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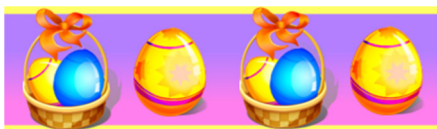
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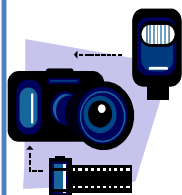
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BEST IN SHOW: *GET OFF MY FLOWER* BY JOSE ARILES

Over the years I have taken a few butterfly pictures, but my photos have always been pictures of just butterflies. In other words: boring. So I really wasn't all that excited when Fred Grossman invited me to go to the Butterfly House at Fair Park to take pictures of, what else? Butterflies! I am glad I went, though, because I came up with what I think are an interesting set of images. However, I have to confess that it was all a matter of incredible luck. I just happened to be taking pictures of the right butterfly which, it soon became clear, was in the wrong place. One of the keepers later told us that these fragile and beautiful insects are very territorial. And, apparently, also violent!

It seems that the larger of the two insects (which I have not been able to identify) was on the other's territory, and the smaller one, a Zebra Longwing (according to my catalogue), didn't like it at all. To that effect, it did everything it could to chase the intruder away, including bumping into it, landing on it and crawling all over its wings. I'm convinced it may have even tried to bite... only the poor thing doesn't have teeth. Anyway, the Zebra eventually succeeded in chasing the trespasser away but only after a relentless attack which seemed to last forever. Perhaps this incident may have been traumatic for the two of them but, it was great for me! Thanks to my 105mm macro and my handheld Nikon D700's 5 FPS (I try to avoid tripods as much as possible), I was able to use the machine gun style of photography and came up with about 70 RAW images. The theory being that if you shoot a lot, you may come up with something acceptable. I think I did that in this instance.





Upcoming Activities

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 \$30. Signup and payment required. For information contact Ken Guthrie at modeling@planophotographyclub.com. Note, you must be a paid member as of the March meeting to attend. At 9:45 AM photographers will have a short meeting to discuss light set protocol and rules regarding work with professional modeling talent. The shoot will run from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Those wonderful club members who always seem to be willing to help set up the event should arrive between 8:30 and 9:00 AM. Light set owners should begin setup no later than 9:00 AM. The modeling talent will arrive at 9:00 AM.

June 30, 2011 – End of Year Party: Setup 5:30. Dinner at 6:00. See below for details.

For more information on club activities contact: activities@planophotographyclub.com.

Other Activities of Interest

May 19, June 16, 2012 – PUG MARK PARK: McKinney, Texas Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com.

Guest Speaker – *Techniques for Night and Low Light* – Jeremy Woodhouse

Jeremy Woodhouse is an outdoor photographer based in Dallas. He spends much of each year on the road photographing landscapes, cityscapes and wildlife. Since 2005 he has been running photo tours to destinations such as Japan, Italy, Guatemala, India and Mexico.

Jeremy worked as a freelance graphic designer in the UK, South Africa, and the US before he began living his dream of being a full-time professional stock photographer in 1998. Whether he's photographing a herd of elephants at a waterhole in Botswana, or capturing the last light as it falls on the Tokyo skyline, Jeremy brings his designer's eye to the composition and creation of all his images.

Jeremy's photos have appeared in print all over the world. He has received numerous international awards in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition. His images have been included in exhibitions at the Smithsonian in Washington DC, the Dallas Museum of Natural History, and the Natural History Museum in London.

His work is represented by Getty Images, Masterfile, Superstock & Spaces Images, and as an owner of the stock photography content development company, Blend Images, he is focusing more on photographing people and lifestyles.

Jeremy is a member of the The North American Nature Photographers Association (NANPA) and he is on the Advisory Board of Nature's Best Magazine.



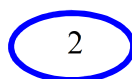
End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet

The club's annual End-Of-Year Party and Awards Banquet will be held June 30th 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 3 minutes 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.



COMPETITION ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2012 – 2012 CONTEST YEAR

As was announced last month, the board voted to expand the competition to four competition classes. Members in the Beginners and Advanced classes will be divided into the Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced classes. The process is intended to make the class more even in size, to group members with similar skills, and to make it easier for members to compete. The board took into consideration how often members competed and how well they did in the competition. Members will be notified of their assignment early in May. If a member would feel more comfortable competing in a lower class, they may contact the contest chairman and discuss changing classes. In order to provide time for the reassignments, the May contest will not be opened until May 15th.

PROPOSED OFFICERS FOR THE 2012 – 2013 YEAR

The board has nominated the following members as officers for the coming year. Additional nominations will be accepted at the April meeting followed by election of the new officers. Anyone interested in service to the club can contact any of the board members.

