



The FLASH!

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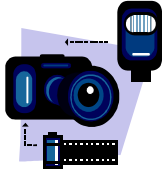
BEST OF SHOW: PLANO BALLOON FESTIVAL - BY MARIE HANSEN

This was my third time at the Plano Balloon Festival. We waited and waited for the balloons to launch, but they never did--a big disappointment. I love the balloons with interesting shapes and colors. In prior years there were more exotic shapes, such as the Energizer bunny, a daisy, a pig, a cow, a flying tree, and the like. But this year there seemed to be a lot of boring commercial balloons with business logos. The most interesting were a ladybug and Mr. Potato Head. I was still looking forward to the balloon glow, as I find it almost magical.

Since I had a pass--thanks to PPC--and could get on the field during the balloon glow, I wandered all around looking for photo ops with unusual balloons and angles. I wasn't having much success. It was dark, and I was stumbling around trying to avoid rabbit holes and other obstacles such as balloon lines; next time I will be sure to bring a flashlight so I can see what I am doing. I was particularly handicapped since I did not want to drag around a tripod all day so I was shooting handheld. Even at ISO3200 there wasn't enough light for handheld, so I wasn't too optimistic that I was going to get any good images. I was getting tired and losing enthusiasm. Anyway I decided to give up on field shots and look for closeups where there might be more light from the burners lighting up the balloons. In this picture, the people handling the balloons made nice silhouettes with the backdrop of the burning flames from the burners. The woman with a pony tail taking a picture made for even more added interest.

Nikon D7000. ISO1600, 1/250, f11, 32mm focal length. Processed and cropped in Lightroom 3.





Upcoming Activities

December 3, 2011 – Christmas Party: See below for details.

January, 2012 – Wyly Theatre behind the scene: Look for details later. 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/

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

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

Other Activities of Interest

December 17, 2011, January 21, February 18, and March 24, 2012 – PUG MARK PARK: McKinney TX. Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at johnnyatesphoto@mindspring.com

January 31, 2012 – Heard Nature Photography Contest - See www.heardnaturephotographers.com/contest/
Or contact Peter Gilbert at peter.gilbert@att.net or 214-733-1466 (c)

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. The cost is \$2700 per person. This includes a tent, sleeping pad, food, etc.

GUEST SPEAKER – *LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY* – DARREN HUSKI

Our November speaker is Darren Huski; a landscape photographer from Fort Worth, Texas. The focus of his work is the big open country of Texas and the American west, particularly out in the deserts and mountains beyond the Pecos River. In addition he has made images on travels across the Rocky Mountain west and the north woods. Even though his calling is the wild landscape, he also finds interest in the historic landscape of farming, ranching, churches, railroads, and rock art.

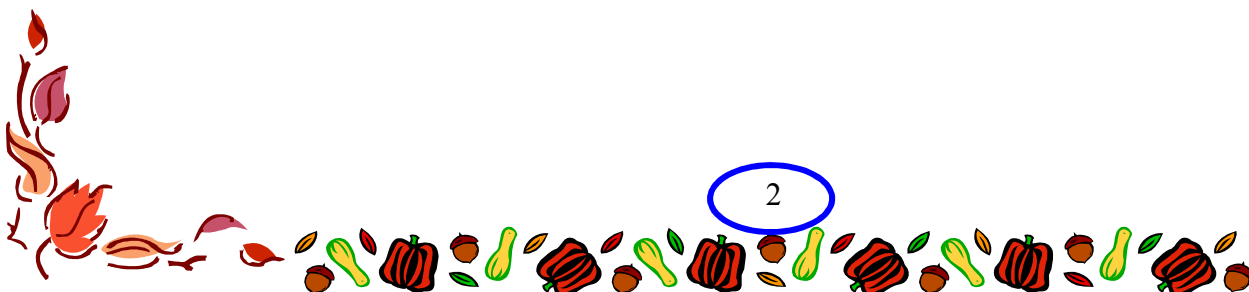
Darren has had several articles published at NatureScapes and Nature Photographers Network online magazines. His website is wildernessphotographer.net. You can also view his work on Flickr, member name "wildernessphotographer."

