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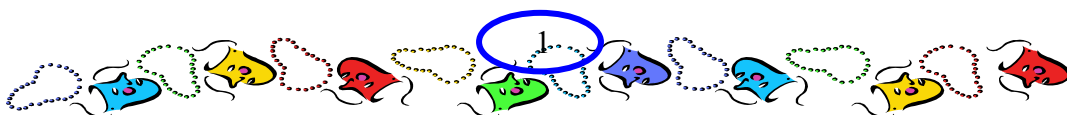
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BEST OF SHOW: *WHEN DADDY CRIES* - BY KAREN CHANEY

This photo was taken on our family vacation at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. I asked Mark to kneel down next to a grave marker with the full intent of entering it into the PPC competition. However, the spontaneous hug of comfort, that his Christmas-clothed daughter is pictured giving, was just the spark the photograph needed to pull heartstrings tighter than any pose I could have produced. Lt. Col. Mark Probus has served in the Army since he graduated from Plano Senior High School in 1985. He has served in Bosnia (peace-keeping), Iraq and Afghanistan (combat zone). He has had five friends killed in action in Afghanistan and six friends wounded in action.

The lighting was not perfect – it was about 11:00 am on a mostly cloudy morning and the lens I would have preferred to use stopped zooming. I took this photo with my Canon Rebel XT. The lens was a Canon EFS 18 – 55mm. My aperture was set at 5.6. ISO was most likely set on 400.

Thank you to my friend, photography mentor and fellow PPC member Bill Boyd. I met him in August of 2010 at the Eisemann Center fountains where he shot last month's PPC Best of Show winner. He invited me to come to PPC and has taken me under his very talented wing every since then. Without him I never would have begun to understand aperture settings, and how it relates to DOF (Depth of Field), and ISO. His encouragement, critiques and technical advice have been, and continue to be, priceless to me.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



April 9th, 2011 – Tyler Texas: Azaleas Trail and Caldwell Zoo. (April 16th rain day).

April 30th, 2011 – Workshop – **Beyond The Camera**: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Rooms #210, #212, #213 and #214 in the Activities Building of Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Introduction to photography covering processing your images. Everything from the moment you press the button to the final image. Bring your camera, cables, instruction manual, and laptop (if you have one). We will be discussing Lightroom, Photoshop CS, Photoshop Elements, as well as some other popular editing programs.

May 7th, 2011 – Spring Indoor Model Shoot: Second floor of the activities building at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. The club is providing professional models as well as light snacks. There are a limited number of slots available and a non-refundable fee of \$30. You must be a member as of the March meeting and signup and payment in advance is required. For information contact Ken Guthrie at modeling@planophotographyclub.com.

May 21st, 2011 – Workshop with Canon Explorer of Light, Lewis Kemper: See below for details.

June 4th, 2011 – Fossil Rim: TBA.

June 11th, 2011 – End of Year Party: Setup 5:30. Dinner at 6:00. See below for details.

July 16th, 2011 – Junk Yard Shoot: TBA.

August, 2011 (Tentative) – Workshop – **TableTop and Beyond**: Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Everything from creating the image to producing the final image. Combines practical applications with instruction.

September 17th - 19th 2011 – Plano Balloon Festival: TBA.

October 15th, 2011 – Fall Outdoor Model Shoot: Location TBA There are a limited number of slots available and a fee of approximately \$30. Signup and payment required. For information contact Ken Guthrie at modeling@planophotographyclub.com. (October 22nd rain day). Signup details TBA.

For more information on the above activities contact activities@planophotographyclub.com.

OTHER ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

April 16th, May 21st, and June 25th, 2011 – PUG MARK PARK: McKinney TX. Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details. (johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com)

April 16th, 2011 – Car Show: Heights Baptist Church in Richardson is hosting a car show on April 16th from noon to 4 pm. Attendance is free. There are a lot of beautiful cars and plenty of great photo ops. Details can be found here: <http://www.heightscarshow.com/>.

May 13th-16th, 2011 – South Texas Wildlife Photography Workshop in Edinburg, TX

If you are interested, contact Larry Petterborg (lpetterborg@tx.rr.com) or Jeremy Woodhouse (jeremy@pixelchrome.com).

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 or cropped.



A WORKSHOP FOR PLANO PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB MEMBERS

A full day digital photography seminar with Canon Explorer of Light, Lewis Kemper.

