



# The FLASH!

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Newsletter of the Plano (Texas) Photography Club

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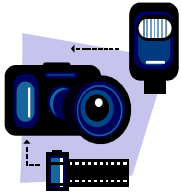
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### BEST IN SHOW: *RUSHING CLOUDS*- BY DAVID PHILLIPS

I took this photo at 8 pm on September 25, 2011 on the east side of Glacier National Park. The sunset had been pretty cloudy and not very colorful. I used a B+W 10-stop ND filter, a Nikon D300, ISO100, 145 sec, f22, with a AF-S Nikkor 10-24 mm f/3.5-4.5 G ED lens at 12mm. It combines the energy in the sky with the serenity of the lake, and had good leading lines in the foreground guiding your eyes to the mountain in the background.

I've always enjoyed photography and even took pictures as a part of a job as writer with Ford Motor Company some 40 years ago. But working at Frito-Lay and raising 4 children with my wife Janis got in the way of pursuing the hobby more seriously until 2009 when I retired. Since then I've become more serious, taking photography classes at the continuing education department of CCCC on Preston, joining the PPC, upgrading my photo equipment, and participating in some workshops. I enjoy all types of photography, although my favorites are portraits of my 7 grandchildren. I value being a member of PPC and always learn something new from my fellow photographers.



## Upcoming Activities

**March 3, 2012, 10:00 AM – 12 Noon – Gearing Up Workshop:** Armed with some camera basics, you're now ready to capture that elusive image--a magnificent landscape, a compelling portrait, the miniature world of close-up, or heart stopping action. The equipment you use can make a difference in ho-hum and wow! At the workshop you will learn the basics of your lens choice and get to see the equipment choices that others in the club can't live without. Each station focuses on a type of photography and appropriate gear for making successful images. You can also pick the brains of some of our outstanding members who can help you decide on the right tripod, lens, flash, reflector, shutter release, filters, and more...or less...that you need. Put that perfect image within your grasp.

The workshop begins at 10 AM with a discussion of choosing the right lens, and then we will break-out into the various stations. You are free to wander, but the lens discussion will only be presented at 10:00 AM.

Stations: Landscape, Macro/close-up, Portraiture, Fast Action (sports and wildlife), Night-time

Grace Presbyterian Church  
Education Building - 2nd floor

**March 17, 2012 – Denison Arts and Cultural District:** Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site, Katy Depot/Red River Railroad Museum, Grayson County Frontier Village. See the club's website for details. Also see [www.denisonartsculture.com/](http://www.denisonartsculture.com/)

**April 14, 2012 – Ennis Bluebonnet Trails:** Look for details later. In case the Bluebonnets are late, we may delay one week.

**April 28, 2012 – Spring Indoor Model shoot:** Second floor of the activities building at Grace Presbyterian Church, 4300 West Park Blvd in Plano. 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). Signup details TBA.

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

## Other Activities of Interest

**March 24, 2012 – PUG MARK PARK:** McKinney, Texas Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at [johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com](mailto:johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com).

**April 11-14, 2012 – Clark Crenshaw Workshop:** Lake Martin and Southern Louisiana. For details see [clarkcrenshaw.photodeck.com/-/galleries/workshops/lake-martin-and-southern-louisiana](http://clarkcrenshaw.photodeck.com/-/galleries/workshops/lake-martin-and-southern-louisiana).

**April 19-21, 2012 – Gulf States Camera Club Council Convention "Mudbugs & Shutterbugs"** – The Lafayette Photographic Society hosts the 2012 convention in the Ramada Conference Center New Iberia, Louisiana. See [gsgcc.convention.angelfire.com](http://gsgcc.convention.angelfire.com). Send an e-mail to [thom1936@bellsouth.net](mailto:thom1936@bellsouth.net) with "Convention Update" in the subject line and you will be sent updates about the 2012 GSCCC Convention.

**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.

## **GUEST SPEAKER – *BLACK & WHITE PRINTS* – ERIC SCHOONDERGANG**

Key elements in black & white images will be discussed as they apply to some example prints. Pre-visualization and retouching techniques will also be discussed. Finally, Eric will present some tips to help get the print to look (approximately) the way the photographer had hoped without going crazy.

Formally educated in Photographic Technology at what is now Lone Star College-Kingwood, Eric spent a few years in Houston working as a photo lab technician, computer graphic artist and photographer before returning to college to earn a Master's degree in Finance. In 2003, he joined his wife, Lynn, who owns Ruby, a retailer of women's accessories in Fort Worth. Among his job duties with Ruby are small product photography and marketing graphics for both print and digital output. Eric and Lynn enjoy reading, Fort Worth's art scene, producing their own visual art and sharing people food with their dogs Juanita, Feller, Joy and Izzy-Belle.

