



# The FLASH!

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### BEST OF SHOW: *FISHING EAGLE* - BY RON HASTY

This image was taken in March in southeast Alaska on a really cold day. I was in a chartered water taxi that had a bow that could be lowered to the water level so that I could lay flat and be at water level as the eagle completed its dive. When an eagle left its perch in the trees I would begin to track it. When the eagle started a dive, I started a burst, hoping to get just the right composition and exposure. I was using a Nikon D 700 with a 70-200 zoom lens and a 1.4 extender set at F 5.6. Shutter speed was 1250 with an ISO of 400, spot metering and spot focus.

Ron Hasty





## Upcoming Activities

**August 27, 2011 9:00 AM to noon – Workshop – TableTop and Beyond:** Grace House at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. Unique, creative setups to push the limits of your photographic skills while you share discoveries with others. See below for details.

**September 16 – 18, 2011 – Plano Balloon Festival:** Look for details later.

**October 15, 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](mailto:modeling@planophotographyclub.com). (October 22 rain day). Signup details TBA.

**October 22 – 23, 2011 – Scavenger Hunt at Red Steagall Cowboy Gathering in Fort Worth:** Look for details later.

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

**April, 2012 – Ennis Bluebonnet Trails:** Look for details later.

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

## Other Activities of Interest

**Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – PUG MARK PARK:** McKinney TX. Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at [johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com](mailto:johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com)

**May 5 - 16, 2012 - GRAND CANYON PHOTOGRAPHY RAFT TRIP:** David Wille of the Plano Photography Club is organizing a Grand Canyon photography rafting trip. The trip goes from Lee's Ferry to Lake Mead and stops at the most photogenic locations within the Canyon. Each day typically involves some hiking. Because the trip is a photography trip, we have some ability to remain in certain locations for the best light. While this is not always possible, the guides do their best to accommodate the wishes of the photographers. If you are interested, please contact David at [david.wille@bakerbotts.com](mailto:david.wille@bakerbotts.com). The cost is \$2700 per person. This includes a tent, sleeping pad, food, etc.

### CHANGES TO SCORING

The board has made some changes to the Competition scoring. In addition to Place points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, one Place Point will be given for Honorable Mention.

Also, the End-of-Year awards for best photographer in the Beginner, Advanced and Masters classes will be based on Place Points plus Judge's Points. The Competition Standings table in the newsletter will be sorted in this order. The Photographer of the Year will continue to be based solely on Judge's Points.

The change for Honorable Mention is retroactive to the May Competition.

We are continuing to refine the commentary process during the presentation of Competition Results at the monthly meeting. More details later.

### FLASHBACK

**May 1989** -- "Demonstration of Stereoscopic Photography" was May's program, and the monthly field trip was to North Dallas County Farmer's Market in Garland. Dues increased from \$10 to \$15.

**August 1989** -- A seminar hosted by the Dallas Camera Club covered such subjects as "Creating Color Posterized Slides" and "Slide Shows with Music and Dissolves" (Pre-digital age, remember). The PPC has just officially joined the Gulf States Camera Club Council to provide further opportunities to compete with other clubs in prints and slides.

Cindy Vaillancourt



## **GUEST SPEAKER – CREATING ART FROM YOUR IMAGES – RON MARABITO**

This program explores some of the hundreds of possibilities that are available to you the photographer for producing art from your images. This program concentrates on changing photographic images to art within Photoshop and does not include any composite images or use of other programs.

Ron will take you step by step through the conversion. You should be able to use this information immediately to produce your own art creations. Come join us for a real learning experience that will increase your joy of photography.

Born in Alliance in 1932 and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Ron was determined to relocate to some warmer weather. In 1950, prior to the Korean War, he joined the Air Force, found his way to Texas and eventually married.

After a degree in Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin, Ron settled in Dallas with his family and began his internship. He also headed the Construction Management & Technology Department at Richland College, was a General Contractor from 1978-85 and a licensed Interior Designer since the '90s. Ron is now retired, preferring to travel by motor home around North America enjoying his art and photography.

