial contest, PPC placed first in total points for the month in the Projected division. The image "Yana with Head-Dress" by Russell McGuire came in 2nd place in that competition. Russell discusses how he made that image in an article below. You can find the GSCCC November newsletter with the winning photo, as well as past newsletters and further information, by going to the GSCCC website at www.gulfstatesccc.org.

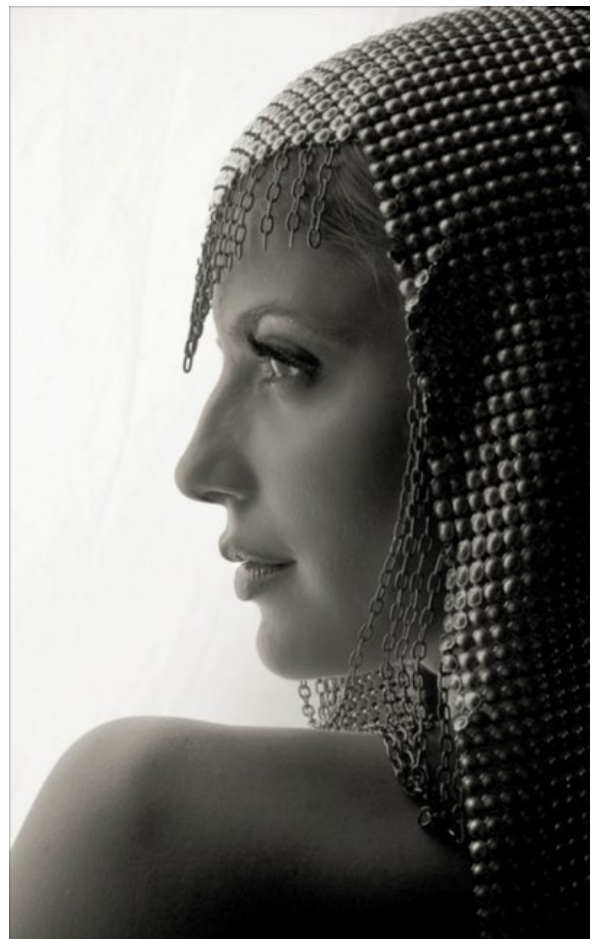
GSCCC 2ND PLACE: *YANA WITH HEAD-RESS* - BY RUSSELL MCGUIRE

This image was taken using a Canon 30D at 100ISO and a Studio flash. The flash was turned down to its lowest setting, as the model was so close to the light source.

This was a very simple lighting set up. The sole light was single octobox softbox – 8 sided very large softbox. The model was placed about 6 inches from the softbox very close to the far right of the softbox. This enabled the light to wrap around the model's face. I particularly liked that the light was reflecting off the metallic head piece (Light and head piece courtesy of John Lehman). To the right was a gap of about 6ft to a back background so there was little chance of light reflecting back.

Post processing comprised of converting to B&W in Lightroom. I also increased the contrast.

Russell



SHOWCASE 2010 WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Plano Photography Club members displayed there images in Showcase 2010, a juried show presented annually by the club. The winners were announced at a reception held at the Courtyard Theatre Saturday, November 13th. The judge was David Wille. David has been President and Photography of the Year of the Plano Photography Club.

Winning Images: COURTYARD THEATER



JAMIE HILBIG



DENNIS FRITSCHÉ

Lois Lehman	1st	AMERICAN COLORS
Jamie Hilbig	2nd	DAYLILY DELIGHT
Dennis Fritsche	3rd	COLORADO FALL
John Lehman	H.M.	FORT UNION WALL
Svatava Strnad	H.M.	GIANT SWALLOWTAIL
Kent Taylor	H.M.	A TOUCH OF VENICE



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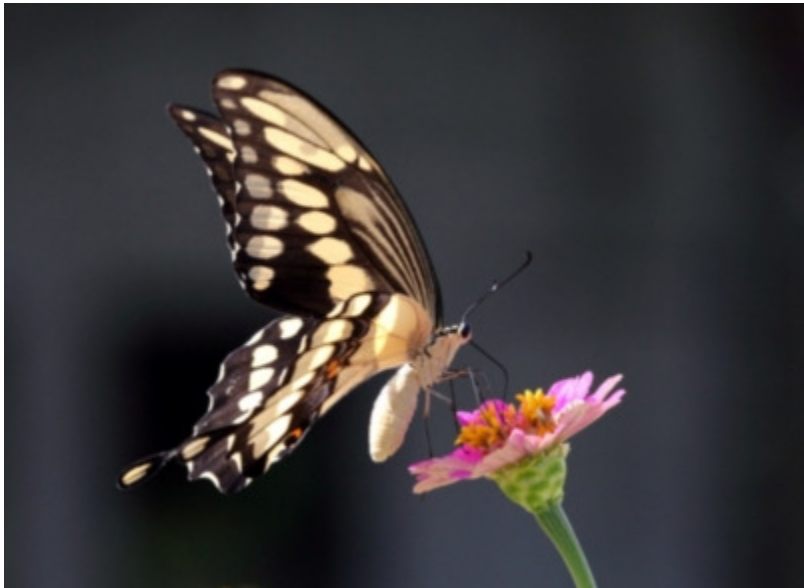


JOHN LEHMAN





KENT TAYLOR



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Winning Images:
PLANO CENTRE

Kent Taylor	1st	WHIMSICAL
Cindi Giordano	2nd	BUSY BEES
Nellie Bretherick	3rd	CONTRASTING TEXTURES & TONES
Jose Artiles	H.M.	BUBBLEGUM MUSIC
John Lehman	H.M.	UNION HILL FLOWERS
Larry Petterborg	H.M.	WELL WORN BOOTS



KENT TAYLOR



CINDI GIORDANO





NELLIE BRETHERICK



JOSE ARTILES



LARRY PETTERBORG



JOHN LEHMAN



NEW CLUB LOGO CONTEST

The club solicited entries for a new logo to replace the existing logo. To the right is the existing logo (#1) and four finalist. Each is shown in a Black & White and a Color version.

Members may vote for their choice via email to the club president (ppc@planophotographyclub.com) or in person at the January club meeting.

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)

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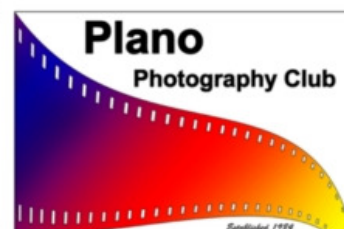
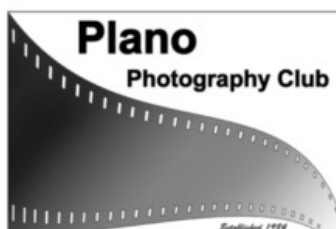
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COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

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





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT: *Ho! Ho! Ho!*

*twas the hour before deadline
and all through my brain
not a thought was stirring
oh, this is so lame*

Ok, so I'm not a poet.

Thanks to all of you for participating and sharing your excitement for photography. The Club has been very active this year and we have more field trips and training on tap for the new year. Let's take the month away from contests and meetings (except the Christmas Party) and recharge our creative batteries.

I wish you and yours a happy and safe holiday season.

May your tripod be steady; may your lens be just right; and may your light always be sublime.

Dennis Fritsche

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