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our annual party will be held December 3rd in our regular meeting room, Wheelus Hall, at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 W. Park Boulevard Plano, TX 75093. Setup is at 5:30 PM and dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

You and your spouse/date/friend are invited. The club will provide meat, drinks, plates, serving utensils, etc. Please bring a potluck dinner item such as a vegetable, dessert, appetizer, etc. A signup sheet will be circulated at the November meeting.

Also, bring a few of your favorite images to share with everyone. A pre-made slide show of about 3 minutes on a USB drive (CD acceptable) would be helpful. We need volunteers to help plan and set up the party.



SHOWCASE 2011 WINNERS

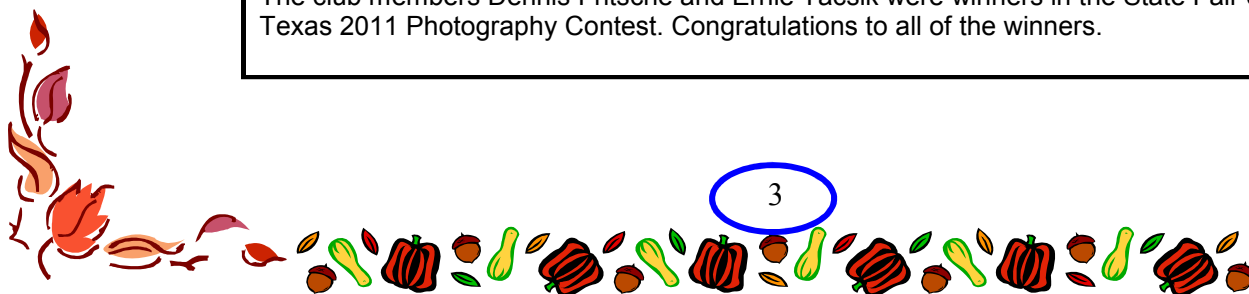
The winners of the Showcase 2011 Exhibit was announced at a reception held October 20th at the Courtyard Theater.

Courtyard Theater		
1 ST	<i>HULA COVE</i>	SHERRI KIDNER
2 ND	<i>EARLY MORNING FLIGHT</i>	JOSE ARTILLES
3 RD	<i>RING AROUND THE ROSE</i>	TERRE STONE
HM	<i>ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS</i>	PRISCILLA KILLION
HM	<i>BEKA BLUE</i>	ERNIE TACSIK
HM	<i>YOSEMITE VALLEY</i>	DENNIS FRITSCHÉ
Plano Centre		
1 ST	<i>DALLAS NIGHT GLOW</i>	LOIS LEHMAN
2 ND	<i>INSIDE – OUTSIDE THE BOX</i>	PRISCILLA KILLION
3 RD	<i>DAMIEN</i>	JOHN LEHMAN
HM	<i>MEYERSON STAIRCASE</i>	ED AUGER
HM	<i>SPRING FLOWERS</i>	JAMIE HILBIG
HM	<i>DREAMY BLUE BONNETS</i>	RON MARABITO
HM	<i>MALTA STREET</i>	HAROLD WALKER
HM	<i>CHAPEL FLOCK</i>	AIMEE WILSON



STATE FAIR OF TEXAS 2011 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST WINNERS

The club members Dennis Fritsche and Ernie Tacsik were winners in the State Fair of Texas 2011 Photography Contest. Congratulations to all of the winners.



Winning Images: BEGINNERS

Thinh Nguyenphu	GREAT BALL OF FIRE	1st	14
Linda Lee Bickford	ADOPTION EVENT	2nd	13
Thinh Nguyenphu	THE RACE @ JR. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011 STANFORD UNIVERSITY	3rd	13
Debbie Conard	MORNING BEAUTY	HM	12
Mary Petterborg	SAFE AT THIRD	HM	13
Peter Luh	4TH OF JULY PARADE IN PLANO	HM	12



Thinh Nguyenphu



Linda Lee Bickford



Thinh Nguyenphu



Peter Luh



Mary Petterborg



Debbie Conard



Winning Images: ADVANCED

Marie Hansen	PLANO BALLOON FESTIVAL	1st,BoS	15
Marea Downey	SCARBOROUGH FAIR	2nd	14
Melanie Dyer	CELEBRATION	3rd	14
Bill Boyd	SAVING PAR	HM	14
Ron Hasty	F16 WITH EARLY AFTERNOON MOON	HM	13
Stephen Finnerty	WALKING INTO A NEW LIFE	HM	13



