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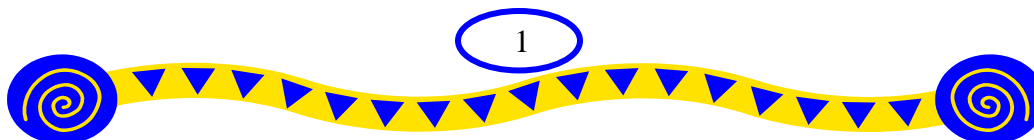
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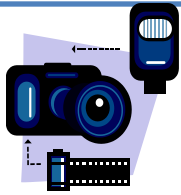
Best in Show: Guitar - By Linda Lee Bickford

There are many amazing photographs entered each month so I am honored my photograph won "Best of Show" this month. I learn so much from seeing and listening to the comments of all the photographs entered and how to improve my work. I value being a member of PPC. This club offers so much in the way of learning and everyone freely shares information to help each other and the workshops are enlightening. There has never been a meeting or event that I have not learned something new.

When I take pictures for graduating seniors I like to have them bring something they are interested in so I can incorporate their interest within their photographs for their graduation. This is one such photograph.

This photograph was shot with studio lighting and a Canon Mark II and Canon 24-105 lens which allowed me to pull the shot in. Using manual setting and f5.6 with ISO 200. The original shot was good but just did not pop, so I played with different angles and effects in Lightroom and came up with this one. This effect strengthens the edges creating a sharp photograph with vivid colors.





Upcoming Club Activities

September 22, 2012 – *Spirit of the Cowboy*: Chestnut Square, McKinney. Gates open at 10 am. Photo ops include gunfights, stage coach rides, and TV Western celebrities. We plan to circle up for lunch. See <http://spiritofthecowboy.net/> for more information.

September 21-23, 2012 – *Annual Plano Balloon Festival*: Watch for more details.

September 24, 6:15 PM 2012 – *Snapshots! Intro to Lightroom*: By Dennis Fritsche.

October 13, 2012 – *PSA Judge Training*: Our club is hosting Erik Rosengren, Coordinator of PSA Judges, to train Master-level members to be judges. From 9:00 am to 10:00 am there will be an opportunity for other members to learn how a judge determines winning photos.

October 20, 2012 – *Composition Workshop at Dallas Heritage Village*: At various stations you will learn to compose shots of people, still life, architecture and more. There will be musicians and others in period costume—a great photo op for all the club.

Other Activities of Interest

September 18, 2012 – *PUG MARK PARK*: McKinney, Texas Wildlife Refuge. See John Yates for details at johnyatesphoto@mindspring.com.

September 14-23, 2012 – *PSA Conference*: Don't forget to register for the PSA Conference in San Francisco. See website for details: <http://www.psa-photo.org/>

October 13, 2012 – *Explorer of Light Workshop*: See below for details. Learn more about George at: http://learn.usa.canon.com/resources/contributors/explorers/lepp_bio.shtml

George Lepp Explorer of Light Workshop

In partnership with Canon, the Fort Worth Camera Club is hosting one of North America's best-known contemporary outdoor and nature photographers, George Lepp, on Saturday, October 13. George has a passion for natural beauty, technical precision, cutting-edge technology, and environmental responsibility that are revealed in his beautiful and compelling photographic images.

Lepp's images have appeared in some of the world's most widely viewed venues and on the covers of many books and magazines, including *Natural History*, *Car and Driver*, *PC Photo*, and *Outdoor Photographer*; at prestigious galleries and museums throughout the United States; and at the corporate headquarters of Canon USA, Eastman Kodak, and Epson America.

The program will once again be held at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Dorothea Leonhardt Lecture Hall beginning promptly at 9:00 AM and running until 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Ernie Tacsik at the August and September Plano Photography Club meetings (Cash or check made out to John Bonewitz. Tickets will be available for pickup at the will-call table on the day of the event.) Tickets may also be purchased directly from the Fort Worth Camera Club by sending a check and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

John Bonewitz
2701 Cypress Creek Ct.
Grapevine, TX 76051

Lecture hall seating limited to 240; sign up early as the event is expected to sell out well in advance. For more information, contact info@fortworthcameraclub.org.