## **PRE-MEETING TRAINING SESSION – *PROSHOW GOLD* – DENNIS FRITSCHÉ**

Come early to the meeting for a training session at 6:15pm in the Music Room. Club president Dennis Fritsche will demonstrate how to use ProShow Gold to create slideshows from images.

### **JOIN THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA**

PSA provides education, information, inspiration and opportunities for all people interested in photography. Benefits include competitions, discounts on various items and an excellent monthly magazine.

Check out the website. If you have any questions contact Jen Carrick, PSA representative of the Plano Photography Club

[www.psa-photo.org](http://www.psa-photo.org)

### **CITY OF RICHARDSON PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST**

The Plano Photography Club had a number of winners in the City of Richardson Photography Contest. Winners include: Ronald Marabito, Linda Grigsby, Sherri Kidner, Stewart Musket, Eleanore Avery, and David Allen. For full details see: <http://cor.gov/PhotoContest.aspx>.

Congratulations to all the winners.

### **NIGHT OR LOW LIGHT COMPETITION DEFINITION**

May's competition is "Night or Low Light". Here is the club's official definition of that subject.

A "Night" image is an outdoor image taken between dusk (30 minutes after sundown) and dawn (30 minutes before sunrise) using artificial or natural light, or a combination of both.

A "Low Light" image is created with available light only but in low light conditions such that your camera, if in fully automatic mode, would attempt to fire the flash. It may be created indoors or outdoors and at any time of day. For example, an indoor image illuminated only by a candle or an outdoor daytime image taken in a dark cave.

In either case, the lighting, in contrast to the environment, should contribute significantly to overall interest and impact of the image. Submitted images do not have to use both "Night" and "Low Light" techniques in the same image and you may submit all of one type or one of each.

There will be a discussion of these topics at the March 3<sup>rd</sup> "Gearing Up Workshop", Come learn how to make a compelling and winning Night or Low Light image.

### **CALL FOR OFFICERS**

The Plano Photography Club owes much of its great success to the officers who tirelessly work for the good of the club. The new club year starts May 1<sup>st</sup>, and we need volunteers for many of the officer positions. If you are interested in helping, please contact any of the officers. We need your help!





## Winning Images: BEGINNERS



**Ming Luh**

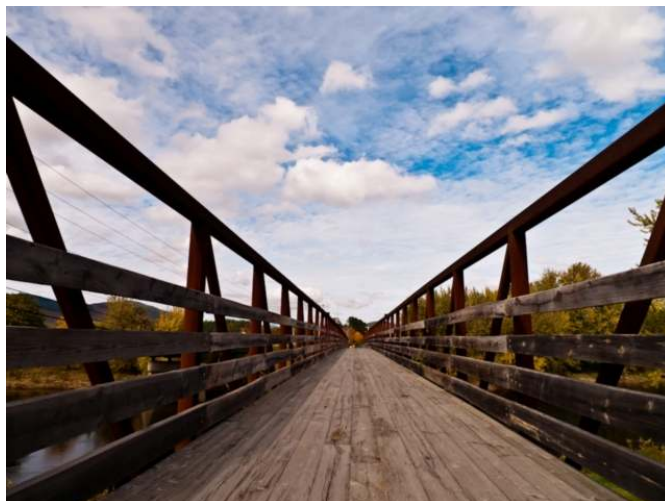
Peter Luh	<b>QUAINT WOODEN BRIDGE IN MAINE</b>	1st	14
Linfen Hwang	<b>DOWN AND UNDER</b>	2nd	13
Ming Luh	<b>LAKE VIEW</b>	3rd	13
Charlie Henkle	<b>INTERCHANGE</b>	HM	13
Linda Lee Bickford	<b>SUNFLOWERS IN MARYLAND</b>	HM	13
Ming Luh	<b>LIGHTHOUSE</b>	HM	13



**Charlie Henkle**



**Linfen Hwang**



**Peter Luh**



**Linda Lee Bickford**



**Ming Luh**





# Winning Images: ADVANCED

David Philips	RUSHING CLOUDS	1st	15
Marea Downey	INCOMING TIDE	2nd	14
Jim Spencer	OLD WEST	3rd	14
Marie Hansen	JAPANESE BOTANICAL GARDENS, GOLDEN GATE PARK	HM	14
Ron Hasty	ROCK LEDGE WIDE ANGLE VIEW	HM	14
Stephen Finnerty	REFLECTING POOLS	HM	13



