

# The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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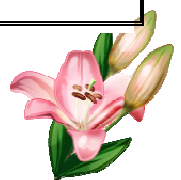
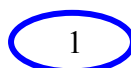
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## BEST OF SHOW: *SHETLAND PONIES GRAZING AT DAWN* - BY MAREA DOWNEY

Ever gone out with a shot pre-visualized only to find that the elements won't come together? I was on a beach in December to get the sun coming up over the sea, but the tide was in, the waves were crawling along, and clouds were a bit sparse. As I looked around I noticed that a couple of rocks on the nearby headland moved! Several Shetland ponies had been put to work, grazing the headland during the winter. A notice warned that Shetland ponies are curious, and that they do bite. Actually they were extremely interested in my camera bags and tripod, and slobbered all over them before I could persuade them to go back to work, so I could try to photograph them and the rising sun. Technical stuff: F9 at 1/125th, -.67 underexposed, at ISO 400, with a focal length of 28mm and of course a tripod and a grey grad filter 0.9 to hold back the sky. The frost on the ground was a freebie. Just one of those times when the shot was far from what I had visualized, but keeping an open mind for other subjects turned into a worthwhile photographic opportunity.

Marea Downey





## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:modeling@planophotographyclub.com).

**May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Junk Yard Shoot:** 8:00 AM. CTC Auto Ranch, 3077 Memory Lane, Denton, TX 76207. Fee of \$15.

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

**June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Dallas Zoo Photo Safari:** 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Breakfast and photo tour with professional staff photographers. The last day to register May 23, 2011. \$40 check payable to the Dallas Zoological Society. Signup at April meeting. Limit 15 people. Overflow/rain day is June 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**August, 2011 – 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 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 – Plano Balloon Festival:** Look for details later.

**October 15th, 2011 (tentative)– 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](mailto:modeling@planophotographyclub.com). (October 22<sup>nd</sup> rain day). Signup details TBA.

**October 22-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 – Scavenger Hunt at Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering in Fort Worth:** Look for details later.

**November, 2011 – Trinity River Audobon Center:** Look for details later.

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

## Other Activities of Interest

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

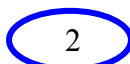
If you are interested, contact Larry Petterborg ([lpetterborg@tx.rr.com](mailto:lpetterborg@tx.rr.com)) or Jeremy Woodhouse ([jeremy@pixelchrome.com](mailto:jeremy@pixelchrome.com)).

**May 21<sup>st</sup>, and June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – PUG MARK PARK:** McKinney TX. Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details. ([johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com](mailto:johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com))

**June 18-19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – Lone Star Park:** Dallas Camera Club activity.

## Panoramic Print Completion Results at the April Meeting

We will hear comments on the Panorama prints from judge Peter Poulides. All the prints will be placed on tables so you can see them up close before the meeting and at the break. The judge will make comments live on the winning images and a few of the others at the meeting. The images will be shown digitally during his comments.



## 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.

## TIME TO RENEW

Dues are due now. Please renew at the meeting. Dues are \$24 a year and provide access to many wonderful club activities and benefits.

## GUEST SPEAKER: ESSIE P GRAHAM – LEARNING TO LET GO. (DON'T BE SO TECHNICAL).

The theme of her presentation will be center around expecting the unexpected and the excitement of the experiment. She will talk about taking a closer look at things around you.

Essie will also present information what it takes to have your images displayed in Galleries or at Art festivals including packaging (mating, etc), equipment recourses.

Essie is an eclectic Photographer with a Dallas studio and will show some of her work. Her work includes Abstraction, Scapesnplaces, nature/flora and urban art. Her website is:

<http://www.epgphotography.com/>

## End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet

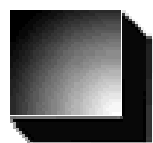


The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> at Grace Presbyterian Church in our regular meeting room. Set up is at 5:30 and the dinner lasts from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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 signup sheet at the May meeting so that we can get a count.