Fall Outdoor Model Shoot

The Plano Photography Club will hold its Fall Outdoor Model Shoot on Saturday, September 29 from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will use the outdoor facilities of Hidden Cove Park located in The Colony, Texas. The park has the usual city park amenities, but what makes this one different is that it is located right on Lake Lewisville and has lots of wooded areas to shoot. Additionally, there are small shelters and pavilions available to the park's guests. There are grassy shores, rocky shores, and sandy shores that can all be used for your photography.

Within view, on the opposite shoreline is the Hidden Cove Marina, very near to where we will be shooting. There are also several spots where you can photograph a model with large areas of water in the background, or sections of the beach with green grass and trees in the background. There are modest yet modern restroom facilities.

The PPC event fee includes a light lunch/snacks, model fees and rental of a small cabin to be used for the models dressing room. A tarp or a table will be provided on which to place equipment to keep it off the dusty ground. The fee does not include the \$10 vehicle entry fee into the park. To save a few dollars, participants can carpool and split the \$10 entry fee.

To participate, you must be a club member by the end of the August PPC monthly meeting. Sign-up for the event is at the August club meeting. The event fee (approximately \$24) is due at that time and is non-refundable.

Subscribe to *News to Use*

On August 15, 2012, the club began delivering *News to Use* and other announcements from club officers via subscription. Email webmaster@planophotographyclub.com for instructions on how to subscribe to continue receiving the latest club news.

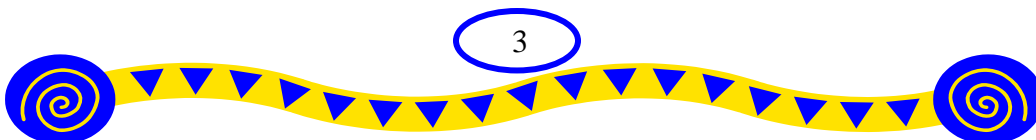
Guest Speaker – *Seeing Things Differently* – Scott Williams

Scott Williams, a professional photographer in Dallas, received his BA in Business from UT Arlington and an Associate's Degree in Photography from Richland College, Dallas. Scott has been a Photography Instructor at Richland College and is currently a photography instructor for European Workshops. Scott has photos in many gallery and corporate exhibitions. He has received many honors, awards and published works for his photography.

When growing up Scott had a strong urge to explore the world. After trying several careers he found photography a lifestyle that fit his personality and love. Scott has traveled 23 countries exploring the world with his camera. He professionally supports his art by doing commercial architectural photography and spiritually supports himself by skiing, rock climbing, whitewater rafting and running marathons.

Scott states, "So many times photographers talk about the quality of light, the presentation of a vision or some other spiritual interpretation surrounding their photography and reason for doing it. For me it is much simpler, I have no choice, it is a labor of love."

Scott specializes in fine art photography in Europe, Asia and the USA. See blind-squirrel.org for samples of his work.



This Month's Winning Images

| Beginners | | | | Advanced | | | |
|--------------------|---------------|---------|----|------------------|--------------------------|-----|----|
| Linda Lee Bickford | Guitar | 1st,BoS | 14 | Peter Luh | Golden Harvest | 1st | 13 |
| Melanie Erwin | Chihuly boats | 2nd | 14 | Stephen Finnerty | River Glass | 2nd | 13 |
| Rajiv Karanam | Lights | 3rd | 13 | Jen Carrick | African Evening | 3rd | 13 |
| Linda Lee Bickford | Horseshoes | HM | 13 | Jim Spencer | Old Farm | HM | 13 |
| Rajiv Karanam | Romance | HM | 13 | Karen Chaney | Mike | HM | 12 |
| Intermediate | | | | Masters | | | |
| Chris Caho | Hiding | 1st | 14 | Dennis Fritsche | Fools | 1st | 14 |
| Aimee Wilson | Graffiti Chic | 2nd | 12 | Marea Downey | Stormy seas in March | 2nd | 14 |
| Carol Barlow | Pink | 3rd | 12 | Jamie Hilbig | Afternoon Surprise | 3rd | 13 |
| Sam Wilson | Misty Blue | HM | 12 | Danette Volkmer | Columbus Circle Kiss | HM | 13 |
| Sevy Strnad | Dragonfly | HM | 12 | Jose Artiles | DFW Early Morning Flight | HM | 13 |