Jim Spencer



Stephen Finnerty



Marea Downey



Marie Hansen



Ron Hasty



## Winning Images: MASTERS

Dennis Fritsche	<b>RANCHOS CHURCH</b>	1st	15
Dennis Fritsche	<b>ALONG ROUTE 66</b>	2nd	15
Danette Volkmer	<b>FISGARD LIGHTHOUSE</b>	3rd	14
Ernie Tacsik	<b>AKIHABARA ELECTRIC TOWN</b>	HM	13
Ernie Tacsik	<b>THE AVENUE OF STARS, TSIM SHA TSUI PROMENADE</b>	HM	13
John Lehman	<b>MISSION CHURCH</b>	HM	13



**DENNIS FRITSCHÉ**



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**DANETTE VOLKMER**



**ERNIE TACSIK**



**JOHN LEHMAN**



**ERNIE TACSIK**



## 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
<b>ADVANCED</b>					
Ron Hasty	20	173			
Marea Downey	22	166	<b>BEGINNERS</b>		
Sharlott Hasty	13	158	Linfen Hwang	49	145
Kent Taylor	10	156	Peter Luh	22	155
Marie Hansen	12	146	Mary Petterborg	18	152
Jim Spencer	3	153	Ming Luh	13	151
Jennifer Carrick	11	141	Charlie Henkle	1	147
Sam Wilson	0	148	Karen Chaney	18	129
Joe Sullivan	4	142	Leonard Margolis	0	113
Lee Hatfield	3	142	Debbie Conard	1	108
Carol Barlow	0	144	Melanie Erwin	1	107
Tim Morgan	6	132	Linda Lee Bickford	7	85
Jerry Schlesinger	0	137	Bryan Zumbar	0	70
John Lovelace	1	135	Wayne Kenter	0	48
Ronnie Scaggs	1	130	Lisa Jackson	7	40
Stephen Finnerty	2	126	Wayne Honeycutt	0	44
Bill Boyd	1	126	Thinh Nguyenphu	13	27
Aimee Wilson	0	127	Kelli Schmidt	0	40
Sherri Kidner	0	115	David Allen	0	30
Linda Grigsby	1	112	Luellen Adair	0	26
David Forehand	10	101	Jesse Flores	1	23
David Philips	11	96	Kurtis Allen	0	23
Steve Sutton	3	91	Valerie Johnson	0	22
Harold Walker	0	88	Jane Damon	0	21
Ken Morton	6	80	Thomas McCallister	0	20
Sevy Strnad	0	86	Clinta Williams	0	19
Danny Fyffe	0	84	Janice Stovall	0	17
Roger Boulanger	5	71	Vinay Rekapalli	0	8
Jim Shannon	1	68	Michael Calverley	0	7
Willie Baker	6	61	<b>MASTERS</b>		
Thomas Kerwin	0	65	Danette Volkmer	35	167
Melanie Dyer	3	61	Dennis Fritsche	26	170
Retha Moulder	0	44	Jamie Hilbig	25	146
Jean Karlik	1	42	Ernie Tacsik	6	164
Paul Spencer	0	41	Peter Staxen	12	150
Hal Mayfield	0	24	Larry Petterborg	6	156
Terree Stone	0	23	Jose Artiles	26	133
Alex Jones	0	22	James Stover	2	152
Gene Domingo	0	21	John Lehman	2	135
Alan Mann	0	20	Lois Lehman	11	105





### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *MAKING THE CLUB GO***

It takes a lot of effort to keep the Club vibrant and relevant to our members.

First, we have to do the things our members feel are valuable and a good investment of their time. Our contests, model shoots, training, field trips, speakers, affiliation with regional and national organizations, and friendships enhance our members' joy and fulfillment from photography.

Second we have to have people willing to invest some time into making all these things we value happen. No one person is overburdened with work, but we need several dedicated people to make it all happen. This is the time of year when the Board is asking you to raise your hand and give back to the club. We have several positions opening up for the club year beginning May 2012 and running through April 2013. We will provide more detail later, but start thinking about how you can serve. Also, all of these positions can be filled as a team, so get your friend and pitch in.

We have openings in the following offices – President, VP of Programs, VP of Activities (Field Trips), Contest Site Administrator, Calibration Equipment.

Dennis Fritsche

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### ***COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH***

Feb.	Open
March	Black and White (Prints)
April	Open
May	Night or Low Light
June	Open
July	Repetition
Aug.	Open

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