# LIGHT TEC

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](http://www.lighttec.com) or call them at 214-350-8990.





# Winning Images: BEGINNERS

David Forehand	<b>COWGIRL UP</b>	1st	13
Ronnie Scaggs	<b>SPANISH STREET</b>	2nd	13
Stephen Finnerty	<b>BOOT SCOOTIN</b>	3rd	12
David Forehand	<b>WAITING TO GO ON STAGE</b>	HM	12
Kurtis Allen	<b>SKYWARD</b>	HM	12
Tim Morgan	<b>MY SWEET ROSE</b>	HM	12



DAVID FOREHAND



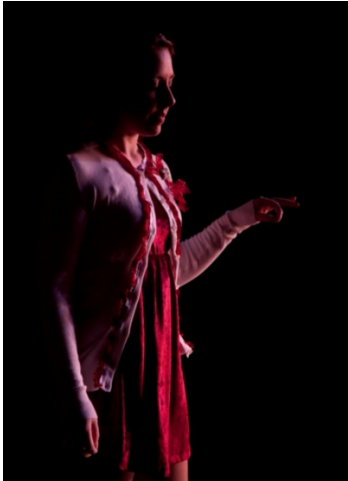
STEPHEN FINNERTY



KURTIS ALLEN



RONNIE SCAGGS



DAVID FOREHAND



TIM MORGAN



Winning Images:  
ADVANCED

Marea Downey	<b>SHETLAND PONIES GRAZING AT DAWN</b>	1st,BoS	13
Sevy Strnad	<b>PEACOCK DISPLAY</b>	2nd	13
David Philips	<b>YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK</b>	3rd	13
Ernie Tacsik	<b>MG_9876</b>	HM	13
Harold Walker	<b>LOG CABIN VIEW</b>	HM	13
Sevy Strnad	<b>OCCUPIED</b>	HM	13



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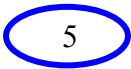
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ERNIE TACSIK



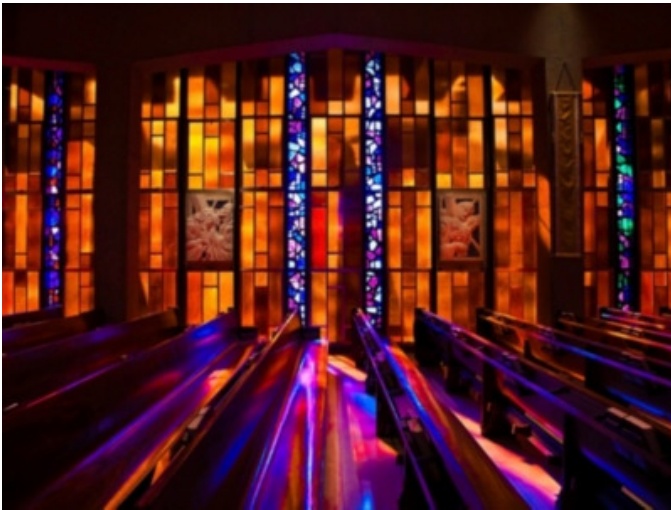
HAROLD WALKER





## Winning Images: MASTERS

Danette Volkmer	<b>REFLECTIONS OF FAITH</b>	1st	14
James Stover	<b>STANDING GUARD</b>	2nd	14
Dennis Fritsche	<b>LIGHT AND SHADOW AT BLUE MESA LAKE</b>	3rd	13
Danette Volkmer	<b>VINTAGE BRIDE</b>	HM	13
Larry Petterborg	<b>GUARD DOG</b>	HM	13
Larry Petterborg	<b>VIEW FROM ECOLA</b>	HM	13



**DANETTE VOLKMER**



**JAMES STOVER**



**DANETTE VOLKMER**



**DENNIS FRITSCH**



**LARRY PETTERBORG**



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## 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)*

## GULF STATES CAMERA CLUB COUNCIL COMPETITION RESULTS

The club placed first for the year in the Pictorial Projected competition (which is like our "open" category). We also tied for fourth place in the Photojournalism Projected category. Eleanore Avery's image "The Hunt Begins" placed third in the Nature Projected Individual winner's category.

## COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<b>ADVANCED</b>			<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Ernie Tacsik	0	211	Stephen Finnerty	43	184
Peter Staxen	9	210	Aimee Wilson	6	182
Jim Spencer	13	194	David Forehand	26	181
Jerry Schlesinger	16	191	Joe Sullivan	16	150
John Lovelace	6	180	Ronnie Scaggs	22	145
Jennifer Carrick	0	178	Charlie Henkle	0	122
Bernard Pysz	0	175	Karen Chaney	11	120
Marea Downey	34	169	Angie Garcia	0	106
Carol Barlow	16	169	Danny Fyffe	13	90
Roger Boulanger	13	168	Jesse Flores	6	73
Bill Boyd	11	168	Linfen Hwang	0	63
Sharlott Hasty	0	168	Retha Moulder	0	63
Hal Mayfield	9	165	Thinh Nguyenphu	0	62
Ron Hasty	3	163	Michael Losurdo Jr	0	56
Linda Grigsby	0	156	Steve Wang	9	50
Steve Sutton	3	149	Tim Morgan	6	48
Svatava Strnad	6	137	Peter Luh	6	42
Marie Hansen	0	134	Ming Luh	0	42
Jim Shannon	0	124	Wayne Honeycutt	0	41
David Philips	19	123	Lisa Jackson	3	40
Jean Karlik	0	122	John Liu	0	22
Willie Baker	0	122	Kurtis Allen	0	22
Gene Domingo	0	120	Christina Angle	0	14
Paul Spencer	6	119	Farbod Dasty	0	7
Ron Deage	0	105	<b>MASTERS</b>		
Billy Erwin	11	74	Jose Artiles	38	232
Lewis Sheriff	0	62	Dennis Fritsche	22	229
Terri Rapp	0	58	Danette Volkmer	48	223
Jennifer Shannon	6	49	Jamie Hilbig	20	210
Ken Morton	0	40	Larry Petterborg	6	209
Katherine Robertson	0	35	James Stover	6	207
Harold Walker	0	24	Russell McGuire	17	205
Shelley Franklin	0	23	John Lehman	11	163
Sherri Kidner	0	23	Lois Lehman	6	89
Fred Grossman	0	22	Eleanore Avery	0	61
Irwin Lightstone	0	22			
Thomas Kerwin	0	20			







## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *WRAPPING UP THE YEAR*

The PPC has had a great year. Our new club year is shaping up to be even better!

- The Model Shoots offered in the spring and the fall are great learning events. Ken continues to make this a rich program where you can learn to shoot with studio lights and work with talented professional models.
- Our new training committee has a hands-on training opportunity this month and is planning opportunities for all levels of photographer throughout the year.
- We have exciting field trips planned and hope to see you at these events.
- We offer challenging contest subjects that encourage you to learn and improve your creativity and camera skills. We are tinkering with the judging format to make the process more relevant and useful.
- Our programs are targeted to providing learning points as well as showing the work of exceptional photographers.
- We give our members the opportunity to exhibit their work in public venues. Do you notice how often "learning" and "training" show up? The Board continues to find ways to engage and challenge the membership with opportunities to grow and enhance our skills and enjoyment of photography. But ultimately, it takes you to step up and take advantage of what the club can offer you. See you at the meeting.

Dennis Fritsche

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## COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

April	Open
May	Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
June	Open
July	Shadows and Silhouettes
Aug.	Open
Sept.	Events
Oct.	Open (Prints)
Nov.	Wide Angle Perspective
Dec.	None
Jan.	Texture
Feb.	Open
March	Black and White (Prints)
April	Open
May	Night and Low Light
June	Open
July	Repetition

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