Melanie Erwin



Chris Caho



Rajiv Karanam





Aimee Wilson



Carol Barlow



Stephen Finnerty

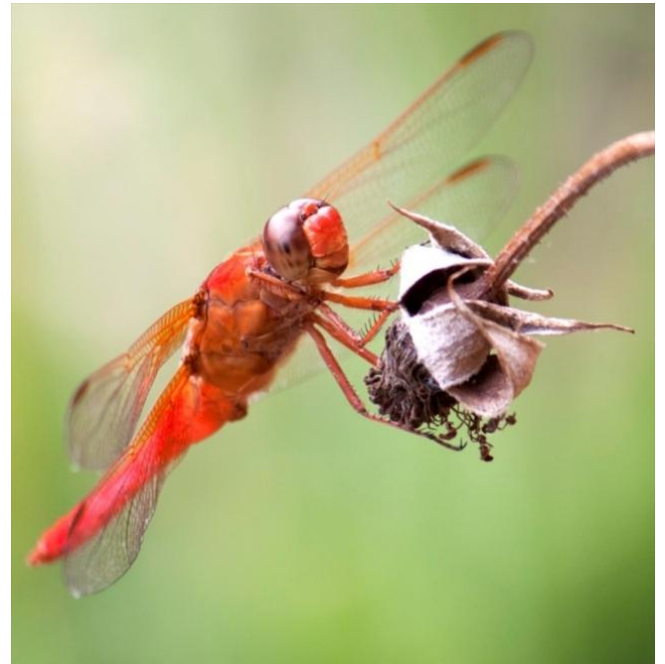


Peter Luh





Jen Carrick



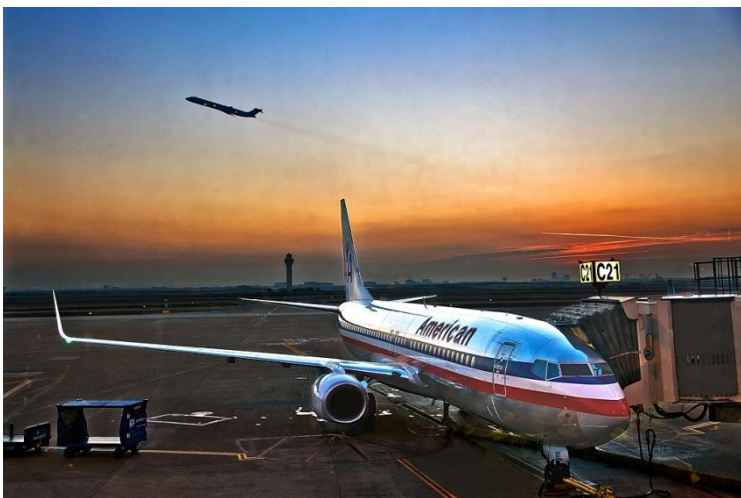
Jamie Hilbig



Dennis Fritsche



Marea Downey



Jose Artiles



Competition Standings

| Photographer | Cumulative Place Points | Cumulative Judges' Points | Photographer | Cumulative Place Points | Cumulative Judges' Points |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Beginners</i> | | | <i>Advanced</i> | | |
| Linda Lee Bickford | 12 | 42 | Stephen Finnerty | 6 | 50 |
| Wayne Kenter | 10 | 43 | Karen Chaney | 7 | 48 |
| Melanie Erwin | 6 | 45 | Marie Hansen | 4 | 50 |
| Valerie Johnson | 1 | 48 | Peter Luh | 10 | 42 |
| Bryan Zumbar | 0 | 44 | Jen Carrick | 3 | 47 |
| Charlie Henkle | 0 | 44 | Jim Spencer | 2 | 48 |
| Kurtis Allen | 9 | 29 | David Forehand | 0 | 49 |
| Rajiv Karanam | 4 | 26 | Ming Luh | 0 | 46 |
| Don Huddy | 0 | 29 | Sharlott Hasty | 0 | 46 |
| Ming Yang | 1 | 26 | Ken Morton | 0 | 45 |
| David Allen | 0 | 24 | Lee Hatfield | 0 | 44 |
| David Allen | 0 | 24 | Linfen Hwang | 0 | 44 |
| Leslie Johnston | 0 | 22 | Sherri Kidner | 0 | 44 |
| Letty Ramos | 0 | 18 | David Philips | 10 | 26 |
| Parvin Stiles | 0 | 18 | Alan Mann | 0 | 26 |
| Terri Kropp | 0 | 14 | Steve Sutton | 0 | 25 |
| Debbie Conard | 0 | 7 | Linda Grigsby | 0 | 20 |
| | | | <i>Masters</i> | | |
| | | | James Stover | 17 | 51 |
| | | | Dennis Fritsche | 11 | 47 |
| <i>Intermediate</i> | | | Jamie Hilbig | 6 | 51 |
| Chris Caho | 21 | 54 | Marea Downey | 6 | 50 |
| Aimee Wilson | 7 | 46 | Danette Volkmer | 2 | 48 |
| Carol Barlow | 9 | 44 | Ernie Tacsik | 0 | 50 |
| Sam Wilson | 1 | 40 | Larry Petterborg | 0 | 50 |
| Retha Moulder | 0 | 40 | Jose Artiles | 1 | 48 |
| Ronnie Scaggs | 0 | 39 | Peter Staxen | 1 | 48 |
| John Lovelace | 0 | 36 | John Lehman | 0 | 47 |
| Jerry Schlesinger | 0 | 34 | Lois Lehman | 0 | 47 |