Mary Petterborg



Ron Hasty



Melanie Dyer



Bill Boyd



Stephen Finnerty



Winning Images: MASTERS



DANETTE VOLKMER

Danette Volkmer	PARADE OF PLAYFUL PENGUINS	1st	13
Peter Staxen	THE CATCH	2nd	13
Jamie Hilbig	BICYCLE RACE	3rd	12
Dennis Fritsche	STRUM'N AT THE STREET FAIR	HM	12
Ernie Tacsik	AHEAD BY A LENGTH	HM	12



ERNIE TACSIK



PETER STAXEN



DENNIS FRITSCHÉ



JAMIE HILBIG



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 the church. 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
ADVANCED					
Ron Hasty	19	122	Alan Mann	0	20
Marea Downey	10	112			
Marie Hansen	11	111	BEGINNERS		
Sharlott Hasty	12	110	Linfen Hwang	37	97
Jennifer Carrick	11	107	Karen Chaney	18	108
Tim Morgan	6	108	Mary Petterborg	15	106
David Forehand	10	101	Ming Luh	9	102
Joe Sullivan	4	106	Peter Luh	2	107
Lee Hatfield	3	106	Charlie Henkle	0	100
Bill Boyd	1	104	Leonard Margolis	0	95
Carol Barlow	0	104	Debbie Conard	1	85
Sam Wilson	0	104	Melanie Erwin	0	65
Stephen Finnerty	1	102	Linda Lee Bickford	6	46
Jim Spencer	0	102	Lisa Jackson	7	40
Kent Taylor	0	101	Wayne Honeycutt	0	44
Jerry Schlesinger	0	99	Kelli Schmidt	0	40
John Lovelace	1	96	Thinh Nguyenphu	13	27
Linda Grigsby	1	89	Bryan Zumbar	0	36
Ronnie Scaggs	1	89	Luellen Adair	0	26
Aimee Wilson	0	83	Jesse Flores	1	23
Roger Boulanger	5	71	Kurtis Allen	0	23
David Philips	0	69	Jane Damon	0	21
Sherri Kidner	0	69	Thomas McCallister	0	20
Harold Walker	0	68	Janice Stovall	0	17
Willie Baker	6	61	Wayne Kenter	0	17
Danny Fyffe	0	66	David Allen	0	9
Ken Morton	6	60	Vinay Rekapalli	0	8
Thomas Kerwin	0	65	MASTERS		
Melanie Dyer	3	61	Danette Volkmer	32	117
Steve Sutton	0	46	Jamie Hilbig	15	110
Sevy Strnad	0	45	Peter Staxen	12	112
Jim Shannon	0	44	Dennis Fritsche	4	113
Jean Karlik	1	42	Ernie Tacsik	4	113
Paul Spencer	0	41	Larry Petterborg	6	110
Hal Mayfield	0	24	James Stover	1	105
Terree Stone	0	23	Jose Artiles	23	82
Retha Moulder	0	22	Lois Lehman	11	87
Gene Domingo	0	21	John Lehman	1	87



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS*

There was an interesting article by Bill Marvel in the Dallas Morning News about the assault on the rights of photographers. The upshot of the article is that you have the right to photograph just about anything while in a public place. On the other hand, since 9/11, you are likely to be hassled for photographing many things in the name of "national security". You can usually prevail by being polite but firm about your rights. If you routinely photograph in public places, it is well worth your time to become familiar with your rights.

An excellent reference is by Bert P. Krages II, Attorney at Law. Many people print this and keep it with them. Mr. Krages' book *Legal Handbook for Photographers - The Rights and Liabilities of Making Images*, can be purchased for more in depth reading.

You have rights and should know what they are. But, do much more study on your own and do not rely on me as an adviser. Also, exercising your rights may involve confrontation and you should only push as far as you are comfortable.

Dennis Fritsche

Link to article: <http://www.dallasnews.com/opinion/sunday-commentary/20111104-bill-marvel-the-illegal-assault-on-photographers.ece>

Link to *The Photographer's Rights* by Bert Krages: <http://www.krages.com/phoright.htm>

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COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

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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