Ron first photographed his travels, starting in the '60s, to be able to relive the travel experiences. Later his photography became more important, an art form he came to love. Ron also worked with mixed media art. He decided to exhibit his photography in the early '80s. In 1986, he combined his talents developing his unique expression of photographic art later known as "Photo Escapes". What led to this expression was a firm belief that most people cannot see outside the frame of a photo or piece of art. By artistically duplicating portions of the photographic image on the mat, Ron guides the viewer beyond the edges and allows the viewer to complete the picture with their imagination. Thus, "Photo Escapes".

In addition to his unique mixed media work and computer generated art, he produces digital floral, landscape, nature and architectural photographic images. Ron heads up the Field Trips for the Heard Nature Photographers and has done so for the Plano Photography Club in the past. He has won the "Members Choice Award" at the Heard for three consecutive years.

## **TABLETOP WORKSHOP**

The TableTop Workshop is a fun tradition of the Plano Photography Club that encourages creativity and experimentation in your photography. Unique setups using special lighting and props are set on tables to inspire you to experiment with composition, exposure, and focus. While the workshop is part of our training efforts, it is fun for all our members and often results in winning photos for our monthly contests.

Attendees are encouraged to volunteer as monitors for the various stations. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn even more as you become the "instructor." (We teach you what you need to know.) You'll still have time to try out the other stations. Come enjoy this "cool" indoor photo shoot.

## **EXHIBIT AT COURTYARD THEATER**

21 club members have 34 images on display at an exhibit through the end of August at the Courtyard Theater in downtown Plano. Please drop by to view the images.



**Winning Images:  
BEGINNERS**

Linfen Hwang	<b>ALASKA I</b>	1st	12
Lisa Jackson	<b>AZURE DREAMS</b>	2nd	11
Linfen Hwang	<b>ALASKA II</b>	3rd	11
Karen Chaney	<b>BREATH OF SPRINGTIME</b>	HM	10
Lisa Jackson	<b>EYES ON FIRE</b>	HM	10
Ming Luh	<b>LIONESS READY TO PREY</b>	HM	10



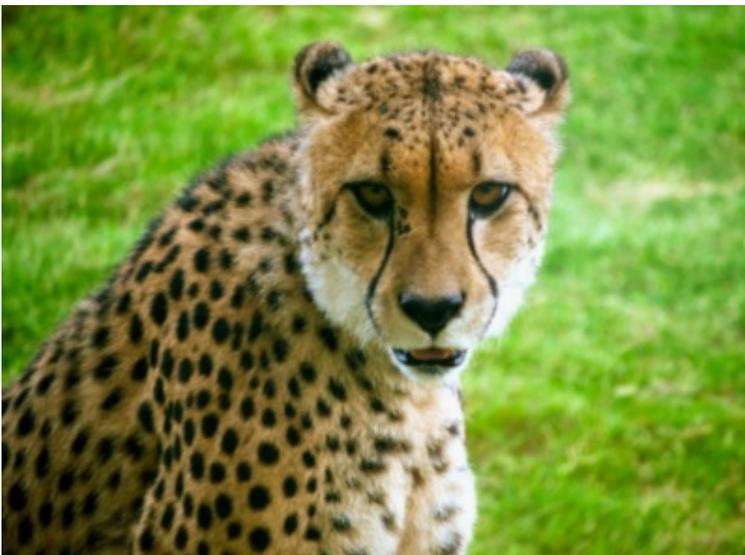
**LISA JACKSON**



**LINFEN HWANG**



**KAREN CHANEY**



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# Winning Images: ADVANCED

Ron Hasty	<b>FISHING EAGLE</b>	1st,BoS	15
Ken Morton	<b>DALLAS SKYLINE FIREWORKS 2005</b>	2nd	14
Roger Boulanger	<b>POINT ARENA LIGHT HOUSE</b>	3rd	13
Jean Karlik	<b>BRIDGE IN FOG</b>	HM	13
Jennifer Carrick	<b>BRAWLING BROTHERS</b>	HM	13
Ron Hasty	<b>AFTER THE SNOW STORM</b>	HM	13