Lewis will cover topics concerning Getting the Most out of your Digital Camera; Taking Advantage of Digital, Expanding the Dynamic Range of Your Images; and Post Processing your Digital Files. He will cover the use of Histogram and Highlight warnings, Custom White Balance, working in HDR, and demonstrate many of the tried and true techniques he teaches in his Photoshop classes. The morning will be spent on the camera and the afternoon on the digital darkroom. This program is a must for any level photographer working in today's digital world!"

NOTICE: Workshop is limited to the first 25 who complete payment as indicated below.

When: Saturday, May 21, 2011 9:30AM & Noon and 1:30-4:00 PM.

Where: Grace Presbyterian Church at 4300 W. Park Blvd. Plano, Texas 75093

Room 204-205 on the second floor of the education wing. Enter on West entrance and take elevator to the second floor. Rooms are right across the hall.

Cost: \$50 Payable by check to the Plano Photography Club before April 1, 2011 to guarantee your spot. Send a check to Dennis Fritsche, 5000 York Ln, Plano, TX 75093. After April 1st an invitation will be sent to members of other area clubs. Include your name and email address so a confirmation can be sent.

LOGO CONTEST

The club voted on a new logo, which can be seen below and on our web site.

GUEST SPEAKER: JANICE ELDREDGE – PARTNERING WITH YOUR LAB

March's program focuses on using a professional lab for your printing needs and features a presentation from [Full Color Inc.](#) Employed by Full Color for over 18 years, Janice started in production and has worked in many departments before joining the customer service team in January 1998.

Janice will discuss the advantages to using a professional lab for your printing services and sharing with you the wide variety of products that Full Color has to offer. She will explain the best way to prepare your images to conform to PPC's requirement. She will outline the many printing services and processes a lab can provide your personal, home, or exhibition needs. There will be time for questions as well as having a chance to hold, feel and touch the products.

Janice enjoys photography and does some freelance work, shooting weddings and families in her spare time. She has taken both photography and Photoshop classes.

End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet

The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet will be held June 11th at Grace Presbyterian Church in our regular meeting room. Set up is at 5:30 and the dinner lasts from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Members and their spouses, guests, significant other, and/or date, are invited. The club will provide meat, drinks, and tableware. Please bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable, or desert.

You may also bring a short slide show of no more than 5 to 10 images that you would like to share with members. CD or flash drive only.

There will be a sign-up sheet so that we can get a count at the May meeting.



The club thanks LIGHT TEC for their generous support. They have supplied studio lights to the club for shoots for several years. We encourage club members who need to rent lights or photographic equipment to visit them at www.lighttec.com or call them at 214-350-8990.



Winning Images: BEGINNERS

Karen Chaney	WHEN DADDY CRIES	1st,BoS	15
Tim Morgan	CIVIL WAR VETERAN	2nd	14
Stephen Finnerty	CHARLESTON	3rd	13
Aimee Wilson	SON OF THE SOUTH	HM	13



TIM MORGAN



NEW CLUB LOGO



STEPHEN FINNERTY



AIMEE WILSON



Winning Images: ADVANCED

Jim Spencer	FLOWERS AND STONE	1st	15
Hal Mayfield	ANCIENT REPOSE	2nd	14
Hal Mayfield	HEAVEN'S GATE	3rd	13
Roger Boulanger	TWO (OF) MANY	HM	12



HAL MAYFIELD



JIM SPENCER



HAL MAYFIELD



ROGER BOULANGER



Winning Images: MASTERS

Jose Artiles	FRONTIER RED HILL CEMETERY	1st	15
Danette Volkmer	GOODBYE, OLD FRIEND	2nd	14
Jamie Hilbig	TEXAS HILLCOUNTRY CEMETARY	3rd	13
Dennis Fritsche	FIRST, THEY SERVED	HM	12



