



# The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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## BEST OF SHOW: MONUMENT VALLEY I - BY LINFEN HWANG

I learned about Monument Valley National Park many years ago from the movie 'Forest Gump', but had never had a chance to visit until my kids were grown. It is such a unique and beautiful place to visit. On my second visit, I stayed up very late to shoot the night sky over the Monument Valley. The next morning I got up very early to find a spot to setup my camera on the tripod, waited for the right time to push the button, and let my camera do the work for me. I was very happy to catch the moment of the sunrise.

Since I joined the Plano Photography Club, I have learned so much from the masters and friends, from what kind of camera and lenses to purchase to how to take better pictures. I found out there is a lot more than speed, aperture and depth of field. This is a brand new field for me to explore and there is so much to learn. I felt like a kid that just tasted his first piece of candy, and there are candy stores on every street corner.

I have been a working mom and a computer software engineer all my life. I love to paint, but did not really have time to do it when I was younger. Ten years ago I started to paint landscapes and portraits in oil medium, and realized because of copyrights I could not use other people's photos. I began to take pictures whenever I could and joined the Plano Photography Club four years ago. Because of the limitations of my smaller camera, I upgraded my cameras and got more serious about shooting photos. And now I do not travel without taking my cameras and a tripod. Yes, my backpack is very heavy, but I am happy and content, and it is also good exercise. There is just so much to be caught through the eye of the camera.

Linfen Hwang

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## CHANGES TO SCORING

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

Any image receiving place points is not eligible for submission in any future competitions. This includes HM images that receive one point. Older HM images that did not receive place points are eligible for resubmission. The change for HM is retroactive to the May Competition.

## TABLETOP WORKSHOP A GREAT SUCCESS

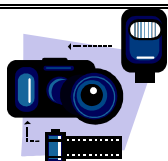
"I'm so glad I joined this club!"; one of many positive comments heard about the Tabletop Workshop. Sixty club members used the event to practice and refine their photographic skills learning from each other in a fun, informative setting. The workshop included 11 setups to stimulate creativity and challenge photographic skills such as composition, light control, and selective focus. Thanks to over 25 volunteers who helped make the workshop a success.

Carol Barlow



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## Upcoming Activities

**October 4, 2011** – Plano Centre Exhibit:

**October 11, 2011** – Courtyard Theater Exhibit: See below for details.

**October 15, 2011 10 AM to 3 PM** – Fall Outdoor Model Shoot at Plano Heritage Farmstead & Museum: See below for details. For information contact Ken Guthrie at [modeling@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:modeling@planophotographyclub.com).

**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.

**January, 2012** – Wyly Theatre behind the scene: Look for details later. [www.thedallasartsdistrict.org/venues/wyly-theatre](http://www.thedallasartsdistrict.org/venues/wyly-theatre)

**March, 2012** – Denison Arts and Cultural District: Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site. Look for details later. [www.denisonartsculture.com/](http://www.denisonartsculture.com/)

**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

**October 15, Nov. 19, and Dec. 17, 2011** – PUG MARK PARK: McKinney TX. Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at [johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com](mailto:johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com)

**October, 2011** – White Rock Lake Centennial Celebration Photo Contest : There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Pave the Way Centennial Brick project at the Spillway at White Rock Lake. Photos from the Centennial Celebration Photo Contest will be on display. PCC club member James Stover won an Honorable Mention Award.

**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.

## Fall Outdoor Model Shoot

The annual Fall Outdoor Model Shoot will be held Saturday, October 15th at the Plano Heritage Farmstead & Museum. The Core Talent Agency and Dawn Rochelle Agency will provide the model talent. The fee for this event is \$30 paid in advance. Sign-up and pay at the September 26th meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can mail a check to Ken Guthrie, made payable to Plano Photography Club. Checks must be received by September 30<sup>th</sup>. Only club members can attend this event. Membership forms are available at the September meeting.

The fee will cover the usage fees for the farmstead and museum entry fee, the professional talent fees, and some simple refreshments and snack items provided throughout the 5-hour event. The goal of this event is to provide an opportunity for club members to (#1) experience working with professional talent, and (#2) to continue learning, through on-location experience, how to get great images using only available outdoor light and small strobes. We will have one light set in the Pole Barn that can be used from 10 AM until 1 PM.

The Heritage Farmstead & Museum is a National and State Historic Landmark and an accredited museum. The museum is one of only 800 accredited museums in the entire US and the only one in Collin County. The farmstead, built in 1891, was a working farm in the very early days of Plano. There are many artifacts that have been preserved and can be used as backgrounds for your photography. The One Room Schoolhouse is a reproduction and we should be able to gain access to that building. The landmark Victorian House however, will not be available to our club members. You can learn more about this venue prior to the photo shoot by going to their website located at [www.HeritageFarmstead.org](http://www.HeritageFarmstead.org) and read more of the history of this old farm.