**ROGER BOULANGER**



**KEN MORTON**



**JEAN KARLIK**



**JENNIFER CARRICK**



**RON HASTY**



# Winning Images: MASTERS

Jose Artiles	<b>MANHATTAN THROUGH THE CLOUDS</b>	1st	13
Jamie Hilbig	<b>IN MEMORY OF MARIE</b>	2nd	13
Larry Petterborg	<b>RHAPSODY IN BLUE</b>	3rd	12
Dennis Fritsche	<b>DOWN THE CANYON</b>	HM	12
Dennis Fritsche	<b>ENJOYING THE VIEW</b>	HM	12
Ernie Tacsik	<b>THE KISS</b>	HM	12



**DENNIS FRITSCHÉ**



**JOSE ARTILES**



**LARRY PETTERBORG**



**JAMIE HILBIG**



**ERNIE TACSIK**



**DENNIS FRITSCHÉ**



## 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 (except December) at a location to be announced. Open to all members.

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

## COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
<b>ADVANCED</b>					
Ron Hasty	12	53	Steve Sutton	0	21
Sharlott Hasty	11	44	Willie Baker	0	19
Roger Boulanger	4	48	Retha Moulder	0	11
Tim Morgan	6	45	Melanie Dyer	0	8
Joe Sullivan	3	47			
Sam Wilson	0	48			
Marea Downey	1	45	<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Jim Spencer	0	45	Mary Petterborg	11	40
Jennifer Carrick	1	44	Karen Chaney	7	43
Jerry Schlesinger	0	43	Ming Luh	4	38
Aimee Wilson	0	42	Peter Luh	1	40
Lee Hatfield	0	41	Charlie Henkle	0	40
Paul Spencer	0	41	Linfen Hwang	13	23
Marie Hansen	0	40	Leonard Margolis	0	35
Sherri Kidner	0	40	Melanie Erwin	0	34
Bill Boyd	0	39	Wayne Honeycutt	0	34
Carol Barlow	0	39	Lisa Jackson	7	21
Kent Taylor	0	39	Luellen Adair	0	26
Ronnie Scaggs	0	39	Kurtis Allen	0	23
Harold Walker	0	38	Debbie Conard	0	21
Linda Grigsby	0	38	Jane Damon	0	21
David Forehand	0	37	Janice Stovall	0	17
John Lovelace	0	37			
Stephen Finnerty	0	36			
Thomas Kerwin	0	29	<b>MASTERS</b>		
Ken Morton	6	23	Jose Artilles	23	52
David Philips	0	27	Jamie Hilbig	12	48
Hal Mayfield	0	24	Dennis Fritsche	2	49
Jim Shannon	0	24	Ernie Tacsik	2	49
Jean Karlik	1	23	Larry Petterborg	3	45
Danny Fyffe	0	23	James Stover	0	45
Terree Stone	0	23	Peter Staxen	0	43
Gene Domingo	0	21	Danette Volkmer	0	41
Sevy Strnad	0	21	John Lehman	0	24
			Lois Lehman	1	22





## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *JUDGING AND COMMENTING***

Our June contest results and comments were delivered in a new style where the judge scored all images but comments on only the winners and a few more. This change was driven by the head PSA judge who is trying to reduce the workload on the volunteer judges.

I was not happy with the results and those of you who commented to me were not happy either. The Board discussed this extensively at the August Board meeting. We are committed to providing the best learning experience we can. Our Contest Chairman will work with the judges to get the best results possible.

We will likely have a few hiccups as we try different techniques and different judges, so please bear with us.

Dennis Fritsche

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## **COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH**

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
Aug.	Open

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