| Melanie Dyer | 3 | 31 | Ron Hasty | 0 | 46 |
| Svatava Strnad | 1 | 24 | Russell McGuire | 0 | 45 |
| Jim Shannon | 0 | 23 | | | |
| Joe Sullivan | 0 | 18 | | | |

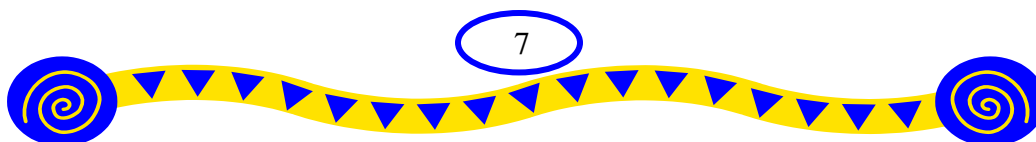
Competition Topic

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| August | Open | March | Prints - Close-Up |
| Sept. | Awareness | April | Open |
| Oct. | Prints - Open | May | Vanishing Point |
| Nov. | Unexpected Angles | June | Open |
| Dec. | No Contest | July | Solitude |
| Jan. 2013 | Delicate | August | Open |
| Feb. | Open | | |

GSCCC Contest Judging

Our club will be judging a GSCCC contest in January. Although we have judges, volunteers are needed to assist with the process. If you are willing to help, contact Danette Volkmer at

gsccl-rep@planophotographyclub.com





President's Message:

Our Constitution and By-laws have served us well over the last 27 years; however, our current practice varies from these legal documents. At the August meeting I will present the Executive Committee's recommended changes to both documents. According to our Constitution, we require a quorum of no less than 1/3 of our members in order to vote. Please plan to attend the meeting and lend your voice.

When I first joined the club, one of the most helpful features for me was hearing judges' comments on contest entries. At times, though, it was hard to stay to the end of the commentary. In an effort to be respectful of your time, the club is asking judges to comment on the entries that place, and one entry for each submitter (as indicated by our contest chairman). This should provide educational critiques in an expeditious manner for all members.

Enjoy the cooler weather!

Carol Barlow

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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 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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