## **GUEST SPEAKER — *OUTDOOR PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY* — JOHN LEHMANN**

The September program focuses on outdoor portraits. Whether the model is one of your grandchildren or a professional it's important to come to it with some vision and then have the tools to carry that out. John will talk about putting together a plan for images, working with your "model" and the different types of lighting that can create great outdoor images. This is great preparation for the Fall Outdoor Model Shoot, or to help you plan out your fall pictures as you get back outside to shoot after this hot summer.



## **EXHIBIT AT PLANO CENTRE AND COURTYARD THEATER**

You can submit new works, or resubmit the same photos previously hung at the Courtyard Theater. Photos in these two showings will be judged and a first, second, third place, and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded for each exhibit. There will be a reception (date to be announced) where the winners will be revealed. If you wish to resubmit a photo hung at the Courtyard Theater, please contact Steve Sutton at [exhibits@planophotographyclub.com](mailto:exhibits@planophotographyclub.com) and let him know where you want your photo exhibited, Plano Center or Courtyard Theater. Steve will store your photo and arrange to have it hung at the specified venue.

## **CONGRATULATIONS SAM WILSON**

Sam Wilson's "Morning Serenity" received 15 points and first place in the Gulf States Camera Club Council's August Pictorial Digital Competition.

Congratulations!





## Winning Images: BEGINNERS

Linfen Hwang	<b>MONUMENT VALLEY I</b>	1st,BoS	15
Linfen Hwang	<b>MONUMENT VALLEY II</b>	2nd	13
Mary Petterborg	<b>WHITE SANDS SILHOUETTES</b>	3rd	12
Ming Luh	<b>SEA CLIFF WALKING TRAIL</b>	HM	12
Ming Luh	<b>WATCHING FOR SUNSET</b>	HM	12



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LINFEN HWANG



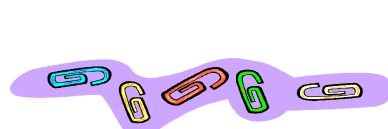
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MARY PETTERBORG



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## Winning Images: ADVANCED

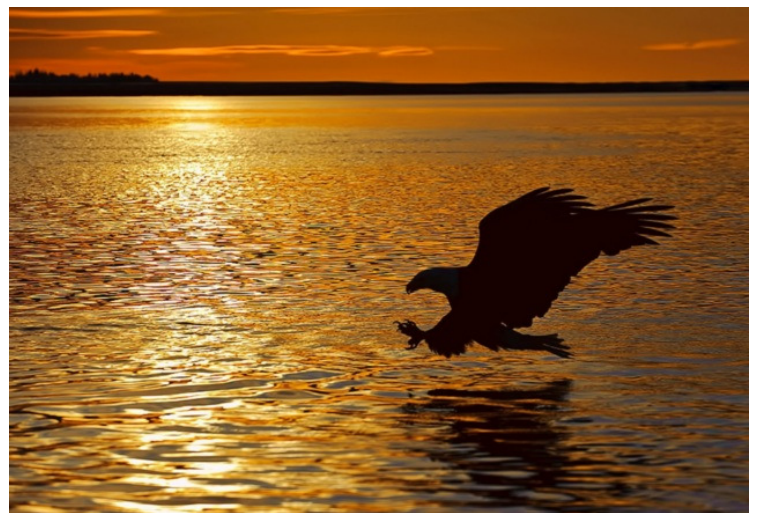
David Forehand	<b>It's TOUGH TO LEAD A HORSE TO WATER</b>	1st	13
Ron Hasty	<b>EAGLE SILHOUETTE 2</b>	2nd	13
Marea Downey	<b>WALKING THE DOG</b>	3rd	12
Ronnie Scaggs	<b>VIEW OF CANAL FROM SHADOWS</b>	HM	12
Joe Sullivan	<b>SISTERS-AT-WATERPARK</b>	HM	11