Position	Nominee
President	Carol Barlow
Programs	Sharlott Hasty
Activities	Marie Hansen /Aimee Wilson
Secretary	Steve Finnerty
Treasurer	Peter Staxen
Contests	Steve Sutton
Contest Site Administrator	Jerry Schlesinger
GSCCC Representative	Danette Volkmer
PSA Representative	Jen Carrick
Historian	Cindy Vaillancourt
Light Rental	Don Pool
Membership	Lee Hatfield/Sherri Kidner/Sam Deck
Newsletter Editor	James Stover
Webmaster	Sam Wilson
Exhibits	Valerie Johnson
Model Shoot Coordinator	Ken Guthrie
Tabletop Equipment	Jamie Hilbig
Training	Marea Downey/John Lehman
Calibration Equipment	Sherri Kidner



Winning Images: BEGINNERS

Rajiv Karanam	LIGHT PAINTING	1st	15
Karen Chaney	BOLDLY GOING	2nd	15
Rajiv Karanam	STREET PHOTOGRAPHY	3rd	15
Linfen Hwang	INTO SOUTHERN NEW ZEALAND	HM	15
Ming Luh	WAITING FOR FIERY DAWN	HM	14



Rajiv Karanam



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Linfen Hwang



Karen Chaney



Winning Images: ADVANCED



Chris Caho



Sharlott Hasty



Sherri Kidner



Ken Morton



Bill Boyd



Joe Sullivan



Lee Hatfield



Winning Images:
MASTERS

Jose Artiles	GET OFF MY FLOWER	1st,BoS	15
Jose Artiles	TESUQUE GLASSWORKS, NEW MEXICO	2nd	14
John Lehman	Hi MOM	3rd	14
Larry Petterborg	MARGARET HUNT HILL BRIDGE AND DALLAS SKYLINE	HM	14
Peter Staxen	PERFECT COUPLE	HM	14



LARRY PETTERBORG



JOSE ARTILES



JOHN LEHMAN



Peter Staxen



COMPETITION STANDINGS

Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points	Photographer	Cumulative Place Points	Cumulative Judges' Points
ADVANCED			BEGINNERS		
Marea Downey	23	215	Linfen Hwang	50	192
Ron Hasty	20	212	Mary Petterborg	28	201
Sharlott Hasty	16	202	Peter Luh	22	194
Kent Taylor	10	200	Ming Luh	14	199
Marie Hansen	12	185	Karen Chaney	24	175
Jennifer Carrick	11	179	Charlie Henkle	1	189
Carol Barlow	0	188	Debbie Conard	2	153
Jim Spencer	3	185	Melanie Erwin	4	150
Lee Hatfield	4	183	Linda Lee Bickford	7	129
Joe Sullivan	4	181	Leonard Margolis	0	113
Sam Wilson	0	184	Bryan Zumbar	0	110
Tim Morgan	6	174	Wayne Kenter	0	88
Bill Boyd	11	169	Lisa Jackson	7	63
Jerry Schlesinger	0	179	Thinh Nguyenphu	13	42
Aimee Wilson	2	174	Valerie Johnson	6	46
John Lovelace	1	173	Wayne Honeycutt	0	51
Ronnie Scaggs	1	170	Rajiv Karanam	13	30
Stephen Finnerty	2	168	David Allen	0	40
Sherri Kidner	7	163	Kelli Schmidt	0	40
Linda Grigsby	7	159	Luellen Adair	0	26
David Philips	11	141	Jesse Flores	1	23
Sevy Strnad	0	126	Kurtis Allen	0	23
Steve Sutton	6	113	Saswat Patnaik	0	22
Ken Morton	7	106	Gerald Newman	0	21
David Forehand	10	101	Jane Damon	0	21
Harold Walker	0	101	Victor Shung	0	21
Jim Shannon	1	85	Thomas McCallister	0	20
Danny Fyffe	0	84	Clinta Williams	0	19
Melanie Dyer	3	80	James Haynes	1	18
Roger Boulanger	5	71	Janice Stovall	0	17
Willie Baker	6	61	Terri Kropp	0	17
Thomas Kerwin	0	65	Letty Ramos	0	13
Retha Moulder	0	54	Mary Jean Blevins	0	12
Alan Mann	11	42	Don Huddy	0	11
Jean Karlik	1	42	Vinay Rekapalli	0	8
Paul Spencer	0	41	Michael Calverley	0	7
Katherine Robertson	0	25	MASTERS		
Hal Mayfield	0	24	Dennis Fritsche	42	222
Terree Stone	0	23	Danette Volkmer	35	208
Alex Jones	0	22	Jose Artilles	44	185
Gene Domingo	0	21	Jamie Hilbig	28	193
Chris Caho	1	14	Ernie Tacsik	7	213
Joe Wilson	1	14	Larry Petterborg	7	204
			Peter Staxen	13	192
			James Stover	3	195
			John Lehman	6	179
			Lois Lehman	11	120



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: *ADIEU*

It has been a pleasure serving the Club as president for the last two years. I met many more of you than I would have otherwise and that was rewarding.

Thanks to those who served on the two Boards and thanks to those who raised their hands to serve in the coming year.

See you around,

Dennis Fritsche



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COMPETITION TOPICS BY MONTH

April	Open
May	Night or Low Light
June	Open
July	Repetition
August	Open
Sept.	Unexpected Angles
Oct.	Prints - Open
Nov.	Delicate
Dec.	No Contest
Jan.	Vanishing Point
Feb.	Open
March	Prints - Close-Up
April	Open
May	Solitude
June	Open
July	Action/speed
August	Open

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)*

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