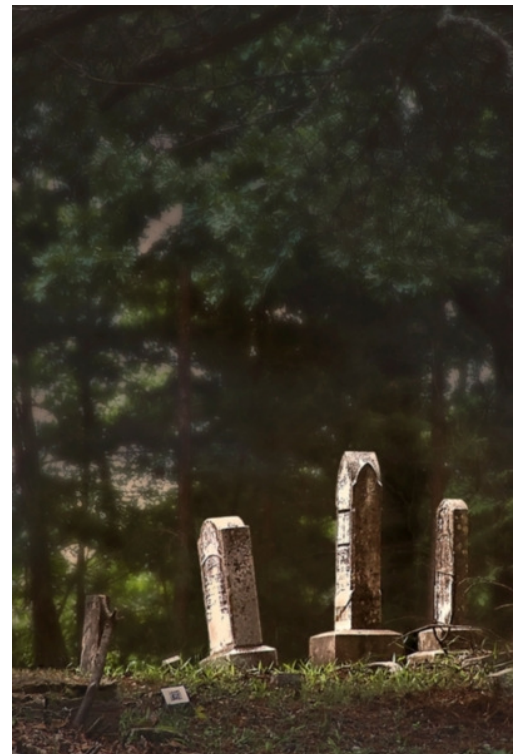
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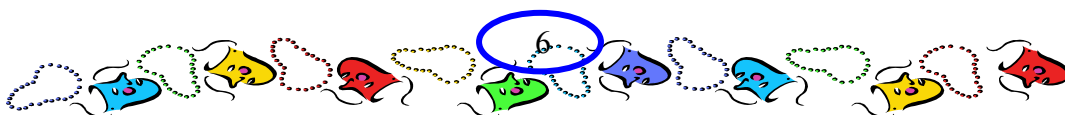
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JAMIE HILBIG



JOSE ARTILES



COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

March 2011: Panoramic (Print format)	July 2011: Shadows and Silhouettes
April 2011: Open	August 2011: Open
May 2011: Planes Trains and Automobiles	September 2011: T.B.A.
June 2011: Open	October 2011: Open (Print format)

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
ADVANCED			BEGINNERS		
Peter Staxen	9	189	Aimee Wilson	6	163
Ernie Tacsik	0	186	Stephen Finnerty	40	160
Jim Spencer	13	170	David Forehand	16	156
Jerry Schlesinger	16	169	Joe Sullivan	16	129
Roger Boulanger	13	168	Ronnie Scaggs	16	123
John Lovelace	6	161	Charlie Henkle	0	100
Jennifer Carrick	0	158	Karen Chaney	11	98
Bernard Pysz	0	156	Angie Garcia	0	87
Bill Boyd	11	150	Danny Fyffe	13	72
Carol Barlow	16	147	Thinh Nguyenphu	0	62
Marea Downey	23	145	Michael Losurdo Jr	0	56
Sharlott Hasty	0	145	Jesse Flores	6	55
Hal Mayfield	9	142	Steve Wang	9	50
Ron Hasty	3	142	Retha Moulder	0	44
Linda Grigsby	0	134	Linfen Hwang	0	41
Steve Sutton	3	128	Lisa Jackson	3	40
Jean Karlik	0	122	Tim Morgan	6	26
Willie Baker	0	122	Peter Luh	6	22
Paul Spencer	6	119	John Liu	0	22
Svatava Strnad	0	111	Ming Luh	0	21
Marie Hansen	0	110	Wayne Honeycutt	0	20
Ron Deage	0	105	Christina Angle	0	14
Jim Shannon	0	100	Farbod Dasty	0	7
David Philips	16	99	MASTERS		
Gene Domingo	0	97	Jose Artiles	38	208
Billy Erwin	11	74	Dennis Fritsche	19	204
Lewis Sheriff	0	62	Danette Volkmer	38	196
Terri Rapp	0	58	Russell McGuire	17	193
Jennifer Shannon	6	49	Jamie Hilbig	20	188
Ken Morton	0	40	Larry Petterborg	6	183
Katherine Robertson	0	35	James Stover	0	182
Fred Grossman	0	22	John Lehman	11	163
Irwin Lightstone	0	22	Lois Lehman	6	89
			Eleanore Avery	0	61





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *WRAPPING UP THE YEAR*

We are about to the end of the Club year. April is the last contest for the current year and we start again in May! Please mark your calendars for the Year-End Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 11. We recognize those volunteers who put in the effort to make this a successful year and those photographers who have distinguished themselves in their craft. It is a pot luck dinner and families are welcome.

One of the most gratifying events this year was the basic training sessions at Arbor Hills and the video training in the Education Building. The Board approved a new position of Training Committee. The purpose is to have an on-going series of training opportunities for all levels of photographers. The two volunteers are hard at work.

We have had several people step forward and take on positions next year. We have only a few slots to fill: Exhibition Co-Chair. Jamie Hilbig will work on the committee again next year. We need someone to help her – you must be able to store the framed prints collected before the exhibit is put up and after it is taken down. You will work with Jamie to plan the exhibits where we show our work to the Plano community, contact venues, gather framed images, arrange for judges, and oversee hanging and taking down the exhibits.

I am looking forward to next year and I hope you are as well!

Dennis Fritsche

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