RONNIE SCAGGS



DAVID FOREHAND



RON HASTY



JOE SULLIVAN

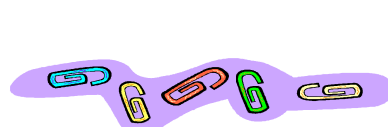


MAREA DOWNEY



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## Winning Images: MASTERS



LARRY PETTERBORG



DENNIS FRITSCHÉ

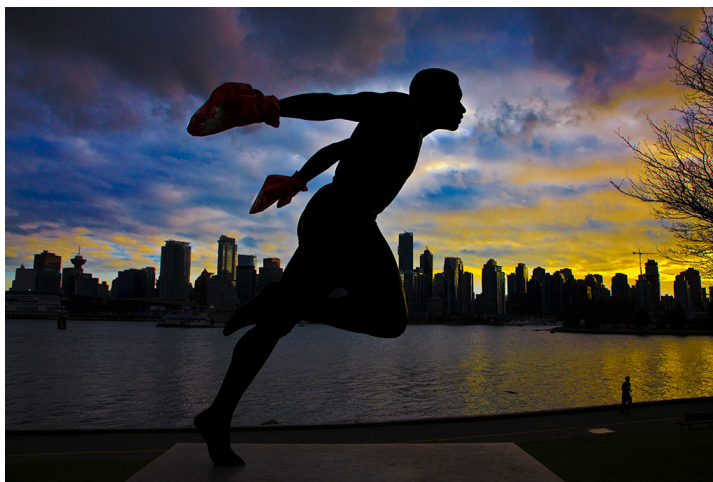


PETER STAXEN

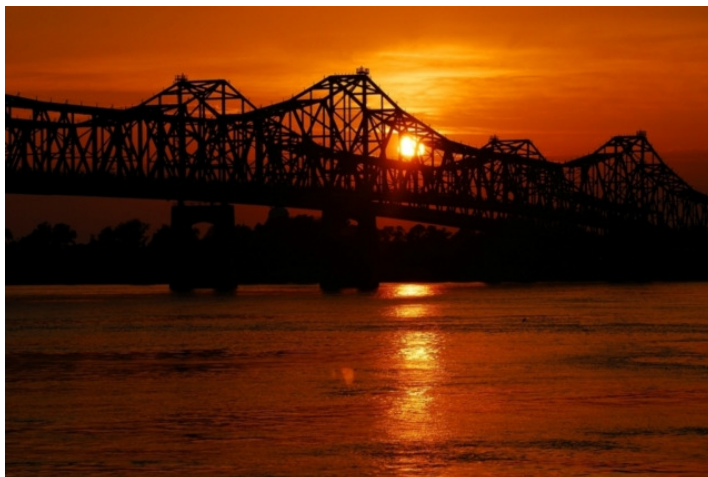
Danette Volkmer	<b>FAMILY FOUNTAIN FUN</b>	1st	14
Danette Volkmer	<b>VANCOUVER FLYER</b>	2nd	13
Larry Petterborg	<b>YUCCA</b>	3rd	12
Peter Staxen	<b>MORNING SHADOWS</b>	3rd	12
Dennis Fritsche	<b>MORNING FOG</b>	HM	12
James Stover	<b>MISSISSIPPI RIVER BRIDGE AT SUNSET</b>	HM	12



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JAMES STOVER



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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 (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	18	76	Sevy Strnad	0	21
Sharlott Hasty	11	64	Steve Sutton	0	21
Tim Morgan	6	66	Melanie Dyer	0	16
Joe Sullivan	4	67	Retha Moulder	0	11
Marea Downey	4	67			
David Forehand	10	60			
Sam Wilson	0	66	<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Jennifer Carrick	1	63	Linfen Hwang	30	51
Jim Spencer	0	63	Mary Petterborg	14	64
Marie Hansen	0	62	Karen Chaney	7	62
Ronnie Scaggs	1	60	Ming Luh	6	62
Jerry Schlesinger	0	59	Peter Luh	1	62
Sherri Kidner	0	59	Charlie Henkle	0	59
Carol Barlow	0	58	Leonard Margolis	0	55
Kent Taylor	0	58	Melanie Erwin	0	44
Lee Hatfield	0	58	Debbie Conard	0	42
Bill Boyd	0	57	Wayne Honeycutt	0	34
Harold Walker	0	57	Lisa Jackson	7	21
John Lovelace	0	56	Luellen Adair	0	26
Stephen Finnerty	0	56	Kurtis Allen	0	23
Roger Boulanger	4	48	Jane Damon	0	21
Ken Morton	6	42	Kelli Schmidt	0	21
David Philips	0	47	Janice Stovall	0	17
Thomas Kerwin	0	45	Vinay Rekapalli	0	8
Jean Karlik	1	42	<b>MASTERS</b>		
Aimee Wilson	0	42	Danette Volkmer	16	68
Paul Spencer	0	41	Jamie Hilbig	12	66
Linda Grigsby	0	38	Jose Artiles	23	52
Willie Baker	0	37	Dennis Fritsche	3	71
Hal Mayfield	0	24	Larry Petterborg	6	68
Jim Shannon	0	24	Ernie Tacsik	2	69
Danny Fyffe	0	23	Peter Staxen	3	65
Terree Stone	0	23	James Stover	1	66
Gene Domingo	0	21	John Lehman	0	44
			Lois Lehman	1	42

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *PRINTING AND DISPLAYING PHOTOS*



The October competition is one of the two where the format is printed media. We also have several opportunities to display our printed works in public venues. You are encouraged to take advantage of these opportunities. With the prevalence of digital and on-line displays of photographs, why do we bother with printing? Here are a few reasons:

- See what your camera is capable of capturing. There is much more detail, color depth, and subtle shading than you are seeing on a low resolution screen image.
- Develops your in-camera framing and composition skills, since you can't rely as much on cropping.
- Another level of creative options open up - Paper finish and mounting and matting presentation.

We will have a presentation at the September meeting discussing printing and display of your photography. You can also call on several of the Club members who love the look, the feel, and the richness of printed media.

Dennis Fritsche

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## COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

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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